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World Scholars to Address ICETE Event

Two distinguished scholars of global Christianity have accepted invitations to address the forthcoming ICETE Consultation in Thailand. **Professor Andrew Walls** of Edinburgh University will speak on the Consultation theme: “Global Christianity and the Role of Theological Education”; while **Professor Lamin Sanneh** of Yale University will consider “Post-Western Christianity: Whose Christianity?” The 2006 ICETE International Consultation for Theological Educators is focusing on the new reality that the Christian community is now global, and increasingly a community with a ‘southern’ tilt—with implications that directly impact the future of evangelical theological education around the world.

Andrew Walls has been perhaps the principal academic interpreter of this phenomenon of global Christianity in modern times. Prior to his retirement Walls was Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, and founding director of the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World at the University of Edinburgh. Earlier Walls served as a lecturer at universities in Sierra Leone and Nigeria. He was founding editor of the *Journal of Religion in Africa*, and has been a visiting professor at multiple institutions, including Yale, Harvard, and Princeton. The two seminal publications for which he is best-known are: *The Missionary Movement in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission of Faith* (Orbis, 1996) and *The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission and Appropriation of Faith* (Orbis, 2002).

Lamin Sanneh is Professor of World Christianity at Yale University in the United States. Previously he held a comparable professorship at Harvard, and before that held teaching posts at institutions in the Middle East and Africa. Sanneh’s PhD is from the University of London. He is presently Honorary Research Professor at London’s School of Oriental and African Studies. Originally from Gambia in West Africa, he has written and lectured widely on the emergence of post-western Christianity and its implications. Among his highly-regarded publications are: *Encountering the West: Christianity & the Global Cultural Process* (HarperCollins, 1993); and *Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel Beyond the West* (Eerdmans, 2003). Most recently he has co-edited the volume: *The Changing Face of Christianity: Africa, the West, and the World* (Oxford, 2005).

Theological Educators to Interact in Chiang Mai

ICETE’s International Consultations are especially valued for offering evangelical theological educators from all

parts of the world a unique forum for engaging with one another on larger issues of common concern. The 2006 Consultation in Chiang Mai, Thailand, will include a range of seminars, workshops, and panel discussions. The programme will also feature interaction with two leading representatives of global evangelicalism, Geoff Tunnicliffe, International Director of the *World Evangelical Alliance* (WEA), and Doug Birdsall, Executive Chair of the *Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization* (LCWE). Other participants in the Consultation programme will include: Chris Wright, Ministries Director of John Stott's Langham Partnership International (LPI); Carver Yu of China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong; Carlos Pinto of the Seminario Biblico Palavra da Vida in Brazil; Dieumeme Noelliste of the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology in Jamaica; Douglas Carew of the Nairobi Graduate School of Theology in Kenya; and Brian Stiller of Tyndale University College & Seminary in Canada. Regrettably Philip Jenkins will not be able to participate in the Consultation as earlier announced, owing to planning and itinerary complications.

Dates, Venue, Registration

The ICETE Consultation will take place **7-11 August 2006** in **Chiang Mai, Thailand**. Those interested should contact the ICETE Consultation Directorate at: Consultation2006@icete-edu.org The ICETE Consultation is intended for the ICETE constituency throughout the world; available space will therefore be prioritised for representatives from schools affiliated with one of the eight continental associations that make up the ICETE family, namely ACTEA, AETAL, ATA, ABHE, CETA, EEAA, E-AAA, and SPABC. The composite Consultation participation fee per individual will be US\$450 (covering registration, accommodation, meals, etc.). Travel and related expenses are the responsibility of the individual or sponsoring institution. Any school that is formally linked to one of the ICETE member associations listed above will be eligible for a **50% discount** on the Consultation fee, for up to two delegates per institution. Guests or observers will be accommodated on an invitation basis as space is available. The deadline for Consultation registrations is now set at **15 June 2006**. [In case of contact difficulties, an alternative email address for the Consultation is: consultation2006@att.net]

Adjunct Opportunity for Deans

Academic deans and other academic officers attending the ICETE Consultation 2006 have the additional option of participating in a professional workshop immediately following the Consultation. The workshop for academic deans is sponsored by ICETE, and will be held at the same venue as the Consultation, from Friday afternoon, 11 August, through Monday breakfast, 14 August. The composite charge, including lodging and meals, will be US\$80. Facilitators will include Paul Sanders of Beirut and Fritz Deininger of Bangkok, and sessions will be highly interactive. This exceptional opportunity for professional development at an international level will be limited to 25 participants. Those interested must first register for the ICETE Consultation, and then should apply for participation in the workshop through the ICETE Consultation Directorate, at: Consultation2006@icete-edu.org. For additional information, contact the workshop facilitators, at: icetebeirut@aol.com, or deinfriz@loxinfo.co.th

ICETE Global Network Grows

ICETE is pleased to announce the admission to ICETE Associate status of the well-known international mission **SIM**. This is a most welcome addition, since SIM has a long and honourable history of involvement with theological education in the majority world, and of support to ICETE itself. ICETE associate status is available to entities that have the enhancement of evangelical theological education among their principal objectives. Other ICETE Associates presently include the Institute of Theological Studies (ITS), Overseas Council International (USA), Resource Leadership International (RLI-Canada), and the overseas theological education components of the Church of the Nazarene, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the Church of God (Cleveland).

Additionally ICETE is pleased to announce that **Bethel Seminary** in the United States has formally joined the ICETE family as an ICETE Affiliate. Other North American institutions already holding ICETE Affiliate status are: Denver Seminary, Wheaton College Graduate School, Columbia International University, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. ICETE looks forward to the ongoing fruitful engagement of these distinguished institutions within the ICETE family. All are expected to be represented at the 2006 Consultation.

ICETE now represents the point of cooperative intersection among a formal constituency of more than eight hundred evangelical theological colleges and seminaries in 100+ countries, predominantly in the majority world. Many of these are the principal evangelical institutions in their parts of the world.

About ICETE

ICETE is a global community, sponsored by eight continental/regional networks of theological schools, to encourage excellence and renewal in evangelical theological education worldwide. ICETE was established in 1980, and functions under the auspices of the World Evangelical Alliance.

The continental/regional associations sponsoring ICETE are:

- Africa Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa (*ACTEA*)
- Asia Asia Theological Association (*ATA*)
- the Caribbean Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association (*CETA*)
- Europe European Evangelical Accrediting Association (*EEAA*)
- Euro-Asia Euro-Asian Accrediting Association (*E-AAA*)
- Latin America Association for Evangelical Theological Education in Latin America (*AETAL*)
- North America Association for Biblical Higher Education [North America] (*ABHE*)
- South Pacific South Pacific Association of Bible Colleges (*SPABC*)

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Dr Wilson Chow (Hong Kong); Dr David Kasali (Kenya); Dr Peter Kuzmič (Croatia)

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Strengthening evangelical theological education
through international cooperation