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IAHR

The International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) is a worldwide body of national and regional associations for the academic study of religion, and is a member of the Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines/The International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (CIPSH) under the auspices of UNESCO.

The IAHR was founded in 1950 at the 7th international congress of the history of religions in Amsterdam. During the last World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, 2005, the IAHR grew to 37 national and 5 regional associations - reflecting the international and global diversity of the association.

The IAHR is composed of a General Assembly, an International Committee, and an Executive Committee. The General Assembly meets at each Quinquennial Congress and is composed of all members of constituent societies of the association present at that congress. The International Committee, which consists of two voting delegates from each national or regional association, meets during every Congress to elect the Executive Committee, and to make recommendations on matters of importance to the IAHR. The International Committee also meets once between the congresses. The Executive Committee consists of 12 members, representing major areas of the world, and features as reasonable a gender balance as possible.

The IAHR holds world congresses every five years. The next (the XXth) Quinquennial Congress will be held in 2010. The IAHR also sponsors regional and special conferences during the quinquennial periods, and carries on a tradition of holding its congresses and conferences in as many parts of the world as possible. This serves to support the work of IAHR affiliates, and to encourage international collaboration and intercultural exchange between scholars.

The IAHR seeks to promote the activities of all scholars and affiliates who contribute to the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. As such, the IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetical, or other similar concerns.

Welcome & Announcement

Dear Congress participants, members of the IAHR,

Welcome to the *IAHR Bulletin 39, Toronto Congress Edition* and welcome to the IAHR XXth World Congress in Toronto, Canada, August 15-21, 2010.

Though this print *IAHR Bulletin 39, Toronto Congress Edition*, is 'a limited edition', primarily meant to serve members participating in the IAHR International Committee Meeting as appointed delegates and in the General Assembly as members, my hope is that many more participants will acquaint themselves with the contents of this *IAHR Bulletin*. This *IAHR Bulletin 39, Toronto Congress Edition* can be accessed by all IAHR members and downloaded from the IAHR website.

I hope so because the documents enclosed speak of important developments and discussions within the IAHR; within its elected leadership, within its constituency and thus within the institutionalized academic study of religions around the world. The documents thus constitute important 'source material' for scholars of the historical, social and comparative study of religions and the history thereof.

Another reason for my hope for a broader readership is this: shared knowledge about the past and present history and activities of the IAHR - activities all meant to further the aim of the IAHR, i.e. the promotion of the academic study of religion and the international collaboration of scholars whose work has a bearing on the subject - is a necessary condition for the continuous building and re-building of the IAHR as a global community of scholars with an - ever so contested - shared academic 'identity'.

This *Bulletin* tells about the activities of the IAHR Executive and International committees, especially over the past 5 -10 years, and it thus serves the equally important function of giving you, as a congress participant and IAHR member, a picture of what your elected leadership has accomplished and not, - and what their ambitions and visions for the IAHR may be.

Having said this, I hasten to welcome all participants who are in Toronto primarily to participate in and contribute to the academic program. Some of you have already been actively engaged in proposing and coordinating papers and sessions, and I thank you for that. Your dedication, hard work and engagement as regards the study of religions and the quality of the academic program of the IAHR World Congress is essential to the IAHR and to the furthering of the aims of the IAHR.

As can be seen from the Minutes of the last General Assembly in Tokyo 2005 below, as well as from other similar documents, several IAHR members as well as members of the Executive Committee voiced a wish that the IAHR tighten up its academic profile, in regard to its general policy and its congresses and conferences.

One such voice was that of the Toronto 2010 IAHR World Congress Director, Professor Donald Wiebe, - actively engaged also in the Winnipeg 1980 Congress, the first IAHR

World Congress to take place in Canada, and indeed actively engaged for years in the general business and well-being of the IAHR.

The IAHR XXth World Congress with its telling theme and title "Religion - A Human Phenomenon" and its rich academic program leaves no doubt that Prof. Wiebe together with the Academic Program Chairs, Profs. Ingvild S. Gilhus and Luther H. Martin and the many chairs of the various sections and subsections have all done their very best to help secure the standard and quality of the academic business of the IAHR, the business we are all here to conduct.

I am thus looking forward, with great pleasure and great expectations, to the IAHR World Congress Toronto 2010, to the impressive academic program with its key note lectures, its many and diverse sections, sessions, papers, and - no doubt - stimulating academic discussions and to the important IAHR business meetings.

Part of the Congress, however, is not just the academic discussions following the papers and presentation. Part of the Congress and our academic business is also the many kinds of publications springing from the Congress.

As regards the *Congress Proceedings* and the keynote lectures, the Congress Director and hosting parties, in cooperation with the IAHR Executive Committee and Publications Officer, will contact keynote speakers and be responsible for the publication.

As regards official *Adjunct Proceedings*, the IAHR Executive Committee may invite individual organizers of panels and symposia to propose the publication of Adjunct Proceedings. Subject to approval by the Executive Committee, editors of Adjunct Proceedings are permitted to use the name of the IAHR event in the title or other prominent section of the publication. If you think that your particular panel or symposium is suited for an Adjunct Proceedings, I invite you to send a proposal for Adjunct Proceedings to the IAHR General Secretary and Publications Officer. The proposal should include the name or names of the editor/s, a preliminary table of contents, and the name of the publishing company.

As regards *spin-off volumes* in general, whether formally approved or not, it is assumed that they will acknowledge that the papers therein were presented at the IAHR World Congress. Furthermore, it is requested that a minimum of 3 copies of all spin-off publications be made available to the Executive Committee.

I also request all journal editors and publishers who receive articles and manuscripts based on papers given at the IAHR World Congress to ensure that there is an acknowledgment along the following lines: "This article is a revised version of a paper given at the XXth World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions in Toronto, August 15-21, 2010".

Almost every IAHR World Congress can be seen as a milestone in the IAHR's history, displaying a mixture of, on the one hand, past and more classical approaches and on the other, current trends, fashions, and innovations, - as well as heated debates about the right paths for the (future) academic study of religions.

No doubt the IAHR XXth World Congress, Toronto August 15-21, 2010 will be no exception to the rule. Furthermore, I have no doubt that it will be a significant contribution to proving that the IAHR, as proudly stated in the revised policy statement rendered in this Bulletin, is the "the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present", and thus "not a forum for confessional, apologetical, or other similar concerns."

Allow me to express, on behalf of the IAHR Executive Committee, heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all participants, the keynote speakers included, to everybody engaged in proposing and vetting papers and sessions, and to the members of the various Congress committees.

Thanks are also extended to the Congress patrons, benefactors and sponsors, the Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines (*CIPSH*) included.

Special thanks go to the Congress Director and the Congress Secretariat, to the hosting IAHR member associations, i.e. the *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR)*, *La Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQER)*, and the *Sociedad Mexicana para el estudio de las Religiones (SMER)* as well as to the University of Toronto Department and Centre for the Study of Religion (CSR) and Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion.

Your academic and administrative work, in general and in regard to this IAHR World Congress, is essential to the IAHR.

Tim Jensen
IAHR General Secretary

**IAHR Members & Delegates
to
the International Committee
Toronto 2010**

The following list of IAHR member associations and societies is accompanied by the information on the current presidents and secretaries that I have at this moment.

According to the IAHR Constitution Article 4b, the International Committee is composed of:

- (i) Two representatives each of the constituent national and regional societies;
- (ii) The Executive Committee [...];
- (iii) Up to four individual members co-opted by the International Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The list below indicates names of delegates, specifically designated or not, to the 2010 International Committee that I have received from member associations and societies.

According to the IAHR Rules of Procedure point 5c, the

[...] executive committees of each constituent society appoint no more than two representatives to each International Committee meeting. These are normally, but not necessarily, the president and secretary of the constituent society.

Africa (Regional member association): AASR (African Association for the Study of Religions)

President: Prof. Elom Dovlo

Secretary: Prof. Afe Adogame

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. Afe Adogame

Treasurer: Prof. James L. Cox

Austria: ÖGRW (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft)

President: Prof. Johann Figl

Secretary: Prof. Eva Synek

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Dr. Franz Winter

Designated delegate: Prof. Dr. Karl Baier

Belgium/Luxembourg: Société belgo-luxembourgeoise d'Histoire des Religions

President: -

Secretary: -

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Brazil: ABHR/BAHR (Associação Brasileira de História das Religiões/Brasilian Association for History of Religion)

President: Prof. Lyndon de Araújo Santos

Secretary: Prof. Wellington Teodoro da Silva

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Canada: CSSR/SCÉR (Canadian Society for the Study of Religions/
La Société Canadienne pour l'Étude de la Religion)***

President: Prof. Darlene Juschka

Secretary: Prof. Mike Wilkinson

ONE VOTE ONLY

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Canada (Quebec): SQÉR (La Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion)

President: Prof. Patrice Brodeaur

Secretary: Prof. Denise Lamontagne

ONE VOTE ONLY

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

China: CARS (Chinese Association for the Study of Religion)

President: Prof. Zhuo Xinping

Secretary: Prof. Zhang Xinying

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Cuba: ACER (Asociación Cubana de Estudios sobre la Religión)

President: -

Secretary: -

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Ofelia Perez

***Czech Republic: (Ceska Spolecnost Pro Studium Nabozenstvi/
Czech Society for the Study of Religion)***

President: Prof David Vaclavik

Secretary: Prof. David Zbiral

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. David Zbiral

Treasurer: Prof. Aleš Chalupa

***Denmark: DASR (Dansk Selskab for Religionsstudier/
Danish Association for the Study of Religions)***

President: Prof. Annika Hvithamar

Secretary: Prof. Peter Westh

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Treasurer: Prof. Jesper Sørensen

Designated delegate: Prof. Jeppe S. Jensen

***Eastern Africa (Regional member association): EAASR (Eastern African Association for
the Study of Religions)***

President: Prof. Philemona Mwaura

Secretary: Prof. Newton Kahumbi Maina

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Adam K. arap Chepkwony

Designated delegate: Prof. Sussy Gumo Kurgat

Europe (Regional member association): EASR (European Association for the Study of Religions)

President: Prof. Maya Burger

Secretary: Prof. Kim Knott

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Finland: Suomen Uskotieteilinen Seura/Religionsvetenskapliga Sällskapet i Finland/Finnish Society for Religious Studies

President: Prof. Veikko Anttonen

Secretary: Tiina Mahlamäki

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Veikko Anttonen

Vice-President: Prof. Tuula Sakaranaho

France: Société Ernest-Renan. Société Française d'Histoire des Religions

President: Prof. Dominique Briquel

Secretary: Prof. Charles Guittard

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Germany: DVRW (Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft)

President: Prof. Christoph Boehinger

Secretary: -

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Christoph Boehinger

Designated delegate: Prof. Katja Triplett

Greece: GSSCR (Greek Association for the Study of Culture and Religion)

President: Prof. Nikos Zaharopoulos

Secretary: Prof. Panayotis Pachis

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. Panayotis Pachis

Hungary: Magyar Vallástudományi Társaság/

Hungarian Association for the Academic Study of Religions

President: Prof. Mihály Hoppál

Secretary: Prof. Ábrahám Kovács

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

India: IASR (India) (Indian Association for the Study of Religion)

President: Prof. J. Singh

Secretary: Prof. H.S. Prasad

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. H.S. Prasad

Designated delegate: Prof. Renu Shukla

Indonesia: Indonesian Association for the Study of Research of Religion

President: Prof. Alef T. Wasim

Secretary: Prof. Burhanuddin Daya

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Israel: Israel Society for the History of Religion

President: -

Secretary: -

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Italy: Società italiana di storia delle religioni

President: Prof. Gherardo Gnoli

Secretary: Prof. Giulia Sfameni Gasparro

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Marco Pasi

Japan: Nihon Shukyo Gakkai/

The Japanese Association for Religious Studies

President: Prof. SHIMAZONO Susumu

Secretary: Prof. SAWAI Yoshitsugu

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Latin America (Regional member association): ALER (Asociación Latinoamericana para el Estudio de las Religiones)

President: Prof. Elio Masferrer Khan

Secretary: Prof. Isabel Lagarriga Attias

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Mexico: SMER (Sociedad Mexicana para el estudio de las Religiones)

President: Prof. Rosa del Carmen Martínez Ascobereta

Secretary: Prof. Carlos Garma

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Netherlands: NGG (Nederlands Genootschap van Godsdienshistorici/
Netherlands Association for the History of Religions)***

President: Prof. Gerard A. Wiegers

Secretary: Prof. Kocku von Stuckrad

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. Kocku von Stuckrad

Treasurer: Prof. Willem Hofstee

New Zealand: NZASR (New Zealand Association for the Study of Religions)

President: Prof. Will Sweetman

Secretary: Prof. Erica Baffeli

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Will Sweetman

Designated delegate: Prof. Joseph Bulbulia

Nigeria: NASR (Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions)

President: Prof. R.A Raji

Secretary: Prof. P.O Abioje

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Danoye Oguntola Laguda

Designated delegate: Prof. Augustine Onah Odey

***Norway: NRF (Norsk Religionshistorisk Forening/
Norwegian Association for the History of Religions)***

President: Prof. Knut A. Jacobsen

Secretary: Prof. Asbjörn Dyrendal

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Knut A. Jacobsen

***Poland: Polskie Towarzystwo Religioznawcze/
Soci t  Polonaise de Science des Religions***

President: Prof. Zbigniew Stachowski

Secretary: Prof. Andrzej Wojtowicz

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Romania: RAHR (Romanian Association for the History of Religions)

President: Prof. Andrei Oisteanu

Secretary: Prof. Eugen Ciurtin

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

Russia: Russian Association for the History of World Religions

President: -

Secretary: -

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Slovakia: SS N/SASR (Slovensk  spolo nost' pre st di m n bozenstiev pri
SAVBratislava/Slovak Association for the Study of Religions)***

President: Prof. J n Komorovsky

Secretary: Prof. Vladim r Bahna

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***South and Southeast Asia (Regional member association): SSEASR (South and Southeast
Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion)***

President: Prof. Amarjiva Lochan

Secretary: Prof. Sophana Srichampa

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Amarjiva Lochan

Secretary: Prof. Sophana Srichampa

South Korea: KAHR (Korean Association for the History of Religion)

President: -

Secretary: -

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Vice-President: Prof. Chae Young Kim

Southern Africa: ASRSA (Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa)

President: Prof. David Chidester

Secretary: Prof. Denzil Chetty

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Spain: SECR (Sociedad Española de Ciencias de las Religiones/
Spanish Association for the Sciences of Religions)***

President: Prof. Emilio Suárez de la Torre

Secretary: Prof. José Joaquín Caerols

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Sweden: SSRF (Svenska Samfundet för Religionshistorisk Forskning/
Swedish Association for Research in Comparative Religion)***

President: Prof. Susanne Olsson

Secretary: Prof. Olle Sundquist

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

***Switzerland: SGR/SSSR (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für
Religionswissenschaft/Société Suisse pour la Science des Religions)***

President: Prof. Christoph Uehlinger

Secretary: Prof. Philippe Bornet

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Maya Burger

***Turkey: TÜDTAD (Türkiye Dinler Tarihi Derneği) / TAHR (Turkish Association for the
History of Religions)***

President: Prof. Abdurrahman Küçük

Secretary: Prof. Ali İsmail Güngör

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Designated delegate: Prof. Ali Rafet Özkan

***Ukraine: UARR (Ukrayins'ka Asotsiatsiya Religiyeznavtsiv/
Ukrainian Association of Religion Researchers)***

President: Prof. Anatoliy Kolodnyy

Secretary: Prof. Oleg Buchma

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Anatoliy Kolodnyy

Vice-President: Prof. Liudmyla Fylypovych

United Kingdom: BASR (British Association for the Study of Religions)

President: Prof. Douglas Davies

Secretary: Prof. Bettina E. Schmidt

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

Secretary: Prof. Bettina E. Schmidt

Designated delegate: Prof. James L. Cox

United States: NAASR (North American Association for the Study of Religion)

President: Prof. Willi Braun

Secretary: Prof. Robert A. Yelle

DELEGATES ANNOUNCED:

President: Prof. Willi Braun

Secretary: Prof. Robert A. Yelle

**IAHR International Committee Meeting
Toronto 2010
Wednesday August 18, 2010, 9:00-13:00
(Sidney Smith 2098)**

Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Membership: 2.1. Ascertainment of membership; 2.2. Co-option as recommended by the Executive Committee
3. Minutes of the International Committee Meeting Brno 2008
4. Report by the General Secretary
5. Report by the Acting Treasurer
6. Additional matters of report by the Executive Committee
7. Recommendation of changes to the IAHR Constitution and Rules of Procedure
8. Election of the new Executive Committee
9. Recommendation of new members and affiliates
10. Recommendation of Honorary Life Members
11. Future IAHR Conferences
12. Any other business

Tim Jensen, IAHR General Secretary
Copenhagen May 7, 2010

**IAHR General Assembly
Toronto 2010
Saturday August 21, 2010, 11:00-13:00
(MacLeod Auditorium)**

Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Minutes of General Assembly Tokyo 2005
3. Brief report by the outgoing General Secretary
4. Brief report by the outgoing Acting Treasurer
5. Adoption of new members and affiliates
6. Recommendation of changes to the IAHR Constitution and Rules of Procedure
7. Other recommendations of the International Committee requiring a vote by the General Assembly
8. Report on the conferment of Honorary Life Membership
9. Report on the election of the incoming Executive Committee
10. Public transfer of office to the incoming Executive Committee
11. Brief statement by the incoming President
12. Brief statement by the incoming General Secretary
13. Suggestions from the General Assembly to the incoming Executive Committee
14. Any other business

Tim Jensen, IAHR General Secretary
Copenhagen May 7, 2010

**IAHR International Committee Meeting
Brno, Czech Republic
September 10, 2008**

Minutes of the Meeting

[To be adopted at the next International Committee Meeting in Toronto 2010]
[Preliminarily adopted by the Executive Committee on September 12, 2009, in Messina]

The President, Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett presiding.
Prof. Hackett welcomed the delegates of the International Committee and thanked the congress organizers for arranging the venue of the meeting.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

2. Membership

2.1. Ascertainment of Membership

The following members of the Executive Committee of the IAHR were present: President: Rosalind I. J. Hackett, General Secretary: Tim Jensen, Deputy General Secretary: Ingvild Sælid Gilhus, Membership Secretary: Abraham H. Khan, Internet Officer: Francisco Diez de Velasco, Member-at-Large: Morny Joy.

Apologies from: Vice-Presidents: Gerrie ter Haar & Akio Tsukimoto, Deputy Treasurer Pratap Kumar, and Publications Officer: Brian Bocking;

Absent without apology: Member-at-large: Alef Theria Wasim.

The following member societies and associations had informed the General Secretary that they would send delegates to the meeting:

Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Europe, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Slovakia.

