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REPORTS FROM THE EDITORIAL

BOARDS

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American Board Report

(2005 - September 2008)

I. American Editorial Board: Its History and Members

A. Early History of the Board

The American Editorial Board premiered in 2005 (see Vol. XXVII / 1-2) and consisted of Associate Editor Matthias Henze (Rice University, USA), Charles Gieschen (Concordia Theological Seminary, USA), Philip Munoa (Hope College, USA), Book Review Editor, Yaron Eliav (University of Michigan, USA), News Editor, Kelley Coblenz Bautch (St. Edward's University, USA) and Secretary, James Waddell (University of Michigan, USA).

The Board of Directors of *Henoch* determined in the summer of 2006 that the journal would be enriched by German, French, Italian and American boards. Shortly thereafter, Matthias Henze assumed the role of Associate Editor of the German Editorial Board and Kelley Coblenz Bautch followed Henze as Associate Editor of the American Editorial Board. Eric Mason (Judson University) was appointed a member of the American Editorial Board and replaced Coblenz Bautch as News Editor (these developments are reflected in Vol. XXVIII / 2).

B. Recent History of the Board

In 2007, as Eliav and Mason were promoted to positions of Associate Editors of Book Review and News respectively, the American Editorial Board added two new members: Michael Satlow (*Brown University, USA*) and Laura Nasrallah (*Harvard Divinity School, USA*). Satlow and Nasrallah complemented the board's strengths in the area of Second Temple Judaism and Christianity (Coblentz Bautch, Gieschen, Munoa) with expertise in Late Antique Judaism and Christianity. Coblentz Bautch served as Associate Editor until she asked to be reassigned to the board as a member. She has offered to assist in the time of transition as the Editor-in-Chief and Board of Directions appoint the next Associate Editor of the American Editorial Board.

Hence of late 2008, the American Editorial Board consists of an Associate Editor, and board members Kelley Coblentz Bautch (*St. Edwards University, USA*); Charles Gieschen (*Concordia Theological Seminary, USA*); Philip Munoa (*Hope College, USA*); Laura Nasrallah (*Harvard Divinity School, USA*); Michael Satlow (*Brown University, USA*) and Secretary, James Waddell (*University of Michigan, USA*).

Currently, Gieschen and Nasrallah assist Eliav by proposing books for review; Munoa, Coblentz Bautch and Satlow make suggestions to Mason concerning current events (conferences, etc.) relevant to our discipline that should be featured in the News section of *Henoch*.

C. The American Advisory Board as of 2008

Daniel Boyarin (*University of California at Berkeley, USA*)
Virginia Burrus (*Drew University, USA*)
James H. Charlesworth (*Princeton Theological Seminary, USA*)
Shaye J.D. Cohen (*Harvard University, USA*)
John J. Collins (*Yale University, USA*)
Martha Himmelfarb (*Princeton University, USA*)
Richard Kalmin (*Jewish Theological Seminary, USA*)
John R. Levison (*Seattle Pacific University, USA*)
Hindy Najman (*University of Toronto, Canada*)
Andrei Orlov (*Marquette University, USA*)
Annette Reed (*University of Pennsylvania, USA*)
Lawrence Schiffman (*New York University, USA*)
David W. Suter (*Saint Martin's University, USA*)
James C. VanderKam (*University of Notre Dame, USA*)
Adela Yarbro-Collins (*Yale University, USA*).

II. Recent and Ongoing Work of the American Editorial Board

A. Articles Received

Since the appointment of Coblenz Bautch as Associate Editor, the American Editorial Board has reviewed approximately eight articles. Of those reviewed, the following have been published, recommended by the board for publication or are slated to be published:

J. Anderson, *Two-Way Instruction and Covenantal Theology in the Epistle of Enoch* (Vol. XXVIII 2006/1)

Grant Macaskill, *Priestly Purity, the Mosaic Torah and the Emergence of Enochic Judaism* (Vol. XXIX 2007/1)

Benjamin E. Reynolds, *Another Suggestion for ὡς παλαιὸς ἡμερῶν in the Old Greek of Dan 7:13* (Vol. XXX 2008/1)

Eric Reymond, [Imaginary Texts in Pseudepigraphal Literature: The Angelic Hymns of Job's Daughters in the Testament of Job](#)

Additionally, we have received an article of recent (Major Dating Methodologies and the Problem Posed by the Similitudes of Enoch) for which we are seeking reviewers.

