

## **Bergen conference 2001**

### **EASR President's Report 2003**

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Report by the President, Professor Giulia Sfameni Gasparro

Dear Colleagues,

Only a few months have passed since our last meeting in Paris. This is a good sign, since it reflects the intensive and enthusiastic activity of the members of our association and confirms the validity of a common scientific project. The EASR, as a European forum for the discussion of the fundamental issues and themes of our discipline, both from a methodological and substantial perspective, is now demonstrating its great worth. I am grateful to the Colleagues of the Committee who spend a great deal of time and energy in coordinating the various tasks necessary for achieving this aim. In particular, we are indebted to the hard work and commitment of our Secretary Tim Jensen, who has ensured the complete success of our project by tirelessly liaising between the members of the Committee and of the Various national Associations. To him is entrusted the task of producing the detailed report on the activities of the EASR.

I would like to express particular thanks to the colleague Einar Thomansen and to all the members of the Norwegian Association for the History of Religions for organizing this important Meeting. The theme proposed by them is a clear "sign of the times" and will offer an ideal occasion for the fruitful comparison of different methodological positions and for appreciating the scientific approaches in the different fields of religious history, in a climate of a friendly exchange of views and mutual intellectual enrichment.

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