The following representatives of the IAHR member societies and associations were present: Africa (AASR): none; Austria (ÖGRW): Franz Winter; Belgium/Luxembourg: none; Brazil (ABHR/BAHR): none; Canada (CSSR/ SCÉR) [one vote only]: none; Canada (Québec) (SQÉR) [one vote only]: none; China (CARs): none; Cuba (ACER): none; Czech Republic: Bretislav Horyna & David Vaclavik; Denmark (DAHR): Annika Hvithamar; Eastern Africa (EAASR): none; Europe (EASR): Kim Knott; Finland: Tiina Mahlamäki & Veikko Anttonen; France: Charles Guittard; Germany (DVRW): Thomas Hase & Hubert Seiwert; Greece (GSSCR): Panayotis Pachis; Hungary: Bulcsú Hoppál; India (IASR): none; Indonesia: none; Israel: none; Italy: Giovanni Casadio; Japan: none; Latin America (ALER): none; Mexico: none; Netherlands (NGG): Willem Hofstee; New Zealand (NZASR): none; Nigeria (NASR): none; Norway (NRF): none; Poland: none; Russia: none; Slovakia (SSŠN/SASR): Tomas Gal; South Korea (KAHR): none; Southern Africa (ASRSA): none; South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR): Amarjiva Lochan; Spain (SECR): Mar Marcos Santos & Juana M. Torres Prieto; Sweden (SSRF): Susanne Olsson; Switzerland (SGR/SSSR): Maya Burger; Turkey (TAHR): none; Ukraine (UARR): none; United Kingdom (BASR): Marion Bowman & Graham Harvey; United States (NAASR): Luther Martin & Donald Wiebe.

The General Secretary first referred to the IAHR By-Laws, Rule 6, according to which the International Committee, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may allow observers (without voting rights) to participate in its sessions.

Following this, he stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the following persons be allowed as observers with speaking rights:

Kyle Cole (American Academy of Religion), Steffen Dix (Portuguese Association for the Study of Religion), Ülo Valk (Estonian Society for the Study of Religions), and Steven Sutcliffe who had sent a special request to that effect.

The IAHR International Committee unanimously agreed to allow the named persons be present as observers with speaking rights.

2.2 Co-option as Recommended by the Executive Committee

The General Secretary, having referred to the IAHR Constitution § 4biii, on the possibility of the co-option by the International Committee of up to four individual members on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, informed the International Committee that the Executive Committee had no recommendations. No-one was co-opted.

Prof. Hackett concluded that the International Committee had a quorum, and the General Secretary, Prof. Jensen ascertained that the meeting had been announced and called (February 17, March 18, June 12, and August 11, 2009) in accordance with the IAHR By-Laws, Rule 3d by the General Secretary on behalf of the President.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting, Tokyo 2005 (published in the IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, August 2008, pp. 3-13)

The General Secretary, Prof. Jensen, having stated that the minutes of the meeting in the IAHR International Committee in Tokyo, March 27, 2005 had been sent to the members the first time on November 1, 2005, i.e. in accordance with the IAHR By-Laws Rule 20b, asked the participants if the minutes could be adopted.

The minutes were unanimously adopted.

4. Report by the General Secretary (published in the IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, August 2008, pp. 14-35)

Prof. Jensen initially announced the passing away of IAHR Honorary Life Members, Profs. Manuel Marzal and Åke Hultkrantz, and, January 4, 2008, of IAHR Treasurer, Prof. Gary Lease. Prof. Jensen added that a memorial service in honour of Prof. Lease had taken place in Santa Cruz February 2. The President, Prof. Rosalind I.J. Hackett as well as the General Secretary had been present, extending condolences from several IAHR related scholars and officers around the world to Prof. Lease's wife and family. Among the speakers at the memorial service were Profs. Luther H. Martin, Russell T. MCutcheon, and Tim Jensen. Also present were Profs. Donald Wiebe and Marsha Hewitt.

Prof. Jensen called for a minute's silence in honour of Prof. Lease.

Thereafter, Prof. Jensen referred the participants to his detailed report in the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, August 2008* pp. 14-35. Since several matters reported would be dealt with in other items on the agenda, he restricted his oral report to a few selected issues:

4.1. IAHR Executive Committee Meetings

The current IAHR Executive Committee had held four meetings since its In-Coming Meeting in Tokyo, March 28, 2005. The minutes of these meetings, Prof. Jensen added, are, in

accordance with the IAHR By-Laws Rule 20c, circulated to the members of the Executive Committee only.

4.2. Finances and Membership Dues

Due to the severe financial situation of the IAHR, reported by the former General Secretary and the Treasurer in *IAHR Bulletin*, 38, March 2005, Tokyo Congress Edition, pp 38-40, and pp. 45-49), the In-Coming Executive Committee was compelled to prioritize action on improving the finances. Consequently, already at its In-Coming Meeting in Tokyo, it had taken steps in that direction, and the finances were carefully discussed and monitored at every subsequent meeting. Thus, a Finance Sub-Committee (the Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer, the General Secretary, and the Membership Secretary) had been set up in Tokyo, in order to coordinate and oversee the total effort to improve finances, and to provide the Executive Committee with a budget for the period up to 2010.

Though not all of the intentions of the Executive Committee materialized, the financial situation indeed had, as can be seen from the Treasurer's report (*IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 36-44) improved: in Tokyo (February 25) 2005 the balance on the checking account was \$32.681,11 (+ IAHR African Trust Fund \$10.957,01). In Brno 2008 (August 17), the balance on the checking accounts (USD account and €account) was close to \$62.783 (+ IAHR African Fund \$ 11.042 + IAHR Endowment fund \$1.695). So: while the net result for 2000-2005 was - \$23.429, the net result for 2005-2008 was (at a minimum) ± \$33.158.

The improvement, Prof. Jensen said, was occasioned by three factors: a) the new *NUMEN* agreement with Brill Publishers, b) a severe reduction in expenses, - a reduction, however, made possible to a large degree because the members of Executive Committee so far had been able to finance the larger part of the costs related to the execution of their duties themselves, and c) a more pro-active billing policy, at least somewhat effective in regard to payments of past and present dues.

The aforementioned reduction in expenses, especially those related to the travel costs of the Executive Committee members going to meetings, Prof. Jensen added (cf. *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp.31-32), did, however, constitute a problem in itself, and it might not be possible to continue in this way in the future: in principle, of course, it is a problem that the IAHR functions only if the members of the Executive Committee help finance the IAHR indirectly by way of paying themselves the larger part of the expenses related to the execution of their duties. Furthermore, the fact that this is how it has been for many years, and the fact that this has so far at least been a necessity in order for the IAHR to function, might have implications for the implementation of the democratic aspirations of the IAHR. Though a problem especially in regard to the duties to be performed by the General Secretary, the President and to a certain degree also the Treasurer, the problem in fact was of relevance also for other IAHR officers. Not each and everyone have the means required to be an active member of the IAHR Executive as well as of the International Committee.

Moreover, this way of covering the expenses (not by regular income but by these hidden 'contributions' by the officers themselves) and strengthening the finances may soon come to an end, dependent as it is on the financial situation of the respective universities and departments and on their continued willingness to support the officers in question.

Consequently, the IAHR has to find other means to help cover the mentioned expenses, and the new source of income, the *NUMEN* honorarium, therefore is a most welcome resource.

As for membership dues: collecting the dues by way of a pro-active annual billing, and notifying, time and again, members in bad standing, i.e. members that had not paid for several years before and after the change to the IAHR Constitution in 2005 (making voting rights a

privilege of paid-up members) undoubtedly had a positive effect. Yet, too many member associations were still not paid up - and most of those not paid-up had never taken steps towards paying up, nor approached the IAHR Executive in order to find a possible solution to the problem, nor responded to the e-mail messages from the Treasurer and the General Secretary. Though the dues are too small to function as a basis for the financing of the IAHR activities, the symbolic value of dues paid (and *not* paid) nevertheless should not be underestimated, and (cf. the General Secretary's report pp. 32, and pp. 22-23) the Executive, as well as the International Committee, most likely will have to discuss whether the measurements taken in Tokyo 2005 (making voting rights dependent on the member associations being paid up or not) are sufficient.

Prof. Jensen, before ending this part of his oral report, added that the Executive also had set up a fund-raising sub-committee, and that it was his hope that this committee would come up with ideas on how to improve external funding. Though the IAHR still received some grants from the CIPSH, the CIPSH could not be trusted to grant money for ever. Besides, the CIPSH grants, normally (at a maximum) some 2. - 3.000 Euro or USD earmarked for IAHR-sponsored regional and special conferences, primarily functioned as a type of 'seed money'.

4.3. NUMEN, Numen Book Series, and Science of Religion: Abstract and Index of Recent Articles (SoR).

Prof. Jensen, referring to pp. 27-29 in his written report, reported on the negotiations concerning new agreements on *NUMEN*, the Numen Book Series, and SoR with Brill Publishers. He stressed that despite the fact that the IAHR Executive Committee had conceived of *NUMEN*, the Numen Book Series, and SoR as an IAHR/Brill 'package' and (strong) 'brand', Brill Publishers eventually wanted to continue the cooperation with the IAHR only in regard to *NUMEN*.

Consequently, the IAHR no longer has anything to do with the Numen Book Series, nor with SoR. The IAHR thanks the editors of the Numen Book Series (Profs. Knott, Engler and Kumar) as well as of the SoR (Prof. Triplett and the other editors) for their many years of hard work in the service of the IAHR and Brill Publishers.

As regards *NUMEN*, the IAHR Executive Committee is happy about the outcome of the negotiations, conducted by the Publications Officer Prof. Bocking and the General Secretary, Prof. Jensen, with Brill Publishers: In respect of overall direction and editorial control, the current arrangements will continue, whereby the elected Executive Committee of the IAHR is the *NUMEN* Editorial Board, and *NUMEN* thus remains the journal of the IAHR and its membership. At the same time the arrangement is a great improvement in terms of money, and it is a welcome boost to the IAHR finances.

Prof. Jensen extended his thanks to the current managing editors of *NUMEN*, Profs. Benavides and Thomassen, as well as to the Review Editor, Prof. Burger, for their service and continued efforts to help make *NUMEN* the preeminent journal for the historical and comparative study of religions. He also welcomed Prof. Hammer who will succeed Prof. Thomassen who has decided to step down by the end of 2008.

Prof. Jensen extended a special thanks to the Publications Officer, Prof. Bocking for his efforts during the negotiations with the Brill Publishers, and he added that he and Prof. Bocking had taken steps to explore the possibilities to institute a new IAHR book series with a new publisher. Finally, he extended his thanks to Brill Publishers for past and present cooperation, adding his wishes for a good many years of fruitful cooperation in regard to *NUMEN*.

4.4. IAHR policy statement

Prof. Jensen, referring to the wish expressed at the International Committee Meeting in Tokyo to tighten up the IAHR policy statement and academic profile, reported that the IAHR Executive Committee had revised the policy/mission statement accordingly, and he quoted the last paragraph:

The IAHR seeks to promote the activities of all scholars and affiliates who contribute to the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. As such, the IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetical, or other similar concerns.

The next step, he added, is to consider whether this revision should be reflected also in the IAHR Constitution, Article 1.

4.5. Meetings and contacts with current IAHR members and potential members

Referring to his report pp.17-22, Prof. Jensen briefly reported on his and the President's efforts to attend the conferences of and have meetings with the IAHR member associations and societies, as well as on the efforts to help reorganize and revitalize member associations and to help establish new national associations. He welcomed the reorganization of the New Zealand Association for the Study of Religions (NZASR), and, commenting briefly on the efforts to get in contact with the Taiwan Association for Religious Studies (TARS), said that he would come back to the problems related to member associations that are neither paying their fees nor responding to e-mails from the IAHR.

4.6. The Women Scholars Network

Prof. Jensen reported how Profs. Hackett and Joy had expressed an interest in establishing a network for women scholars, and how, after some years of preparatory work, the Women Scholars Network was launched in 2007.

The purpose, as spelled out at the website of the network at <http://www.iahr.dk/wsn/>, reads: "This network has been founded to provide a forum for women in Religious Studies throughout the world to be in contact with one another. So, the basic aim is to encourage scholarly exchange, as well as to help solidify friendships that have begun at various IAHR conferences in different countries and regions. We hope to provide a venue for dialogue on topics of mutual academic and professional interest."

Prof. Jensen added that the network already had proved useful and attracted the interest of quite a few women scholars, and he added that it is the hope of the IAHR Executive Committee that the IAHR Women Scholars Network will thrive and be an important help and resource to women scholars. He extended his thanks to those engaged in developing and maintaining the network, particularly Prof. Joy and her graduate students.

Finally Prof. Jensen extended his thanks to the many IAHR member associations, officers and members-at-large actively supporting and furthering the aims and goals of the IAHR in so many ways: their excellent scholarship, their research and publications on religion, their organization of national and regional conferences, some IAHR-sponsored, some not, their continued support of the IAHR by way of the payment of membership dues, and their communication to their individual members of news from and about the IAHR.

Prof. Hackett thanked the General Secretary for his work and his report and proposed that it be formally adopted. The report was unanimously adopted.

5. Report by the Treasurer

Due to the tragic passing away of the IAHR Treasurer, Prof. Gary Lease, Prof. Jensen, being the second signatory to the IAHR bank accounts, had gone to Santa Cruz, CA, to transfer the IAHR accounts to another bank. Since the Deputy Treasurer, Prof. Pratap Kumar at the time

did not know where he would be working and living in the years ahead, and since it is no easy matter to establish a separate IAHR bank account, the IAHR accounts were transferred to the bank used by Prof. Jensen in Copenhagen.

Consequently, though the Deputy Treasurer, Prof. Pratap Kumar had been appointed Acting Treasurer by the Executive Committee, the daily business pertaining to the bank accounts of the IAHR, i.e. paying, receiving, registering and counting money, as well as dealing with the CIPSH, had stayed with the General Secretary. Therefore, the Treasurer's report had also been prepared by the General Secretary.

Prof. Jensen had divided the report (cf. the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 36-44) in three sections: A. Accountings (36-39), B. Assets (40-42), and C. Dues Accounting (42-44). The report was, on the one hand, based on and reproducing past reports and records by the late Treasurer, and, on the other, based on Prof. Jensen's own records, beginning February 1, 2008. Prof. Jensen, stressing that the accountings had not been audited, and that not all details (e.g. transfer fees since February 2008) had been included, added but a few comments to what he had already said in the General Secretary's Report about the IAHR finances:

5.1. Accountings

Prof. Jensen briefly mentioned the figures indicating the reduction in expenses, and noticed with satisfaction the new source of income, the new *NUMEN* contract, including the one-off payment (some 15.000 Euro), and the annual honorarium of some 7.500 Euro (1.504 Euro per issue).

5.2. Assets

Having once again mentioned the improvement (from a net result in Tokyo 2005 of minus USD 23.429 to a net result in Brno of plus USD 33.158), Prof. Jensen stated, with reference to the note (p. 41) on the IAHR Endowment Fund, that it was the intention of the IAHR Executive Committee to transfer the amount of money (some 6.000 USD in total in 2000, another 1.000 BP in 2005, and yet another 500 in 2007 plus extra contributions over the years from Jonathan Z. Smith) destined for an IAHR Endowment Fund from the general account to a special account. The rules and regulations for an Endowment Fund, furthermore, had to be drafted, maybe with an eye to the rules and regulations already in place in regard to the IAHR African Trust Fund.

5.3. Dues Accounting

Rather than repeating what he had already said about dues, annual dues billing, and the problem with members not paying their dues, Prof. Jensen mentioned the member associations that remained delinquent: Belgium/Luxembourg (not paid since 2001), Brazil (missing since entry, or at least since 2000), Cuba (missing since 1999), France (missing since 1996), India (missing after reorganisation 2005), Indonesia (missing since 1996), Israel (missing since 1999), Nigeria (missing since 2000), Romania (missing since entry 2005), South Korea (missing since 2000), and Ukraine (missing since 2000), - adding that France and India had promised to pay up either while in Brno or immediately after.

Still, Prof. Jensen added, the pro-active annual billing had helped, and it was the opinion of the Executive Committee that a fixed date as well as regular billing might be of help not just to the majority of members that always paid their dues but also to those that so far seemed never to do so.

Prof. Hackett thanked the General Secretary for taking care of the daily business of the treasury and for his report and proposed that it be formally adopted. The report was unanimously adopted.

6. Additional Matters of Report by the Executive Committee

Prof. Jensen reported on some of the discussions and decisions taken at the most recent Executive Committee Meeting in Brno, September 6-7, 2008:

- The Executive Committee had decided to produce a print IAHR Bulletin for Toronto 2010 as well as to produce an up-dated version of the IAHR pamphlet.

- Following up on previous discussions - on the Women Scholars Network, and on the situation in various member associations - it had been decided to try to also set up a 'Young Scholars Network', and Prof. ter Haar had kindly offered to play a key role in this during the phase of establishment.

- With reference to the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 20-22, and to the Treasurer's Report on members not paid up (pp. 42-43), the Executive Committee considered the following member associations and societies in need of special attention (partly because they had not paid their dues for a longer period of time, partly because they did not respond to e-mails from the Executive Committee on any matter):

Belgium/Luxembourg, Brazil, Cuba, Indonesia, Israel, Nigeria, South Korea, and Ukraine.

Due to the 2005 decision and addition to the Constitution, the aforementioned members as well as a few others had by now lost the right and privilege to vote, at least at the International Committee Meeting in Brno 2008. Obviously, the change to the Constitution as well as the proactive billing policy had not been quite sufficient to solve the problems with all of the members not paying their dues. Moreover, the Executive Committee had agreed, this was not 'just' a question of money: If a member society, as far as can be judged from lack of payment of dues and lack of communication, seems in disarray or defunct, then a question arises: how many years should the Executive Committee try to communicate (in vain) before drawing the conclusion that as far as the IAHR is concerned this society is actually defunct and no longer to be counted as a member? And, what about the funding of officers from such a non-paying member society? Should the IAHR or the organisers of IAHR sponsored conferences subsidise the participation of officers (and members at large) from such member societies? Prof. Jensen related that the IAHR Executive Committee had not reached a final conclusion on these issues. It had, though, been decided to take up the issue again at the next annual meeting as well as to share the concerns and thoughts of the Executive Committee with the International Committee as well as (in the reports, minutes and also in dues notices) with the member societies in question. Besides, the IAHR Executive Committee asked the IAHR regional associations to help coordinate efforts to get in contact with the members in question as well as to coordinate efforts to revitalize or reorganize member associations in disarray. If some organisations are defunct, for example, because some officers are retiring or not responding to requests from the IAHR, extended efforts to engage younger scholars must be made.

- Prof. Jensen, with reference to the IAHR Constitution, Article 4, and the IAHR By-Laws, Rule 16, as well as the specific section on 'Nomination Procedure for the Executive Committee of the IAHR' (<http://www.iahr.dk/nominations.htm>) announced that the Executive Committee has appointed Prof. Giulia S. Gasparro, Prof. Armin W. Geertz, and Prof. Jan G. Platvoet members of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

- Prof. Jensen related that James L. Cox had handed over to him, for the files, a written report of the African Association for the study of Religions. Prof. Jensen extended his thanks to Prof. Cox who was unavoidably absent from the International Committee Meeting.

