

## 2. Internationale Ben Sira Tagung / 2nd Ben Sira Conference

Ushaw College in Durham (GB)

1.-4. Juli 2001

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## Conclusions

by Dr. Jeremy Corley

The Second International Ben Sira Conference was held at Ushaw College in Durham (GB) from 1 to 4 July 2001.

Thirty participants from ten countries gathered to discuss the portrayal of God in the Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus).

Topics covered included God as Creator, Giver of Wisdom, the Most High, and the Merciful One. Other themes included divine providence, sin & forgiveness, life & death, prayer, sacrifice, and praise of God, while the final lecture contrasted Ben Sira with Saint Paul.

The main papers were presented by Doctors Nuria Calduch-Benages, Alexander Di Lella, Robert Hayward, Oda Wischmeyer, Maurice Gilbert, Friedrich Reiterer, James Aitken, Jan Liesen, Pancrattius Beentjes, and Otto Kaiser. Ten short papers were also presented, including one by Dr Stefan Reif from the Cambridge Genizah Research Project. A conference volume entitled "Ben Sira's God" is in preparation, and is due to appear in 2002.

Besides Dr Hayward, the Durham theology department was represented by a short paper from Dr Loren Stuckenbruck, and the presence of Dr James Dunn at the conference dinner. The conference was sponsored by the Seminar for the Study of Judaism in Late Antiquity, based at Durham University's theology department.

In addition to the academic sessions, the programme included a visit to Durham's splendid Norman Cathedral, as well as a tour of the Ushaw Big Library. The programme of speakers was organized by Dr Renate Egger-Wenzel from the Ben Sira Research Project at Salzburg University, while the local arrangements were undertaken (with student assistance) by Dr Jeremy Corley of Ushaw College. For more information about the Ushaw conference please contact Jeremy Corley: [t.j.corley@durham.ac.uk](mailto:t.j.corley@durham.ac.uk)

There are plans for a follow-up conference, to be held in Salzburg in July 2003. The proposed topic is: Prayer in the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books of the Old Testament. For more details of the planned Salzburg conference in 2003 please contact Dr. Renate Egger-Wenzel: [renate.egger@sbg.ac.at](mailto:renate.egger@sbg.ac.at)

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