

# Announcements

IRAS  
The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

**Purpose**—IRAS is an independent society of scientists, philosophers, religion scholars, theologians, and others who want to understand the role of religion in our dynamic scientific world.

**Activities**—each year IRAS holds a week-long conference on Star Island, ten miles off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Topics are selected to be relevant to current scientific thinking and to fundamental religious questions. (IRAS members pay a reduced rate for conference registration.)

IRAS organizes events at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). IRAS has sponsored more than two hundred fifty meetings at universities, colleges, and theological schools.

**Publications**—*Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* and *IRAS Newsletter*. IRAS members receive subscriptions to these publications free of additional charge.

**Special Relationships**—Affiliated Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Member, Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR).

## Membership Dues

\$60.00 Individual Member

\$65.00 Joint Member (two memberships but one set of publications)

\$40.00 Student Member (requires copy of student ID)

\$110.00 Institutional Member (supports IRAS's work: \$54.00 is tax deductible)

Overseas members are assessed a surcharge to cover mailing costs.

**Invitation to Join**—If you are in accord with the purposes of IRAS and would like to become a member, please submit an application to the IRAS Council, which reviews and votes on applications at biannual meetings in February and July. For an application write to:

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# *Announcement of Name Change*

Effective 30 June 1999  
The Chicago Center for Religion and Science  
changes its name to

## The Zygon Center for Religion and Science

### Significance

The replacement of “Chicago” with “Zygon” in the name of the Center is intended to signal a series of changes in the operation and programs of the Center in the years ahead. We believe that linking explicitly with the long-established strengths associated with the Zygon concept will serve to increase the recognition of what CCRS has already accomplished, not only by widening the community of our endeavor but also by enhancing our present activities and relationships. The latter will be strengthened by directing resources and energies in hitherto underdeveloped areas.

Most important, the new name will emphasize the Center’s identification with the international and interfaith discussion of science and religion. The first major activity of the renamed Center will be to present, in cooperation with the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), a full day program at the Parliament for the World’s Religions in Cape Town, South Africa, in December 1999. For this occasion the Zygon Center has engaged scholars from around the world representing the world’s major faith traditions to focus on the challenges posed by science to the world religions and to examine the possibility that the responses of the religious communities might further the international interfaith dialogue. A comparable event will take place in Chicago in Spring 2000.

Adopting this new name will identify the Center more closely with the journal *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. The Journal and the Center share a common history and are already identified in the minds of many constituent groups. The Center identifies with the four-decades-long work of the journal and its associated groups. Sharing a common name will further cement these close ties.

This name change will also signal the launching of a five-year plan for the Zygon Center that will in large measure be built around the international interfaith perspective. As these plans develop, closer relationships will be forged between the various groups that sponsor the Zygon Center for Religion and Science.

This new phase in the life of the eleven-year-old Center is made possible, in part, by a bequest from the estate of Ralph Wendell Burhoe, founding editor of *Zygon* and co-founder of the Chicago Center for Religion and Science.

If you have questions or would like to hear more about items in this announcement, please contact the Zygon Center for Religion and Science, 1100 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60615-5199. Fax: 773-256-0682. E-mail: [zcrs@lstc.edu](mailto:zcrs@lstc.edu).