7. Recommendations of new Members and Affiliates

Prof. Jensen initially explained that the current Executive Committee when taking office had noticed that the IAHR Constitution Article 3 differentiates between members and affiliates. *Members*, according to Article 3A, are "national or multi-national (regional) societies for the academic study of religions. These are such societies as are now members and such societies as apply for membership and, on recommendation of the Executive and International Committees (see below), may be admitted by the General Assembly at future International Congresses." Members, then, 'constitute' the IAHR. However, according to the IAHR Constitution Article 3B, there is another way to 'connect' to the IAHR, namely by way of 'affiliation'. The article reads: "To the IAHR may be affiliated:(a) International associations for the academic study of particular areas within the history of religions; (b) Individual scholars for whom there is no appropriate national or regional society. Affiliation is effected by the application to the Executive and International Committees and by approval of the General Assembly."

This differentiation between members and affiliates, Prof. Jensen continued, was something the Executive Committee wanted to make use of, reasoning that it opened up for scholarly cooperation and coordination with international bodies of scholars the activities of which otherwise might compete and collide with IAHR activities.

However, since the possibility thus latent in the Constitution so far had not been utilized, the IAHR By-Laws held no specific rules and regulations in regard to affiliates of that kind. The Executive Committee had decided to enter into exploratory talks with potential affiliates and actual applicants on the contents of such rules and regulations. These talks were on-going, and the Executive Committee planned to put before the International Committee at its meeting in Toronto a proposal for relevant rules.

At its meeting in Brno September 6-7, 2008, the Executive Committee decided on the following provisional rules: Affiliates to the IAHR with a membership under 50 are to pay an annual fee of 1 USD per member. Affiliates to the IAHR with a membership over 50 are to pay an annual fee of 100 USD. Affiliates have no seats and votes in the International Committee and the General Assembly, but they may, having notified the IAHR Executive, send one observer to meetings in the International Committee as well as to the General Assembly. Upon application, the observer may be granted speaking rights. Affiliates to the IAHR have the right to hold their business meetings in conjunction with and during an IAHR World Congress, and they also have the right to, in agreement with the organising committee, have one or more sessions/panels during the congress. Furthermore, they have the right to announce conferences and publications at the IAHR website.

Prof. Jensen then turned to the actual applications for membership and affiliation from:

- the *Eesti Akadeemiline Usundiloo Selts/The Estonian Society for the Study of Religions (ESSR)*, established and adopted as member of the EASR in 2006,
- the *Associação Portuguesa para o Estudo Das Religiões/Portuguese Association for the Study of Religions (APER)*, established and adopted as member of the EASR in 2007, and
- the *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*,

the application for affiliation from

- *The International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR)*,

and the application for individual membership from

- Dr. *Niru Kumar Chakma*, Department of Philosophy, Dhaka University, Bangladesh.

Prof. Jensen announced that the *ESSR* applied for IAHR membership in an e-mail dated July 26, 2006, the *APER* in an e-mail dated September 19, 2007, the *AAR* in a letter dated August

12, 2008 (sent by an e-mail dated August 18, 2008), and the *IACSR* in an e-mail dated October 7, 2007. Dr. Niru Kumar Chakma had applied in an e-mail dated July 15, 2008. Prof. Jensen announced that he had received all the necessary documentation from the applicant societies.

Prof. Jensen, furthermore, announced that the Executive Committee recommended the adoption of the applicant member societies, the ESSR, the APER and the AAR, as well as the affiliation of the *IACSR*. It did not, however, recommend the affiliation of Dr. Niru Kumar Chakma since it was the opinion of the Executive Committee that Dr. Niru Kumar Chakma could become a member to an existing IAHR association, namely the SSEASR.

Prof. Jensen continued saying that while the applications from the ESSR and the APER most likely did not come as a surprise since the ESSR and the APER had already been adopted members to the EASR, itself a regional member association of the IAHR, then the application from the AAR probably had come as a surprise to some members of the International Committee for various reasons. He added that he no saw no reason to hide the fact that the Executive Committee had also been surprised when first learning that the AAR intended to seek membership to the IAHR, and that the Executive Committee had discussed this application more thoroughly than it had discussed most other applications for membership: the sheer size, economic volume and power of the AAR, its likely status, in the eyes of many an IAHR member, as the 'significant (theological) other', and the problem of having two member associations from North America/the USA, no doubt did make this application somewhat special.

However, Prof. Jensen added, the application had not come out of the blue. It had come in the wake of two years of exploratory and informal meetings between the IAHR General Secretary and President on the one hand and AAR staff members on the other, meetings meant to explore possible future ways of cooperation between the AAR and the IAHR.

And, Prof. Jensen, stressed, these meetings had from the outset been conducted with the full knowledge and acceptance of the NAASR leadership, and the AAR, also from the very beginning, had expressed its wish to do nothing that might conflict with the interests of the NAASR. The minute it became clear that the AAR wanted to become a member rather than 'just' finding possible ways of cooperation, the NAASR leadership had been informed and the issue thoroughly discussed. To the IAHR Executive Committee, the opinion of the NAASR then had been and still was pivotal, and the fact that the NAASR leadership was in total support of recommending the adoption of the AAR was, therefore, an important factor as the Executive Committee took the decision to recommend the adoption of the AAR as a member to the IAHR.

Prof. Jensen added that the NAASR delegates, Profs. Donald Wiebe and Luther H. Martin, and the AAR staff member, Kyle Cole, had had very promising meetings while in Brno, and that these meetings, facilitated as they were by the IAHR, already seemed to have benefited the NAASR/AAR cooperation during AAR Annual Meetings.

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When Prof. Hackett asked the International Committee whether it could recommend the adoption of the AAR, several members took the floor to ask questions and speak their opinion. A lively and lengthy discussion arose:

Prof. Seiwert said that he thought the application from the AAR had been sent very close to the present meeting, and that it had come to him and the members as a surprise. Since it was, he opined, of no small importance to the members and to the IAHR whether the AAR became a member or not, he recommended that a decision on the matter be postponed until the meeting in Toronto in 2010, thus allowing for discussions also within the IAHR constituent societies. The opinion and suggestion of Prof. Seiwert was supported by several other members, *inter alia* Prof. Bowman, Prof. Anttonen, Prof. Valk, and Prof. Hofstee. Prof. Bowman, furthermore, asked why the AAR could not be affiliated instead of being a member, and Prof. Harvey asked what might possibly happen if the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL) decided to renew its cooperation with the AAR? Prof. Casadio raised the question of the USA/North America having two members, and Prof. Valk asked why the AAR wanted to become a member now and not earlier, and if there had been some special problems in the past? Prof. Bowman, furthermore, said that she considered the theological/confessional aspects of the AAR problematic, and Prof. Knott too was concerned about this, asking if the AAR constitution could be reconciled with the IAHR constitution. Prof. Lochan asked if the AAR if adopted would pay but the same small fee as did the smaller and much poorer societies, and Prof. Valk saw it as a problem to have a member association with thousands of individual members when other member associations, e.g. the Estonian, had but some 50 members.

Prof. Jensen suggested that the AAR delegate, Kyle Cole, as well as the two NAASR delegates, Profs. Wiebe and Martin, expressed their opinion. Due to a poorly-functioning microphone, not all of what Kyle Cole said could be heard and recorded, but he stressed that in spite of possible past problems and disagreements between the NAASR and the AAR, and between the AAR and the IAHR, the current AAR leadership was intent on establishing nothing but the very best relations to the NAASR as well as to the IAHR, that it was the opinion of the leadership that cooperation with the IAHR would be easier and more fruitful if the AAR was a member, and that the AAR furthermore was prevented from sponsoring or helping sponsor (financially) various IAHR initiatives and projects if not a member. Prof. Wiebe said that there had been some earlier protectionist interest in AAR against NAASR and the IAHR. NAASR (and Profs. Wiebe and Martin) had actually tried to find ways to cooperate with AAR for decades, and he (Wiebe) had at the same time been amongst the most severe critics of the theological/confessional aspects of the AAR. Prof. Wiebe added that most likely he had written more against the AAR and its religiosity than any other living being. Yet he was convinced that now was the time for a change, that the AAR leadership had changed, and though he was still unhappy about the theological aspects that might still be found in the AAR, he did not find it more problematic nor different than what he was sure could be found in quite a few existing IAHR member societies. Prof. Martin added that he, Prof. Wiebe and the NAASR were happy with the negotiations between AAR, NAASR and IAHR, and strongly supported the recommendation of the AAR as a member to the IAHR

Following this discussion, Prof. Jensen said that he had but the greatest respect for the concerns of the members as well as for the seriousness with which they engaged in this important discussion. Likewise, he added, he had but the greatest respect for their wish to have time to discuss the issue with their own national constituencies before taking a decision, and he mentioned that the discussion had reminded him of the discussion in Hildesheim in 1998 when the delegates from the European associations turned down a proposal to establish

an European association because they had not had the time for a thorough discussion before being asked to take a decision.

Though thus understanding and respecting their wish to postpone the decision, once again stressing that he as well as the IAHR Executive also considered the adoption of the AAR something special, and that the Executive Committee therefore had gone considered and discussed the matter equally seriously and thoroughly as now the International Committee, Prof. Jensen, nevertheless, wanted to explain why he was so strongly in favour of adopting the AAR: the AAR, no doubt, was a very powerful association and it exercised its influence far beyond the borders of the USA. It had, some years ago, launched an international strategy, it had an international committee, and its annual meetings attracted scholars from all over the world, - also scholars who were members of the AAR, scholars from weak economy countries, and scholars whom the IAHR had a hard time attracting because the IAHR did not have the means and did not have an annual congress. But all this, Prof. Jensen argued, was exactly one of the reasons reason why the AAR should be adopted: The AAR was much too powerful *not* to adopt and include.

In regard to possible theological aspects within the AAR, as well as to other issues raised, Prof. Jensen argued that if the AAR became a member of the IAHR, the AAR, just like any other member association, would have to comply with the IAHR constitution, rules and regulations.

Not least, Jensen argued, the AAR leadership really seem to have changed, and he as well as the President agreed that the negotiations with the AAR had shown that the AAR leadership did not want to 'take over', - neither the IAHR nor the whole world. The application for membership was not another strategic move in an unbridled 'US imperialism'. Prof. Jensen, furthermore, remarked that at the time when he was the General Secretary of the EASR and present at the occasion when the AAR formally launched their international strategy, he had, in vain, tried to encourage the then AAR and IAHR leadership to find ways to cooperate, just like he had recommended to the AAR International Committee to consider some kind of cooperation with the EASR.

What, though, was not possible some few years ago, now had become possible, and with the now total support and recommendation from the NAASR, Prof. Jensen could not but strongly recommend the International Committee to recommend the adoption of the AAR to the General Assembly.

As for the questions raised in regard to the size of the annual due to be paid by the AAR, Prof. Jensen explained that as it was now, the annual fee was 1 USD per individual member of the national associations, though with a minimum of 100 USD and a maximum of 500 USD. There was, Prof. Jensen added, nothing that prevented any member association from adding extra money to these amounts, and the current size of the fees naturally may be discussed and negotiated. As for the size of the member association, not in regard to the size of the fees, but in regard to influence, Prof. Jensen briefly mentioned that each member society (with the exception of the two Canadian societies), independent of the number of their individual members, had two votes in the International Committee. As for the problem of having two societies from one country, Prof. Jensen said that the IAHR already had two Canadian associations, but also that the most likely in regard to the NAASR and the AAR was to consider the NAASR a regional association rather than a national society, - something probably in line with the original intentions of the NAASR.

Following more and more formal proposals from the members (*inter alia* from Profs. Hofstee and Harvey) to postpone a decision on a recommendation of the AAR until the International Committee Meeting at the XXth IAHR World Congress in Toronto in August 2010, the President, Prof. Hackett asked the members of the International Committee to (by a show of

hands) indicate whether they were in favour of recommending the adoption of the AAR here and now or whether in favour of postponing the decision about a recommendation until the International Committee Meeting during the IAHR XXth World Congress in Toronto in August 2010. Nine (9) members were in favour of recommending the adoption here and now, 18 were in favour of postponing the decision on a recommendation until Toronto 2010.

Consequently, the decision on the application for membership to the IAHR from the AAR will be taken at the International Committee Meeting during the IAHR XXth World Congress in Toronto in August 2010.

8. Changes to the IAHR Rules of Procedure

Prof. Jensen explained that the need for amendments to the IAHR By-Laws was due to the new *NUMEN* agreement with Brill Publishers.

With reference to the proposal for amendments, rendered in the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 45-46, Prof. Jensen informed the International Committee that the Executive Committee had been informed that Brill Academic Publishers no longer go by that name but by the name Brill Publishers. Consequently, the Executive Committee proposed that the wording of the proposal rendered at pp. 45-46 was corrected accordingly.

Prof. Jensen read the proposal with the mentioned corrections, and Prof. Hackett asked for a show of hands in favour of the proposed amendments. The proposal for amendments to Rule 1.d, and Rule 20c of the IAHR By-Laws and Rules was unanimously adopted by the International Committee.

9. Appointment of the Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee

With reference to the IAHR procedures (http://www.iahr.dk/honorary_nominations.htm) regarding recommendations for honorary life membership, according to which the International Committee appoints by recommendation of the Executive Committee an Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee consisting of three honorary life members, Prof. Jensen on behalf of the IAHR Executive Committee recommended that Prof. Yolotl Gonzales Torres, Prof. Peter Antes, and Prof. Michael Pye be appointed members of the 2010 Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee.

The International Committee unanimously adopted this proposal and appointed Prof. Yolotl Gonzales Torres, Prof. Peter Antes, and Prof. Michael Pye members of the 2010 Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee.

10. The Toronto 2010 IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress

Having referred to his detailed report (*IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 26-27) on the decision to accept the offer from the consortium constituted by the North American, Canadian and Mexican societies and two units at the University of Toronto (the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion (CSR), and the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion), Prof. Jensen briefly reported on past meetings with the organizers and on the ongoing planning of the IAHR XXth World Congress, with the theme: "RELIGION - A HUMAN PHENOMENON".

Prof. Jensen then greeted Congress Director, Prof. Donald Wiebe, and Academic Program Co-Chair Prof. Luther H. Martin who were both present at the meeting, and asked Prof. Wiebe to report on the progress of the planning.

Prof. Wiebe reported on the choice of the University of Toronto Campus facilities as the main venue for the congress: It is centrally located and inexpensive, with lecture halls and rooms of various sizes, with on-campus housing possibilities as well as with low end, mid-range and high-end hotels and restaurants within walking distance. As for accommodation, Prof. Wiebe

hoped to be able to negotiate special rates for on-campus inexpensive housing as well as for hotels, and he was also negotiating a special deal with Air Canada.

Thus, though the registration fee (early bird 400, and regular 450 Canadian \$) might seem high to some participants, inexpensive residence would compensate for that. Furthermore, Prof. Wiebe hoped to be able to offer a certain number of free rooms to participants in special need, and the apportioning of such free rooms or subsidies would be handled in cooperation with the IAHR and in accordance with a set of criteria to be agreed upon later.

In regard to fund-raising, Prof. Wiebe, stressing that administrative costs were kept at a minimum due to the fact that he had not engaged a professional congress planning agency, furthermore narrated that he had already secured 9 x 5.000 \$ from 9 universities earmarked for key-note lectures, as well as other donations.

In regard to the academic program, Prof. Wiebe and Prof. Martin related that the program for the plenary sessions was almost ready, with a few key-note speakers from outside the academic study of religions to help stimulate discussions. One plenary would be in French and one in Spanish, and certain panels would also reflect a language policy in line with the traditions of the IAHR and as well as with the composition of the organising societies.

Some lectures and sessions (e.g. on religion education) of specific public and political interest would be open to the wider public and to the press.

The detailed planning of the many specialised sections and subsections, in the hands of Prof. Martin and Prof. Gilhus (and all the other chairs) was well under way.

During the discussion that followed the report, Prof. Wiebe added that there would be a special fee for retirees and students. The questions raised and discussed mainly pertained to efforts to keep the participants expenses for housing at a minimum, and to find more ways to help sponsor scholars in need.

Prof. Hackett thanked the Congress Director, Prof. Donald Wiebe, as well as the Academic Program Chairpersons, Prof. Ingvild S. Gilhus & Prof. Luther H. Martin for their reports and hard work.

Prof. Jensen encouraged all the IAHR delegates to help encourage the individual members of their respective societies to keep an eye on the Toronto 2010 website (<http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/resources/iahr/Home.htm>) and to reserve the days of August 15-21, 2010 for the event. As stated by the organizers: "The World Congresses constitute the primary public event sponsored by the International Association of the History of Religions. Originally held every four years, World Congresses are now organized quinquennially and bring together scholars interested in the academic and scientific study of religions to share the results of their research and to engage in discussion and debate of the major issues and concerns in the field."

11. Other IAHR Conferences

Prof. Jensen reminded the delegates that the *South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR)* was hosting yet another 2009 IAHR conference, this time an IAHR Regional Conference, in Bali, June 3-6, 2009 (Cf. <http://sseasr.org/about.html>) with the theme: "Waters in South and Southeast Asia: Interaction of Culture and Religion". He, furthermore, reported that the Executive Committee had decided to - in case the EASR had its 2009 annual conference in Messina in September - ask the organisers if they wanted the conference to be also an IAHR Special Conference.

With regard to 2010, the Executive Committee had decided not to encourage IAHR sponsored conferences besides the XXth IAHR World Congress in August 2010. As for 2011 the

Executive committee would make an effort to have IAHR Special or Regional conferences in Latin -/South America.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Prof. Hackett extended her thanks to the organizers of the conference in Brno for providing the venue for the meeting, and she thanked the delegates to the International Committee for their contribution to the IAHR and for their invaluable active participation in the deliberations of the meeting.

(Minutes by Tim Jensen. In regard to item 7 with the assistance of Ingvild S. Gilhus)

**General Assembly of the IAHR
Tokyo, Japan
Wednesday March 30, 2005**

Minutes of the Meeting

[To be adopted at the next General Assembly in 2010]

[Preliminarily adopted by the Executive Committee on September 18, 2006, Bucharest]

Welcome and Introduction by the President of the IAHR

Prof. Antes welcomed the participants and explained that the General Assembly consists of all members of the IAHR affiliate associations who are present at the congress and that all such members are entitled to vote during the meeting. He recalled that, according to the constitution, the General Assembly may take action only on matters referred to it from the International Committee, but that on the other hand it may refer any matter to the International or Executive Committee for consideration and report. He himself would be presiding over the meeting up to and including point 9, whereupon the chair would be passed over to the in-coming President. He ended his introduction by noting that there were over a hundred participants present and that the General Assembly therefore had a quorum.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by general consent.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (published in the IAHR Bulletin 38, March 2005, pp. 21-29)

The minutes were adopted by general consent.

3. Brief Report by the Out-going General Secretary (published in the IAHR Bulletin 38, March 2005, pp. 30-44)

Prof. Antes said that the report had been adopted by the International Committee. Prof. Geertz referred the participants to his report on pp. 30-44. Since most of the matters reported will be dealt with in separate points on the agenda, he restricted his oral report to a few matters. One of them concerns corrections in his written report: page 39: “approximately \$400” should read “\$400”; page 42: “(7% of each affiliate’s budget, in our case \$400)” should read “(\$400)”. He also mentioned that the list of conference locations on page 37 was done in haste and was incomplete. The complete and correct list is on the IAHR website.

