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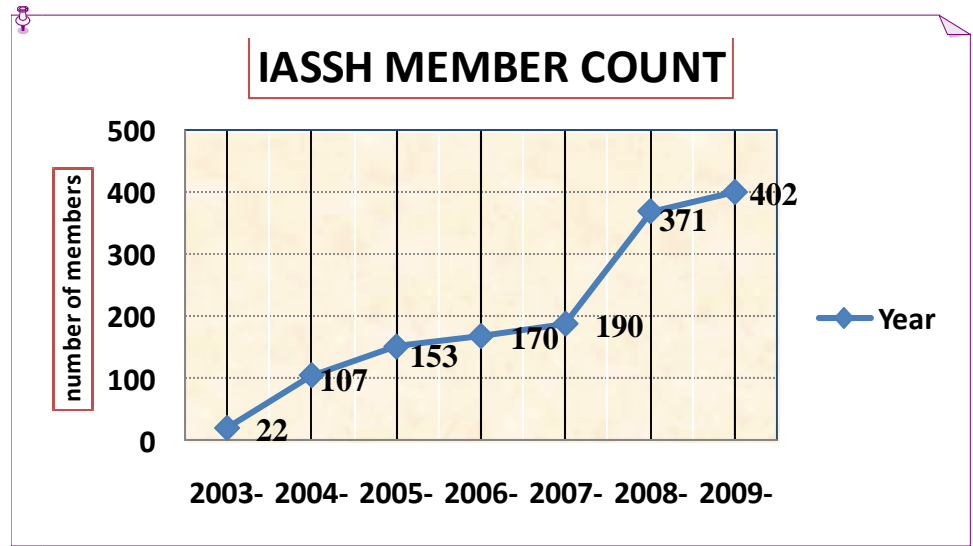
INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH (IASSH)

IASSH NEWSLETTER

IASSH DRUMBEATS

IASSH has successfully held six conferences so far in Tirupati, Mumbai, Delhi, Surat, Bhubaneswar and Pondicherry. Each conference addressed a different theme. In spite of the diversity of our members in their background and disciplines, these conferences promoted a synergy in addressing health issues. IASSH has received the support of UNFPA, UNICEF, GTZ, Packard Foundation, and ICICI Foundation, RBI for holding these conferences. We thank them for their support and participation. Conference details and the abstract of papers are given in IASSH website. Please visit: <http://www.iassh.org>

It is a matter for great satisfaction that the number of life members of IASSH has crossed 400. As of 30 August, 2009 we have 402 Life members. The following graph shows the growth in membership over the past 7 years. Our members belong to different walks of life– Academia, Social work, Government and practitioners of different disciplines. - Sociology, Anthropology, Demography, Economics, Geography, Women’s studies, Health education, Occupational health, Health management etc. In addition we have two institutional members- Minnesota Population Centre, Minneapolis, MN 55455 USA, and Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai. Minnesota Population Centre is the FIRST International institute to join as Institutional member. Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (NIIRH) is the FIRST Indian institute to join as Institutional Member. We request other institutions related to population, health, social development etc to join IASSH as institutional members.



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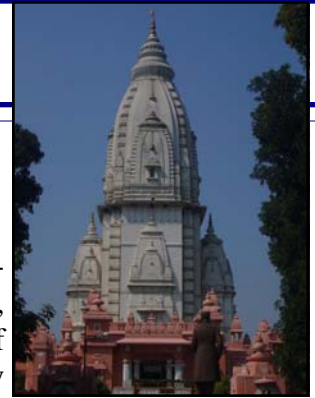
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CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS



IASSH Conference Alert: Seventh IASSH Conference, 2010

Main Theme: Health, Poverty and Human Development

The seventh Conference of IASSH will take place in the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi., U.P. Prof A. K. Pandey, Professor of Sociology and Coordinator, Centre for Inclusive Growth, BHU has agreed to be the Organizing Secretary of the conference. The dates of the conference have not been decided, but it is likely to be in March or April, 2010. The theme, sub-themes and topics to be covered are given below. This conference alert is issued in order to enable members to prepare for their participation in this event. The themes of the symposia and topics of the technical sessions are given below:

