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## Preface

JEAN-MARIE VAN CANGH

This book is the fruit of two colloquia of the Académie Internationale des Sciences Religieuses (AISR) on the theological theme of Christology, held under the chairmanship of Professor Stuart George Hall. The first colloquium was held at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006. Our stay at Oxford was greatly assisted by the capable services of Mrs Lynda Boyce. Fraternal evenings of discussion were made the more agreeable by the drinks offered by our President, Stuart Hall. He was also our guide to the magnificent town of Oxford on a fine summer afternoon, which ended with an unforgettable Evensong in the superb Oxford Cathedral at Christ Church.

The second of these colloquia, from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007, was held at Princeton Theological Seminary in the University of Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A., on the initiative of Professor Iain Torrance, the President of the Theological Seminary. Professor Torrance is the son of the illustrious and much regretted Professor Thomas F. Torrance (1913-2007), whose memory we here call to mind. He was twice President of the AISR (1972 to 1978) and with the assistance of Professor James McCord organised a colloquium at Princeton in 1982 on the theme of the Creation. We particularly thank Professor Iain Torrance, who welcomed the participants with a cocktail party and festive dinner and invited us to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. We also wish to thank our friend's dynamic and competent staff, Mss. Sharon Kozlowski, Amy Ehlin and Kecelyn Santiago.

In conclusion, I wish to express my warmest thanks to our friend and President Stuart Hall, who has taken charge of the publication of these two learned colloquia, which I hope will mark an important stage in Christological research.