

# IASBS NEWSLETTER



## 國際真宗學會

### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES

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#### Message from the President

Dear IASBS Members:

The forces of spring rejuvenation are in the air. It is my hope that they propel us to pursue our studies and contemplation with greater enthusiasm and concern for the problems of the world.

In the conference information (included in this newsletter), you will find that Prof. Leslie Kawamura and his conference committee have been working hard to prepare a meaningful and enjoyable gathering. I realize that the cost and time of attending a conference in Canada pose a burden for many of you, but I hope that many of you will consider attending.

Today, I would like to discuss some of the important administrative matters related to our Association that will be taken up at the Steering Committee and the General meetings. If you have questions or opinion, please direct them to your district Steering

Committee members or to the Headquarters by emailing [iasbs@msn.com](mailto:iasbs@msn.com) either in English or Japanese. I will here mention only the most important items:

A) Main changes proposed in the By-Laws:

(I hope to put this up on our website [www.iasbs.net](http://www.iasbs.net) by April 15<sup>th</sup> for your reference.)

- Add “Pure Land studies” as part of the aim of IASBS.
  - Increase in the membership fees (A first increase in nearly 20 years.) to:
    - (1) Regular members in Japan: 3000 yen for 1 yr (current rate: 5000 yen for 2 yrs)
    - (2) Regular members other than Japan: US\$20 for 1 yr (current: \$30 for 2 yrs)
    - (3) Student members in Japan: 2000 yen for 1 year\* (current: 3000 yen for 2 yrs)
    - (4) Student members other than Japan: US\$15 for 1 year\* (current: \$15 for 2 yrs)
- \*For student members, no charge the first year

Limits on the term of office for the Officers and Steering Committee members: 2 terms or 8 years. IASBS needs to have more members serve in leadership positions for fresh ideas and broader understanding of the workings of the organization as well as to nurture a greater sense of responsibility for the Association.

Number of Steering Committee members from each District:  
2 minimum and 10 maximum.

Addition of 1) Treasurer and 2) Membership Coordinator as District level Officers.

B) Special Support Fund from Japan District: We are requesting special grant (1,000,000 yen or approx. US\$8,500) from the Japan District to support special projects and needs that the current IASBS income is unable to pay for. Such projects include a) improvement in the quality and maintenance of the IASBS website, b) strengthen efforts to increase membership, and c) scholarship to young scholars in the form of essay contest prizes and/or registration and travel grants to IASBS conferences.

Please consider these proposals and make any input, for we wish to hear from all of our members. Again, I hope to see as many people as possible at University of Calgary for the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, August. 3-5, 2007.

Best wishes,  
Kenneth Tanaka

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第13回国際真宗学会が2007年8月3～5日、カナダ、アルベルタ州のカルガリー大学で行なわれます。

学会費（発表論文、懇親会、昼食二回等を含む）（現地で支払い可能。但し、キャンセルは7月27日迄OKですが、その後は学会費の全額が請求されます。）

学会費 一般： \$ 100 (アメリカ ドル) 又は \$ 110 (カナダ ドル)

学会費 学生： \$ 70 (アメリカ ドル) 又は \$ 75 (カナダ ドル)

参加者の配偶者等： \$ 70 (アメリカ ドル) 又は \$ 75 (カナダ ドル)（発表論文は含まれない。）

スケジュール：

8月2日 受付（夕方）

8月3日 学会発表（一日中）

8月4日 学会発表（一日中）（懇親会）

8月5日 ルイズ湖とバンフへの観光ツアー（一日中）（参加は任意で、\$ 75 (カナダドル)が別払いとなります。）

参加者の申し込みの締め切り： 4月31日

発表者の申し込みの締め切り： 4月31日（題名と要約） [kawamura@ucalgary.ca](mailto:kawamura@ucalgary.ca)

(Dr. Leslie Kawamura)

宿泊： 1) 大学寮、又は、

2) Holiday Inn Express. (予約の際、

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies Conference (大会)」と伝えてください)

詳細は、大会の案内(英語)を参照してください。





In Memoriam  
Professor Roger Corless  
(1938– 2007)

Professor Corless passed away after a lengthy illness on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. He was a long-time member of IASBS and participated in many of our conferences and wrote numerous articles on Shin and Pure Land Buddhism, including those in our journal, *The Pure Land*.