Symposia Themes:

- 1. Health, Poverty and Human development Interrelationships**
- 2. Inequalities in Health and Human Development and Attainment of MDGs**
- 3. Public Policies to Improve Health and Human Development**

Technical Sessions:

1. Health and Human Development:

- Globalization and its impact on Health and Human Development
- Investing in Health and Human Development to Reduce Poverty
- Social Exclusion and Poverty

2. Gender, Health and Poverty:

- Gender Inequalities in Health and Poverty
- Gender, Health and Human Development
- Poverty eradication and women and child development

3. HIV/AIDS , Poverty and Human Development:

- AIDS Poverty and human development
- Health and Poverty among the marginalized Group/ communities

4. Strategies and Programs:

- Health, Human Rights and Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Case Studies: Policy Responses and Actions for Health and Human Development
- International Programs on Poverty alleviation and human development

5. Measurement:

- Measuring Poverty, Health and Human Development
- Human development index and well being.

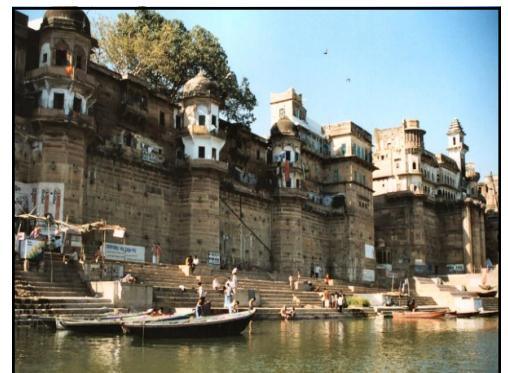
Prepare abstract and await for the dates. Let us meet at VARANASI to get blessings of LORD VISWANATH and have holy dip in GANGA.

Indian Sociological Society (ISS) 35th All India Sociological Conference, October 10-12, 2009: Theme: Identity Development and Nation Building

Venue: University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

Those wishing to present papers may submit their abstracts through any of the 22 Research Committees or Ad hoc group of the ISS, preferably by 10 August, 2009.

For further details and Registration Form, please visit www.insoso.org



IASP CONFERENCE

Thirty First Annual Conference Tirupati, 3-5 November, 2009: Theme: Population and Disease

The **Thirty First Annual Conference of IASP** will be held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati during November 3-5, 2009. The main theme of the conference is **Population and Disease**. The conference would comprise panel discussions and presentation of invited and contributed research papers and posters on the sub-themes listed below:

1. Reproductive health including maternal mortality
2. Child care, morbidity and mortality
3. Adolescent and adult
4. Infectious and Non communicable diseases
5. Epidemiological transition
6. Disease burden – methodological issues
7. Sexual health
8. Methodological issues related to large scale sample surveys health

For more information see IASP website, www.iasp.ac.in. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **September 5, 2009**. The abstract should be sent to the President/General Secretary, IASP on the mailing address: National Institute of Medical Statistics, ICMR, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 029 or by Email to: iasp.nims@gmail.com. The complete paper including the abstract, tables and annexure, if any, should not exceed 15 pages in 1.5 line space. The full papers of the selected abstracts should reach IASP latest by **October 20, 2009**

International Conference on Demography, Culture and Marketing (ICDCM 2010):

CALL FOR PAPERS :

The Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, India (XIMB) announces an International Conference on Demography, Culture and Marketing (ICDCM 2010). Special focus is on Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The conference is scheduled to be held at XIMB during 14-16, December 2010. For more details please see the following website: <http://www.ximb.ac.in/ximb/index.php?id=306#c589>

Abstract submission for oral/poster presentations and symposia starts on Dec 1'2009.

