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The Institute appreciates opportunities to facilitate meaningful scholarly discussion of Mormon studies. One recent instance was its cosponsorship of a conference titled “God, Humanity, and Revelation: Perspectives from Mormon Philosophy and History,” held at the Yale University Divinity School on 27–29 March. The event featured more than two dozen scholars and authors, including several Latter-day Saints. A report of the conference will appear in the next issue of *Insights*.

## UPCOMING EVENT

**12 May 2003:** A set of meetings on the Institute’s Graeco-Arabic Sciences and Philosophy series (GrASP), a part of the Institute’s Middle Eastern Texts Initiative, will be held at the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C. Under the joint sponsorship of the Library and the Institute, the event will include a meeting of GrASP’s international advisory board, a meeting of that board with key Library curators, and a public meeting on the field of Graeco-Arabic sciences and philosophy and on the aims and character of the series. Other possible events remain to be finalized. Watch the Web site for further details.

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION

**The FARMS Review** (vol. 15, no. 1), edited by Daniel C. Peterson, contains reviews of a FARMS publication titled *Uncovering the Original Text of the Book of Mormon: History and Findings of the Critical Text Project*, Terryl L. Givens’s study of the Book of Mormon titled *By the Hand of Mormon: The American Scripture That Launched a New World Religion* (published by Oxford University Press), three books on the Book of Abraham, and an evangelical critique titled *The New Mormon Challenge*, initially treated in the last *Review*. *The FARMS Review* (formerly *FARMS Review of Books*) also includes a study of what was known about chiasmus at the time the Book of Mormon was produced. Beginning with this issue is a section called “Book Notes,” in which brief descriptions of recent books will be given. Available in late April.

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It is hoped that this information will help all interested people to “come unto Christ” (Jacob 1:7) and to understand and appreciate more fully the scriptural witnesses of the divine mission of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.