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## Preface / Préface

This selection of papers commemorates both the 1991 meeting of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and the University of Calgary's twenty-fifth anniversary, for our meeting formed part of its host university's anniversary celebrations. We hope that this selection from the more than one hundred and twenty papers presented at the 1991 meeting captures something of our Society's lively heterogeneity and the vigor of contemporary eighteenth-century studies.

This issue also marks a new beginning, for it departs from *Man and Nature*, the traditional title for this series of annual volumes. This is the first volume to appear under our new title, *Lumen*, chosen at the Society's 1992 annual general meeting in St. John's to emphasize our focus on the Enlightenment.

We are grateful to those whose generous financial contributions made possible this volume and the meeting it commemorates. At the University of Calgary, we thank the University of Calgary Endowment Fund; the Faculty of Humanities; the Department of English; the Faculty of General Studies; the Department of French, Italian and Spanish; the Faculty of Social Sciences; the Faculty of Education; the Faculty of Graduate Studies; the Department of Drama; the Eighteenth-Century Studies Group; the Faculty of Fine Arts; the Faculty of Management; Le Centre Français; the Department of Religious Studies; the Department of Art; the Department of Classics; the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies; the Department of History; and the Department of Philosophy. We also thank the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Cultural Service of the French Consulate in Edmonton. And though we cannot name all those who generously offered the conference organizers and volume editors their time and expertise, their contributions too are commemorated here.

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Les articles qui composent le présent volume et qui ont été sélectionnés parmi plus de cent-vingt contributions s'inscrivent dans une double conjoncture. Ils commémorent la réunion 1991 de la Société Canadienne d'Étude du XVIII<sup>e</sup> Siècle et le 25<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire de l'Université de

Calgary, la réunion faisant partie intégrante des célébrations académiques de cette dernière. Il est à espérer qu'ils sauront porter témoignage de la vigueur et de la richesse des études actuelles sur le XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle.

La présente livraison marque aussi une renaissance. En conformité avec la décision prise par la Société lors de la tenue de son assemblée générale en 1992 à St. John's, elle abandonne le titre traditionnel, *L'homme et la nature*, que ses volumes portaient antérieurement, pour apparaître aujourd'hui sous celui, nouveau et plus proche des Lumières par son esprit, de *Lumen*.

Nous tenons à témoigner toute notre reconnaissance à ceux et celles qui ont, par leurs généreuses donations, rendu possible la publication du présent volume et la réunion qu'il commémore. A l'Université de Calgary: the University of Calgary Endowment Fund; the Faculty of Humanities; the Department of English; the Faculty of General Studies; the Department of French, Italian and Spanish; the Faculty of Social Sciences; the Faculty of Education; the Faculty of Graduate Studies; the Department of Drama; the Eighteenth-Century Studies Group; the Faculty of Fine Arts; the Faculty of Management; Le Centre Français; the Department of Religious Studies; the Department of Art; the Department of Classics; the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies; the Department of History; and the Department of Philosophy.

Que le Conseil de Recherches en Sciences Humaines du Canada ainsi que le Service Culurel du Consulat Français à Edmonton veuillent bien trouver ici l'expression de notre parfaite gratitude. Enfin, qu'il nous soit donné d'avoir une pensée toute particulière pour ceux et celles qui ont aidé sans compter à l'organisation du congrès et à la constitution du volume. La gentillesse des uns n'a eu d'égal que le savoir des autres.