



IMPORTANT UPDATE (April 2013)

CSSR/SCÉR TRAVEL FUND ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 1 – 4, 2013 VICTORIA, B.C.

The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) / Société Canadienne pour l'Étude de la Religion (SCÉR) encourages research and discourse in the study of religion. Our annual meeting provides a place for those involved in the academic study of religion to share their research and promote discourse. In previous years, the CSSR/ SCÉR has received \$4,350 in funding from SSHRC in order to help subsidize costs associated with travel for participating members. We have always made it a priority to assist students who participate in the CSSR/ SCÉR annual meetings. Unfortunately, we were informed recently that SSHRC terminated the funding program. Although this cut illustrates that the federal government is placing less value on academic research (especially in the humanities and social sciences), the CSSR/ SCÉR is taking a stand to continue helping student researchers promote their scholarship. Therefore for the 2013 annual meeting, the CSSR/ SCÉR has approved a special travel subsidy of **\$5,500** from our own funds. While other cuts have had to be made to accommodate this travel fund, we believe it essential to support our researchers, especially students. Students who are presenting a paper at the annual CSSR meeting in Victoria, BC will be eligible to apply for this travel subsidy, receiving a maximum of 75% of their travel costs. Any remaining funds will be given to other presenters who have no other avenues available to them to cover travel costs.

A travel form has been posted on the CSSR/ SCÉR website (on the “Funding & Opportunities” page, or here: <http://www.cssrscer.ca/?q=node/415>). Presenters applying for this travel subsidy must submit their completed travel application and travel receipts to Richard Mann, CSSR/SCÉR Treasurer, by **June 28, 2013**. Travel funds will be dispersed after the deadline.

For more information on the 2013 travel subsidy, please contact Dr. Ruby Ramji, CSSR/ SCÉR President, ruby_ramji@cbu.ca