Prof. Geertz said that the reorganization of the Indian Association (IASR) had occurred not least because of the unstinting efforts of Pratap Kumar and Abraham Khan. Both Peter Antes and Rosalind Hackett were present at the conference, he added. He thanked the out-going officers of the Indian association for their willingness to transform the association, and he congratulated all involved parties with their success.

Concerning the Russian association, Prof. Geertz reported that reorganization efforts by Prof. Shakhnovich had not been realized before the Tokyo Congress as he had hoped, but that Prof. Shakhnovich has assured him that a national conference will be held in St. Petersburg where reorganization matters will be finalized.

Prof. Geertz thanked the out-going editors of the various IAHR journals for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the IAHR during the last terms: the Numen managing

editors Einar Thomassen and Gustavo Benavides, the managing editor of the Numen Book Series Wouter Hanegraaff and the editor of Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles (SOR) Michael Pye. He then extended a warm welcome to the new reviews editor of Numen Maya Burger, the new co-editor of Numen Book Series Pratap Kumar and the new editor of SOR Katja Triplett. These words of welcome and thanks were acknowledged by applause.

Prof. Geertz said that the discouraging financial situation would be discussed in more detail during the Treasurer's report, but he took the opportunity to emphasize that despite the highly dissatisfying situation concerning CIPSH, it is important that the IAHR maintains its membership and remains a part of the UNESCO network. In terms of international cooperation, it is necessary for the IAHR to continue its membership. Furthermore, it is perhaps even more important that the IAHR did its part, in cooperation with CIPSH-member organizations, in maintaining a bulwark to protect the interests of social and humanistic scholarship in the face of worldwide economic and political obstacles.

Prof. Geertz reported that the recommendations for three new Honorary Life Members were presented to the International Committee in accordance with the new rules initiated in Durban. Prof. Geertz said that unfortunately the affiliates did not participate in the procedure. However, the Executive Committee put forward their three allotted names, and these were subsequently put forward by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Prof. Zwi Werblowsky. The International Committee unanimously approved the appointments of Prof. Peter Antes (University of Hannover), Prof. Emer. Michio Araki (Tsukuba University), and Prof. Giulia Gasparro (University of Messina). A description of their achievements is found in the bulletin on pp. 66-67.

Prof. Geertz said that honorary life memberships can be conferred on senior scholars who have distinguished themselves through life-long service to the history of religions through their scholarship, regular participation in IAHR conferences, service as national or international officers, and/or other outstanding contributions. Such memberships would help to designate the range of interests current in the IAHR and would provide a wide circle of consultants in relation to IAHR-related activities. Prof. Geertz said that he had expected that the affiliates would be eager to use the opportunity to honor senior scholars in their association by forwarding their names, but this was evidently not the case.

Prof. Geertz concluded his report by saying that it was his last since he was stepping down from the Executive Committee. He said that he enjoyed serving the IAHR for the past fifteen years, five of them as Treasurer and ten as General Secretary. He thanked the members of past Executive Committees, with whom he has served, for their collaboration and friendship.

Prof. Antes thanked the General Secretary for making his job easier as President. He thanked him for his report, and it was thereafter received by general consent.

4. Brief Report by the Out-going Treasurer (published in the IAHR Bulletin 38, March 2005, pp. 45-49)

Prof. Antes said that the report had been adopted by the International Committee. Prof. Lease began by saying that Prof. Geertz's description in his written report of the current financial state of the IAHR (pp. 38-41) was a clear report of the situation. He said that the IAHR has only been able to generate income to cover 2/3 of its expenses. This cannot continue, he said. As for the miserable state of dues payments, even if they are paid, the IAHR would still have financial difficulties. It is no longer viable to depend on CIPSH because of the reduction of funds from UNESCO to CIPSH. The IAHR can no longer plan as if payments from CIPSH will come in. There is a need for an external funding program.

The in-coming Executive Committee, Prof. Lease said, will be taking steps to get the affiliates to pay their dues, they will continue membership of CIPSH, and they will be

planning concrete steps to generate external funding. All of these matters will be decisive in deciding whether the IAHR has money to invest in development.

Prof. Antes thanked the Treasurer for his report. The report was thereafter received by general consent.

5. New Affiliations (published in the IAHR Bulletin 38, March 2005, pp. 30-35)

Prof. Antes asked Prof. Geertz to report. Prof. Geertz explained the procedure for new affiliations. He said that societies that have applied for affiliation must be recommended by the Executive Committee to the International Committee which then must recommend the applications to the General Assembly. The General Assembly must vote either yes or no for each application. He reported that each applicant had sent their statutes, names and addresses of officers, descriptions of their activities, and other documents to the Executive Committee. He also said that their applications have been recommended by the Executive Committee and the International Committee.

But before putting forward recommendations for new associations, Prof. Geertz said that it was his painful duty to begin with a recommendation for disaffiliation of one of the associations. Prof. Geertz said that it concerns the *Taiwan Association for Religious Studies (TARS)*. He referred to his report (pp. 34-35) and mentioned that the *Chinese Association for the Study of Religion (CARS)* had rightly pointed out that the affiliation of TARS by the General Assembly in Durban was illegal. He also said that discussions with CARS since then concerning the decision by the International Committee in Bergen to disaffiliate TARS as a national association, but to recommend that it be recognized as a “corresponding member”, indicated that this solution was unacceptable to CARS. After several separate meetings with representatives from both sides during the Tokyo Congress, Prof. Geertz said that there seemed to be a willingness between them to try to work out an equitable solution for all parties. He therefore asked the International Committee to recommend an open-ended process in which the subsequent status of TARS be resolved after further negotiations. This proposal was unanimously accepted for recommendation to the General Assembly. The exact wording of the proposal is as follows:

The International Committee during its meeting on Sunday, March 27, 2005 recommends to the General Assembly that the Taiwan Association for Religious Studies (TARS) be disaffiliated from the IAHR. Their subsequent status in the IAHR shall be resolved after further negotiations.

After a statement against the proposal from the floor by Prof. Casadio, Prof. Antes put the recommendation to a vote. The result was 39 in favor, 8 against, and 22 abstentions. He concluded that the recommendation had been passed.

The following recommendations were then put forward by Prof. Geertz. Representatives were asked to stand up during the naming of their association.

Romania: Romanian Association for the History of Religions (RAHR).

The application was accepted by acclamation.

Greece: Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion (GSSCR).

The application was accepted by acclamation. Prof. Panayotis Pachis presented his word of thanks.

Turkey: Turkish Association for the History of Religions (TAHR).

The application was accepted by acclamation.

South and Southeast Asia: South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR).

The application was accepted by acclamation.

Prof. Geertz explained that the SSEASR had been established under unusual circumstances. Dr. Lochan and the IAHR had been branded in Delhi as a religious movement by political

authorities in Delhi. Dr. Lochan had been promised both funding and conference facilities, but these were retracted at the last minute. He had to wait for hours in government offices to answer questions, and he was described in the local newspapers as a fundamentalist trying to swindle the authorities. Dr. Geertz said that both he and Prof. Antes had sent supporting letters, and Dr. Lochan had received important support from Prof. Somaiya. The authorities finally gave permission for the conference to be held. Because of this, the Executive Committee chose to present a small token of its appreciation in the form of a letter to Dr. Lochan and Prof. Somaiya. Prof. Antes then read the letter to Prof. Somaiya:

March 16, 2005

Dr. Shantilal K. Somaiya

Dear Sir,

As President of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) and on behalf of that world body, let me thank you for your sustained activities in the academic study of religion and your interest in the IAHR. I would especially like to thank you for your key role in the organization of the inaugural conference of the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR) which I expect to become officially affiliated to the IAHR during its World Congress in March 2005.

I understand that you hosted the first meeting of key scholars in India at your Bombay Campus in 2003 to chart the academic plan of the SSEASR. You were also the first to pledge substantial financial support for the SSEASR Conference in Delhi, January 27-30, 2005. Your support went beyond the call of duty, however, when it became evident that forces in the government in New Delhi were actively engaged in banning the conference. This action we adamantly condemn. And we are grateful that you stood firmly behind the Chair of the IAHR Working Group, Dr. Amarjiva Lochan, and helped persuade senior federal government ministers in New Delhi to lift the ban. Your gracious offer of legal assistance is also gratefully acknowledged.

IAHR activities do not call forth such hostile governmental reactions in democratic countries, and therefore I warmly extend our thanks for you being there when help was most needed.

Yours truly,
Prof. Dr. Peter Antes
President of the IAHR

Prof. Antes then asked Prof. Somaiya to stand up to the applause of the audience. Prof. Somaiya said a few words of thanks and expressed his happiness that the IAHR was a good and dynamic association.

Prof. Antes concluded that each new affiliate will now have the right to send two delegates to the International Committee meetings. He was delighted by the increase in representation and welcomed the new associations.

6. Recommendation of Changes in the Constitution

Prof. Antes said that changes and modifications in the constitution on the recommendation of the International Committee were the sole responsibility of the General Assembly. The following recommendation was put forward:

New Article 7B: "One of the most important rights and privileges of membership in the IAHR is the right to vote in the meetings of the International Committee and in the General Assembly. This voting right is dependent upon annual payment of the membership dues." Article 7 shall subsequently become Article 7A.

Prof. Antes put the recommendation to a vote. The result was 113 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. He concluded that the recommendation had been passed.

7. Other Recommendations of the International Committee Requiring a Vote by the General Assembly

Prof. Antes asked Prof. Geertz if there were any other recommendations to be put to the General Assembly. Prof. Geertz replied that there were no other recommendations.

8. Report on the Election of the In-coming Executive Committee

Prof. Antes reported that, in accordance with the rules, the International Committee had elected a new Executive Committee for the years 2005-2010. The election had occurred in two rounds. Since the nominated candidates for eight of the ten officer positions had not been contested, they were elected “unopposed” without ballot. The following were elected to the offices indicated:

- President: Rosalind I. J. Hackett (USA)
- General Secretary: Tim Jensen (Denmark)
- Deputy General Secretary: Ingvild Sælid Gilhus (Norway)
- Treasurer: Gary Lease (USA)
- Deputy Treasurer: Pratap Kumar (South Africa)
- Membership Secretary: Abraham Khan (Canada)
- Publications Officer: Brian Bocking (United Kingdom)
- Internet Officer: Francisco Diez de Velasco (Spain)

Their election was acclaimed by applause.

Prof. Antes reported that there had been four nominations for the two Vice-President positions and that a secret ballot had therefore been conducted. The candidates’ names and the number of votes cast were as follows:

- Vice-President (two positions only, names in alphabetical order):
- (30) Gerrie ter Haar (The Netherlands)
- (21) Nils G. Holm (Finland)
- (17) Jacob K. Olupona (USA)
- (27) Akio Tsukimoto (Japan)

Prof. Antes announced that Prof. Gerrie ter Haar and Prof. Akio Tsukimoto were thereby elected. Their election was acclaimed by applause.

Prof. Antes then reported that there had been five nominations for the two Members without Portfolio positions and that a secret ballot had therefore been conducted. The candidates’ names and the number of votes cast were as follows:

- Members without Portfolio (two positions only, names in alphabetical order):
- (20) Masaru Ikezawa (Japan)
- (23) Morny Joy (Canada)
- (19) Paul Morris (New Zealand)
- (4) Winni Sullivan
- (30) Alef Theria Wasim (Indonesia)

Prof. Antes announced that Prof. Morny Joy and Prof. Alef Theria Wasim were thereby elected. Their election was acclaimed by applause.

Prof. Antes first thanked the losers of the election for their participation and noted that their readiness to be candidates had helped to maintain the democratic system of the IAHR.

Prof. Antes thanked the out-going Executive Committee members for their services, and he extended his congratulations to the in-coming Executive Committee members. The Assembly applauded.

9. Public Transfer of Office to the In-coming Executive Committee

The out-going Executive Committee members left the stage and the in-coming Executive Committee members took their seats on the stage thereby signifying the transfer of office.

Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett presided over the rest of the meeting.

10. Brief Statement by the In-coming President

Prof. Hackett began by congratulating the in-coming members of the Executive Committee. Then she extended special thanks to Prof. Antes and Prof. Geertz. She said that they exemplify the attributes and qualities of the IAHR: love of the field, organizational talent, hard work, willingness to travel a lot and meet different people. She promised that the new committee would keep up the IAHR tradition of dedication and leadership. Prof. Hackett then thanked the out-going Executive Committee members and expressed the hope that they would be willing to help advise the new members. She also thanked all of the officers of the IAHR affiliates for their participation and support.

Prof. Hackett referred the members to her statement in the bulletin on pages 51-52. She said that she would only like to emphasize in her oral statement that she looked forward to working closely with the various associations. She felt that there is a need for more electronic resources to provide vital fora for talking about the academic study of religion, learning from one another, and criticizing one another on how to practice that study. There are fora popping up around the world concerning interreligious dialogue, she said, but very few fora for critical and analytical approaches to religion. She continued by saying that this will be uppermost among the concerns of in-coming committee. However, being scholars of religion, she said, we are experts in describing and studying religious actors and ideas. We have to follow wherever they go. As Asad has said, we need to be travellers. We need to explore the three T's: texts, temples, and theories. Religious ideas are becoming more salient in public life where there are tensions between scientific approaches and religious ones. But these tensions can be creative and necessary for the academic study of religion.

Prof. Hackett expressed her optimism about the future of the IAHR. The assembly then applauded.

11. Brief Statement by the In-coming General Secretary

Prof. Jensen first thanked the out-going President and General Secretary for their excellent work and congratulated them on their great achievements in the service of the IAHR. Referring to the new delegation of duties in the Executive Committee and to his statement of candidacy in the bulletin on pages 54-55, he said that he considered it an important task in its own right to help effectuate the intentions behind the new delegation of duties and to monitor how well it functions. Concerning his statement of candidacy, Prof. Jensen wished to ensure that the IAHR can keep on doing its best to help carve out a space for the non-religious, academic study of religions around the world. He added that the upsurge in public and political interest in religion not only benefits the IAHR but also endangers the non-religious, academic study of religions which the IAHR seeks to promote. Global, he said, in the language of IAHR is not the same as ecumenical.

Prof. Jensen then took the opportunity to communicate to the members of the IAHR some of the decisions already taken by the In-Coming Executive Committee. Acknowledging the seriousness of the financial situation of the IAHR, the Executive Committee has set up a finance sub-committee and a fund-raising sub-committee. The committees have been asked to produce a five year budget and ideas for fund-raising. He said that the Treasurer as well as the Deputy Treasurer will do their best to ensure that fees get paid in due time. The Executive Committee, furthermore, is determined to see to it that a special endowment fund is set up as

soon as possible.

As for the XXth World Congress in 2010, the Executive Committee will send out invitations for bids to host this event, and it will revise the guidelines for running a world congress as well as the guidelines for congress publications.

The Executive Committee, furthermore, intends to take heed of the criticisms raised at the International Committee meeting with regard to a tendency towards religious apologetics mingling with the presentation of academic papers. The Executive Committee, consequently, will take a closer look at the Constitution (article 1) and also tighten up the various texts explaining the policy of the IAHR.

As for future special and regional conferences, Prof. Jensen said that the Executive Committee together with the relevant national associations planned to host conferences in Ankara and in Greece in 2006 and in Thailand in 2007. The planned conference in Windhoek 2007, unfortunately, most likely would not be realized.

In regard to IAHR publications, Prof. Jensen informed the General Assembly that the Executive Committee in the future will serve as an advisory board to SOR, and that the Executive Committee looks forward to continued fruitful cooperation with the editors and with Brill.

Finally, Prof. Jensen extended his thanks to the Japanese organizers and hosts, especially thanking them for their efforts to subsidize the participation of such a large number of scholars from outside Japan. Likewise, he thanked Prof. Gerrie ter Haar for her excellent work as the IAHR chair of the academic program for the Tokyo Congress.

The assembly then applauded.

12. Suggestions from the General Assembly to the In-coming Executive Committee

Prof. Hackett asked if there were any suggestions or matters that the Assembly would like to give to the in-coming Executive Committee. Prof. Luther Martin said that if there were no funds in the Endowment Fund, the NAASR would like an account of where the contributions that have been given to the Fund are. Prof. Lease said that the money is still there, but not in a separate account. Prof. Michael Pye gave his support to Prof. Martin, but urged that his comments not be taken as a criticism of Prof. Lease. He urged that even though there may be no separate account, it would be a good idea to have a separate column in the Treasurer's report. The original idea was to generate interest in order to cover expenses of people from developing countries. Those funds should be earmarked again. Prof. Lease replied that this would be done. Prof. Russell McCutcheon suggested that the Executive Committee renegotiate its contracts with Brill Academic Publishers concerning royalties as a contribution to IAHR finances. Prof. Jensen said that contracts with Brill are subject to negotiation.

Prof. Wiebe said that the IAHR needs to think more about the academic programme. In looking through the 1900 congress proceedings, the distinction between the academic study of religion and religious scholarship are clearly set out. He suggested that the Executive Committee also look at the 1960 Marburg declaration and the 1908 proceedings of the Oxford conference. The latter sets out in volume 1, the kinds of questions relevant to academic as opposed to religious approaches. Prof. Hackett thanked Prof. Wiebe for the references and said that the Executive Committee would look back as it looks forward.

Prof. Grace Wamue extended her congratulations to the new committee and said that she hoped for support in efforts to strengthen the East African association.

Prof. Madhu Khannan expressed her thanks to the IAHR. She said that perhaps five year gaps between congresses was too long because things change so rapidly. She suggested that the congress should be held every three years. Prof. Jensen said that conferences are held every year and that the International Committee would be convening in 2008, but that the General Assembly would not meet until 2010. He asked for bids for the 2008 conference.

Prof. Hackett said that congresses were getting bigger and more complex and maybe people were not willing to host them more often.

Prof. Hackett then thanked everyone for their suggestions.

13. Any Other Business

Prof. Hackett asked if there was any other business. Prof. Elom Dovlo thanked the hosts for facilitating the presence of so many people from his region.

Prof. Hackett thanked the Japanese hosts for organizing the business meetings. She also expressed thanks for the large number of participants for attending the General Assembly.

Prof. Hackett then closed the formal meeting.

After a 15 minute break, Prof. Hackett thanked those who worked so hard to make Tokyo 2005 a success. Thanks were extended to the Congress President, Prof. Susumu Shimazono. Special thanks were also extended to the Programme Chair, Prof. Gerrie ter Haar and to Prof. Yoshio Tsuruoka. Prof. Shimazono extended his gratitude to the foundations, associations, and private individuals who helped make the congress possible.

Prof. Hackett then declared the XIXth Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, Japan officially closed.

(Minutes by Armin W. Geertz)

**IAHR 2005-2010
General Secretary's Report
Toronto
August 15-21, 2010**

Preface

Initially, it is my sad duty to announce that the IAHR Honorary Life Members, Profs. Michio Araki, Carsten Colpe, Åke Hultkrantz, Manuel Marzal have passed away since the IAHR World Congress in Tokyo 2005.