XIMB also invite your participation as reviewers. Those wishing to be reviewers may write to Co-Chair, Programme Board indicating your interest in various tracks at the email address: sandipanand@gmail.com.

For more information please visit <http://sites.google.com/a/ximb.ac.in/icdcm2010>

Population Association of America, 2010 Annual Meeting, April 15-17; Dallas,

The Call for Papers is available on line at www.popassoc.org, click on the Annual Meeting tab. Call for Papers ([PDF](#)) Submissions are to be made online at the [2010 Annual Meeting Program Website](#). Information is also posted for [Travel Awards](#) for overseas participants. Deadline for submissions is **September 21, 2009**.

PAA Board encourages as broad participation in the Annual Meeting as possible. If you would like to serve as a session Chair or Discussant at the 2010 Annual Meeting, please indicate this by sending an email to stephanie@popassoc.org



International Seminar on Social and Health Policies for Equity: Approaches and Strategies, London, U.K , 2-4 November, 2009

This seminar jointly organized by IUSSP and Social Research Centre of the American University in Cairo will address the widening gaps in health inequalities between and with countries and attempt an evaluation and assessment of policies in all sectors and their impact on health, with particular emphasis on the most vulnerable groups. Further details about the seminar are available in the website: www.iussp.org/activities/hequity/call09.php

International Conference on Occupational and Environmental Health, New Delhi, 17-19 December , 2009 More details awaited from Prof T.K. Joshi joshitk45@yahoo.co.in

Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Netherlands: Training Programmes / Fellowships

Health Related Courses :

- **Health Policy and Financing**
- **Human Resources Development**
- **Quality Improvement for Health in Low & Middle Income Countries**
- **Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Disease Control Programmes**
- **Sexual & Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS**
- **Control Strategies for Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases**
- **Health Systems Research**

Please see the website of KIT, also contact Royal Netherlands Embassy for the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP)

PhD opportunities available through the Fiji School of Medicine and Deakin University, Australia

The Fiji School of Medicine in association with Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia invites applications from suitably qualified persons to undertake research on obesity prevention leading to a PhD qualification from Deakin University. The opportunity is available for commencement from September 2009, on a full-time basis for three years. Supervision and support will be provided by Deakin University and Fiji School of Medicine staff.

The specific content areas of the PhD research will be in one or more of the following content areas related to obesity prevention: : Socio cultural analysis, Knowledge translation/health promotion/policy development, Health economics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Program Evaluation. Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia will waive all enrolment fees for the two successful applicants. An annual stipend of FJD25,000 will be provided for each of the three years of candidature, subject to satisfactory progress.

Enquiries and Applications should be mailed to:

Dr Graham Roberts, Director – Research, Fiji School of Medicine, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji. Telephone: (679) 331 1700 ext 1404, (679) 323 3404 or by email to: g.roberts@fsm.ac.fj

UNDP - Asia Pacific Human Development Fellowships

UNDP has instituted two fellowships for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region countries: * **Academic Fellowship 2009** - to analyze issues from the human development perspective, with a focus on fostering creative thinking and innovative research among young people.

* **Media Fellowship 2009** - to contribute to building capacity in the Asia Pacific and support policy through advocacy and dissemination of research that bring people to the centre of development debates.

Deadline: September 1 2009

<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/297512>

IDRC Internship Awards

The awards provide exposure to research for international development through a programme of training in research management under the guidance of International Development Research Centre (IDRC) programme staff.

