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This is an exciting issue. It presents most of the papers delivered at the September 23–25, St. Louis meeting of the International Society for Frontier Missiology. The theme, Insider Movements, focused on a growing awareness of movements to follow Christ that emerge within non-Christian cultural traditions just as Christianity emerged within a non-Christian cultural tradition.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the normal annual executives meetings of the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies, the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, which were joined by the Evangelical Missiological Association, and the ISFM.

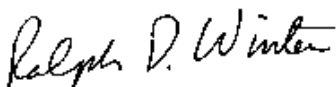
The novel thing about the ISFM is not merely its focus on frontiers of mission. From its beginning two decades ago it has routinely incorporated the student level generation, unlike any of the other meetings. You will find an exciting report of that dimension in this issue.

Please note that the theme of “Insider Movements”—due in part to the radical nature of its concept—is not uniformly praised. Dr. Garrison of the Southern Baptist’s International Mission Board, one of their key thinkers, presented an alternate view. One presentation, my own, addresses what is not usually considered an Insider movement—the need to figure out ways to reach people (on their own turf) with scientific backgrounds.

Rick Brown picks up where he left off in IJFM 21:3; his was not one of the papers presented at the ISFM. And, of course, the various book reviews do not necessarily address Insider strategy. I would call your attention to the one which throws light on the recognition of frontiers by a study of how inventors think.

Finally, the important letter to the editor regarding the Bible and creation reminds us of our issue a year ago (20:4) on the Religion of Science, and how we talk about it.

In the Pursuit of His Frontiers,



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