Saturday, December 5, 2009
Morning session

08:30  Registration (for the day)
09:00  Geert Vanpaemel
       (K.U.Leuven; Hogeschool Henriette Brussel)
The Jesuit Mathematics and the
Transmission of Technological Knowledge
09:50  Jan Roegiers
       (K.U.Leuven)
Aedward Neighbours: The Leuven Faculty of
Theology and the Jesuit College (1542-1773)
10:40  Coffee and tea
11:10  Robert A. Mallery
       (City University of New York)
Jesuits of Jewish Ancestry: A Biographical
Dictionary
12:00  Klaus Schatz S.J.
       (Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt
       Georgen, Frankfurt am Main)
The Writing of the History of the German
Jesuits in the New Society
12:50  Closing Remarks

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International Conference focusing on the Jesuits
of the Low Countries (1540-1773), their multiple
identities and impact on society, with particular
emphasis on recent research and newly available
methodologies.

We hope to bring together junior and senior
researchers, from all countries, with a special
interest in the Jesuits of the Low Countries (Old
Society).

Both ends of the information chain will meet:
archivists, librarians, and book historians, on the
one hand, and researchers, on the other hand.

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From its foundation till its suppression in the
eighteenth century, the Society of Jesus had a
profound impact on the cultural, religious and
political life of the Low Countries. The Jesuits
contributed significantly to the shaping of the
educational curriculum and to the dialogue with
the burgeoning new sciences and the arts. Their
pastoral and spiritual methods were equally
innovative. Their influence can be measured by
their huge number of local vocations and the
enormous amount of literature printed in the Low
Countries. This conference primarily focuses on
these multiple identities of the Jesuits and the way
they contributed to developments in the Low
Countries.

This conference also sheds light on the largest
Jessuitica collection of the world, housed at the
Maurits Sabbe Library (Faculty of Theology,
K.U.Leuven, Belgium), and the opportunities it
creates for research. This collection comprises
works from the major former Jesuit libraries in
Belgium and the Netherlands.

Since 2004, these volumes are in the process of
being described in depth, and the results have been
made available to the scientific community thanks
to the Jessuitica Project, operating within the
Institute for the Study of Spirituality. The website
www.jesuitica.be has gained support and
appreciation from a score of researchers
worldwide. To mark the closing of the first phase
of this project, we want to both evaluate the past
achievements and look ahead towards the future.

On the occasion of the conference, a new
publication will be launched: Jesuit Books in the
Low Countries, 1540-1773, in which more than fifty
scholars deal with a well-balanced selection of
books – by and about Jesuits – which belong to the
collections of the Mauritius Sabbe Library. The book
will be a showcase of Jessuitica research-in-action.

At the Mauritius Sabbe Library, an exhibit of these
books, put within their context, is scheduled to be
opened on the first night of the conference. The
exhibit will be on display till January 16, 2010.
PROGRAMME

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Morning session

11:00 Registration – coffee and tea
11:40 Welcome participants
11:50 Rob Faesen S.J.
(K.U.Leuven; Universiteit Antwerpen)
The Spirituality of the Jesuits in the Low Countries and the Older Mystical Tradition
12:40 Lunch break

Afternoon session

14:00 Ralph Dikovskij
(K.U.Leuven; Louvain-la-Neuve)
The Society of the Spectacle: The Jesuits and the Visual Arts in the Low Countries
14:50 Short break
15:00 Lucie Gaud (CNRS-IREM, Paris; University of California, San Diego)
Jesuit Calendars in the Low Countries and the Writing of the Rood Stadtriemen (1540-1620)
15:50 Coffee and tea
16:20 J. Carlos Coupezas S.J.
(Katholieke Universiteit, Groningen; Roma)
The Dictionary of Ignatian Spirituality: Sailing Across Together
17:10 Uwe Glösenkamp
(Justus Gutenberg Universität, Mainz)
Jesuits of Central Europe in Portuguese and Spanish America (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries)
18:00 Evening session

Friday, December 4, 2009

Morning session

09:00 Registration (for the day)
09:30 Nicolas Standert S.J.
(K.U.Leuven)
Sino-European Displacements: The Circulation of Jesuit Prints between the Low Countries and China
10:20 Harro Hüpfl
(Eyes Business School, Colchester)
The Jesuit as Scholar and as Missionary: The Jesuits’ Reputation in the Low Countries
11:10 Coffee and tea
11:40 New Ways of Opening up Jesuit-Jesuit-Related Archives in the Low Countries
Panel, moderated by Eddy Put
(K.U.Leuven; KADOC Archives Leuven)
- Paul Baghery S.J.
(Swedish Jesuit Archives, Nijmegen)
- The ANU Archives at Nijmegen
- Noel Golvers – Ferdinand Verbiest Institute, K.U.Leuven
The Jesuit-Jesuit связи between Belgium, Germany and China and the Evidence for the Relations between Antwerp and the Jesuit Mission in China
- Hendrik Caelliwer (KULAK, Kortrijk)
The Jesuit Archives in Belgium State Archives
- Jo Luypen (KADOC, K.U.Leuven)
The ABSE Archives at Hoevvele
- Michel Hermans S.J.
(University of Antwerp, Brussels)
The Jesuit IML Archives at Brussels
13:00 Lunch break

Early afternoon session

15:00 Theo Clements (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen)
Translation and Identity of a Prayer Book: Das himmlisch Palm-Gärtlein by Wilhelm Näkelius in the Low Countries
Editions of primary sources in the Low Countries
15:30 Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 1

16:30 Paul Distelbergh (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
Initials, Ornaments and Other Typographical Material as Ways to Identify Printers
Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 2

17:00 Gerrit Vandenhove (Ferdinand Verbiest Institute, Mechelen)
Jesuits in the Dutch Mission (1592-1708)
Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 3

Late afternoon session

16:00 Common break – coffee and tea

17:00 Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 1

18:00 Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 2

19:00 Presentations with discussions in parallel sessions – Location 3