B. Monograph Panel / Theme Section

In 2006, Editor-in-Chief, Gabriele Boccaccini also requested the American Editorial Board be in charge of a monograph panel (a section of an issue of *Henoch* which would consist of articles dedicated to a particular theme; these would be invited and overseen by guest editors). After much deliberation, the American Editorial Board invited in early 2007 Ra'anan S. Boustan (University of California, Los Angeles) and Annette Yoshiko Reed (University of Pennsylvania) to serve as guest editors for a monograph panel dedicated to late antique Judaism and Christianity. The monograph panel will appear in Vol. XXX 2008/2 as follows with introduction and five articles:

Theme Section: Blood and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities in Late Antiquity (ed. by Ra'anan S. Boustan and Annette Yoshiko Reed)

RA'ANAN S. BOUSTAN and ANNETTE YOSHIKO REED,
Introduction to Theme-Issue: Blood and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities in Late Antiquity

CHARLOTTE ELISHEVA FONROBERT, Blood and Law: Uterine Fluids and Rabbinic Maps of Identity

JENNIFER GLANCY, The Law of the Opened Body: Tertullian on the Nativity

MARTHA HIMMELFARB, *The Ordeals of Abraham: Circumcision and the Aqedah in Origen, the Mekhilta, and Genesis Rabbah*

ANDREW S. JACOBS, *Blood Will Out: Jesus' Circumcision and Early Christian Readings of Exodus 4:24-26*

RA'ANAN S. BOUSTAN, and ANNETTE YOSHIKO REED, *Blood and Atonement in the Pseudo-Clementines and The Story of the Ten Martyrs: The Problem of Selectivity in the Study of "Judaism" and "Christianity"*

C. Meetings and Additional Business

1. Board members maintain regular contact through correspondence but also meet annually. Previously we have met in Washington, D.C., USA (2006; Gieschen, Mason, Munoa, and Coblenz Bautch) and Camaldoli, Italy (2007; Gieschen and Coblenz Bautch); we will meet in Boston, USA (2008) at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature on Monday, November 24. Gieschen, Munoa, Nasrallah, and Coblenz Bautch are expected to be in attendance, along with invited guests.
2. Associate Editor Coblenz Bautch was invited to compose an editorial that takes up the contributions of American scholarship to our field and the importance of *Henoch* to this goal. Coblenz Bautch has submitted the editorial in Fall 2008 which considers past contributions of American scholarship to the study of Judaism and Christianity in antiquity. This editorial is to appear with a companion piece concerning new developments in American scholarship by the next Associate Editor.
3. The American Editorial Board has also contributed to the journal through deliberation and discussion in the following areas:
 - discussion concerning fonts for the journal
 - discussion concerning the possibility of making offprints available to contributors
 - conversation about publicizing further information about how to subscribe to *Henoch*
 - conversations with Michael Daise (The College of William & Mary) and Ken Penner (Acadia Divinity College) concerning their potential contributions to the journal and board
 - discussion about the creation of a website
 - solicitation of quality articles for *Henoch* among colleagues (one article solicited is currently in the process of being reviewed by another editorial board)

The Board is especially indebted to the work of James Waddell, who has served as valuable liaison between the Board and those who submitted articles for consideration.

III. Looking Forward

As the American Editorial Board is undergoing restructuring, discussion of our agenda for the coming years is postponed until we have heard from our new Associate Editor. One area for discussion might be topics for future monograph panels / theme sections.

