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SSJR ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Approximately thirty-five members and friends attended the Society's session on "New Perspectives on Kamakura Buddhism" at the Society's annual meeting held in conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies meeting in New Orleans. Discussion focused on presentations made by James Dobbins (Oberlin College) and Jackie Stone (Princeton University). The Society's gratitude goes to James and Jackie for their presentations and for allowing their work to be used as the basis for the meeting. Both presentations are enclosed with this issue of the *Bulletin* as a special supplement.

In the business meeting that followed, SSJR President Paul Watt polled members on whether the Society should become an affiliate organization of the Association for Asian Studies. Among other benefits, affiliate organization status guarantees the Society a meeting space for its annual session. The members voted in favor of becoming an affiliate organization of the AAS.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Minor L. Rogers has published "The Honganji: Guardian of the State (1868-1945)," *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 17:1 (1990), pp. 3-28; and, with Ann T. Rogers, *Rennyō: The Second Founder of the Jōdo Shinshū* (Asian Humanities Press, 1991).

Virginia Skord has published *Tales of Tears and Laughter: Short Fiction of Medieval Japan* (University of Hawaii Press, 1991).

George J. Tanabe, Jr. has published *Nihon bukkyō no saisei* (Kōsei Shuppan, 1990).

Mary Evelyn Tucker has published "The Relevance of Chinese Neo-Confucianism for Reverence for Nature," *Environmental Review* (Summer 1991).

Research in Progress

Virginia Skord is currently researching the Døjøji legend in narrative forms.

Barry D. Steben is currently researching comparisons between Chinese and Japanese Yømeigaku.

George J. Tanabe, Jr. is currently researching the history of Jødo shinshæ in the twentieth century.

Grants

Mary Evelyn Tucker has been awarded a 1991 Summer Faculty Research Grant, Bucknell University.

Conferences

Conference on Buddhism and Social Issues in Contemporary Japan, University of Hawaii, August 23-25, 1991.

Third International Conference on the Lotus Sutra in Japanese Culture, University of Hawaii, January 10-12, 1992.

Correspondence

Ruben Habito has been elected Secretary of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies for a two year term beginning in 1991.

Linda Penkower has accepted an appointment in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sybil Thornton has accepted an appointment in the Department of History at St. Lawrence University.

Mary Evelyn Tucker attended the Shintø Workshop on Global Survival sponsored by the Global Forum held at Kurozumi-kyø headquarters in Okayama, Japan, November 1990.

Stanley Weinstein delivered the Jordan Lectures in Comparative Religion at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in November 1990. They will be published by the University of London as a monograph under the title *When the Gods Met the Buddhas: Religious Syncretism in Early Japan*.

Nobuyoshi Yamabe has been admitted to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, and has been awarded a Yale University Fellowship.

New Members

Andrew Goble
James A. Kemp
Morten Schlutter

Correction

Apologies to Barry D. Steben whose last name was mistakenly printed as "Stetsen" in the May 1990 issue of the *Bulletin*.

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Publications

The Japanese Religions Bulletin is published three times a year, in November, February, and May. The *Annual Meeting Supplement* is published with the May issue.

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