FIFTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON SOCIO-RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The religious movements in the face of the conflicts and challenges of a world in crisis

Havana, July 9-12 2007

The Department of Socio-religious Studies of the Center for Psychological and Sociological Research (CIPS) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba calls researchers, professors, sociologists, anthropologists, psychologists, political science specialists, philosophers, historians, ethnologists, culture specialists, economists, scholars and religion experts from academic and religious institutions to participate in the FIFTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF SOCIO-RELIGIOUS STUDIES.

This event will take place in the midst of the serious problems, with no immediate prospects of being solved, being faced by humankind in the fields of social, economic, political, ethical and cultural relations, that have a growing impact on religion.

The particular impact on the field of religion of the current critical world situation brings about an interrelationship of the changes taking place in both fields.

On this basis the papers will be presented and discussed in oral presentations, panels, round tables, lectures, posters and videos on the following topics:

- Religious plurality, freedom of religion and laicism
- Dialogue, integration and macroecumenism
- The so-called New Religious Movement
- Politics, culture, globalization and religion
- Daly Life and religion. Subjectivity and social praxis
- Eastern religions in the West
- Religion, gender and family
- Theoretical and methodological prospects for the study of religion
- Marginality, minorities, ethnic and religious conflicts
- Conversion and reconversion processes

The experience accumulated from the 1995, 1998, 2001 and 2004 meetings attended by religion scholars from all over the world, including outstanding personalities specialized in religion from the social sciences' approach, guarantees the continuity of fruitful opinion exchanges from different viewpoints, in a favorable atmosphere for discussions full of scientific rigor and respect for each other's opinion. All participants are warmly welcomed to Havana, the capital of Cuba.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS

Those wishing to attend must submit, before April 20, 2007, by e-mail:

- A registration application with the following data:
- Name and Surnames
- Address, Fax, email
- Name of institution
- Abstract of presentation or poster content (not exceeding 200 words).
- Specify if you will participate: presenting a paper, a poster, as an observer, accompanying person or student

Those presenting a paper must send prior to May 30, 2007:

- Full text of presentation (tentative presentation time about 10-15 minutes. According to the total number of presentations, presentation time will be announced after the program is made)
- The visual aids needed (video cassette, slide projector, Power Point, etc.).

Registration applications, abstracts and papers, or any request, should be sent to:

Dr. Jorge Ramírez Calzadilla Chairman of the Organizing Committee Fifth International Meeting of Socio-Religious Studies Calle B No. 352 esquina a 15, El Vedado. Ciudad de La Habana La Habana 10400, Cuba

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Each participant will receive a booklet containing the abstracts of the presentations in their original language. The presentations, with the author's authorization, will be included in a compact disk (CD) to be sold during the event, as well as literature on religion.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English and Spanish are the official languages. The Organizing Committee must know in advance the language to be used in the presentation so as to provide interpretation services. Experience has shown that, if speaking slowly, Portuguese speakers can communicate with Spanish speakers.

Official registration will be made at the Convention Center of the National Capitol, venue of the meeting.

Registration fee is: participants	120 CUC
accompanying persons	100 CUC
students (after official accreditation)	80 CUC

(The registration fee will be paid when registering at the venue) All payments must be made in cash (CUC), no credit cards, money orders or bank check, or any other way of payment will be accepted.

Note: CUC means Cuban Convertible Currency

This fee covers:

- Right to participate in the work sessions of the event and the welcome and farewell cocktails and lunches.
- A working module

Applications sent after May 30, 2007 will receive a surcharge of 20% of the registration fee.

Venue: The Convention Center of the National Capitol is located in downtown Havana, within walking distance of various major hotels and outstanding cultural institutions.

Accommodations and transfer from and to the airport or transportation to any tourist site can be booked through our travel agency:

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