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EDITORIAL

From the start, *Appraisal* was not meant to be narrowly focused upon Michael Polanyi and his philosophy but instead has aimed to develop and apply that philosophy in new directions and spheres and to encourage the examination, development and use of similar philosophies. Hence our series of Re-Appraisals which have included John Macmurray, Lucian Blaga, Aurel Kolnai and Irving Babbitt.

At our annual Conference, taking place when this (delayed) issue is being printed, we welcome Philip Hunt, Chairman of the John Macmurray Fellowship, who is speaking on Macmurray and the Concept of Freedom, and also Dr Anna Castriota from the Collingwood Society. At future conferences we hope to welcome visitors and especially speakers from other societies.

We also carry notices of other societies and their conferences, and encourage readers to attend them. I shall give a paper at the Collingwood Society's Conference in Oxford in July, and hope to give one at the Conference on Persons in Gaming, Austria, in August.

Before the latter conference I hope to visit Dr Eva Gabor, my guest in December, and her colleagues in the MPLPA in Budapest, not being to afford to attend their conference in June as well. From the MPLPA we welcome also Dr Endre Nagy at our Conference this month.

If readers have contacts with other groups, would they please let me know, and likewise we would welcome reports of conferences which they have attended.

Our range of interests is reflected in this issue: Chris Goodman and David Britton take up aspects of Polanyi's philosophy and Torrance's theology, respectively, while Richard Hain challenges current assumptions regarding euthanasia with a practical alternative.

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POLANYI JUBILEE CONFERENCE

31st May 2001

BUDAPEST

6 papers in Hungarian and 4 in English, including ones by Phil Mullins and Stefania Jha

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SIXTH INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCE ON PERSONS

Sponsored by *The International Forum on Persons*

August 7th-12th, 2001, Gaming, Austria.

Fee (for 5 nights' accommodation, meals and registration): \$250

Gaming is west of Vienna, and the conference will be housed in a refurbished monastery, used by an American university.

Pre-booked transport to and from Vienna is available at \$30.

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