

John Franklin, *Exploration into Spirit: A Power greater than... The history of the Alister Hardy Religious Experience Research Centre and Society* – update.

Originally published in 2006 (AHS, Lampeter), the book has now been brought up to date. The story of the Centre ended, at that time, with the mention in the last chapter, 'Widening the Horizons', of a new research programme, a study of spiritual/religious experience in China. This was an exciting development that Sir Alister Hardy would have welcomed. In his book *The Spiritual Nature of Man* he had said, 'The studies must be applied to other cultures – other faiths' it being vital, he believed, that we should establish whether the characteristics of spiritual/religious experience 'are indeed applicable to mankind as a whole.' Since 2006, the China study has been completed – and the research programme further expanded into what has become known as the Global project, with studies carried out in Turkey, Russia India, Taiwan, Brazil and Japan. The update takes the story on from 2006 to the end of 2013 the chapter 'Widening the Horizons', being devoted entirely to this subject. Meanwhile, much had been happening at home during this time. In particular, 2013 has been quite momentous – a year in which we lost our Director of Research, Dr Greg Barker, thought of leaving the University of Wales Trinity Saint David at Lampeter, and established links with Glyndŵr University at Wrexham. All this is incorporated in the 2nd edition of *Exploration into Spirit*, which has been expanded from 117 pages to 152 pages, and includes an enlarged bibliography and updated appendices. It is hoped that the book will be printed and available in the summer of this year.