Professor Corless received his Bachelors degree in Theology from King's College, University of London in 1961 and a Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies in 1973 from the University of Wisconsin. His dissertation was entitled, "T'an-luan's Commentary on the Pure Land Discourse: An Annotated Translation and Soteriological Analysis of the Wang-sheng-lun chu (T. 1819)."

Needless to say, this text by T'an-luan is a pivotal and vital work in Pure Land Buddhist studies. The dissertation comprised of his translation of this text into English along with Professor Corless' study of it, but unfortunately the dissertation never saw publication in its book form. However, his dissertation was of enormous assistance in my own research on Chinese Pure Land Buddhism, as did many others, I'm sure, working in the related fields.

His writings spanned a broader range of topics that included basic Buddhist doctrine, Buddhist Christian dialogue, and Buddhism in America. He was a participant-observer of both the Christian and Buddhist traditions, and, he spoke often of practicing each of the religions on alternate days of the week!:

“ So I try, then, to practice Buddhist and Christian meditation on alternate days. I start on Sunday being the Christian day, and that means that Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday are Christian days, and then Monday, Wednesday and Friday are Buddhist days because in Buddhism there is no one day a week that is a special day. This leaves Saturday which is the time of confusion, or co-inherence.”

Here Prof. Corless is being true to his unique and sometimes idiosyncratic style, but I find in it a sincere effort to lead a genuine spiritual life as well as to promote greater understanding among religions. Many of us simply talk about it, but Prof. Corless practiced it ... fully!

Within his wide ranging interests, he wrote extensively on Shin and Pure Land Buddhism. Here are just two of his writings:

- 1) Corless, Roger J: "The Playfulness of Tariki." PL n.s. 4 (1987): 34-52.
- 2) "Shinran's Proofs of True Buddhism: Hermeneutics and Doctrinal Development in the *Kyogyoshinsho's* use of *T'an-luan's Lun-chu*." In "Buddhist Hermeneutics," edited by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1988. pp. 273-90.

Professor Corless taught during most of his career at Duke University. Upon retiring, he moved to Northern California where he taught as guest lecturer at several institutions, including the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS). The IBS is currently preparing a volume of essays in his honor.

On a personal note, I appreciated not only his erudition but his ironic but insightful sense of humor that often peppered his pronouncements. He would, however, come down to my level to share puns with me. For example, several years ago I made the observation that with the retirement of Professor Ty Unno, Al Bloom, Hisao Inagaki, and Roger Corless, our association was being decimated at our core. Immediately Prof. Corless responded, "We may be retiring from the university but will continue to participate so that the association won't be core-less!"

So, at our conferences and in our publications, we will not only miss Prof. Corless' erudition and insights but also his humor and human qualities.

Kenneth Tanaka  
Musashino University





In Memoriam  
Professor Zensho Asaeda  
(1943-2007)

Professor Zensho Asaeda of Ryukoku University passed away on January 3, 2007 at the age of 62. He was hospitalized last April due to pancreas cancer, which he kept secret and therefore only a few people knew that he was seriously ill. Those who happened to know about it and who occasionally visited the hospital believed, however, that he was steadily recovering and would return to the university to teach from this April.

Nobody really expected that his illness would take a sudden turn for the worse, except probably himself. In retrospect, he seems to have resigned to die. About two months before his death, he requested Mr. Satoshi Aohara, a movie director, to hold a private screening of the documentary movie, “Dotoku” (Virtue of Land) in his home temple in Shimane Prefecture just for his family and close friends. The movie was a documentary of the director’s dying father, a Shin Buddhist priest, who left many messages to the son until his last moment. Professor Asaeda thought that the movie could be a great sermon to his own family and friends in his home town.