As for suggestions, the American Editorial Board shares the following:

- 1) If we are not already, can we provide in some form copies of articles for contributors? This is the practice of many journals and could be accomplished by sending offprints, complimentary copies of the journal or by providing a link to a PDF of the article.
- 2) Can we more aggressively promote subscription to the journal *Henoch*?

Respectively submitted by Kelley Coblenz Bautch, Associate Editor in consultation with the American Editorial Board

German Board Report (September 2006 – September 2008)

The German board of *Henoch* was formed in September of 2006 as the third of the editorial boards of the journal (after the Italian and American boards). Its members are: Matthias Henze (Rice University, USA), associate editor, formerly associate editor of the American Board

Stefan Schorch (Kirchliche Hochschule Bethel, Germany), secretary

Carsten Claussen (Universität München, Germany), news editor

Andreas Bedenbender (Germany)

Ida Fröhlich (Catholic University Budapest, Hungary)

Gerbern Oegema (McGill University, Canada)

In addition, there are several colleagues and friends, who have been involved in the Enoch Seminar and who have helped us in a number of ways, by reviewing articles or joining our discussions. These include Stefan Beyerle, Lutz Doering, Armin Lange, Joseph Sievers, Günter Stemberger, and Loren Stuckenbruck. Most recently, Prof. Stemberger has expressed his wish to retire after serving in the Boards of Henoah since 1996. Otherwise, membership of the two groups has not changed over the two years of their existence.

One of the first tasks of the associate editors of the language boards was to write and to finalize the rules that govern the review process of articles submitted to the journal. The new editorial rules were approved by the board of directors in March of 2007. The German board has found the collaboration with the other language boards to be efficient and very productive.

The German board has reviewed three articles since its inception, all written in English. The first article was sent back to the author with the request for further revisions (the author expressed that she did not have the time to do so), the second article was rejected by both reviewers, and the third article is still under review. When I took over the position as associate editor, arrangements had already been made with Loren Stuckenbruck for a theme section on behalf of the German board. The topic is going to be *Monotheism*.

At the invitation of the editor in chief of the journal, Prof. Gabriele Boccaccini, I wrote a brief reflection on the German scholarly contributions to the field of Second Temple Judaism in post-war Germany. The short article was published under the title “The Reemergence of Second Temple Judaism in German Scholarship” in *Henoah* 29 (2007): 209–12. In recent decades we have seen a significant increase of interest in Second Temple Judaism among the younger scholars, as reflected in the numerous projects launched in Germany. A significant number of these projects are collaborative research

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projects. Based on the responses to the article it has become clear that interest among international scholars in projects coming out of Germany is very high.

Members and friends of the German editorial board met during the Fourth Enoch Seminar in Camaldoli, Italy in July 2007. We are scheduled to meet again during the Annual Meeting of the SBL in Boston in November of 2008 to discuss the future plans of the board.

Based on two years of experience so far, a few suggestions for new initiatives and improvements in the future may be in order. A greater effort needs to be made to solicit German contributions to our journal. All articles we have reviewed were written in English. There are several reasons for this. This is in part because many German authors write in English to reach a broader audience. As German remains an international language, German scholars teach not only in Germany but at many prestigious universities around the world. Also, *Enoch* is still a relatively unknown journal in Germany. Finally, by comparison, there are relatively few academics working on Second Temple Judaism Germany. The German editorial board should have a greater focus on Germany and German universities. The board is therefore now looking for a successor for me who lives in Germany and who is better connected there.

Italian Board Report (2005 – September 2008)

The Italian Editorial Board of the Journal *Enoch* was formed in 2005 along with the *Enoch*'s new series. It was then formed by Paolo Sacchi (University of Turin), Claudio Gianotto (University of Turin), Corrado Martone (University of Turin), Piero Capelli

(University of Venice), Giovanni Ibba (University of Siena). In the course of the years, Giancarlo Lacerenza (Oriental Institute – Naples) has been added as a new member, Luca Arcari (“Federico II” University – Naples) has been appointed secretary and Eric Noffke (Valdesian Faculty of Theology – Rome) has been appointed Book Review Editor, though on Yaron Eliav’s own responsibility.

