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We wish to thank the members of the conference organizing committee for all their hard work and volunteer efforts in many roles this past year. Special thanks to Dr. Vaibhav Diwanji, our conference Executive Director. Names and affiliations of committee members are below:

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### **Other Acknowledgements**

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Dr. Kailash Koushik of Christ (deemed to be) University in Bangalore has also been instrumental in facilitating our cooperation with that university. They run an annual media conference called Media Meet which draws people from all over India.

**In Loving Memory of Dr. Kathleen Erndl (1954-2017) Department of Religion**

Florida State University Dr. Kathleen Erndl passed away suddenly in February 2017. She was a founding and continuing member of the organizing committee for this conference. She always made a thoughtful and supportive contribution to our planning, and recruited her students to be part of this event. Her charm, humor, and partnership is greatly missed, but we appreciate all the assistance she gave to students and faculty at FSU and the broader academic community.