Dr. Asaeda was one of the leading specialists of Japanese Buddhist history and a prolific writer with incredibly wide range of interests from ancient to the present period

covering subjects such as *Nihon Ryoiki*, Saicho, Shinran Shonin, Sangowakuran, Myokonin, Hanaoka Daigaku, and Santoka.

Among them, he was especially enthusiastic about researching and publicizing myokonin because he was a descendant of Gozei, a great Shin Scholar of the Edo Period who founded the Sekishu School of Shin academic tradition and compiled the first Myokonin-den (Biographies). The area where both Professor Asaeda and Gozei lived has been producing many well-known myokonin such as Saichi and Genza. It was this mountainous small town where Dr. Asaeda's funeral service was held on March 1, 2007, almost two months after his death.

Esho Shimazu

Ryukoku University

**REGISTRATION FORM**(To be filled out by each person)13<sup>th</sup> biennial conference**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES****AUGUST 3, 4, AND 5, 2007**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Conference Theme: "Neither Monk nor Layman"

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title (for Name Tag) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

1) I will attend the **Optional Trip to Lake Louise and Banff** on August 5<sup>th</sup>

(Please see details under Fees section):     YES (     ) NO (     )

2) I have made my hotel/University Residence reservation: YES (     ) NO (     )

3) For the Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> dinner banquet, I would like: beef (     ) or vegetarian (     )

4) I require special food consideration: NO (     ) YES (     )

(If YES, please explain:)

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5) I wish to present a paper: YES (     ) NO (     )



## 6) Paper Title

(Your paper is not required to be on the conference theme, but we would welcome any reference to it):

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7) Language of Presentation: English ( ) Japanese ( )

8) Abstract (Approximately 100 words in English or 400 characters in Japanese - please use back or separate sheet if needed)

Please submit Registration Form **BEFORE April 30, 2007** to:

Dr. Leslie Kawamura  
 Department of Religious Studies  
 The University of Calgary  
 2500 University Dr. NW.  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4  
 Or by email  
 kawamura @ucalgary.ca

1. Abstract is due April 30, 2007. (Please send as data-file --- email)
2. Full paper is due June 30, 2007.  
 (For papers in Japanese, please add a one-page summary in English)
3. Please send full paper as attachment to: kawamura @ucalgary.ca
4. If you wish to have your diacritical marks (Sanskrit, Tibetan, Japanese, and Chinese) appear as they appear in your abstracts and papers, please send a copy of your FONT file(s) that generate the Sanskrit, Tibetan, Japanese or Chinese diacritical marks. I will use Microsoft Word software in both PC (Windows XP Pro) and Mac (up to system 10) formats. Kanji fonts will not be a problem in Windows format, but for the MAC, it would be safer to send a copy of your KANJI FONT file(s).

## Sponsors

The Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary  
 Asian Studies Group, University of Calgary  
 International Center, University of Calgary  
 International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies (IASBS)  
 North American District, IASBS

## Proposed Program

Thursday, August 2 – arrival into Calgary and registration in evening from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at Holiday Inn and at the University Residence respectively.

Friday, August 3 – Paper presentations (either in Japanese or English) 9:00 AM to 5 PM. Evening free.

Friday, August 3 – IASBS Steering Committee Evening Dinner Meeting

Saturday, August 4 – Paper presentations (either in Japanese or English) from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Saturday, August 4 – Conference banquet 6 PM (cost included in Registration or Participant Fee)

Sunday, August 5 – No paper presentations; optional trip to Lake Louise and Banff

Sunday, August 5 - The conference will end officially around 6 PM when the bus from the optional tour returns to University of Calgary. The place to assemble will be announced during the conference.

## Fees

Conference Registration Fee:

- Regular: US\$100 or \$110 Canadian (Conf. papers, Banquet & 2 lunches included)
- Students: US\$70 or \$75 Canadian (Photocopy of student ID required when paying)
- Spouses: US\$70 or \$75 Canadian (No conference papers, but banquet and 2 lunches included)

(You may pay when you arrive at the Conference. However, if you cancel after July 27<sup>th</sup> or fail to attend, you will be asked to pay U.S. \$70 or \$75 Canadian for the conference dinner banquet, lunches, etc. Your cancellation must reach Dr. Leslie Kawamura by email or letter no later than July 27<sup>th</sup>.)