January 4, 2008, the IAHR Treasurer, Prof. Gary Lease passed away following a long battle with cancer.

The unfortunate news of the death of Prof. Geoffrey Parrinder also has reached the IAHR Executive Committee.

We honor the memory of the mentioned colleagues and friends and extend our condolences to their families. Obituaries have been or will be published, *inter alia*, in *NUMEN*.

A full and detailed report concerning 2005-2008 (published in the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement, Brno Edition, August 2008*, pp. 14-35) was presented to and adopted by the International Committee in Brno 2008. What follows is a summary of key achievements and issues from 2005-2010, including some but not all of the details related in the 2005-2008 report. Apart from the initial section on the Executive Committee and its business meetings, the present report is structured in terms of what are considered to be the major focus areas and highlights of the last five years of our association.

1. Executive Committee: Meetings and Changes

1.1. Meetings

According to the IAHR Constitution Article 5, the IAHR Executive Committee, or at least the President, General Secretary and Treasurer shall, if possible, meet at least once a year.

Apart from its Incoming Meeting in Tokyo, 2005, the IAHR Executive Committee has held meetings in: Philadelphia, November 19, 2005; Bucharest, September 18-19, 2006; Ankara, October 21, 2007; Brno, September 6-7, 2008, and Messina, September 12-13, 2009. The 2010 IAHR Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting in Toronto is scheduled for August 14. Except for the meeting in Philadelphia, the meetings took place in connection with an IAHR Special Conference.

The Executive Committee is aware of the fact that its meetings in this period, except for the one in Philadelphia, have all been located in the region covered by the EASR, its regional European member association. Apart from the 2002 meeting in Wellington, NZ, and the 2005 one in Tokyo, the former Executive Committee also held most of its meetings within the confines of Europe. The fact that the meetings of the International Committee held between consecutive quinquennial congresses have also been located in Europe (Marburg 1988, Paris 1993, Hildesheim 1998, Bergen 2003, Brno 2008) stresses the need for the incoming Executive Committee to consider how best to implement the IAHR principle of rotation, thus trying to move its Executive and International Committee meetings around the world.

This is not to say that there have not been good reasons for locating the meetings. For instance, quite a few of the EASR Annual Conferences were awarded the status of an IAHR Special or Regional Conference. The national host association applied for this status, and the IAHR Executive has considered it proper to support new as well as old EASR/IAHR member

associations also by way of this. The EASR Annual Conference, moreover, is a genuinely annual event, except for the year that it coincides with the IAHR World Congress, and therefore the Executive always knows, generally more than a year in advance, where to possibly hold its next meeting in conjunction with an IAHR-related conference. As for the International Committee meetings that have been held in conjunction with an EASR Annual Conference that has also been awarded the status of an IAHR Special or Regional Conference, the need for having a quorum ("attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations", Constitution § 6) also plays a role. While this is unlikely to *not* be the case at an EASR Annual Conference, it is not necessarily so within the framework of regional or national conferences elsewhere. There are, of course, a range of factors that account for this.

But again: I consider it important that the incoming Executive considers matters and discuss how best to implement the principle of rotation and geographical balance.

1.2. Changes

The passing away of elected Treasurer Prof. Gary Lease in early January 2008 was not just a deep personal loss to me and the other members of the Executive Committee. It was also a most serious blow and loss to the Executive Committee and its smooth functioning. The situation was further complicated by the fact that I was, apart from Prof. Lease himself, the sole signatory to the IAHR accounts (with Bank of America in Santa Cruz, CA). The accounts therefore were moved (during my visit to Santa Cruz where I also participated in the memorial service for Prof. Gary Lease) to my account and my bank in Copenhagen, - and it turned out that it was no easy thing to move them elsewhere again.

Since Prof. Pratap Kumar, elected Deputy Treasurer, and, following the death of Prof. Lease named Acting Treasurer, at that time was not certain as to where he would be working and living in the years ahead, it was decided to let the accounts be with me in Copenhagen and let me handle all matters pertaining to the accounts. At least for the time being.

The Executive Committee, however, suffered yet another loss when Prof. Kumar in a letter dated December 16, 2008 to the President, Prof. Hackett, announced his resignation from the IAHR Executive Committee with immediate effect. The President in her reply to Prof. Pratap expressed the opinion of the IAHR Executive Committee when she expressed her sadness as well as her gratitude for Prof. Kumar's many and valuable contributions to the IAHR as Deputy Treasurer, as Director of the IAHR Durban 2000 World Congress, as key to the promotion of the IAHR African Trust Fund, as well as to the development of the ASRSA. In a letter to Prof. Kumar, I (TJ) also expressed my gratitude for the services of Prof. Kumar to the IAHR, stressing how delighted I had been working with Prof. Kumar during and after the Tokyo World Congress.

Following Prof. Kumar's resignation, it was decided that the General Secretary function as Acting Treasurer. This was due not least to the aforementioned location of the IAHR accounts in a Copenhagen bank, and to the fact that I was already taking care of the daily financial business of the IAHR (dues accounting, reimbursement of expenses, payment of bills, transactions with CIPSH etc.).

1.3. Communications: Newsletters, E-mail letters of information, and IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement

Following Tokyo 2005, regular letters, e-mail letters of information (June 14, 2005; November 1, 2005; November 2, 2005; April 2, 2006; January 11, 2008), and most lately an *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement* (as of March 18, 2008, August 2008 (Brno Edition), and November 2009) have been sent to the officers of the IAHR member societies and associations and posted at the IAHR website.

Furthermore, information on and calls for the IAHR International Committee Meeting, Brno, September 10, 4-6 pm, have been sent in e-mails (February 17, 2008; March 18, 2008; June 12, 2008, and August 11, 2008), and information on and calls for the IAHR XXth World Congress in Toronto with its International Committee Meeting and the General Assembly have been communicated by e-mail and the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement* to the officers of the constituent member societies and associations of the IAHR in November 2009 and in May 2010.

The minutes from the Tokyo IAHR International Committee Meeting and General Assembly (prepared by the former General Secretary, Prof. Armin W. Geertz) were sent to the officers of the constituent member societies and associations as attachments to an e-mail sent November, 1, 2005. The minutes from the intermediary International Committee Meeting in Brno 2008 were sent as an attachment in an e-mail to all officers on July 1, 2009 together with news on the Toronto 2010 World Congress.

More information about Toronto 2010 was given in the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement*, November 2009. Included in this was, *inter alia*, information on nominations for the IAHR Executive Committee 2010-2015, on procedures, priorities and criteria for IAHR/CIPSH grants to Toronto participants, and on IAHR business meetings in Toronto. A formal notification about the Toronto 2010 International Committee Meeting and General Assembly was sent on May 7 to all officers of constituent and applicant member societies in an email with attachments with provisional agendas.

On June 21, 2010 an e-mail, with attachments regarding proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws from the Executive, along with a proposal for a restructuring of the Executive from the AASR, was sent to all officers and delegates to the International Committee. The e-mail also had a link and a password to a restricted and protected area at the IAHR website where documents for use during the International Committee Meeting are uploaded.

In addition to the above communications, the General Secretary/Treasurer/Acting Treasurer has sent several reminders to the officers of the member societies and associations regarding the payment of annual fees.

2. IAHR Conferences and Congresses

2.1. IAHR World Congresses

While on the threshold of the XXth IAHR Quinquennial World Congress, memories of the previous two magnificent IAHR World Congresses, in Durban in 2000 and in Tokyo in 2005 are still vivid. Proceedings from Durban as well as Tokyo have now (finally) been published, both available at the IAHR website. Thanks are extended once again to the organizers of both these events as well as to those involved in the editorial work pertaining to the Proceedings (Profs. Brian Bocking, Rosalind I.J. Hackett, and Michael Pye), as well as Adjunct Proceedings and Spin-Off volumes.

A call for bids for hosting the IAHR 2015 World Congress was issued with the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement*, November 2009. As the deadline for bids, May 1, 2010, passed, I had received no bids. Consequently, another call for bids will be issued during the World Congress in Toronto and again thereafter.

One of the first tasks performed by the Executive Committee in 2005 was to revise the so-called *Basic Framework for Running an IAHR World Congress* (see <http://www.iahr.dk/congress.html>). I recommend that member societies or associations considering to make a bid take a look at these up-dated guidelines regarding the organization and running of an IAHR World Congress.

2.2. IAHR Regional and Special Conferences

Regarding IAHR Special and Regional Conferences, the relevant paragraphs of the IAHR Rules and Procedures can be read at <http://www.iahr.dk/special.html> and <http://www.iahr.dk/regional.html>

Since the World Congress in Tokyo, the IAHR has sponsored the following IAHR Regional and Special Conferences.

1. Thessaloniki–Greece, June 2-5, 2006. *The Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion* (GSSCR): “Society in Transition. The Interdisciplinary Study of Religion in Modern Reality”. An IAHR Special Conference.
2. Bucharest–Romania, September 20-23, 2006. *The Romanian Association for the History of Religions* (RAHR): "Religious History of Europe and Asia". An IAHR Special Conference.
3. Stockholm-Sweden, April 19-22, 2007. *The Swedish Association for the Study of Comparative Religion* (SSRF): "Borders and Boundaries: New challenges in the academic study of religion". An IAHR Special Conference.
4. Bangkok-Thailand, May 24–27, 2007. *The South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion* (SSEASR): “Syncretism in South and South East Asia: Adoption and Adaptation”. An IAHR Regional Conference.
5. Gabarone-Botswana, July 8-12, 2007. *The African Association for the Study of Religions* (AASR): “Health, Healing and the Academic Study of Religion in Africa”. An IAHR Regional Conference.
6. Ankara-Turkey, October 22-24, 2007. *The Turkish Association for the History of Religions* (TAHR): ”Secularism and religious resurgence”. An IAHR Special Conference.
7. Brno-Czech Republic, September 7-11, 2008. *The Czech Society for the Study of Religions* (CSSR) & *The European Association for the Study of Religions* (EASR): "Time of Decline, Time of Hope: Scientific, Cultural and Political Engagement of the Study of Religions". An IAHR Special Conference.
8. Denpasar-Bali/Indonesia, June 3-6, 2009. *The South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion* (SSEASR): "Waters in South and Southeast Asia: Interaction of Culture and Religion". An IAHR Regional Conference.
9. Messina-Sicily/Italy, September 14-17, 2009. *The Società Italiana di Storia delle Religioni* (SISR) & *The European Association for the Study of Religions* (EASR): "Religion in the History of European Culture." An IAHR Special Conference.

The IAHR Executive Committee thanks all colleagues whose engagement and hard work have made these conferences possible and successful. (For Proceedings and Spin-Off Publications from the mentioned conferences, see below and <http://www.iahr.dk/proceedings.html>)

2.3. Future Conferences

At the moment, the IAHR Executive Committee has awarded the SSEASR 4th Conference in Bhutan, June 2011, the status of an IAHR Regional Conference, and a conference in Trondheim, Norway, arranged in cooperation with the Norwegian association, planned for December 2011 or early 2012, has been awarded the status of an IAHR Special Conference.

The IAHR Executive Committee is pursuing the same strategy as previous Executive Committees in implementing and furthering the global character of the IAHR. In continuation of what I said above, the Executive therefore does what it can to help assure that the locations for the Executive as well as the International Committee meetings also reflect the global character of the IAHR constituency. Consequently, I encourage member societies and associations considering to host an IAHR Special or Regional conference in the period 2011-

2014 to approach the IAHR General Secretary at the earliest possible stages of consideration and planning. An early approach is also recommended in regard to the possibility of obtaining CIPSH grants, since the IAHR has to apply for such subventions several years in advance.

3. Finances

3.1. Improvements

Having mentioned how the IAHR has succeeded in helping colleagues improve upon and encourage the study of religion in new nations and recently re-organized nations, and how it has become more and more global in its outreach and implementation, my predecessor, Prof. Armin W. Geertz, in his report in Tokyo 2005 (*IAHR Bulletin* 38, p. 38), in light of the then gloomy financial situation, stated that if the situation did not improve, then the IAHR would become more virtual than real, most IAHR events will most likely happen only in economically strong countries, and "once again, we would be back to the routines and power structures of yesteryears, ...".

As can be read from my 2008 reports as General Secretary as well as Acting Treasurer, and from the 2010 Acting Treasurer's Report (see below), the financial situation of the IAHR as compared to the situation in 2005 has no doubt improved considerably.

Efforts to improve the financial situation were launched at the first meeting of the incoming Executive in Tokyo, and in spite of the fact that not all initiatives have borne fruit, quite a few have done so.

The single most important contribution to the financial improvement is the income generated by the new agreement with Brill in regard to *NUMEN*. Special thanks are extended to Prof. Brian Bocking, the Publications Officer, for his efforts and cooperation in this matter. Though this steady revenue source, that will continue at the least until 2018 (when the contract with Brill will be up for renewal), has made the IAHR less dependent on the annual membership fees as well as on grants from the CIPSH, both of these two latter sources of income remain important.

3.2. Membership Fees

As regards membership fees, there is, as can be seen from the survey below, reason for joy and optimism: a proactive and stringent dues policy, in combination with the 2005 change to the Constitution making voting rights dependent on the payment of dues, has undoubtedly helped more IAHR members pay the annual fees, and several member associations have also paid for a series of years during which they had not paid fees.

I want to express my gratitude to the late Prof. Gary Lease for his efforts in this regard. I will be forever grateful for having had the pleasure, honor and joy of cooperating with him in these matters.

My heartfelt thanks also go to the member associations, not least those who have managed, in several instances with difficulty and hardship, to pay up for a series of years and to those that have entered into agreements about paying up in Toronto and before the end of 2010.

3.3. CIPSH

As for the CIPSH grants: Here too I am convinced that an active engagement with the CIPSH, in terms of participation in the meetings and affairs of the CIPSH, including the CIPSH journal *Diogenes*, and in terms of punctual applications for grants (and a robust follow-up also after the grants have been awarded) has proved fruitful. As can be seen from the Acting Treasurer's Report, our expenses in this regard, the annual fee to the CIPSH and a bi-annual expense to cover part of travel costs for our participant(s) to the CIPSH General Assembly, so far have been well placed. The active participation of the President, Prof. Hackett, in several

CIPSH meetings has been highly conducive to establishing the IAHR as a respected learned society, and if the President and I myself had not been present at the 2008 meeting, I very much doubt that the IAHR would have obtained any grants for Brno, Bali, and Toronto.

Our membership in the CIPSH is thus positive for at least two reasons: because we have an interest in actively supporting the humanities via this , and because it so far also has paid off in terms of grants for the conferences of our member associations and societies, grants to be used mainly to subsidize travel costs of participants in need of such assistance.

3.4. Improvement in financial support to members, and in the furthering of the aims of the IAHR

The reason why the improved financial situation may be the key achievement in 2005-2010 was indicated above: Only because of this and the money thus accumulated is the IAHR able to offer members more than symbolic or cultural capital. Not that this type of contribution is unimportant: Awarding a national or regional conference the status of an IAHR Special or Regional Conference, often in combination with a smaller grant ('seed money'), has often paved the way for other kinds of financial support to the member associations and their activities.

Still, to be able to help support the participation of individual members in the IAHR Toronto World Congress 2010 with a sum of 25.000 USD, taken from the IAHR general funds and granted on top of the 7.000 USD we have been granted for that purpose from the CIPSH, is a major and noteworthy achievement. It has been a great pleasure for the Executive Committee to be able to spend money on this, so evidently in line with the main aims of the IAHR, namely to promote, support and strengthen the academic study of religions worldwide.

But the 25.000 USD granted to the World Congress in Toronto is not all: in 2005-2010 we have been able to, with the help of the CIPSH grants, give grants ('seed money') to a number of IAHR Special and Regional Conferences:

Bucharest 2006: 500 USD; Gabarone 2006: 500 USD; Bangkok 2007: 1.000 USD; Ankara 2007: 1.000 USD; Brno 2008: 1.000 Euro; Bali 2009: 1.000 Euro & 2.000 USD (an extra grant of 1.000 USD was given to cover costs for travel attached to the planning of the conference); Messina 2009: 1.000 Euro; Ile-Ife 2010: 1.000 USD. Besides, we granted a travel grant (some 900 USD) to assist a delegate from the SSEASR participate in the International Committee Meeting in Brno 2008.

3.5. IAHR African Trust Fund

The improved financial situation, and the steady income over the coming years, has also made it possible for the Executive Committee to suggest and now (together with members of a newly established Board of Trustees) implement a revised scheme for the IAHR African Trust Fund:

The IAHR African Trust Fund is one of the many positive results of the Durban 2000 World Congress, established as it was with money accumulated via that congress and handed over to the IAHR/the IAHR African Trust Fund by the Congress director, Prof. Pratap Kumar.

The IAHR Executive Committee (2005-2010) took over the rules for the fund as decided upon by the previous Executive Committee, first communicated to the International Committee in Bergen 2003, and later made public also in the *IAHR Bulletin, Tokyo Congress Edition*, no. 38, March 2005, pp. 40-41.

The sum of money (cf. the aforementioned Bulletin p. 47) transferred from the previous to the current Executive Committee was 10.957 USD. In view of some uncertainty as to the exact amount of money belonging to the IAHR African Trust Fund at the time I took over from the late Prof. Lease, the Executive decided to consider a bank note of some 1.000

USD as also pertaining to the IAHR African Trust Fund. This account, thus, now amounts to 12.000 USD.

At its meeting in Messina in September 2009, the IAHR Executive Committee decided to do something about this fund, even if the amount of money accumulated was not 20.000 USD as stipulated in the rules. The decisions taken were as follows:

1. To set up the stipulated Board of Trustees in 2010
2. Not to wait for the sum to grow to 20.000 (e.g. by way of investing the money so as to accumulate the highest interest rate).
3. To add 8.000 USD over the next five years to the fund from IAHR general funds
4. To turn the IAHR African Trust Fund into a 'sinking' fund instead of an 'endowment' fund
5. To spend the money (20.000 USD) over a period of five years, beginning in 2010
6. To thus have 4.000 USD each year for 5 years to be granted by the Board of Trustees according to the criteria set up in the rules.

Following an invitation to the regional and national African member associations and societies in January 2010 to each appoint a representative to the stipulated Board of Trustees, the member associations appointed the following officers to the Board of Trustees: AASR: Prof. Afe Adogame; ASRSA: Prof. Denzil Chetty; EAASR: Prof. Philomena Mwaura; NAASR: Prof. Pius Oyeniran Abioje.

According to the rules, the IAHR General Secretary and the IAHR Treasurer must be members of the board. Since the General Secretary was at the moment also Acting Treasurer, it was decided that IAHR President, Prof. Rosalind I.J. Hackett, serves together with me (TJ) until a new Treasurer has been elected.

The Board of Trustees has finalized a text for the announcement of the grants for 2010, and the announcement most likely will be issued before the end of August.