The Italian Editorial Board has reviewed and published about 20 articles, it has rejected 5 articles, whereas two more articles are in press. Furthermore, The Italian Editorial Board, has edited and published the 12 contributions of *The Book of the Watchers and Early Apocalypticism: A Conversation with Paolo Sacchi* appeared in 2008.

As for book reviews, Eric Noffke has submitted to Yaron Eliav 7 reviews and two more reviews are waiting for Yaron Eliav’s approval.

The Italian Editorial Board is currently discussing and analyzing a number of projects which will be formally proposed to the Board of Directors in due time.

Spanish Board Report (March 2007-September 2008)

The Spanish Editorial Board of the Journal *Henoch* was formed in March, the 25th of 2007 made originally of the following members: Pablo Torijano Morales, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain (Associate Editor); Fernando Bermejo Rubio, University of Barcelona, Spain; Adolfo Roitman, Israel Museum Jerusalem, Israel; Jaime Vazquez Allegue, Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain; Federico Colautti, Redemptoris Mater Seminary Denver, USA (secretary). Members have not changed ever since. Our member Jaime Vázquez is responsible for suggesting Yaron Eliav books to review. Our member Fernando Bermejo is responsible for signaling Eric Mason international conferences in the field.

During these years our Board has reviewed around three articles, of which two have been accepted for publication.

In the next years the Board plans to increase the submission of Spanish contributors.

Israeli Board Report (October 2008)

Minutes: HENOCH Israel Board Meeting, Jerusalem 23.10.2008

Present: Hanan Eshel, Albert Baumgarten, Gideon Bohak, Jonathan Ben-Dov

Apologized: Michael Stone, Doron Mendels, Hillel Newman.

1. Soliciting articles to Israeli scholars.
 - Hanan Eshel will provide funds from his Jesselsohn chair in order to translate prominent Hebrew articles into English. A first possible example is a version of Shulamit Elizur's paper on a newly found fragment of Ben-Sirah.
 - Members of the board will encourage their graduate students and other young scholars to use the funding and the opportunity to publish in Henoah.
 - The upcoming World Congress of Jewish Studies (WCJS; Jerusalem August 2009) will be a good platform for this activity: advertising the journal and inviting good papers to be published in it.

2. A Graduate conference in Israel
 - The Israeli board will establish a conference for graduates and young scholars working on Second Temple studies to Late Antiquity, attended by a number of invited senior scholars. Time, venue, and format of the conference are dependant to a great extent on whether the international Enoch Seminar can supply funding for this type of activity.

3. Availability of the Journal in Israel.

- Members of the board are interested to receive subscription to the journal, as is customary in other journals.
- All universities in Israel are subscribed to *Henoch*, but it seems that Ben-Gurion University has suspended it recently. We suggest that the publisher sends some free copies to be circulated between possible contributors and graduate students.

4. Other activities

- News: Ben-Dov will take responsibility to collect news from members of the board. Baumgarten will report on a conference he attended on Jewish sectarianism in UCL. We will arrange for reports to be sent from central sessions at the WCJS in Jerusalem.
- The Israeli Board will give a yearly report on dissertations submitted that year in Israel.
- Book reviews: The board will discuss in its yearly meeting important Hebrew titles that should be reviewed. No title is suggested at the present.

French Board Report (2006 – September 2008)

***Henoch* Journal – French editorial Board/ Revue *Henoch* - Comité éditorial francophone**

A. Editorial Board/ Comité éditorial

Composition of the Board :

The following members have been in office since the launch of the French board in 2006.

