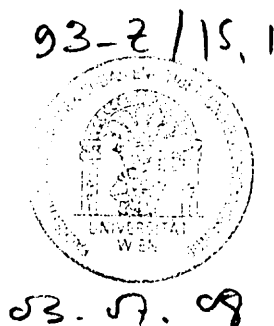


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Report on the 10th IABS Conference

The 10th International Conference of I. A. B. S. was hosted by UNESCO and the Permanent Delegation of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to UNESCO, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris and 1, rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France. It took place between July 18 and 21, 1991 and was sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation; the Sri Lanka Permanent Delegation to UNESCO; the Université de Paris X, Nanterre, and the Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative of that University.

Because of the Gulf War and fear of terrorism, many members hesitated to make the journey to Paris. However, seventy-seven abstracts of papers were received (the number actually delivered was slightly less) and one hundred and thirteen participants paid the \$50 fee to attend. The inaugural session on July 19 which was open to the public was attended by over three hundred persons. Speakers were H. E. Dr. Ananda W. P. Guruge, Sri Lanka Ambassador in France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO who, as Local Secretary of the conference, welcomed participants; Professor Alexander W. Macdonald, the new General Secretary who drew attention to the difficulties which have to be overcome if a conference is to be organised in Paris in the summer months when universities are, literally, shut; and Mr. C. L. Sharma, Deputy Director-general of UNESCO, who inaugurated the conference on behalf of Mr. Federico Mayor who was unavoidably absent from Paris. The keynote address on "The Present and Future of Buddhist Studies" was then delivered by the President of I. A. B. S., David Seyfort Rugg. This address appears in this issue of the Journal; and a more detailed account of the papers read and discussed in panels will be published in a volume of Proceedings which the untiring Dr. Guruge proposes to bring out in Sri Lanka.

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