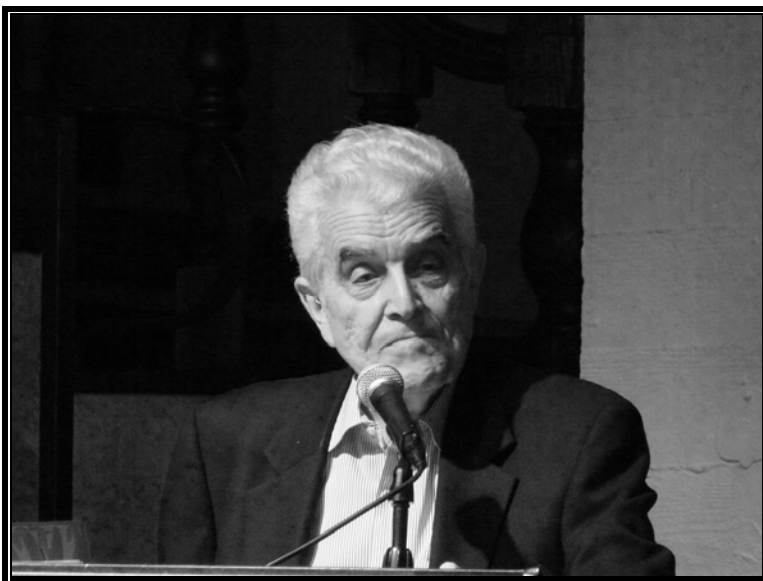




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When the news spread around that René GIRARD had departed this world, obituaries, tributes and reviews sprang up everywhere (for an excellent collection see the COV&R Facebook-Page and the Bibliography here on p. 20). Respect, sadness and recognition of the man and his accomplishments permeated these writings.

We cannot reprint all these, yet the Bulletin wants to honor René GIRARD in its own way. Longstanding friends and collaborators of René and/or important COV&R members plus the new President in his first report and the new Executive Secretary were asked to give their short appraisal of René GIRARD, the man and the scientist. Stories around the sad event of GIRARD's passing constitute the main theme of this Bulletin. Everything else will be found in later pages or in the spring issue. **The preview for the upcoming conference in Australia can be found on p. 12.**

By the way, it might be called a fitting coincidence that the Bulletin will henceforth have a new editor, on whom the membership still has to decide, and will appear in a new format, which will then be announced. As already indicated in the Spring Bulletin of this year, I promise the new editor my full support and thank you, the readers and contributors, for your support during the years.

Nikolaus Wandinger

*COV&R Object: "To explore, criticize, and develop the mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture. The Colloquium will be concerned with questions of both research and application. Scholars from various fields and diverse theoretical orientations will be encouraged to participate both in the conferences and the publications sponsored by the Colloquium, but the focus of activity will be the relevance of the mimetic model for the study of religion."*

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