

Dictionnaire d'Histoire et de Géographie Ecclésiastiques : présentation

I will begin this presentation with a brief historical overview.

DIA Founded in 1912, the *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques*, was printed by the firm Letouzey et Ané (Paris), and first managed in Paris by Mgr Alfred Baudrillart, rector of the Institut Catholique. **DIA** During the Interwar, he subsequently transmitted it to the Université catholique de Louvain. Its rector, Mgr Paulin Ladeuze, entrusted the work to Albert de Meyer. **DIA** De Meyer's successor, the famous historian and Canon Roger Aubert, was the director of the DHGE for almost 50 years! **DIA** In 2005, the university entrusts the responsibility for the Dictionary to the *Revue d'Histoire Ecclesiastique* (UCLouvain & KU Leuven) and appoints prof. Luc Courtois as director.

DIA In 2014, the *Dictionary* was published by the editor Brepols and after digitalization all his content is available online (via the Brepolis site), with a waiting period of about three months for the last published issue. And the Full Index of the DHGE is available on the website of the RHE (www.rhe.eu.com).

DIA In 2020, arrived at volume 32, fascicle 191, the Dictionary has provided 70,000 entries on about 32,000 pages of text. **DIA** Its goal is to give a historical notice on any personage, place or institution linked to the history of Christianity (Catholicism, Protestantism and Orthodox Church). The dictionary covers the five continents and spans a vast chronological period from antiquity to the present day.

The characters that find place in the Dictionary are those who have played a role in the history of the Church: popes, cardinals, bishops, priests, religious, laymen and laywomen; then about saints, martyrs or not, and even heretics, schismatics or unbelievers. The second class of articles admitted to the Dictionary is concerned with the geographical history of christianity. Articles with maps make known the history of the Ecclesiastical Provinces, and diocese. In turn, abbeys, priories, and other famous religious places find in the columns of the Dictionary the history of their foundation and development with, again, the list of abbots, priories or superiors. Finally, articles are devoted to the main ecclesiastical institutions considered here from a purely historical point of view.

DIA A New Formula

Until 2014, the DHGE followed strictly alphabetical order and had arrived at the letters LI... French was the only possible language of publication. Beginning with issue 186 (2015) of tome 32, authors may also publish their records in English. We also accept a limited number of contributions in Italian, Spanish or German per issue. We provide the translations for the rest.

Now to propose a new article to our editorial team, authors can now choose from the following options:

Write an updated or revised version of a previously published lemma (letters A-L). Ex. Giuseppe Garampi, cardinal.

Write a new article which serves to fill important lacunae in past instalments (letters A-L). Ex. Samuel Briscall, anglican chaplain.

Write new entry comprising the letters L-Z, which were lacking up to now. Ex.: Alfred Loisy, theologian.

Why is it interesting for a researcher to write a article in the Dictionary?

DIA First, the DHGE is an A-ranked publication, the highest ranking in the scientific literature. A confirmation : Among the top fifteen American universities in the QS World University ranking, the libraries of fourteen of them have in 2018 a subscription to the DHGE.

DIA Then, your contributions will be published in printed form within the year of final approval and will appear online a few months after.

DIA Finally, accepted articles will be financially rewarded by Brepols Publishers, calculation based on the number of words in the article, excluding the bibliography.

DIA In the dictionary, there are highly developed articles, medium articles and small entries, the latter of which are also very useful because they are sometimes not found elsewhere, at least in English or French.

DIA What makes the difference between a limited article and a more developed article?

The use of historical sources, edited or not, the exclusive mention of secondary literature, or the indication of methodological or historiographical questions. And also, obviously, the importance of the subject to be treated, either by the fame of the character, or by the scope of the subject (country, diocese, city, institution...).

DIA We have also taken care to simplify the guidelines for authors. On two pages, we limit our requests to... See Powerpoint.

Copies need to be submitted electronically, after which authors will not be able to make any changes without financial compensation. Images, graphs, and maps need to be sent as separate documents. Source acknowledgement and legends also belong in a separate document.

DIA As far as an illustration is concerned, there are also some basic rules to follow.

DIA I now quickly present the version of the Dictionary online.

And now we can finally move on to the active moment of this presentation...

Once a theme has been chosen, I suggest that you look for the appropriate documentation so that you can write a short notice and thus become a potential author of the DHGE. If you can't finish today, it will of course be quite possible for you to finish your article when you get back home.

I have added a number of resources, not available in the library or online, on a Google Drive. The title of the pdf is indicative of its content. For the rest, you are invited to look for useful books on the library shelves. You can make copies on the photocopiers at the library entrance. We will give you an update on your harvest afterwards.

To make it easier, I suggest that you work in groups of two. We'll meet back here in we say 45 minutes to hear what you found interesting to collect.

Here are the topics I am submitting to you. But if, through your research, you already have a person, a place or an institution to propose, it is welcome, provided it has not already been covered in the Dictionary, at least recently. You will have to check this online.

DIA Before you start, here are a few suggestions that may be helpful. See Powerpoint.

Who would like to volunteer to take... See Powerpoint