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Members of the Advisory Board:

Pierluigi PIOVANELLI, Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa (Canada)

Enrico NORELLI, Université de Genève / University of Geneva (Switzerland)

News Editor:

Thierry Legrand officiates as our News Editor and is responsible for signaling
forth-coming international conferences and other academic events to Eric Mason,
Henoch's General News Editor.

Thierry launched our website perso.orange.fr/zwileg/henoch in 2007, in which
events of interest to the *Henoch* family are advertized. The site will aim to provide
more information and advertize more events, national and international, related
to Second Temple Judaism.

An international Colloquium on the Aramaic Texts from Qumran, organized by
two of the *Henoch* French editorial board (K. Berthelot and D. Stoekl ben Ezra),
was held in Aix-en-Provence early July 2008.

Cf. <http://www.geocities.com/shunrata/aramaicqumranconferenceinaix.html>)

Christophe Batsch, coordinator of the Paris Qumran Seminar (Seminaire Qoumrân de Paris), has communicated to Eric Mason summaries of the annual presentations. The 2006-2007 summary was published in *Henoch* 29/2 (2007); while the 2007-2008 installment will be published in *Henoch* 30/2 (2008).

Book Reviews:

Daniel Stoekl Ben Ezra is responsible for suggesting books for review to Yaron Eliav, *Henoch's* General Book Reviews Editor. Ten books (nine in French) have been suggested for review. Four books have been or are in the process of being reviewed; three books were refused by the chief review editor; two books are awaiting review or an adequate reviewer.

B. Accomplishments to date:

Articles reviewed:

The French Board has reviewed four articles to date:

- One article already published
- One article presently in the later stages of the review process [recommended for publication by reviewers – awaiting final edited version from author].
- One article deferred to the General Editorial Board – not accepted for publication.
- One article not recommended for publication.

Thematic sections:

The French Editorial Board has been preparing the thematic section for *Henoch* 2010/1.

The board met during the Fourth *Henoch* Seminar, held at Camaldoli, Italy, in July 2007, to discuss possible themes.

- Preliminary title: “Judaism and Early Christianity in the Greco-Roman World”

The rationale behind the title rests upon the Board's desire to give greater exposure to and reflect the originality of French research. Its contribution is rooted in its distinctively historical rather than theological approach, especially following the ground-breaking work in historical anthropology by J.-P. Vernant and P. Vidal-Naquet. The absence of Theology and Biblical Studies as fields of studies in French Universities has contributed to the sustained emergence of highly trained classicists who apply their skills to the study of Jewish and Early Christian texts, resulting in often stimulating, new approaches.

However, it is felt that the language barrier has too often contributed to the limited exposure of French/francophone scholarship beyond the French/francophone academic world.

Please see below for the original 'Call for Papers' for the French thematic section.

- Contributors:
 - Marie-Françoise Baslez - Université de Paris XII - Créteil
 - Nicole Belayche - École Pratique des Hautes Études - Paris
 - Gilles Dorival - Université de Provence
 - Carlos Levy - Université de Paris IV - Sorbonne

C. Coming year (2009-10)

Above and over welcoming additional articles for review the board will focus its energy on the preparation of the forthcoming Thematic Section.

Of note, a number of colleagues from the French editorial board are editors and/or contributors on the comprehensive project "La Bibliothèque de Qumrân", Paris: Editions du Cerf. The first volume: *Les textes de la Génèse*: K. Berthelot, Th. Legrand, A. Paul (eds.) 2008 (624 pages), will be launched at a special event in Paris, October 23rd, 2008. The entire project will contain nine volumes.

D. Henoah website www.henochjournal.org – reactions/suggestions

- This is an easy to read, well conceived and user friendly website, which contains up to date information.
- Our main suggestion would be to add page numbers to all entries under 'Past Issues' and 'Current Issue'.

