

## INTRODUCTION

Preparations for our jubilee year are well advanced and proceeding strongly. We have been made aware of the great privilege it is to be part of an organisation that, with God's blessing, has made its distinctive contribution to Christian philosophy for these 75 years. The December 2010 symposium, with our jubilee theme - Be Connected! - will mark the start of celebrations. It promises to become an interesting day.

One of the highpoints of the year will be the August 2011 international congress on The Future of Creation Order. This issue of Aspects will tell you about the program, the associated websites and the enrolment procedures.

The Internet offers great opportunities and we are making more and more use of these. As you know *Philosophia Reformata* can now be found online. We would also like to draw your attention to Thinknet, an international on-line Christian forum on philosophy. Christian philosophy is also present in the social-media. Joining will offer you the opportunity to receive various news items and joins discussions on important themes.

Gijsbert Korevaar has joined the Board of the Association. We would like to extend a warm welcome to him. Gijsbert is a member of the board for the Institute for Culture Ethics. The Association and the Institute for Culture Ethics enjoy close collaboration.



We rejoice in the fact that there are people all over the world spending time and energy in our organisation and our philosophy. You can also contribute financially, and we would like to make a frank appeal to you to do so. Philosophical thought based on Christian ideas needs to flourish, even after 75 years.

On behalf of the board,

*Ida Slump-Schoonhoven*

## PHILOSOPHIA REFORMATATA – OFFER FOR 'ONLINE ONLY' SUBSCRIPTION

Our peer reviewed scientific journal is also celebrating its 75th anniversary. The subscribers will soon find volume 75 # 2 in the mail. *Philosophia Reformata* can now also be found online. The website is <http://www.philosophia-reformata.org>. Please do not hesitate to take a look. The archive of the journal, available from 1993 – 2005, is freely accessible.

In light of our 75th anniversary we are now offering an ONLINE ONLY subscription, available

from January 1st 2011. Immediate access and Volume 75 #2 will be added free for any subscriptions sent in before the end of 2010. You can subscribe by sending in the form on the website or by sending an e-mail to [reform.philos@planet.nl](mailto:reform.philos@planet.nl). We can announce a special on-line-only subscription of € 35,00 per year. The subscription entails 1 login account or 1 IP address access to all volumes of the journal including the archive (available back to 1993), but does not include receiving print editions of the journal in the regular mail.

# JUBILEE YEAR ARP STARTING SOON

THE MOMENT IS NEARLY UPON US: **THE START OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR REFORMATIONAL PHILOSOPHY!** THE OPENING ACTIVITY OF THE JUBILEE YEAR, A SYMPOSIUM TO LAUNCH OUR YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.

The current state and purpose of Christian philosophy will be the central focus of this (Dutch) symposium, with its designated theme: ***Be Connected! Between past and future, between Calvinism and post-modernism.*** Philosophers, with various religious views, will take this theme as a starting point and draw up a balance sheet. They will answer questions such as: What has Reformational Philosophy brought us? What could Reformational Philosophy lead to? The contributing lecturers include prof. Dr. Gerrit Glas, prof. Dr. Sander

Griffioen, Dr. Roger Henderson, prof. Dr. René Munnik and prof. Dr. René van Woudenberg. Furthermore, the symposium will be the occasion for the unveiling of the new name and corporate logo for the ARP. The informal reception afterwards will grant ample opportunity to toast the past, present and future.

This symposium will mark the start of the Jubilee year. Here are some of the other activities that will be held during the coming year.

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

## STUDY CONFERENCE: **THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ISLAM AND WESTERN CULTURE**

The goal of this conference is to further instruct participants on what the major Islamic philosophical schools of thought have to say on the subject of modern culture and science. This raises a crucial second question about whether it is possible to connect Islam and western culture. This will be discussed from both Islamic and Christian perspectives.

Location: ROC Midden-Nederland, Utrecht, The Netherlands

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

## **PHILOSOPHICAL DINNER**

The philosophical dinner will be a festive and culinary evening for members and sympathizers. Table companions will, whilst enjoying a wonderful meal, be led into discussion by prominent ARP philosophers on questions concerning Christian philosophical themes.

Location: Leerhotel Het Klooster, Amersfoort, The Netherlands

Price per meal: € 75,00 for members and donators; € 50,00 for students

August 16<sup>th</sup> till 19<sup>th</sup> 2011

## CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY CONFERENCE. **THE FUTURE OF CREATION ORDER.**

This international conference is held every five years. The conference will have many well-known lecturers like René van Woudenberg, C. Stephen Evans, Roy Clouser, Nicholas Wolterstorff and Lambert Zuidervaart. For more information see this issue of Aspects or visit the website [www.cpc2011.org](http://www.cpc2011.org).

Location: Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

You are cordially invited to these activities; your attendance will be highly appreciated and greatly valued. The website [www.christelijkefilosofie.nl](http://www.christelijkefilosofie.nl) will enable you to register for any, some or all of these activities.