Sunday August 5 - **Optional Trip to Lake Louise and Banff. Lunch at Banff Springs Hotel.**

Cost per person \$75.00 (Canadian Dollars) includes lunch (\$50.00) at 2:30 pm and Transportation\*\* (\$25.00).

(\*\*Transportation Cost is calculated on 53 participants per bus).

There will be a **discount for the Lunch** for Children ages 5 to 15. Children under 5 will be free.

## **Hotel Information:**

**(Please contact the hotel directly)**

Holiday Inn Express  
2227 Banff Trail N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
T2M 4L2

Telephone: (403) 289-6600

FAX (403) 289-6767

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e-mail [hie1635@telusplane.net](mailto:hie1635@telusplane.net)

URL [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

25 rooms are reserved in this hotel are as follows:

Ten (10) King size bed, non smoking

Fifteen (15) Two Queen size bed, non-smoking

Price: \$ 102.75 Canadian per night plus 10% tax (total \$103.03 per night)

Price includes Continental Breakfast

For Internet access, telephone regulations, etc., please contact the hotel directly.

State that you are booking under the block name:

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES**

**TO GUARANTEE ROOM** Please give hotel your credit card number  
**VISA, MASTER, DISCOVERY, DINNER'S CLUB, NAVOUS, AMERICAN EXPRESS** are accepted.

**LAST DAY FOR ACCEPTING Holiday Inn REGISTRATION IS JUNE 30, 2007.**

This Hotel is within walking distance from the University of Calgary. We will arrange pick up.

Please arrive on August 3 and plan to leave on August 5. (you may, of course arrive earlier and stay longer if you wish, BUT please let the hotel know at the time of your booking).

If you wish a hotel and this one is full, please contact Leslie Kawamura at kawamura@ucalgary.ca as soon as possible. As August is vacation time, for hotel reservations, earlier the better.

### Conference Housing Rates for August 2 – 6, 2007.

#### University of Calgary

(Please contact Conference Housing directly)

#### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHIN BUDDHIST STUDIES

| Room type— Prices quoted on per night basis.                                                                                                                         | August             |
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| <b>Dormitory adult room</b> (one or two people)<br>Shared bathroom and showers                                                                                       | \$45.00/dorm       |
| <b>Studio apartment</b> (one or two people)<br>Kitchenette, private bathroom, with 2 single beds                                                                     | \$75.00/studio     |
| 2-bedroom <b>shared apartment</b> *(\$100 for the unit)<br>2 individually lockable bedrooms with 1 bed in each room, shared bathroom, kitchenette, living area       | \$50.00 per person |
| 4 bedroom <b>shared apartment</b> : **(\$200 for the unit)<br>4 individually lockable bedrooms with 1 bed in each room with shared kitchen, bathroom and living area | \$50.00 per person |
| <b>Small Hotel Suite</b><br>kitchenette, private bathroom, microwave, coffeemaker one queen size bed, telephone (local calls free), TV,                              | \$105.00           |
| <b>Large Hotel Suite</b><br>All of the above with extra single bed                                                                                                   | \$125.00           |

\*All rooms are subject to taxes: 6% GST and 4% Alberta Tourism Levy.

\*\*All apartment-style accommodation and hotel suites have complimentary parking and wireless Internet access.

**Mention** that you are attending the “**International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies**” Conference.

**Please note:**

- Advance payment of first night’s stay (with taxes) will be processed at time of booking.
- Cancellation policy of 48 hours advance notice or the deposit will be forfeited.

**To make your reservation, please contact Conference Housing by April 30/07:**

Conference Housing, University of Calgary

3456 24 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2N 4V5

Telephone: 1-877-498-3203 (toll-free in North America) or 1-403-220-3203

FAX (403) 220-6760

e-mail: confserv@ucalgary.ca

**Note from Dr. Kawamura:** Please arrive on August 2 and plan to leave on August 6. (you may, of course arrive earlier and stay longer if you wish, but please let **University of Calgary Conference Housing** know your arrival and departure dates at the time of your booking).