- Original 'Call for Papers' posted for *Henoah* 2010/1

Appel à contribution pour le journal *Henoah* - n°2010/1

Numéro thématique autour de l'apport de la recherche française à l'étude du judaïsme et du christianisme antiques

Cher/chère collègue,

Le journal *Henoah* (<http://www.henochjournal.org/>), publié en Italie par Paolo Sacchi et Gabriele Boccaccini, s'est doté de plusieurs comités éditoriaux, un pour chaque aire linguistique représentée de manière significative dans le monde de la recherche sur le judaïsme et le christianisme antiques. A tour de rôle, chacun de ces comités éditoriaux prépare un numéro thématique. Après discussion avec Gabriele Boccaccini, le comité

éditorial francophone, composé de Katell Berthelot (CNRS), Stéphane Saulnier (Newman Theological College, Canada), Thierry Legrand (Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg), Christophe Batsch (Université de Lille), Daniel Stökl Ben Ezra (CNRS) et Pierluigi Piovanelli (Université d'Ottawa, Canada), a proposé que le numéro thématique dont il a la responsabilité porte sur l'apport de la recherche française à l'étude du judaïsme et du christianisme antiques, autour d'un thème assez général : « Judaïsme et christianisme antiques dans leur environnement gréco-romain ». Il s'agira de réfléchir à la place occupée par la culture grecque et romaine dans le judaïsme et/ou dans le christianisme, depuis l'époque hellénistique jusqu'à l'Antiquité tardive, en choisissant un ou plusieurs cas de figure spécifiques. Nous définissons volontairement le sujet de manière très large, pour vous laisser libre de choisir un point qui vous paraîtra illustrer au mieux l'importance d'étudier judaïsme et christianisme antiques dans leur environnement grec et romain.

Il existe deux raisons majeures à ce choix.

Tout d'abord, la recherche française sur ces sujets est souvent méconnue par nos collègues étrangers, surtout anglophones et israéliens, du fait de la barrière linguistique. Nous le déplorons, mais souhaitons que la revue *Henoch* joue précisément le rôle de pont, et qu'elle contribue à faire connaître à l'étranger la recherche française et plus largement francophone.

En second lieu, la recherche française sur le judaïsme et le christianisme antiques présente des spécificités qui lui permettent de contribuer de manière originale à la recherche internationale sur ces sujets. Contrairement à d'autres pays, où les sciences religieuses, l'étude de la Bible et la théologie sont au cœur des universités, la place très limitée ou marginale qu'occupent ces disciplines dans le paysage universitaire français implique que la plupart des universitaires français travaillant sur judaïsme et christianisme dans l'Antiquité ont reçu une formation en histoire ou en lettres classiques. Leur approche est donc sensiblement différente de celle de beaucoup de collègues étrangers, du fait d'une familiarité plus grande avec l'histoire du monde gréco-romain en général, ou de la littérature grecque et latine dite "païenne". L'école française d'anthropologie historique (J.-P. Vernant, P. Vidal-Naquet, etc.) a en outre inspiré des travaux originaux sur le judaïsme et le christianisme antiques.

Pour toutes ces raisons, il nous semble éminemment souhaitable qu'un numéro thématique d'*Henoch* soit consacré aux travaux de chercheurs français reconnus, historiens ou spécialistes de lettres classiques.

Si, comme nous l'espérons vivement, vous acceptez de participer à ce numéro spécial d'*Henoch*, il faudra nous envoyer votre article, **en anglais**, au plus tard pour **le 1^{er} juillet 2009**. Il est nécessaire que les articles soient publiés en anglais, afin que la barrière linguistique évoquée plus haut ne constitue pas un obstacle. Le but est que vous soyez lu(e) par des collègues qui ne connaissent peut-être vos travaux que par ouï-dire, ou de seconde main.

Dans l'attente de votre réponse, je vous adresse au nom de l'ensemble du comité éditorial francophone d'*Henoch*, nos plus cordiales salutations et vœux de bonne continuation dans votre travail.

Katell Berthelot

Comité éditorial francophone de la revue *Henoch*