# THE FUTURE OF CREATION ORDER

The Association for Reformational Philosophy has chosen to place at the centre of its 75th anniversary celebrations the hosting of an ecumenical, interdisciplinary and international conference, making possible an in-depth dialogue among several traditions on the concepts of order and lawfulness. The challenge for this conference is to explore whether there is room, still, for a distinction between something like an ontological affirmation of pre-given norms, while also acknowledging the particularity and 'locatedness' of our access to those norms. Key ideas in this dialogue will be order, law, structure, principle, system, necessity, chance, change and emergence. The goal of the conference is to delve deeper into the current condition of the philosophical concept of (creation) order, and to assess its future trajectories and prospects.

Prior to the symposium a series of more specialized seminars will be held in which distinctively reformational approaches to order will be investigated. Participants in the symposium are warmly invited to attend these as well.

The program is almost complete and the special website (<http://www.cpc2011.org>) offers more information on the conference. There is also information there about the invited lecturers as well as a call for papers and the possibility of registering for the conference. We would like to advise you to register as soon as possible, on account of the limited number of attendants. We are looking forward to meeting you at the conference!

## HERMAN DOOYEWEERD PRIZE

At the Christian Philosophical Conference, August 16-19, 2011 the Herman Dooyeweerd Prize will be granted for the fourth time.

The prize is an award for work in the fields of systematic philosophy or the history of philosophy that most furthers the cause of the 'Philosophy of the Cosmogenic Idea'. The prize will be awarded by the Board of the Association for Reformational Philosophy, which will be assisted in its choice by a jury. In the past the prize was awarded to the Finnish philosopher T. Puolimatka (1994), a Dutch team of philosophers, K.A. Bril and P.J. Boonstra (2000) and to J. Kok, a philosopher from the USA (2005).

Anyone with work published in the period 2005-2010 that satisfies the description above is eligible.

The prize consists of a medal and a testament.

The Board invites nominations for this award.

Details about the nominee's publication(s) should be included with an explanation of the reasons for your nomination.



Nominations should be submitted before February 1, 2011, to the Centre for Reformational Philosophy, P.O. Box 3206, 3760 DE Soest, The Netherlands; or: [reform.philos@planet.nl](mailto:reform.philos@planet.nl).

### PARTNERS NEEDED!

The 75th anniversary year of our Association for Reformational Philosophy has nearly started. We hope to make it a great success. This will be achieved through various activities, special editions and many different events, both locally and internationally. This is the perfect opportunity for your organisation to sponsor our activities, to

partner with us, or make a personal donation toward the realisation of one of the events.

Please contact Hillie van de Streek (director) at the Centre for more information. Postbus 3206, 3760 DE Soest, or e-mail [reform.philos@planet.nl](mailto:reform.philos@planet.nl)

# THINKNET:

## THE GLOBAL CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY FORUM

Thinknet is a global forum for Christian philosophy. This forum hosts discussions between renowned philosophers and other scholars on a variety of Christian-philosophical topics such as the relationship of the bible to science, the relationship between modalities and entities, active and passive functions but also on the future of Christian education, the characteristics of naive experience, and the history of ideas. In other words Thinknet carries a very broad range of ideas, analyses, and views. You are cordially invited to subscribe to these discussions. For more information and details concerning registration for Thinknet please visit <http://www2.redeemer.ca/dooyeweerd/subscribe-thinknet.html>. We wish you many happy hours of thinking.

## CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY PRESENT IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media are an increasing presence in our lives. Many use these media as a primary source for developing their philosophical interests but it is also used as a means to network. The ARP acknowledges this development and is using these new means to promote itself and its activities (for links to various social media please visit [http://www.christelijkefilosofie.nl/content/social\\_media](http://www.christelijkefilosofie.nl/content/social_media)). It is for this reason that the ARP can be found on almost any social media, Facebook, LinkedIn, Hyves and Youtube. We would like to invite you to join these groups and pass the links on to others that might be interested. You are also warmly invited to share and send us any YouTube movies that are interesting for Christian Philosophy. The greater our supply within social media the greater the exposure of Christian philosophy for those who may be interested. We would like to thank you in advance for your contributions and effort.

Steve Bishop of Bristol, UK, has been a trail-blazer in social media -see "An Accidental Blog" - <http://stevebisho.blogspot.com>. For many years Steve has developed the "All of Life Redeemed" web-site - <http://www.allofliferedeemed.co.uk> - which is an on-line archive of reformational scholarship.



## Association for Reformational Philosophy

Aspects of Reformational Philosophy is the international information bulletin of the Foundation for Reformational Philosophy and the Association for Reformational Philosophy. The Association pursues philosophy in the light of the Bible as the Word of God. The Foundation aims to spread the fruits of this pursuit. Both do their work in the conviction that all philosophy is religiously determined. Aspects will be sent on request.

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