3.6. IAHR Endowment Fund

Though more an indirect than direct improvement in terms of finances, mention must be made of the transfer of a larger sum of money from the general funds of the IAHR to a special IAHR Endowment Fund account, a transfer I have completed with a view to earlier discussions about this fund. The amount of money transferred to this Endowment Fund account has been estimated with reference to my findings of records on this fund (see the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement (August 2008)*, p.33). It must now be up to the incoming Executive Committee to make further decisions in regard to the IAHR Endowment Fund.

These discussions may be linked, one way or the other, to discussions about more concerted fund-raising efforts. The fund-raising sub-committee established in Toronto has been working on a possible scheme for such fund-raising, a scheme involving IAHR Honorary Life Members and other prominent members to the IAHR in active fund-raising. The proposal will be handed over to the incoming Executive Committee for further deliberation and decision-making.

3.7. A Note of Warning

Though I do not want to end this section on a pessimistic note, I want to end on a realistic note. I therefore want to stress that the improved financial situation is based not just on an increase in payment of membership dues and on the new income related to *NUMEN*. It is also based on a rather strict policy in regard to expenses, especially expenses related to the performance of the work of the Executive Committee and its officers and members-at-large. However, as mentioned in my report to the International Committee in Brno 2008, this rather

severe reduction in expenses, and thus the fairly sound financial situation, has been possible *only* because members of the Executive Committee so far have been able to finance themselves almost *all* of their expenses related to the execution of their duties.

This is, of course, problematic for a number of reasons, and I doubt if it can continue much longer. It is a problem that the IAHR 'functions' only if the members of the Executive Committee happen to be in a position to help finance the IAHR indirectly by way of paying themselves for the larger part of the expenses related to the execution of their duties. In 2008 I calculated that the money contributed by just three officers, the President, the General Secretary, and Publications Officer amounted to some 28.000 USD, with some 10.000 of that amount being provided by the officers themselves and not by their universities. According to information on costs covered by other members of the Executive, a rough estimate is that no less than some 50.000 USD, i.e. 10.000 USD per year is used for travel and accommodation related to participation in the business meetings and conferences.

Furthermore, the fact that this is how it has been for many years, and the fact that this has been, at least so far, a necessity in order for the IAHR to function, might have implications for the implementation of the democratic aspirations of the IAHR. Though a problem especially in regard to the duties to be performed by the General Secretary, the President and to a certain degree also the Treasurer, the problem is in fact of relevance for other IAHR officers. Not everyone has the means required to be an active member of the IAHR Executive nor of the International Committee.

Moreover, this way of covering the expenses (not by regular income but by these hidden 'contributions' by the officers themselves) and strengthening the finances may soon come to an end, dependent as it is on the financial situation of the respective universities and departments and on their continued willingness to support the officers in question. Consequently, the IAHR has to find other means to help cover the aforementioned expenses. The new source of income, the *NUMEN* honorarium, and the improved situation in regard to payment of annual fees, are both most welcome and extremely helpful. But they are not enough.

4. Tightening up the IAHR Academic Profile

Following up on criticisms and recommendations brought forward in Tokyo 2005, one of the first tasks completed by the Executive Committee was to revise and rewrite the IAHR policy statement (published elsewhere in this Bulletin) so that it could be printed in the IAHR pamphlet (also produced in a new version in 2005) and be part of the profile of *NUMEN*.

The proposed amendment to Article 1 in the IAHR Constitution is meant to tighten up the Constitution also on this point. In case the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the International Committee, votes for the proposed changes to the IAHR Constitution Article 1, then the IAHR will, as I see it, have the very best foundation for its work in the years ahead.

Allow me to quote the now famous words of former IAHR General Secretary, now Honorary Life Member, Prof. Zwi Werblowsky (*NUMEN* 7, 1960, 220):

If the IAHR has any *raison d'être* it is by reason of a division of labor which makes the Organization the responsible organ and international meeting ground for those scholars who wish to serve the cause of Religionswissenschaft in its strict sense.

Or, as said, with reference to Werblowsky and Marburg 1960, by former IAHR General Secretary and President, now Honorary Life Member, Michael Pye, in his Opening Speech in Durban 2000 (Durban 2000 Proceedings, 291-292):

It is of course legitimate to correlate the study of religions with all kinds of other questions, but the IAHR, according to its statutes, stands for and promotes the study of religions as such. [...]

I believe that the IAHR should stay with this perspective in the future, and strengthen it. In so doing it has a unique contribution to make by standing for a specific academic discipline in a world-wide context.

I believe and hope that the tightening up of the policy statement and of Article 1 in the Constitution will make it easier for the IAHR and its member societies and associations to actually contribute to and further the academic study of religions throughout the world, e.g. in regard to conference programs and contributions, and to publications. It will also make it easier for member associations to clearly tell government or sponsoring bodies that their academic enterprise differs from religious, interreligious or similar organizations.

5. Membership Development

The IAHR membership has developed annually and steadily since 1950. 2005-2010 is no exception to the rule. In Tokyo 2005 three national associations, namely the Romanian, the Greek, and the Turkish ones, and one regional association, the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religions, were adopted as member associations.

Since 2005 the IAHR Executive Committee has been actively engaged in supporting the establishment of the Estonian and the Portuguese associations, and we encouraged the recently founded Latvian association to also seek membership to the IAHR. Developing the membership in former East and Central Europe thus has continued, partly in cooperation with the EASR. While the International Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its meeting in Brno 2008 decided to recommend the adoption of the Estonian and Portuguese associations, the decision about the Latvian association will be taken during the business meetings in Toronto.

Membership development in Central and Eastern Europe includes continuous efforts, including several meetings in Russia, to revitalize, restructure or reorganize a dormant Russian association. At the time of writing, however, the efforts once again seem to have run into problems.

Over the last few years, I have also been in close contact with Bulgarian scholars. A Bulgarian association so far has not been established, and during my most recent visit to Sofia in June 2010 Bulgarian colleagues did not consider the time ripe for such an association. A very active Center for the Study of Religions, however, has been established, and the study of religions in Bulgaria has been strengthened over the past few years, and the reputation of the IAHR, no doubt has proved itself important also in that regard. As for membership development in Central and Eastern Europe mention of course must also be made of my contacts with the *ISORECEA*, the *International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association*, contacts that have now lead to an application for affiliation by the *ISORECEA*.

Prof. Michael Pye in his report in Mexico 1995 relates that "attention has been paid to relations between the IAHR and the American Academy of Religions" and finds it "desirable to clarify and maintain constructive relations" between the two. In the late 1990s, then Deputy General Secretary Rosalind Hackett met with the then AAR Executive Director Barbara DeConcini to discuss possible areas of cooperation, and there may have been other meetings or contacts that I do not know about. More productive discussions were taken up in 2006 when the IAHR President and General Secretary began meeting with AAR representatives. Following some exploratory meetings on possible modes of cooperation, with the IAHR leadership being in constant and close contact with the *North American*

Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR) leadership, the AAR in spring 2008 decided to file an application for membership to the IAHR.

The matter was immediately brought before the *NAASR*, and with the *NAASR* leadership as well as the *NAASR* founding fathers in favor thereof, the Executive Committee decided to recommend the adoption of the AAR.

With reference to the need for the International Committee members to discuss matters with their constituencies, the International Committee at its meeting in Brno 2008 decided to shelve the question about the recommendation of the AAR until the International Committee Meeting in Toronto 2010. Since then the AAR Executive Director, J. Fitzmier, in a letter to me has repeated and further explained the sincere wish and interest of the AAR to become a member to the IAHR not least in order to give the AAR members increased opportunities to partner with scholars of the academic study of religion outside the US and outside the North American context.

In regard to Africa and African Associations, I succeeded after some efforts to get into contact with representatives from the *Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions (NASR)* as well as from the *Eastern African Association for the Study of Religions*, and I am very happy for this. I would like to extend special thanks to Prof. Danoye Laguda from the *NASR* in assisting me in this. Thanks to this contact, arrangements to make sure that the *NASR* is paid up before the end of 2010, have been made, and the *NASR* also has appointed a representative to the IAHR African Trust Fund Board of Trustees. This is, of course, a most welcome development. Allow me also to thank the AASR Secretary, Prof. Afe Adogame, in this regard.

I hope the decision to add to, activate and use the money in the IAHR African Trust Fund will prove helpful to not just scholars in Africa but also to membership development within the IAHR member associations in Africa.

Likewise, it is our hope that small efforts on the part of the IAHR, e.g. assisting Brill in finding suitable recipients for free copies of books, and assisting the optimal distribution of the Durban 2000 Proceedings, may also be helpful. In regard to both the IAHR African Trust Fund and the now published Durban 2000 Proceedings, thanks are extended to Prof. Pratap Kumar, whose remarkable work as Director of the Congress in Durban was a prerequisite for both the IAHR African Trust Fund and the publication.

As regards membership development in Latin and South America, I do not want to make it a secret that I would like to have had more time to also develop this, and if reelected it will be one of my priorities. Contact with *ALER* in this regard is much wished for, but so are closer contacts with the Brazilian association.

Some initiatives, though, have been taken. During a private visit to the region, former President and General Secretary Prof. Michael Pye offered to be on the lookout for new contacts, and in a report sent to me, Prof. Pye, *inter alia*, recommended that the IAHR considered contacting a regional association, the *Asociacion de Cientistas Sociales de la Religion del Mercosur* (in Portuguese: *Associacao de Cientistas Sociais da Religiao do Mercosul*), located, as indicated by the name, in the countries of the Mercosur/Mercosul (as opposed to Latin America). I have contacted the named association regarding possible cooperation, and I received a reply that opens up the possibility of further talks and contacts.

I have also written the Brazilian association, now totally paid up, in this regard and also in order to inform them that the IAHR Executive is interested in sponsoring a conference hosted by the Brazilian association, possibly in cooperation with *ALER* or other Latin or South American associations in the not too distant future.

In regard to Latin America, mention must also be made of efforts to revitalize or reorganize the Cuban association, efforts that included meetings with Cuban colleagues in Cuba in February this year and continuous e-mail communication.

A fairly young regional member association, the *SSEASR*, has been given special attention in the past period, in terms of grants to its bi-annual conferences (Bangkok 2007 and Bali 2009) and in terms of attendance by members of the IAHR Executive Committee, and it is my hope that the *SSEASR* will be able to follow up on the successes of the first five years, and that it will be able to further develop its membership and to help promote the academic study of religions in the region. Its 4th bi-annual is scheduled for Bhutan in June 2011.

As for national member associations in the same region, mention may be made of the good news that the *Indonesian Association for the Study and Research of Religion* has managed to pay the fee for 2008-2010 and entered an agreement to pay up for the years 2005-2007 also before the end of this year. Likewise, mention must also be made of the *Korean Association for the History of Religion (KAHR)*: the KAHR in spring 2010 transferred 200 USD to the IAHR accounts, and since it had not paid its fees since 2001 and I had not managed to get in contact with any officer since I started trying in 2006, this development is highly appreciated. Due to a personal contact with Prof. Chae Young Kim, now *KAHR* Vice-President, I have good hope that the *KAHR* will discuss the situation and that a solution as regards the missing fees will be found when I meet with Prof. Chae Young Kim in Toronto.

Before leaving this part of the world, I also want to mention that I have tried, ever since taking over in Tokyo 2005, to follow up on the intention stated in the text regarding the then disaffiliation of *Taiwan Association for Religious Studies (TARS)*, namely that their "subsequent status in the IAHR shall be resolved after further negotiations." My continuous efforts to stay in contact with the *TARS* finally seems to have proved helpful. Not least thanks to former *TARS* President, Prof. Yen-zen Tsai, who recently put me in contact with the current President. Meetings with scholars from Taiwan pertaining to the *TARS* are scheduled for Toronto, and I hope that together we can discuss and propose solutions that may be acceptable to everybody.

As some members will remember, the *Australian Association for the Study of Religions (AASR)* disaffiliated in 2000. I shall not linger on the reasons given for the disaffiliation nor on the full report and the, in my opinion, fair as well as convincing response (See *Durban Proceedings*, 338 -349) by the former General Secretary, Prof. Geertz. The IAHR Executive, also stimulated by letters from individual Australian scholars showing interest in the IAHR, decided to explore the possibilities for a renewed contact to the Australian association, and following explorations by member-at-large Morny Joy, also involved in the discussions back in the late 90s, I wrote a letter to the AASR Secretary and President in 2009, sincerely asking them to consider once again becoming a member of the IAHR. Some months later I sent another letter to the President, Toni Tidswell, this time with more direct reference to former events and discussions as well as to the most relevant of the more recent developments within the IAHR. Finally, this spring, I have once again mailed the AASR President, and it is my sincere hope that the *Australian Association for the Study of Religions* will discuss the matter at its meeting this summer, and I also look forward to meeting with Toni Tidswell at the AAR annual meeting this year, where she and other scholars from the region have been invited by the AAR to participate in panels on special topics related to the region. Allow me to thank also other IAHR members who have been in Australia recently for their efforts to try help pave the way for a renewed cooperation between the Australian association and the IAHR.

Besides the efforts described above to develop membership in various regions, mention must also be made of the following:

Efforts to get in contact with and maybe revitalize or reorganize the *Société Belgo-luxembourgeoise d'Histoire des Religions* and the *Israel Society for the History of Religion* respectively have been continued. At the moment of writing I have finally managed to get in contact with some scholars from Israel, and their responses have been highly promising. As

reported earlier, the Treasurer of the *Société Belgo-luxembourgeoise d'Histoire des Religions* in an e-mail stated that the society was nearly dead and not in a position to uphold any trans-national contacts. I have asked in return if there was anything the IAHR could do, but I did not receive any response, and efforts to get in contact with the Belgian/Luxembourg society with the help of French colleagues so far has not born fruit. I have, therefore, been in contact for quite some time with several other Belgian scholars and a meeting is planned for Toronto in order to discuss how best to proceed.

6. The (re-) Discovery of Affiliation of 'Affiliates'

Soon after taking office, I noticed that the constitutional distinction between (Article 3A) *members* (national and regional member-associations/-societies), and (3B) *affiliates* (international associations for the study of particular areas within the history of religions), was not reflected in the then overall terminology in use ('affiliation', 'disaffiliation', 'affiliate(s)'). Neither did the actual state of affairs and policy reflect (what I saw as) the intention of the Constitution, namely to have member societies and associations as well as affiliates.

The Executive Committee supported my suggestion to implement the wording of the Constitution and look into the possibilities for having 'real' affiliates (something not unknown in the past history of the IAHR). In this way, we reasoned, the IAHR can link to and include some of those international or regional associations that focus on research in particular areas and aspects of the study of religions, associations to which quite a few IAHR members as well as non-members are devoted.

With the new possibilities follow a series of questions and challenges regarding for example, more specific criteria for what may count as an 'affiliate', for the process of adoption, and for the status, rights and obligations of 'affiliates' as compared to 'members' (e.g. fee, voting rights, participation in World Congresses). Deliberations within the Executive Committee as well as with some of the potential affiliates, have so far resulted in several proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and I therefore ask you to take a look at those proposals.

The adoption of one such potential affiliate to the IAHR, namely the *International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR)*, was recommended by the Executive Committee and also by the International Committee in Brno 2008. As can be seen from the relevant document uploaded at the restricted area at the IAHR website, the *International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association (ISORECEA)*, and the *International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)* also had applied for affiliation, and most recently, following the upload of the mentioned document, I have received yet another application for affiliation from the *European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (ESSWE)*.

Contacts with the leadership (especially the President, James Lewis) of the recently established *International Society for the Study of New Religions (ISSNR)*, so far did not lead to an application.

Following letters from the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* regarding possible ways of cooperation, the President and General Secretary while in Chicago in November 2008 had an exploratory and informal meeting with the *SBL* Executive Director Kent Richards and the then *SBL* President, Prof. J. Z. Smith. We explained that the profile and constitution of the *SBL* fits our category of 'affiliate' rather than that of 'member'. We also, of course, discussed the fact that the *AAR* has already applied for membership. Following the meeting, I sent several emails to Richards, but received no response.

7. Individual Membership

Since 2005 the Executive Committee has received a few requests regarding individual membership. In all but one case, however, the scholar in question has, in accordance with the IAHR Constitution Article 3, been asked to seek membership with an already existing national or regional association.

Following communication regarding a possible application for membership by the *QSSR*, the *Queensland Society for the Study of Religion*, the *QSSR* decided not to apply for membership to the IAHR, in order not to create problems in case the Australian association was moved to consider reentry to the IAHR. As a consequence of this decision, Prof. Helen Farley applied for individual membership to the IAHR with reference to the fact that there is no Australian IAHR member association.

The IAHR Executive Committee recommends that the International Committee at its meeting in Toronto 2010 recommend the adoption of Helen Farley as an individual member to the IAHR, that is, of course, unless the Australian association at the time should have decided to rejoin the IAHR.

8. Lapsed Membership

As the unfortunate cases with the disaffiliation of the Australian and Taiwanese associations both show, the IAHR does have provisions not just for adoption but also for disaffiliation of members. Over the past years, see in this regard my 2008 report, the Executive has started to discuss, however, if these provisions are sufficient and optimal.

Though it has been a pleasure to witness the significant increase in the number of paid-up members, the Executive thus has discussed what to do with members who do not pay their dues and, furthermore, do not communicate about this or anything else when approached by the Treasurer and General Secretary.

The result of the deliberations of the current Executive, also shown in our proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, is as follows: The annual fee must be paid no later than January 31 each calendar year. The IAHR Treasurer sends out a notification beginning of January. A reminder is then to be send to those that have not paid in March, and a third reminder goes out in May, asking for a payment no later than June 1st. During the same procedure the following year, members in bad standing will be reminded thereof and asked to pay the outstanding fee(s) as soon as possible and no later than July 1st. They will also be reminded that following 18 months and six reminders, there will be no more reminders: their membership will be considered lapsed, and if they have not paid the outstanding fees within the following 18 months, they will be struck from the list of member societies and associations. The same procedure will be applied to affiliates.

9. Proposed Amendments to the IAHR Constitution and By-Laws

As mentioned above, the tightening up of the academic profile of the IAHR has now been followed up by a proposal for an amendment to the Constitution Article 1. But the proposal for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws entails more than that and more than the aforementioned accommodations needed to implement the intention in Article 3B concerning affiliates.

Since the rationale for the amendments has been laid out in a separate document, I shall not repeat that, but instead mention that the Executive Committee already in 2005 revised (and improved, I think) the "Basis Framework for Running IAHR Congresses" (see <http://www.iahr.dk/congress.html>), and in Brno 2008, the IAHR Rules were updated so as to accommodate the new contents and implications of the contract on *NUMEN* signed with Brill.

Finally explicit mention must be made of the *AASR*, the *African Association for the Study of Religions'* proposal for amendments to the composition of and delegation of duties in

the IAHR Executive Committee. Since preliminary and general comments to this proposal have also been published in a separate document, I shall only extend my thanks to the *AASR* and to the two signatories to the *AASR* proposal, Profs. Gerrie ter Haar and Jan G. Platvoet. No matter the outcome of the discussion of their proposal, they have done an impressive work outlining the relevant past history of the IAHR, and they have shown an extraordinary engagement in the future well-being and development of the IAHR.

