**ICAST and Mammon in 2015**

ICAST doesn’t usually report much on things financial, just occasionally however it is worth documenting where we are so that our members know how things are going. ICAST has five separate funds to which we consciously allocate money received according to the purpose for which it was given. See table below:

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<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Description/Purpose</th>
<th>Budget Target</th>
<th>Status at 31 March</th>
<th>Projection to end of the year*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Executive Project Officer</td>
<td>Chris Mulherin’s services &amp;</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
<td>$16,640</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
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<td></td>
<td>associated costs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Fund</td>
<td>Operating costs (website,</td>
<td>$21,800</td>
<td>$3,500</td>
<td>$21,000</td>
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<td></td>
<td>membership, finance, &amp;c.)</td>
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<td>Science &amp; Christian Belief</td>
<td>S &amp; CB subscriptions</td>
<td>$450</td>
<td>$2,890</td>
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<td>Hugh Lyons Memorial Fund</td>
<td>in memory of Hugh Lyons, son of</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>$115</td>
<td>$3,100</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Prof. Lawrie Lyons.</td>
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<td>Chapters</td>
<td>The chapters with own accounts for</td>
<td>Break even</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td></td>
<td>events and activities.</td>
<td>at the end of</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>the year.</td>
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*‘Projections’ include fee increases and assume a similar cash flow to that of 2014

The EPO Fund is travelling very well thanks to some generous donations. We thank them formally here. For the rest of you, please don’t stop supporting Chris. He still needs your support and we are keen to extend his employment next year.

The Operating Fund is touch and go. We rely on membership fees and additional donations for this. When you are preparing your donation to the EPO Fund, please consider something to cover our operating costs also.

To help us out the Board increased membership fees as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2014 Fee</th>
<th>2015 Fee</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fellow</td>
<td>$175</td>
<td>$190</td>
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<tr>
<td>Associate</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$66</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family/Corporate</td>
<td>$80</td>
<td>$88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Student</td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>$22</td>
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All membership fees include GST and cover the 12 months after the anniversary of joining ICAST. Please encourage non-members of ICAST to join us.

Science and Christian Belief ICAST has an arrangement with Christians In Science (UK) to distribute S&CB at a discount. With the drop in the Australian dollar, the value of this discount has dropped and we have had to increase the fees. These are now:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Member</th>
<th>Non-Member</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hard Copy</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soft Copy</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard and Soft Copy</td>
<td>$66</td>
<td>$75</td>
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The Hugh Lyons Memorial Fund is based on a bequest by Prof. Lawrie Lyons in memory of his son. Currently the funds are distributed through investments and term deposits. We have traditionally gleaned about $4K annually from these, some of which are used for scholarships for COSAC and elsewhere.

We plan to use some of the capital to help pay for a new website to house the Christian Perspectives on Science & Christianity online journal. We are looking for an editor to guide us with this.

Chapters’ Funds are the responsibilities of the individual chapters. The Board has set aside some additional funds to support the chapters to be disbursed at the discretion of the EPO and to help kick-start or under-write chapter events where required. As a rule however, ICAST requires that chapters at least break even with their activities, events and costs.

In conclusion, ICAST has significant reserves and a good revenue stream from its investments, memberships, activities and donations.

We continue to be grateful for your support especially for Chris Mulherin as our EPO. Because so much of our funds are specifically allocated (e.g. the HLMF, the EPO donations) the operating funds are tight. The Board has sought to address this by increasing the membership and other subscriptions but we are still relying heavily on your membership and additional donations here.

God bless you in your support for our work in his name.

Richard Gijsbers, Secretary.
News Items

Prof Graeme Clark receives prestigious US bioengineering award

Professor Graeme Clark AC from the University of Melbourne is the first Australian to receive the US Russ Prize for an outstanding achievement in bioengineering innovation that is in widespread use to improve health and well-being: the cochlear implant.

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New survey finds Creationism in Britain has been overstated

Dr Amy Unsworth is a research fellow at the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University. Over several months last year, she conducted a survey with Yougov to dig deeper into the question of people’s attitudes to evolution in the U.K.

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The Changing face of evolutionary theory

An interesting development is taking place in the biological and anthropological sciences today that has its roots in a decades-old discussion. Whispers in the halls of scientific faculties and hushed conversations in laboratories have solidified into outright dialogue and debate in top scientific journals.

