

Association for the Study
of the Septuagint in South Africa



Call for Papers

LXXSA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2015
**CONSTRUCTION, COHERENCE
&
CONNOTATION**

in LXX, Apocryphal and
Cognate Literature

28 - 30 August 2015

LXX SA (The Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa) invites you to participate and/or submit a paper for an international conference titled:

Construction, Coherence and Connotation in LXX, Apocryphal and Cognate Literature

This year, both the NWU (North-West University) and the UP (University of Pretoria) will be co-hosting this important annual event.

For 2015, the LXXSA conference will be held between 28 – 30 August, in the conference centre (Room 203) in the “new” Theology building (K23), Faculty of Theology, Potchefstroom Campus of the NWU (Molen Street), Potchefstroom.

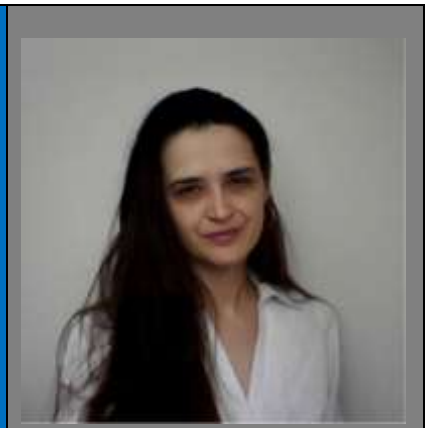
This year’s theme is deliberately broad and accordingly, it is anticipated that scholars from a wide range of fields (including Theology, Philosophy and History) will be encouraged to participate and submit papers.

In addition, a number of leading national and international experts have been invited to attend and deliver keynote lectures. At this stage we have already had confirmation from the following prominent scholars:

Prof. Dr Ibolya Balla

Prof. Dr Ibolya Balla is internationally renowned for her research concerning the Hebrew Bible, Early Christianity and Rabbinic Literature. She is currently an associate professor at the Biblical Institute, Papa Reformed Theological Academy, Hungary.

Her research fields include Biblical Studies (prophetic literature and wisdom literature) as well as Deuterocanonical Literature (wisdom literature).



Prof. Dr Friedrich Vinzenz Reiterer

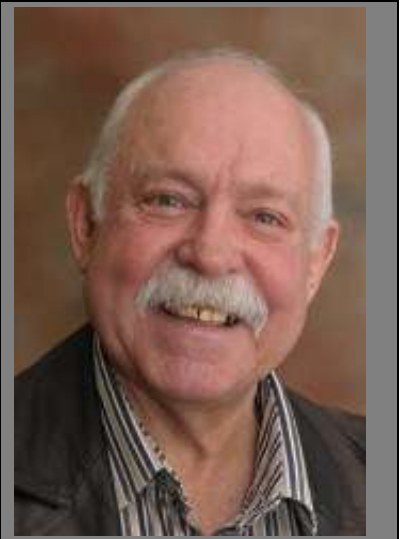
Prof. Friedrich V. Reiterer is internationally recognized as a leading educationalist in the fields of Hebrew and Syriac as well as fundamental exegesis.

He is an editor for numerous academic books and journals including the *Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook* (2006) and *Biblische Notizen*. Between 1986 and 2012 he was professor of Theology at the University of Salzburg, Austria.

Prof. Dr Johann Cook

Prof. Dr Johann Cook is an eminent international scholar in the fields of, inter alia, Hebrew language studies, Aramaic, Syriac and Coptic; textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible; aspects of the cultures of the Ancient Near East; a specialist in Septuagint - text and hermeneutics; wisdom of the ancient Near East; Dead Sea scrolls - text and interpretation; Bible translation (Septuagint and Peshitta).

A recipient of numerous prestigious awards, he was also the first president of the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in SA and holds the Chair for the South African Society for Near Eastern Studies and is involved with various projects of the IOSCS (International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies).



Conference Papers:

All delegates (except invited guest speakers) will be allocated 20 minutes to speak to their papers with an additional 10 minutes for questions and debate.

It is also anticipated that all successful papers will be published in a leading international journal. In this latter regard, final article submissions should not be longer than +/- 8, 000 words. During the conference, details apropos the options available to us as well as information concerning style guides etc. will be discussed and finalised.

If you wish to read a paper at the conference, please take note of the following proposed deadlines for the submission of your abstracts (+/- 200 words):

Submission Deadlines

First submission of abstracts (via email)

On or before **26th June 2015**

Submission of final articles for publication process (via email)

On or before **15th October 2015**

Email addresses for submissions:

Prof Pierre J. Jordaan (pierre.jordaan@nwu.ac.za)

OR

Prof Nicholas P.L. Allen (nicholas.allen@nwu.ac.za)

Conference Highlights:

Delegates

As part of their conference package, all delegates and speakers will be entitled to, inter alia, the following:

- An inaugural three-course dinner (28th August) hosted by the Faculty of Theology, Potchefstroom Camps, NWU.
- Refreshments and finger lunches over the two-day period (29th – 30th August);
- A traditional lamb spit-braai and associated entertainment at a local farmstead (29th August).

