International Congress on Preaching
by Pastor Russell Bryan
Communication sponsor, Scottish Mission

Edinburgh was the centre of the Earth’s magnetic field for preachers from 9-11 April. The International Congress on Preaching was held at Edinburgh University, causing 320 pastors/preachers from countries such as India, Philippines, Russia and the USA, to gravitate there. Ministry magazine worked in tandem with Preaching magazine to stage the event. Each day the audience heard several sermons from top preachers from various countries; mainly the USA and UK. There were also seminars on different aspects of preaching which filled the day like a meatloaf sandwich. Among the Adventist preachers taking part were Rear Admiral Barry Black, Pastor Ian Sweeney and Pastor Peter Bath. Pastor Nicholas Satelmaier, Ministerial Association PREACH co-ordinator, says that there were several thousand viewers of the 3.5 hour satellite broadcast which went out Wednesday evening/Thursday to the hundreds of downlink sites around the world. Production was provided by Warren Judell of the Adventist Media Centre, the Stimme de Hoffnung crew from Germany, and executive direction from Jerry Wallach (ACN) and Brad Thorge (ATN).

Four of the five fields of the BUC were represented (the exception being the Hol); Most of the Scottish pastoral staff were there together with a number from Wales, SEC and NEC. Pastor John Duroe, Ministerial director for the South Asia/Pacific Division, brought along a delegation of five from the Philippines. There were also numerous Adventists from the USA. Nick Satelmaier estimated that 10-15% of the delegation was Adventist with five actually leading out in the programmes. Pastor Alan Hodges, BUC Ministerial director, said that the Congress was ‘very enjoyable and worthwhile’. From the NEC, Pastor Brian Robinson commented that the meetings ‘were very inspirational. I could just sit back and hear them all again!’ Newbold College lecturers Dr Daniel Duda and Dr Lawrence Turner also noted the strength of the content of the programme. ‘There was plenty of very good material in nearly every sermon and seminar. Excellent! Well worth coming to.’
Clogging up the works

Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

The dangers of smoking are always in the news. With 1.25 billion people worldwide smoking it is an understandable cause of concern. Efforts to reduce smoking in the UK have had some effect, reducing smoking to passive-smokers. While research has centred mainly on chemicals in tobacco smoke affect us...
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LONG-timers among us would remember a period in the church when we used to have more discussions – more open and more authentic talks. We called them. Much of this happened in connection with the old Missionary Volunteer (MV) Society meetings, the predecessor of the Adventist Youth meetings of today. Members young and old would come together in spiritual conversations on issues facing the church. We listened to each other. I miss that. Today, all too often, we are in the circle in which we move, everyone seems shut up about anything as though the future of the universe would be jeopardized if God forbid, some incorrect idea should drop from our mouths. Perhaps spoiled by the outrageous excesses of certain controversialists among us in recent times, we clam up and keep our opinions to ourselves. There is a continuing need to organize non-threatening situations in which people can express themselves freely on a range of subjects, small and big. Christian standards, for example. The threat to the environment. The allocation of church resources – in regard to money, programmes, and human power. Divorce and remarriage, jewellery, Music, Stem-cell research, Cloning. Abortion. Capital punishment. Take capital punishment. I wouldn’t want to write about that, but I’d sure like to hear a reasoned discussion on it. There are many proponents of the practice who’d be surprised how complacent the situation has become since they last visited the issue. And many dogmatic opponents may equally be surprised by the weakness of the arguments that support their case.

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**ADRA-Ireland in Brazil**

In our last issue we reported that ADRA-Ireland had financed a number of projects in Brazil and that Ireland Aid (the Irish Government) had provided 75% grants totalling IR£600,000. Pastor Alan Hodges has now provided pictures covering the opening ceremonies for some of the projects.

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**Newbold College**

**GRADUATION**

Saturday 21 May 2000

2.30pm in the Gymnasium

Speaker: Pastor Jan Paulsen

President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Statement from the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

The Employment Tribunal case involving one of our former employees has been a painful experience for all involved and we are truly sorry it ever took place. We apologise for the hurt that we have caused the Applicant. It was never our intention to victimise her or to dismiss her unethically. We continue to uphold her in our prayers, hoping that we may share mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.

In the Decision dated 8 April, the Tribunal upheld complaints against the Trans-European Division of unfair dismissal and victimisation. However, complaints of breach of contract and direct sex and race discrimination were not upheld.

The Decision states that the Applicant’s original claims that she had been treated less favourably on racial grounds or on the grounds of her sex were not upheld. However, the Applicant succeeded in her subsequent complaint that she had been treated to her detriment because she had made complaints of race and sex discrimination.

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**For many months now we have been looking forward to the conclusion of this case. We know that it has caused a lot of hurt within the Church and we are all anxious for mistakes to be acknowledged and damage to be repaired. Now it seems that the end of the legal proceedings is in sight. However, we know that it will take longer than this for the wounds to heal and for the relationships to be restored. We urge all of our members to pray earnestly that the great healer will be able to do what may seem to be humanly impossible.”**

— President Pastor Cecil Perry