Deadline: September 12 2009

<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/147195>

FELLOWSHIPS

- **Alive & Thrive (A&T) Small Grants Program**
Funding operational research projects that will identify novel approaches and overcome key barriers to improving infant and young child feeding in low-income countries. These awards will generally be in the range of US\$50,000-100,000.
Deadline: September 14 2009: <http://www.comminit.com/en/node/298913/303>
- **International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) Internships**
Seeking interns to observe and learn about both the United Nations (UN) human rights system and the international human rights non-governmental community. Rolling deadline
:<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/297464>
- **MacArthur Foundation Grants for Population and Reproductive Health**
Focusing on 3 countries (India, Mexico, and Nigeria), these grants - for civil society organizations, NGOs, and institutions engaged in training, research, and policy-related information activities - have 2 themes: * Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity; and * Advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people. Deadline: Rolling deadline:
<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/271821>
- **Ford Foundation International Fellowships Programme**
Providing opportunities for advanced study to individuals who will use this education to become leaders in their respective fields, furthering development in their own countries and greater economic and social justice worldwide. The International Fellowships Programme (IFP) provides support for up to 3 years of formal graduate-level study leading to a masters or doctoral degree.
Deadline: Varies by country
<http://www.comminit.com/en/node/147050>
- **Kellogg Foundation Grants**
Offering grants to organizations that embrace a similar mission of creating communities, systems, and nations in which all children have an equitable and promising future - a world in which all children thrive. A selection of past grants went to communication-centered projects.
Deadline: Rolling : <http://www.comminit.com/en/node/146845/303>
- **Population Council's Health and Population Innovation (HPI) Fellowship Program :**
The program's objective is to support individuals who wish to develop innovative approaches—including action and/or research initiatives and advocacy and communications strategies—in the areas of reproductive and sexual health and rights. Fellows have expertise in a range of disciplines, including the social sciences, medicine and health, management, law, and education. The program calls for submissions of project proposals from interested individuals in India. Contact: Population Council, New Delhi for details .
- **CRY presents National Child Rights Research Fellowship 2009-10, India Closing date: 12 September 2009, Grant Sizes:** In all up-to 10 fellowships for grant sizes ranging from Rs.50, 000 to Rs.1 lakh will be awarded. These will be support grants and fellows are free to continue their primary occupation. Proposals above one lakh will not be reviewed .**Essential requirements:** 1.A three-page proposal, which briefly explains your topic of study, outlines the research question within a framework, proposed methodology, time schedules, a reading list of related literature/existing studies on the subject and a detailed budget. 2.A two-page CV. 3.A sample of your published or unpublished paper/article or any documentation done on a related theme .Please E-mail your application to: research@crymail.org

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Institute of Health Management Research (IHMR), Jaipur:**
IHMR , Jaipur invites applications for the positions of Research Officers and Senior Research Officers with post graduate degree in any of the following areas :Social Sciences ,Population & Reproductive Health Management, Public Health, Economics and Statistics etc. Apply to: The Director, Institute of Health Management Research, 1, Prabhu Dayal Marg, Near Sanganer Airport, Jaipur 302011,Email: jobs@iihmr.org URL: www.iihmr.org
- **Association of Social Health in India -ASHI :** Senior Programme Officer & Assistant Programme Officer .Family Support Services Project Location: Delhi ,http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15459.shtml
- **Public Health Management Institute (PHMI) & Andhra Pradesh AIDS Consortium**
Key Positions Location: Secunderabad, http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15377.shtml
- **Dignity Foundation, Chennai Chapter**
Multiple Vacancies Location: Chennai
http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15374.shtml
- **Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University :**Program Officer Location: Ranchi, Jharkhand
http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15427
- **Family Planning Association of India :**Medical Consultant Location: Mumbai: http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15528.shtml
- **Sevadham Tust, Poona and Association Soeul Emmanuelle, France :**Job Title: Consultant, Poona, <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/res.nsf/db900SID/OCHA-7UMLQM>
- **IMACS :** Consultant Monitoring & Evaluation (HIV/AIDS)
Location: Kishanganj, Last Date: August 21, 2009,http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_15736.shtml
- **Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute**
The Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) is a research institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and located in the centre of The Hague. NIDI undertakes research on population issues of societal relevance. NIDI has advertised a vacancy in the Social Demography Department for a **Senior Researcher Life Course and Demographic Behaviour**. For details please see <http://www.iussp.org/Announcements/9jobs.php>