Link to Conference Housing reservation form:

[http://www.ucalgary.ca/residence/files/residence/Conference\\_Housing\\_Reservation\\_Form.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/residence/files/residence/Conference_Housing_Reservation_Form.pdf)



Garden at Nan Tien Temple, New South Wales, Australia

### **Request for Contributions to *The Pure Land***

The Editorial Committee of the IASBS journal, *The Pure Land*, invites submissions for the next issue of the journal. Scholarly contributions regarding any aspect of Shin and Pure Land thought-doctrinal, textual, historical, sociological, and so on-are solicited. Please note the Editorial Standards published in this issue of the IASBS newsletter (see below) and also posted on the IASBS website. We are beginning to explore the possibilities of publishing contributions in languages other than English, and are seeking assistance with the editing of such contributions. Scholars interested in assisting the Editorial Committee with this are asked to please contact the Editorial Committee, Richard K. Payne (rkpayne@earthlink.net) and Eisho Nasu (eishonasu@earthlink.net).

## **Editorial Standards for *The Pure Land***

(prepared by: *The Pure Land* Editorial Committee - Richard K. Payne, Eisho Nasu, and David Matsumoto)

The following guidelines have been prepared for contributors to the IASBS's journal, *The Pure Land*. The goal of establishing these is to provide more consistency to the journal, and bring it into accord with contemporary English-language Buddhist studies academic practice. Contributions are expected to adhere to these standards.

Contributions which are accepted for publication but which do not meet these standards will be returned to authors for revision. Authors who have specific scholarly reasons for a particular usage that diverges from these standards are invited to explain their reasons in a cover letter. Minor editorial changes will be made by the Editorial Committee where necessary.

### General guidelines:

- Notes are to appear as endnotes, using Chicago Manual of Style (CMS) format for complete bibliographic information in the first citation, with abbreviated references thereafter—no separate bibliography
- Pinyin for Chinese, for Sanskrit diacritics of words not covered below, see Buswell, *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, Japanese as per Hepburn.  
(Note: Quoted material retains original usage. For example if quoting from a text that uses Wade-Giles, then that form is to be retained, not converted to Pinyin).
- Unless appearing as a proper title referring to a specific figure as, for example, “the Buddha Amida“ or where the context indicates that a specific identified or identifiable buddha is intended: buddha, bodhisattva, pratyekabuddha, śrāvaka, and the like are not capitalized (this is analogous to the uses of such English terms as “king”: the kings gathered in the lobby of the castle; King John led them upstairs and it was there that the King showed them the message)

Specific terms: as indicated, some terms will be treated as loan words into English (no italics, no diacritics)

### *Buddhadharma*

buddha-land

buddha-mind



Buddhist studies (not Buddhist Studies)

Chan (not Ch'an)

Daochuo (not Tao-ch'o)

Daoist/Daoism (not Taoist/Taoism)

Dharma

*Dharmakāya*

Faxiang (not Fa-hsiang)

Hinayāna (not Hinayana)

Hōnen

Huaigan (not Huai-kan)

Huayan (not Hua-yen)

Mahāyāna (not Mahayana)

nenbutsu (this is the form used in Buswell, *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*)

*nirmāṇakāya*

nirvana (not nirvāṇa)

religious studies (not Religious Studies)

*śāhā* (not Sahā)

Śākyamuni

*saṃbhogakāya*

samsara (not saṃsāra)

sangha (not saṃgha)

Sukhāvati

sūtra (not sutra, capitalize and italicize only in case of title of English translation and publication: thus *Flower Garland Sutra* since this is the name of a published English language translation, but *Avataṃsaka sūtra* which is the Sanskrit title; see CMS 10.3–7)

śāstra (not shastra)

Shandao (not Shan-tao)

shinjin (not Shinjin)

Tang (not T'ang)

Tanluan (not T'an-luan)

tantra (as for texts, but also including “Buddhist tantra,” i.e., not Tantra)

Tiantai (not T'ien-t'ai)

Zhiyi (not Chih-i)