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How the digital age has changed our approach to death and grief

In the days and weeks leading up to the death of Leonard Nimoy, the actor and director most known for playing the gravel-voiced Vulcan Mr Spock in Star Trek, knew he was dying.

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Can Christians believe in science and the resurrection?

Was the resurrection of Jesus Christ an anti-scientific event? This question was discussed at a March 13 conference on science and religion hosted by The American Association of the Advancement of Science’s Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion.

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The Sacrament of Creation: What can we expect from Pope Francis’ ecological encyclical?

Pope Francis has made no secret of his conviction that human-induced climate change, along with other forms of environmental degradation, represents a grave threat to humanity’s future.

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The atheist and his metal Detector

I grew up on the Jersey shore. (No, it wasn’t like the TV show.) Every summer I’d see several men combing the beach with metal detectors looking for jewellery and change lost the day before.

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The exile of the mind

British higher education is increasingly secular in outlook. This paper identifies three aspects of that secularity: specialisation, instrumentalisation and globalisation.

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Scientists and Theologians write on the possibility of extraterrestrial life

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SUTS - Why there is no conflict between science and Christian faith

The following are notes from a talk given at the CMS Victoria Summer Under the Son conference in January 2015.

Author Chris Mulherin is the ISCAST Executive Project Officer.

Excerpt

In the early 21st century, Christians find themselves in a profoundly important cultural space. The issue concerns the credibility of Christian truth in a world dominated by science and technology. Let me state the case: leaving aside theological truths of election, and just speaking about the human side of the question, I think that the lack of an integration between science and faith, in the minds of believers and unbelievers, is the most destructive force working against Christian belief and against confident faith and witness.

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Ecomodernist Manifesto: review

A review of An Ecomodernist Manifesto

Author Ian Hore-Lacy, April 2015

Excerpt

An Ecomodernist Manifesto is a document published on 14 April 2015 over the names of 18 individuals known for their environmental stance and writings. Mark Lynas, Michael Shellenberger, Linus Biomvall, Ted Nordhaus and Stewart Brand are possibly the best-known internationally, along with our very own Barry Brook, and filmmaker Robert Stone. “We call ourselves ecomodernists and ecomodernism.” “As scholars, scientists, campaigners, and citizens, we write with the conviction that knowledge and technology, applied with wisdom, might allow for a good, or even great, Anthropocene.

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Gender identity and sexuality

Dr Patricia Wearsrakon, and her son Kamal Wearsrakon gave an ISCAST-CASE lecture in April 2015.

Abstract excerpt

The presentation overviews, and seeks to harmonise, three different perspectives on gender identity definition – medical, social, and evangelical-theological – in the hope that a model of gender identity informed by all three will truly lead to holistic personal and social wellbeing.

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A harmonious relationship: can science and faith be friends?

Author James Garth is an ISCAST Fellow

Excerpt

Are science and faith compatible? James Garth believes a positive future lies not in conflict, but in harmony.

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Event News

ICAST-CASE (Sydney)

Lecture 2

Date: Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.30 pm.
Speaker: Dr Andrew Brown, BA, BMin/BTh, BA (Hons), PhD
Lecture Title: The History of interpretation of Genesis 1
Venue: Main Common Room, New College, UNSW.
Further information: Andrew is an Old Testament Lecturer at the Melbourne School of Theology. Information will be updated as it comes to hand.

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ICAST Vic: Ordered Universe Project Talk

Date: Friday 11th September 2015
Theme: Ordered Universe Project
Speaker: Professor Tom McLeish, MA, PHD, FRS
Information will be updated as it comes to hand.

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ICAST Vic: Allan Day Memorial Lecture

Date: Friday 11th September 2015 at 5.30pm
Speaker: Professor Tom McLeish, MA, PHD, FRS
Venue: Ridley College - TBC
Information will be updated as it comes to hand.

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ICAST-CASE (Sydney)

Lecture 3

Date: Saturday 12th September
We are currently planning this interactive workshop. Information will be updated as it is confirmed. Be sure to save the date. "As Tom McLeish points out in this rich, crowded and discursive book, there are a multitude of historical, cultural and anthropological reasons to explore science and theology as part of a single cultural "city". He doesn’t buy the argument that religion is about turning untested belief into truth: science, he points out, also makes claims that turn out to be false. “Good science is arguably about being false in a constructive way that takes us nearer to truth.” – The Guardian

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