PUBLICATIONS

- **Managing Change in Health Care Using Action Research** by Paul Parkin, Sage Publications .
- **Social and Behavioural Foundations of Public Health** by Jeannine Correll, Sage Publications.
- **Health Policy: A Critical Perspective** by Iain Crinson, Sage Publications .
- **Addressing Gender Based Violence: UNFPA Strategy and Framework for Action**, UNFPA, 2007
- **State of the World's Population: Reaching Common Ground-Culture, Gender and Human Rights**, UNFPA, 2007
- **The State of the World's Children 2009: Maternal and Newborn Health**, UNICEF, 2009
- **The World Health Report 2008 - Primary Health Care: Now More Than Ever**, WHO, 2008
- **Population, Development and Health in India: Changing Perspectives**, Edited by T.K. Roy, M. Guruswamy and P. Arokiasamy, Rawat Publications, Jaipur

Knowledge Sharing

- **Prof K.S. James** of ISEC was in London School of Economics for two months during May-June as part of an ESRC fellowship. As part of this fellowship programme he also visited other universities in UK, like Cambridge and Southampton and developed future research collaborations.
- **Dr. Poonam Mehta**, EC Member of IASSH completed the Diploma Course in Public Health at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health. Kolkata.
- **Mr. M. R. Balakrishnan**, member of IASSH completed his tour of duty as Consultant for data Processing for the Sudan Population Census in Khartoum, Sudan
- **Dr. A.P Singh**, member of IASSH completed his tour of duty as Chief Technical Adviser for Population Census in Khartoum, Sudan and returned to his position in the Office of Registrar General, India
- **Dr. K. E. Vaidyanathan**, President, IASSH participated in the Workshop on Environment, Health and Development held in University of East Anglia, UK during 15-17 June, 2009 and also spoke on "Environment and Equity in Health in India".
- **Prof C.P.Prakasam**, Secretary IASSH participated as a resource person in the Workshop on "RESEARCH DESIGNS IN HEALTH SCIENCES: CONSTRUCT, CONDUCT AND CRITIQUE" held at the PSG College of Nursing, Coimbatore during 25 to 27 June, 2009, gave a talk on "Qualitative Research Designs in Health sciences. He was also resource person for the National Workshop on "Processing of Data in Social Sciences through SPSS and Development of Population Data bases" organized by Department of Population Studies, S.V.University, Tirupati during 17 to 22 August, 2009.
- **Preeti Misra**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Human Rights, School For Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, U.P., participated and presented a research paper on "Gender Violence and Human Rights-National and International Concerns" in 16th World Congress of International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences held at Kunming, (People's Republic of China) from 27-31 July, 2009.

ICRW ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE

The ICRW Asia Regional Office in New Delhi applies ICRW's mission to the needs of women in the region, and produces new research evidence to inform ICRW's policy recommendations both in the region and globally. The ICRW Asia Regional Office works collaboratively with local and regional partners to conduct research, provide technical support, build capacity and use research evidence to engage in policy dialogue. See the website www.icrw.org/asia for the studies undertaken by ICRW.

Contact: <http://www.icrw.org/asia>



Internet Resources (Publications)



Studies in Family Planning is a peer-reviewed international quarterly concerned with all aspects of reproductive health, fertility regulation, and family planning programs in both developing and developed countries.



Poverty, Gender, and Youth Working Papers continue the tradition of excellent scholarship of the Policy Research Division series. This new series presents results of Council research on such topics as gender and family dynamics, fertility and reproductive behavior, policy development, transitions to adulthood, and urban poverty and health.



Population Briefs, the Population Council's research newsletter, is published three times a year. Findings summarized in the newsletter are drawn from peer-reviewed, published research.



Momentum, published twice a year, highlights Population Council news, research, and institutional activities in the fields of biomedicine, public health, and social science.