Student Observers

All registered South African university students (all disciplines) are welcome to attend the conference as observers. As they will only need refreshments and finger lunches for two days (29th – 30th August), a special reduced price has been arranged to accommodate them. Spaces are limited so interested students should confirm their attendance as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Conference Proceedings*

Friday 28 August	
Delegates arrive	
17:00 – 18:00:	Registration (New Theology Building) (K23) Room 204
18:00 – 22:00	Inaugural Dinner (New Theology Building (K23)
Saturday 29 August	
07:30 -08:00	Registration (New Theology Building) (K23) Room 204
08:00 – 08:30	Welcoming Session
08:30 – 12:30	Morning Session with a Tea Break
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:30	Afternoon Session with a Tea Break
18:00 – 23:00	Spit Braai and Entertainment
Sunday 30 August	
08:30 – 08:45	Welcoming Session
08:45 – 12:15	Morning Session with a Tea Break
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 15:30	Afternoon Session with a Tea Break
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Session

*This is a provisional synopsis. A more precise agenda will be supplied to all delegates before July 2015

Conference Costs (Excluding Accommodation)

Delegates (Full Attendance)	
Early Bird Payment: R 1,750.00 On or before 30 th June 2015	Late Payment R 1, 900.00 1 st July - 14 th August 2015
Students (Special Two-day Attendance)	
Early Bird Payment: R 300.00 On or before 30 th June 2015	Late Payment R 400.00 1 st July - 14 th August 2015

LXXSA Conference Banking Details

Account Name:	NWU Diverse Ontvangste
Account Number:	67 064 2313
Account Type:	Cheque Account
Branch Name:	ABSA Tom Street
Branch Code:	632005
Swift Code:	ABSAZAJJ

Your Reference Code

LXX followed by a **minimum** of two of your initials:

- **Example #1:** Nicholas Peter Legh Allen would use LXXNPLA
- **Example #2:** Pierre Johan Jordaan would use LXXPJJ

Confirmation of Payment

Confirmation of Payment must be forwarded to Mev Erika Meyer:

Fax Number: 086 564 7983

Email: Erika.meyer@nwu.ac.za

Refunds:

The organisers will give a full refund for any cancellations made on or before 14th August 2015. Thereafter a 75% refund is still possible.

Conference Venue and Address:

All plenary sessions will be held in the conference centre (Room 204) of the New Theology Building (K23) situated off of Molen Street (between Boucherd Street and Meyer Street), Potchefstroom, North-West Province.



**New Theology Building (K23) Faculty of Theology,
North-West University, Potchefstroom**

Conference Maps



North-West Province, South Africa



Potchefstroom, North-West Province



Faculty of Theology, NWU, Potchefstroom

Accommodation:

Accommodation is for your own expense. Nonetheless, there are a great number of extremely reasonably priced Bed and Breakfast / Self-Catering establishments within easy walking distance of the conference venue.

Most of these options may be viewed and booked online at the following addresses:

- <http://www.travelground.com/accommodation-in/die-bult>
- <http://www.roomsforafrica.com/dest/south-africa/north-west/potchefstroom.jsp?qclid=CIn72-fw48QCFWrkqgodAawATg>
- http://www.potchefstroom.co.za/accommodation/acc_guest_houses.html

Guesthouses in Potchefstroom (within easy walking distance of the conference venue):

For your convenience, some of the better-known guesthouses are listed below:

Venter Guesthouse



From R 350 per night (B&B)
<http://www.potchefstroom.co.za/venter/>
(018) 297-3797
30 Hoffmann Street

(7 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

Huys-ten-Bosch Guesthouse



Rates: From R 390 per night (B&B)

<http://www.potchefstroom.co.za/huystenbosch/>
(018) 294-4310 / 084 603-3710
E-mail: huystenbosch@mweb.co.za
7 Meyer Street

(5 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

Ma Cachette Bed & Breakfast



From R 600 per night (B&B)

<http://www.wheretostay.co.za/macachettebb/>
018-2976980

C/o Meyer and Molen Street

(3 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

Die Anker Guesthouse



From R 350 per person sharing (Self -Catering)

http://accommodation.infosight.co.za/accommodation/A00236_die__anker_gastehuis/
(018) 297-6980 / 082 227-5557
C/o Meyer and Molen Street

(3 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

D'Oude Molen Guesthouse



From R400 per person sharing (Self-Catering)

<http://accommodation.you.co.za/info/Potchefstroom3244/Guest-House/d-Oude-Molen-Guest-House11938>
083 297-6244
15 Molen Street

(8 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

PUK Sports Village



From R 530 per night (B&B)

<http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/rcs-nonrespsv>
(018) 299-2115
Loop Street

(7 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

Molenhof Guest Rooms



From R 250 per night (Self-Catering)
(018) 294-6190
123 Molen Street

(12 minutes walking distance from the conference venue)

Additional Information

For any queries please do not hesitate to contact the conference organisers directly:

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Attributed to either Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn or Salomon (De) Koninck:
Philosopher in Meditation or *Tobit and Anna waiting for their son Tobias*,
1632 or 1645, Oil on Oak Panel, 28 x 34 cm. Musée du Louvre, Paris.