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Preface

Creation of catalogue

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Introduction

Collection title: British Teilhard Association Archive

Reference code: GB-0033-CSU-D20

Dates of creation: 1918-2003

Extent: 6 boxes

Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Creator: British Teilhard Association

Language of material: English and French

Biography

The British Teilhard Association was founded in 1965 to promote the study of the works, thought and teaching of the priest-scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955), who believed in a dynamic universe moving towards ultimate completion in a cosmic centre of convergence known as the "Omega Point". The Association organised conferences and lectures, workshops and seminars; assisted students with bursaries; and published books and cassettes by and about Teilhard. Local groups of the Association were established in towns and cities to help its membership obtain a deeper understanding of Teilhard's philosophy but the organisation also had a global outlook, with affiliation to the Fondation Teilhard de Chardin in Paris and as a founder member of the European Teilhard de Chardin Centre established in 1989, as well as having close ties with Teilhardians in America, Canada, Australia, India and elsewhere. The Association disbanded in December 2017, although it still maintains a web presence.

Website of the British Teilhard Association:www.teilhard.org.uk

Contents

Trustee accounts and correspondence; papers relating to various redrafts of its constitution; AGM, council and executive meeting minutes; secretary's papers including membership correspondence; annual lectures and conferences; papers relating to the Association's connection to the European Teilhard de Chardin Centre, and correspondence and lists of its various publications, both audio and printed.

Accession details

Donated by Peter Cox, former secretary, 1 April 2019, Acc No Misc.2018/19:100.

Previous custodial history

Stored privately

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Appraisal

Clean duplicates have been removed

Accruals

No further accruals expected

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-CSU-D20, or the collection name British Teilhard Association Archive, followed by the *reference number*

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Official records

D20/A 1 September 1988 - 30 August 1996

Papers of the Trustees of the British Teilhard Association, mostly correspondence on bequests from deceased members, the winding up of the association, and general administrative matters

2 files

D20/B 6 April 1965 - 1995

Papers of the British Teilhard Association constitutions, including drafts of the various revisions of the constitution

1 file

D20/C 3 January 1986 - 25 April 1998

Papers of Annual Council Meetings and Annual General Meetings, including minutes and associated papers:

(1) 3 January 1966 - 2 July 1973

(2) 19 January 1974 - 29 November 1986

(3) May 1987 - 25 April 1998

2 files and 1 volume

D20/D 24 March 1966 - 8 October 1996

Papers of executive meetings, including minutes and associated papers:

(1) 24 March 1966 - 20 March 1974

(2) 25 June 1974 - 28 October 1981

(3) 4 January 1982 - 20 September 1990

(4) 24 January 1991 - 27 July 1998

(5) 9 June 1988 - 8 October 1996 (Correspondence)

3 volumes and 2 files

D20/E 12 May 1981 - 1999

Secretaries' files, including:

2 files

D20/E1 12 May 1981 - 1999

Secretaries' papers, mostly administrative matters on the management of the Association

1 file

D20/E2 1995 - 1998

Membership correspondence, mostly enquiries and membership renewals

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent

1 file

Conferences

D20/F 1971 - 2003

Papers of the British Teilhard Association annual lectures and conferences, including correspondence on their organisation, programmes and transcripts of talks:

- (1) 1971 - 1994
- (2) 14th Annual Conference (1995)
- (3) 15th-16th Annual Conferences (1996 - 1997)
- (4) 17th Annual Conference (1998)
- (5) 18th Annual Conference (1999)
- (6) 19th-20th Annual Conferences (2000 - 2001)
- (7) 21st-22nd Annual Conferences (2002 - 2003)

7 files

D20/G 10 January 1983 - 18 July 2000

European Teilhard de Chardin Centre Papers, mostly papers of European conferences including correspondence on their organisation, programmes and transcripts of talks:

- (1) 1983 - 1988
- (2) 1989 - 1990
- (3) 1991 - 1993
- (4) 1994 - 2000

4 files

Publications

D20/H1 8 July 1918

Typescript draft of a publication by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin entitled "The Priest"
1 file

D20/H2 [late 20th century]

Papers, mostly lists, concerning publications of and by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, as well as lists of audio cassettes of his talks
1 file

D20/H3 [?2000]

Word-processed transcripts of issues of *The Teilhard Review*, Summer 1996 - Winter 1971/2, Spring 1982, Summer 1993
6 files

D20/H4 January 1996 - 13 September 1999

The British Teilhard Association Newsletter, nos. 1-6
1 file

D20/H5

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