The *Frontiers in Reproductive Health (FRONTIERS)* program conducts research aimed at improving the delivery of family planning and reproductive health services in developing countries—with a focus on operations research.



The *Horizons* program conducts global operations research to improve HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and support programs. Horizons publications and resources include research summaries, reports, tools, and manuals.



Quality/Calidad/Qualité is a series that highlights examples of clinical and educational programs that bring a strong commitment and innovative approaches to the issue of high-quality care in sexual and reproductive health.



SEEDS presents innovative and practical program ideas to address the economic roles and needs of low-income women. Projects described in the series strengthen women's productive roles and help integrate women into the social and economic development.



Policy Research Division Working Papers present results of Council research on aging, the environment, gender and family dynamics, fertility and reproductive behavior, policy development, transitions to adulthood, and urban poverty and health.

DONATION

Donations are invited for Young Scholars Award

IASSH has established the tradition of giving awards to TWO Young research scholars for the best research papers in each annual conference. For the purpose of this award young scholars are defined as those who are registered for the PhD programme and are below 30 years of age. In order to continue this tradition we would like to establish a Corpus Fund for this purpose. Donations are invited for this corpus fund. Please address your enquiries to the Secretary IASSH at iassh2004@gmail.com with “Young Scholars Award” on the subject line.

EVENTS

PSG COLLEGE OF NURSING: National Workshop on “RESEARCH DESIGNS IN HEALTH SCIENCES: CONSTRUCT, CONDUCT AND CRITIQUE” Co Sponsored by CSIR, Human Resource Division, New Delhi and TNSCST, Chennai, 25 to 27th June, 2009

The workshop on research designs, constructs, conducts and critique, was initiated with the idea of diffusing the philosophy of research designs and its implications. The workshop was co sponsored by CSIR, Human Resource Division, New Delhi and TNSCST, Chennai. Dr. Radha Krishnan, Director, PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, in his chief guest address during the inaugural expressed the abundance of knowledge and practice of research and the need for intellectual congruence of research designs in Social and Health sciences, as the Physical Sciences overlie on experimentation as they deal with products, but the Health Sciences are more concerned with Human Beings.

Prof. Dr. C.P. Prakasam, (Retired), Department of Public Health and Mortality Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences Mumbai in his key note address acknowledged the realities of conducting the research in Health Sciences and the decision to decipher the design component. Prof. Elizabeth Jean Abraham, Principal, PSG College of Nursing, expressed the significance and responsibility of the research department to programme and propose the issue of research methodology and especially the research designs. Dr. Subhadra Iyengar, Course Coordinator and Head of Department of Research Methodology pronounced the need to understand the design component, its implications and the skills in designing the research studies in Health Sciences. Dr. Vidya Ramachandran gave a talk of qualitative research methods. Dr. Thomas V Chacko, HOD of Community Medicine and MET Department, Dr. Thanga Pandian, Lecturer, Dept of Psychology, Dr. Jemima Mohana Kumar, Professor, department of Nutrition, Dr. Ramamurthy Professor and Head of Department of Biotechnology, Dr. Ramalingam, Principal and Professor of Pharmacology, Dr. Bhuvaneshwarn, Medical Director, Prof. G. Malarvizhi, Head of Pediatric Nursing Department, Prof. T. Nirmala, Vice-Principal, Prof. Tamil Selvi, Head of Medical-Surgical Nursing Department and Prof. Ramanathan, Professor, Department of Pharmacology delivered lectures on relevant topics. The workshop arranged group task and the best award was honored to Dr. Reshmi Sharin, SRF of Ayurveda College, Coimbatore, who presented on Double Blind Research Study.



Dr. Subhadra Iyengar Workshop Coordinator



Prof. Elizabeth Jean Abraham, Principal of PSG College of Nursing, honoring the chief guest Dr. Radha Krishnan, Director of PSG Institute of Advanced Studies.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY ON FERTILITY AND CHILDREN
FROM SELECT INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS, 2008**

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