As for the proposal from the Executive Committee in regard to the composition of the Executive, let me just state this: When I took office in 2005 I promised to make an evaluation of the first five years with the new delegation of duties (effected as of 2005) one of my main tasks. The above-mentioned proposal, according to which the offices of Membership Secretary and Internet Officer disappear, is one of the results of my working experience and evaluation, but it is also the result of the experience and work of the two officers in question.

10. IAHR Website Redesigned

The IAHR website serves as one of the most important means of communications to the IAHR membership. For several years, it was evident to the IAHR Executive Committee as well as to the elected Internet Officer, Prof. Francisco Diez de Velasco, the first Internet Officer in the history of the IAHR, that the IAHR website had to be updated and redesigned to meet new demands and tastes.

The Internet Officer, however, also informed the Executive Committee that he did not want to do that job himself. The IAHR President, Prof. Rosalind I.J. Hackett, who had been actively engaged in the setting up of the (now old) website fortunately engaged herself also in creating a new website, and she recommended that the IAHR asked Jeremy Brent Hughes, a webmaster at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA, to redesign the website and thereafter maintain and update it on a daily and annual basis.

Mr. Hughes agreed to do so, and for a very reasonable fee. The Executive Committee, as well as several officers from the IAHR member societies, are very pleased with the new look, but construction and reconstruction is still going on behind the scenes, and the website can and must of course be improved and developed continuously, hopefully in close cooperation with its users, that is the members of the IAHR.

So I am requesting individual members of the constituent member societies, and the officers of the executive committees to please feed us with your suggestions for improvements that can then help improve communication and information from the Executive Committee to and amongst the members.

Effective communication of key messages between the member associations and the IAHR Executive Committee via the General Secretary is of the utmost importance. Calls for meetings, minutes from International Committee and General Assembly meetings and other like information are normally mailed directly and separately to the officers of the constituent societies and/or included in the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement*, and in the *IAHR Bulletin*. Such communication, apart from the print *Bulletin*, normally is also posted and archived at the IAHR website.

For the most part, none of this constitutes a major challenge, except if I (and the Membership Secretary) do not have the correct current names and addresses of the officers. The real challenge, to the General Secretary and to the officers of the member societies, however, is to find ways to make sure that the information also reaches each *individual* member of the constituent member societies and associations.

Consequently, please consider if the IAHR can be of any help in regard to this part of the communication with the individual members of the IAHR.

As regards messages from the member societies to the IAHR, and thus to other member societies and to IAHR members around the world, there certainly is also need for

improvement and changes. This was the reason why I asked all members, see the *IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement*, November 2009 to send me your suggestions as to how we may possibly make optimal use of the new website.

I have so far received no suggestions (except for what may be included in this regard in the AASR proposal for a restructuring of the Executive Committee), and I therefore repeat my request: Please send me your opinion on the new website. What kind of innovation do you wish to see at the website beyond what is already there now? What other or different sections or links do you need? Do you want the IAHR to post announcements of your conferences, be it conferences open only to your own national or regional membership or to the IAHR membership in general? Do you need innovations capable of announcing a new issue of your journal, or a book authored by one of your members? Do you wish for a site continuously keeping track of developments and events within the other IAHR member societies? Are we to develop more areas on the website, exclusively for and restricted to IAHR officers and members?

11. Women Scholars Network

The IAHR Women Scholars Network (cf. <http://www.iahr.dk/wsn/>) was launched in 2007. The purpose of the network is:

... to provide a forum for women in Religious Studies throughout the world to be in contact with one another. So, the basic aim is to encourage scholarly exchange, as well as to help solidify friendships that have begun at various IAHR conferences in different countries and regions. We hope to provide a venue for dialogue on topics of mutual academic and professional interest.

The IAHR Executive Committee considers this initiative to be extremely important in furthering and implementing our stated aims, and it is the hope that it may help pave the way for other similar initiatives. One such may be the establishing of a Young Scholars Network, an idea we have discussed but one that the outgoing Executive now must pass on to the incoming Executive Committee.

12. IAHR Publications

12.1. Editorial Board Meetings

For many years, the IAHR Executive Committee has constituted the *NUMEN* editorial board, as well as the advisory board of *Numen Books Series (NBS)*, and for a few years the advisory board of *Science of Religion: Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles (SoR)*. Regular editorial and advisory board meetings, consequently, have been held in connection with the already mentioned IAHR Executive Committee meetings. Since 2008 when the agreements between Brill and IAHR on NBS and SoR came to an end (see below) only *NUMEN* editorial board meetings have been held. Separate minutes from each of these have been recorded and adopted.

12.2. NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions

The IAHR Executive Committee, represented by Profs. Brian Bocking, the IAHR Publications Officer, and myself, in 2007-2008 negotiated a new agreement with Brill on the future of *NUMEN*, *Numen Book Series*, and *Science of Religion: Abstracts and Index of Recent*. The new contract on *Numen* was endorsed by the IAHR Executive Committee at its meeting in Ankara, October 21, 2007, and since I have already reported in detail on the contents of this contract (see my report to the International Committee in Brno 2008), I shall only say that the IAHR Executive Committee is (still) very happy with the new contract. In respect of overall direction and editorial control past arrangements will continue: the elected Executive Committee of the IAHR is the *NUMEN* Editorial Board, and *NUMEN* thus remains

the journal of the IAHR and its membership. At the same time the arrangement is a great improvement in regard to the IAHR finances, thus also constituting a great improvement as regards the possibility for the Executive Committee to grant money in support of the IAHR World Congress, Special and Regional Conferences, publications and the like.

Due to these changes in regard to *NUMEN*, the paragraphs relating to *NUMEN* in the IAHR By-Laws were amended in Brno 2008.

As regards *NUMEN*, many thanks are extended to Prof. Einar Thomassen who stepped down as one of two managing editors in 2008, and a warm welcome to Prof. Olav Hammer who took over when Thomassen left. Likewise thanks are extended to Prof. Gregory Alles who as of January 2010 joined the managing editors, in order to be in place when Prof. Gustavo Benavides steps down by the end of 2010.

Finally warm thanks are extended to Prof. Maya Burger who, after having served for many years the IAHR as *NUMEN* Review Editor, has decided to step down. A warm welcome at the same time is extended to Prof. Ingvild S. Gilhus taking over from Maya Burger but already working as Review Editor together with Prof. Burger.

12.3. Numen Book Series and Science of Religion: Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles

Though the IAHR Executive Committee conceived of *NUMEN*, *Numen Book Series* and *SoR* as an IAHR/Brill package and a strong ‘brand’, negotiations regarding *Numen Book Series* and *SoR* did, as related earlier, not have the same outcome as for *Numen*: as of 31 July, 2008, with the lapse of the old agreement, *Numen Book Series* thus was no longer an IAHR related book series, and the same goes for the *SoR*.

The IAHR Executive Committee thanks the editors of *Numen Book Series* for their many years of hard work, and Katja Triplett and her team of editors for their work on *SoR*.

I have, together with the Publications Officer, Prof. Brian Bocking, had a meeting in London with Janet Joyce, Equinox Publishing, and Prof. Bocking subsequently has lined up a possible scheme for an IAHR book series, and a proposal that can be discussed and decided upon by the incoming Executive Committee is in preparation.

12.4. Congress and Conference Proceedings, Adjunct Proceedings etc.

As mentioned above, the Proceedings from the World Congresses in Durban 2000 and Tokyo 2005 have now been published. These Proceedings can be found at the IAHR website at <http://www.iahr.dk/proceedings.html> where a list of Adjunct Proceedings and Spin-off publications can also be found.

Please take also a look at the listing of publications related to IAHR Special and Regional Conferences.

All together this comprises a fairly impressive list, and I want to thank all colleagues involved in all of these publications for their contribution to the academic study of religions and to the work of the IAHR.

Allow me, at the same time, to ask colleagues who know of other IAHR-related publications to send me or the Publications Officer a note about it, and allow me also to remind all colleagues planning publications, including thematic issues of journals, linked to the IAHR World Congress and IAHR Special and Regional Conferences, that such publications must acknowledge that they stem from the IAHR Congress or conference and that papers published were presented there.

Furthermore, it is requested that a minimum of three (copies) be made available to the Executive Committee of all spin-off volumes.

Final remarks

Allow me finally to extend my thanks to the colleagues in the Executive Committee for the cooperation over the last five years, and a special thank goes to those colleagues, Vice-Presidents Profs. Gerrie ter Haar and Akio Tsukimoto, Internet Officer Prof. Francisco Diez de Velasco, and member-at-large Prof. Alef T. Wasim, who have decided to step down in Toronto. They have all done a great work serving the IAHR for years.

Thanks are also extended to all other colleagues from the IAHR member associations and societies who are all in various ways contributing to the steady promotion of the academic study of religions and thus to the work of the IAHR.

Last but not least I want to thank the Toronto hosting member associations and societies, that is the *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR)*, *La Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQER)*, and the *Sociedad Mexicana para el estudio de las Religiones (SMER)* as well as the University of Toronto Department and Centre for the Study of Religion (CSR) and Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion for taking upon themselves the task of hosting the IAHR XXth World Congress.

Special thanks, of course, are extended to the Congress Director, Prof. Donald Wiebe, to the Congress Secretariat, and to the Academic Program Co-Chairs, Profs. Ingvild S. Gilhus and Martin H. Luther.

Thanks also to everybody else in Toronto and around the world for their contribution to the planning and running of the Congress and the academic program with its many panels and papers all linked to the overall Congress theme 'RELIGION - A HUMAN PHENOMENON'.

Tim Jensen, IAHR General Secretary
Copenhagen, July 14, 2010

IAHR ACTING TREASURER'S REPORT

2005 - 2010

Period		05/02/2005 31/01/2008	01/02/2008 - 12/07/2010	
All amounts are in USD	Note	Unaudited	Audited	Total
<i>Income:</i>				
JZ Smith Donation		100.00	200.00	300.00
BASR Donation		1,666.00	0.00	1,666.00
Membership Fees		14,403.50	14,584.63	28,988.13
CIPSH Grants		10,945.00	13,668.20	24,613.20
Brill one-off Payment		0.00	20,299.95	20,299.95
Brill per Issue		0.00	24,842.70	24,842.70
Brill Editorial Expenses		3,000.00	1,836.07	4,836.07
Interest		388.02	806.24	1,194.26
TOTAL INCOME		30,502.52	76,237.79	106,740.31
<i>Expenses:</i>				
CIPSH Fees		1,315.18	2,025.00	3,340.18
Travel Expenses	1	7,605.20	4,245.96	11,851.16
Meeting Expenses	2	502.11	2,666.00	3,168.11
Managing Editor's Expenses	3	1,612.88	3,602.57	5,215.45
Registration Fees		0.00	188.42	188.42
Website Expenses		106.15	174.46	280.61
Printing Expenses	4	3,686.69	3,922.39	7,609.08
IAHR/CIPSH Grants to IAHR Conf.	5	2,000.00	37,400.00	39,400.00
Gifts		103.00	42.00	145.00
Accounting/auditing		530.00	1,200.00	1,730.00
Bank Expenses		0.00	975.17	975.17
Exchange Rates	6	0.00	2,521.48	2,521.48
Other Expenses		2,105.93	2,537.64	4,643.57
TOTAL EXPENSES		19,567.14	61,501.09	81,068.23
RESULT FOR THE PERIOD		10,935.38	14,736.70	25,672.08

IAHR ACTING TREASURER'S REPORT 2005 - 2010

12/07/2010

Receivables:

CIPSH Grants	7,700.00
Other receivables	1,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	8,700.00

Bank Accounts:

Daily Bank Account, USD	6,955.41
IAHR African Trust Fund, USD	12,000.00
IAHR Endowment Fund, USD	8,695.00
Daily Bank Account, EUR	34,159.79
BANK ACCOUNTS	61,810.20

TOTAL ASSETS	70,510.20
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Equity:

Equity 25th of February 2005	43,638.12
Result for the period	25,672.08
TOTAL EQUITY	69,310.20

Short term liabilities:

Accounting	1,200.00
Short term liabilities	1,200.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,200.00
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	70,510.20
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1 TRAVEL EXPENSES

Travel 25/2-2005 - 31/1-2008

Hackett CIPSH Meeting	1,070.83
Tokyo 2005 Travel Unspecified	5,080.00
Bucharest (Wasim)	1,454.37
	7,605.20

Travel 1/2-2008 - 12/7-2010

Santa Cruz (Jensen)	1,122.00
CIPSH Meeting (Hackett & Jensen)	1,887.00
Toronto (Site Visit Jensen)	126.25
Atlanta AAR Meeting (Jensen)	203.38
Brno (SSEASR/Lochan)	907.33
	4,245.96

2 MEETING EXPENSES

Meeting Expenses 25/2-2005 - 31/1-2008

Executive

Tokyo	370.76
Philadelphia	55.00
Bucharest	76.35
	502.11

Meeting Expenses 1/2 2008 - 12/7 2010

Executive

Messina	940.00
Brno	145.00
	1,085.00

Publications

Meeting Copenhagen Brill	912.00
Meeting London Equinox	669.00
	1,581.00

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3 MANAGING EDITOR'S EXPENSES

Expenses 25/2-2005 - 31/1-2008

Unspecified	1,612.88
	1,612.88

Expenses 1/2-2008 - 12/7-2010

Ankara (Thomassen)	804.50
Ankara (Benavides)	782.00
Copy Editing (Thomassen)	180.00
Brno (Hammer)	1,026.07
Messina (Hammer)	810.00
	3,602.57

4 PRINTING EXPENSES

Expenses 25/2-2005 - 31/1-2008

Tokyo Bulletin	1,970.69
Books Reimbursed	1,716.00
	3,686.69

Expenses 1/2 2008 - 12/7 2010

Durban Proceedings	2,922.39
Tokyo Proceedings	1,000.00
	3,922.39

5 IAHR/CIPSH GRANTS TO IAHR CONFERENCES

Grants 25/2-2005 - 31/1-2008

Gabarone AASR	500.00
Bangkok SSEASR	500.00
Ankara	1,000.00
	2,000.00

Grants 1/2 2008 - 12/7 2010

Bali SSEASR	3,700.00
Ile-Ife AASR	1,000.00
Brno	1,350.00
Messina	1,350.00
Toronto	30,000.00
	37,400.00

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6 EXCHANGE RATES

Exchange rate between USD and Euro is 1.35. Difference between account on bank and bookkeeping per 12.07.2010 is USD 2,521.48.

The cost for exchange rate is the difference between the used daily rate of 1.35 and the rate per 12.07.2010.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of IAHR

We have audited the IAHR Acting Treasurer's Report for the period 01-02-2008 – 12-07-2010. The Report comprise income statement, balance sheet, and notes

Board of Executives Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Executives are responsible for the presentation and preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU. This responsibility includes: Designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant for the presentation and preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility and Basis of Opinion

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Danish Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's presentation and preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Executives, as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The audit has not resulted in any qualification.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position at 12 July 2010 and of the results of the operations for the period 1 February 2005 to 12 July 2010 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU.

Copenhagen, 16 July 2010

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IAHR MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCOUNTING

July 12, 2010

37 dues paying national member societies:

* indicates 2010 dues not paid as of July 12, 2010.

Association name in Bold indicates dues not paid for a long time.

Italic means special arrangements.

Austria 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Belgium/Luxembourg [missing since 2001]*

Brazil 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Canada (CSSR) 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

China 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

[donation made in lieu of dues for Taiwan period 2000-04]

Cuba [missing since 1999]*

Czech Republic 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Denmark 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Finland 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

France 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Germany 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Greece 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 (arrangement to pay for 2010 in Toronto in cash)

Hungary 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009*

India [after reorganization] 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 (arrangement: pays up in Toronto in cash)

Indonesia [missing since 1996][paid for 2008, 2009, 2010 June 2010; agreement on payment 2005-2007 before end of 2010]

Israel [missing since 1999]*

Italy 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Japan 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Mexico 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Netherlands 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

New Zealand [excused from dues since entry; dues paid after reorganization], 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Nigeria 1998, 1999, 2000 [paid 100 USD for 2010: agreement on payment of 2005 -2009 in Toronto and the rest asap)

Norway 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Poland 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Canada/Quebec 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Romania 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009*

Russia [missing since 2000] [reorganized 2006 but dormant]*

Slovakia 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Southern Africa 2001-2005 (1/2), 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

South Korea [missing since 2000] (paid 200 USD for 2009, 2010; agreement on payment of

2005-2008 in Toronto and rest a.s.a.p.)

Spain 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010*

Sweden 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Switzerland 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Turkey 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009*

Ukraine 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

United Kingdom 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

United States/North America 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009,
2010

5 non-dues paying regional associations:

African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)

Eastern African Association for the Study of Religion (EAASR)

South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR)

European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)

Latin American Association (ALER)

Tim Jensen, IAHR Acting Treasurer, July 12, 2010.

Nominations & Candidates for the IAHR Executive Committee 2010-2015

In Brno, September 6-7, 2008, the IAHR Executive Committee appointed an IAHR Nominating Committee. The committee was composed of Professors Giulia S. Gasparro, Jan G. Platvoet and Armin W. Geertz. The committee's job was to submit nominations for the next Executive Committee (2010-2015) to the members of the International Committee in accordance with the IAHR Constitution § 4c and the rules for the nomination procedure (cf. <http://www.iahr.dk/nominations.html>).

In a letter (cf. 'Appendix 1_ Nominations2010-2015.pdf' dated October 20, 2009, at <http://www.iahr.dk/newsletter/index.html>) the Nominating Committee submitted its nominations. The candidates nominated by the committee were as follows:

President: Rosalind I.J. Hackett (United States)
Vice-President: Ingvild S. Gilhus (Norway)
Vice-President: Abdulkader Tayob (South Africa)
General Secretary: Tim Jensen (Denmark)
Deputy General Secretary: Maria del Mar Marcos Sanchez (Spain)
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Member without portfolio: Amarjiva Lochan (India)

According to the mentioned §4c (and the rules for the nomination procedure), "Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress."

Consequently, at the same time (IAHR e-Bulletin Supplement November 2009 at <http://www.iahr.dk/newsletter/nominations.html>) as I informed about the nominations, I urged members of the International Committee who wanted to propose alternative nominations to do so in writing (e-mail or regular mail) no later than July 14, 2010.

I have received *no* alternative nominations, and the abovementioned candidates are thus the only candidates for the IAHR Executive Committee 2010-2015.

According to the IAHR Constitution Article 4c, "The International Committee at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly, shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly." According to the IAHR Rules of Procedure, point 16.g. "[t]hose whose candidacy is unopposed shall be declared "elected unopposed". All others are elected by secret ballot."

Tim Jensen
General Secretary
Copenhagen July 18, 2010

Statements of Candidacy

According to the “Nomination Procedure for the Executive Committee of the IAHR”, point 3.d: “The candidates will be invited to give a brief statement of candidacy in the IAHR Bulletin”. Below, please find the statements from the candidates for the IAHR Executive Committee 2010-2015.

Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett **President**

I am currently Professor and Head of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. I also serve as adjunct faculty in the Department of Anthropology, and as Faculty Associate at the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at UT. From 2003-08, I was a Distinguished Professor in the Humanities. In 2008, I received the Lorayne Lester Award for Outstanding Service for my coordination of the Jazz for Justice Project in northern Uganda and UT. I taught in Nigerian universities from 1975-1983, while conducting fieldwork. My graduate degrees are from the University of London (M.Phil. in History and Philosophy of Religion, 1978) and the University of Aberdeen (Ph.D. Religious Studies, 1986).



As a specialist on the religions of Africa, I have published widely on new religious movements in Africa (*New Religious Movements in Nigeria*, ed. 1987), religious pluralism (*Religion in Calabar*, 1989), art (*Art and Religion in Africa*, 1996), gender, the media, and religion in relation to human rights (*Religious Persecution as a U.S. Policy Issue*, co-ed., 1999). I recently edited *Proselytization Revisited: Rights Talk, Free Markets, and Culture Wars* (London: Equinox, 2008), and a co-edited work (with James H. Smith) is in press *Religious Dimensions of Conflict and Peace in Neoliberal Africa* (Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 2010). I am currently working on a co-edited volume with Benjamin Soares, *New Media and Religious Transformations in Africa*, for Indiana University Press, and another with Simon Coleman on *An Anthropology of Global Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism* for NYU Press. I plan to turn my Toronto symposium on "Sound In/As Religion" into an edited volume. For full CV and web page, see <http://web.utk.edu/~rhackett>.

I attended my first IAHR Congress in Winnipeg in 1980 and have served on the Executive since 1995. Over the last five years, we, the IAHR Executive, have been working hard to strengthen and expand the association. We have been updating the core documents, our information and communication networks, our finances, and working with those who wish to develop new or revive old member associations. We have been giving particular attention to IAHR publications, and regional and national association conferences. We need to improve our fundraising capabilities to be able to support the work of the association at all levels in these challenging times. All in all, I am delighted and honored to serve a second term as IAHR President and eagerly look forward to working with our new team to promote the academic study of religion around the world ever more effectively.

Prof. Ingvild Sælid Gilhus

Vice-President

Born 1951. Master of arts, University of Oslo, 1974, Dr.philos., University of Bergen 1982.

I am Professor of the History of Religions at the University of Bergen (1988-).

My research interests are primarily religions in Late Antiquity, New Age and theories and methods in the History of Religions, and I have published articles and books in these fields. I am currently working on Asceticism and Sexuality based on the seven texts in Codex II from Nag Hammadi.



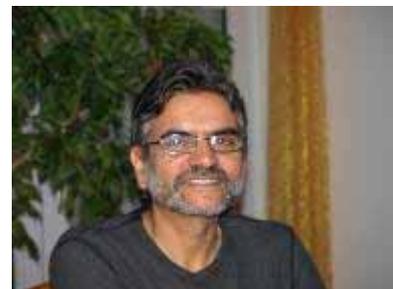
As for administrative appointments (selected), I have been Vice Dean (1988) and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Bergen (1989-90), member of the Executive Committee for the University of Bergen (1999-2005), Deputy Chairman of the board of the Norwegian Research Council (2003-2006), Chairman of the board of Chr. Michelsen Institute. Development Studies and Human Rights (2001-2007), member of the board of the Bergen International Festival (1999-2007), member of the scientific board of Religion in the 21Century (Research priority area) (Copenhagen University) (2004-2007), Chairman of the board of the Centre for Medieval Studies (Norwegian Centre of Excellence), University of Bergen (2007-2011) and member of the Executive Committee IAHR (2001-2010). I am also member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters (Trondheim) and member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (Oslo) and have an honorary doctorate at the University of Copenhagen.

The main challenges for the IAHR are, in my opinion, to continue to promote Scientific work of a high standard and arrange conferences of high quality. It is crucial actively to engage members of IAHR in History of Religions networks, assist in establishing contacts between different countries and be of assistance to countries where the History of Religions is relatively new as a university subject. I see it as especially important to support the reflexive and self-critical attitude that recently has been prominent in much of the theoretical contributions to the History of Religions and thus contribute to make a better foundation for scientific work.

Prof. Abdulkader Tayob

Vice-President

I hold the National Research Foundation Chair on Islam, African Publics and Religious Values. This is one among many chairs established throughout South Africa in order to promote research in strategic and priority areas. My own work lies in the field of Islamic Studies with a focus on Africa and modern Islamic Thought. History of Religions provides the disciplinary foundation for my work. I am currently based at the Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town.



I completed a Phd at Temple University in 1989, and soon thereafter joined the University of Cape Town. My doctoral and initial post-doctoral work focused on early Islamic historiography and Qur'anic traditions, but I soon turned to the study of Islam in modern contexts. Over the next few years, I completed two books on Islam in South Africa (*Islamic*

Resurgence in South Africa (1999), *Mosques, Imams and Sermons* (1999)). The first focused on a youth movement, and included a study on Islamism which has since become a key area of global research in Islamic Studies. The second focus on the history and analysis of Islamic institutions. During this time, I also completed a much-utilized *Islam, a Short Introduction* (1999), numerous articles, edited books and collaboration on the *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World* (2003) with Richard Martin and others. My most recent book is *Religion in Modern Islamic Discourse* (2009).

I have held a number of teaching and research fellowships over the years. These include period of various lengths at the American University Cairo (1997), University of Virginia (1998), Hamburg University (1997, 2009/2010). I was also honoured to hold the first Heinrich Barth Visiting Professorship at Bayreuth University in Germany (2008-2009). From 2002 to 2006, I was Professor of Social Processes of Modern Islam at the Radboud University (Nijmegen) and the International Institute for the Study of Islam in Modern World (ISIM).

I see the IAHR as a critical association for promoting the study of religions at many levels, from local to global. Given the greater relevance of religion in contemporary society, it seems that scholars of religion have much to offer to fellow human and social scientists, and to general publics. More effective networking among scholars of religion in different parts of the globe, and a greater willingness to share knowledge and perspectives on crucial events and developments, would enhance the work of the IAHR. More importantly, it would demonstrate that we can better understand ourselves through the study of religion.

Prof. Tim Jensen **General Secretary**

Born 1950. 1981 Mag. Art. History of Religions, University of Copenhagen (dissertation on 'hybris' in the Homeric epics); 1981-95 senior teacher in Religion and Ancient Greek Civilisation & Assistant Lecturer, History of Religions, University of Copenhagen; 1995-98 Assistant Prof., Dpt. for the Study of Religions, University of Southern Denmark; 1998- Associate Professor, same place.



1980–1990 Chair of *Religionshistorisk Forening*, Univ. of Copenhagen; 1991-93 Chair *Association for Teachers in Religious Education in the Gymnasium*; 1997-2005 President of DAHR, *Danish Association for the History of Religions*; 2002-2004 Chair Institute of Philosophy and the Study of Religions; 1999-2007 Head Dpt. of the Study of Religions. 2000-2005 Chair of *NORREL, Nordic Committee for the History of Religions*; 2000-2004 General Secretary EASR, *European Association for the Study of Religions*; 2005-2010 General Secretary IAHR.

Currently member of editorial or advisory boards of *NUMEN*, *Temenos*, *British Journal of Religious Education*, *Anaquel de estudios árabes*, *Teaching Theology and Religion*, and *Religion & Education*.

Publications, research, teaching and lecturing in, *inter alia*, issues of methodology; religion and the scholar of religion in the public sphere and discourses; the study of religion and religion education; religion, the study of religion and applied ethics. For more info, see <http://www.sdu.dk/ansat/tjensen.aspx>

Over the past five years I have tried my best to accomplish the many tasks of the IAHR General Secretary. Often daily and hard work, always a pleasure and privilege. Now as before driven by the same ambition: to help carve out more and more space for the academic study

of religion all around the world.

My 2010 General Secretary's report, together with the proposed amendments to the Constitution, identifies the main IAHR focus areas, achievements, and challenges that I have been and still am engaged in.

" [...] the IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetical, or other similar concerns." Thus reads the final paragraph in the revised IAHR policy statement. I consider this policy to be right and the statement to be true. If reelected I shall do my best to help make sure that it is so, also and hopefully even more so, in the years ahead.

Prof. Maria del Mar Marcos Sanchez

Deputy General Secretary

Mar Marcos has a PhD in History (1990) and is currently Associate Professor in Ancient History/History of Religions in Antiquity at the University of Cantabria (Spain). She is head of the Department of Historical Sciences. She has done post-doctoral research at the University of Oxford (1990-1992), and has been Visiting Scholar in Wolfson College (Univ. of Oxford, 1998) and at the Université Paris 13 Villataneuse (2007).

Her research interests include the History of Religions in Greece and Rome, Early Christianity and Judaism, Religious Pluralism and Conflict, Women and Religion in Antiquity. She is currently directing a research project with support from the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Education on the theme "Religious Pluralism and Conflict in the Roman Empire (III-V century AD)".

She has written several books (*Women and Religion in Late Antique Rome (AD 312-410)*, Santander 1990; *Religious Freedom and Intolerance in the Roman Empire* (with J. F. Ubina), Madrid, 2007; *Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in the Ancient Mediterranean: Themes and Problems* (with R. Teja), Madrid 2008; *Heretics in History*, Madrid, 2009, all of them in Spanish), and a number of articles and chapters on religion in Classical Antiquity.

She has been Membership Secretary of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) since 2005, and is a Member of the Steering Committee of the Women Scholars Network of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR).



Prof. Brian Bocking

Treasurer

Brian Bocking (BA Lancaster, MA, PhD Leeds) is Professor of the Study of Religions at University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, where he is leading the development of the new Study of Religions department, the first of its kind in the Republic. Until December 2007 he held the Chair in the study of Religions at SOAS, London, and was previously at Bath, England, Tsukuba, Japan and Stirling, Scotland. He has been President of the British Association for the Study of Religions and is currently (2005-10) a member of the Executive Committee of the IAHR.

His academic interests extend across the field of the study of religions; most of his publications are in Buddhism, Japanese religions, contemporary religious movements and approaches to the study and teaching of religions. He



is currently researching with Alicia Turner (Toronto) and Laurence Cox (NUI Maynooth) the life of the strangely forgotten 'Irish Buddhist' U Dhammaloka, who was active in Burma, Japan, Siam, Singapore, Ceylon, India, Malaya, Penang and Nepal in the years around 1900.

The IAHR acts as an 'umbrella' body for dozens of national and regional associations for the study of religions. Yet as an organisation the IAHR itself is tiny. It has a small annual budget, insufficient even to pay travel or accommodation expenses for most of those attending annual Executive Committee meetings, it has no paid staff, and it has no premises. The IAHR's remarkable effectiveness depends entirely on the voluntary efforts of academics in different parts of the world who are willing and able to contribute their time and money to the work of the IAHR, whether as members of its Executive Committee or as officers of national and regional associations.

In 2005, when I was elected to the Executive Committee, the IAHR's financial situation was precarious with annual expenditure exceeding annual income. Over the last five years, thanks to the sterling efforts of the General Secretary and other members of the Executive Committee, and in particular the active cooperation of national associations in paying their dues and resolving arrears, the IAHR's financial position has stabilised. Now in 2010, the IAHR can look forward with some confidence to fulfilling its global responsibilities for the next five years.

My goal as treasurer will be above all to maintain the integrity of the IAHR's finances to support its existing range of activities. In addition, I will seek to identify other regular sources of income to support the work of the IAHR Executive and I will encourage meaningful fundraising to extend the IAHR's activities in accordance with the wishes of its member associations.

Prof. Marianna Shaknovich

Deputy Treasurer

No statement of candidacy

Abraham Khan

Membership Secretary

ABRAHIM H. KHAN B. S. (Howard), B. D. (Yale), M. A., Ph.D. (Mc Gill) and senior fellow, Centre for the Study of World Religions (Harvard).

A professor at Trinity College and cross-appointed to the Graduate Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto, his teaching and research interests span Kierkegaard's thought, philosophical-theological ethics, cross-cultural studies in theology and comparative religion, science and religion, and philosophy of religion.



He is an editor of *Acta Kierkegaardiana*, the Vice-President of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion (Toronto) that is and a sponsoring body of the 2010 IAHR Congress. One of his recent publications is “Interdependence of Religion and Mainstream International diplomacy with reference to

South and South East Asia,” *South Asian Review*, 30/1(2009). See <http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~khanah/>

The membership secretary portfolio represents one of IAHR executive links with member associations by maintaining the IAHR database on associations, size, and current officers, among other tasks.

As IAHR seeks to become more global, I can contribute to the discussions and implementations, drawing on 30 years of IAHR experience, and first hand acquaintance with the twists and turns in shaping of the field that some refer to as the academic study of religion.

Morny Joy Publications Officer

During the past five years I have served on the executive committee of the IAHR in the capacity of member at large. During that period, together with the President, Rosalind Hackett, I have helped to establish the Women’s Scholars Network which presently has more than 100 members. This election I have been asked to stand as Publications Officer. In this position I plan to continue the excellent work undertaken by the previous officer, Brian Bocking, in maintaining good relations with the publisher of the journal *Numen*, Brill, as well as work towards the establishment of a book series that reflects the specific interests of scholars who are members of the IAHR.



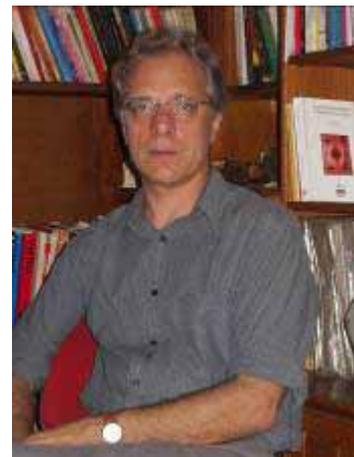
Silas Guerriero Internet Officer

I would like to thank the indication of my name to compose the IAHR Executive Committee 2010-2015.

I hope to contribute the IAHR occupying the Internet Officer position.

I am affiliated to ABHR - Brazilian Association of History of Religions.

My area is anthropology and I teach in the Program of Post Graduate Studies in Religion Sciences at PUC-SP.



Prof. Satoko Fujiwara
Member without portfolio

Position: Professor, Taisho University
Degree: Ph.D. (University of Chicago, Divinity School, History of Religions)
Specialization: history of religions, religion and education



My research interest is twofold. One is theoretical: What comparative religion has been and how it should be. The other is empirical: How religions are compared and contrasted in public education around the world. With several fellow scholars I have recently translated (into Japanese) and examined RE textbooks used in ten different countries. This research has not only revealed popularized comparative-religion discourses among those countries but also eventually lead us to realize the fundamental problems Japanese textbooks have in terms of describing and explaining religions.

I have started to take action on the problems, and am delighted to be nominated for an IAHR executive committee membership, since more and more scholars active in IAHR are showing interest in the relations of religion and education. It would be mutually fruitful to exchange findings, ideas and strategies with international scholars. I, thereby, hope to contribute to the further development of IAHR through activating the interface between RS as a “plain science” and that as an “applied science.”

Prof. Amarjiva Lochan
Member without portfolio

Associate Professor Dr Amarjiva Lochan was born in Gaya, the city associated with the Enlightenment of Buddha. He graduated from the University of Delhi, India and teaches there the History and Religions of India with special reference to the Indic elements in Southeast Asia. He is the **Editor of two international journals** (the SSEASR Journal and the Sanskrit Studies Journal, Bangkok), and keeps writing on the syncretic nature of the religions in Southeast Asia, the role of the Brahmin priests in Thailand (for which he has Ford scholarship), Hindu-Buddhist art and the changing faces of Buddhism. His publications include five books/monographs and 45 research articles. Dr Amarjiva has widely travelled for academic reasons both in the region and all over the globe. With a taste of learning new language, he can communicate, read and write 12 languages ranging from Sanskrit to Thai and from French to Spanish. He is Visiting Professor at five places outside India besides being Board members of several religious studies centres in India and abroad.



At present, he is the **President, SSEASR** (South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion).

IAHR Constitution, Rules and Regulations

Constitution

As accepted and confirmed by the General Assembly of the IAHR at its XIIth World Congress held in Stockholm on August 22nd 1970 and amended by the General Assembly at the XIIIth World Congress held in Lancaster on August 22nd 1975, the XVIth World Congress held in Rome on September 3rd 1990, the XVIIIth World Congress held in Durban on August 12th 2000 and the XIXth World Congress held in Tokyo on March 30th 2005.

Article 1

The International Association for the History of Religions (abbreviated from its English title, to IAHR), founded in September 1950 on the occasion of the VIIth International History of Religions Congress and legally registered in The Hague, The Netherlands, is a non-profit worldwide organization which has as its objective the promotion of the academic study of the history of religions through the international collaboration of all scholars whose research has a bearing on the subject.

Article 2

The IAHR seeks to achieve this object:

- (a) by holding regular international congresses and occasional symposia and colloquia;
- (b) by publishing the proceedings of such congresses and meetings;
- (c) by assisting the formation of national and regional associations of historians of religions;
- (d) by encouraging and sponsoring publications of general interest to the study of the history of religions: e.g. an international review, bibliographical bulletins, monograph series;
- (e) by taking all appropriate steps to encourage and further the academic study of the history of religions.

Article 3A

The IAHR is constituted by national or multinational (regional) societies for the academic study of religions. These are such societies as are now members and such societies as apply for membership and, on recommendation of the Executive and International Committees (see below), may be admitted by the General Assembly at future International Congresses.

Article 3B

To the IAHR may be affiliated:

- (a) International associations for the academic study of particular areas within the history of religions;
 - (b) Individual scholars for whom there is no appropriate national or regional society.
- Affiliation is effected by the application to the Executive and International Committees and by approval of the General Assembly.

Article 4

The work of the IAHR is carried out through (a) the General Assembly; (b) the International Committee; and (c) the Executive Committee.

- (a) The General Assembly of the Association meets at each international congress and is composed of all members of constituent societies of the association present at that congress. The General Assembly may take action only on matters referred to it from the International

Committee, and it may refer any matter to the International or Executive Committees for consideration and support.

(b) The International Committee is composed of:

(i) Two representatives each of the constituent national and regional societies;

(ii) The Executive Committee (see below);

(iii) Up to four individual members co-opted by the International Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

(c) The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Deputy General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Deputy Treasurer, a Membership Secretary, a Publications Officer, an Internet Officer and two members without portfolio. The officers in particular, and the members of the Executive Committee in general, shall be chosen in such a way as reasonably to reflect various parts of the world where the academic study of religion is pursued in its various disciplines. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall submit nominations for the next Executive Committee to the members of the International Committee by mail not more than twelve months and not less than nine months prior to each international congress. Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress. The International Committee at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly, shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for one quinquennial term each and be subject to re-election, but not more than two-thirds of the Committee shall be carried on from one term to the next. No one member shall serve in the same office more than two terms and no one member shall serve for a total of more than four terms with or without intervening periods. In the event of the death or resignation of any serving officer of the Association, a suitable replacement may be nominated after consultation among the remaining officials, and shall serve, subject to the written approval of a majority of members of the Executive Committee, until the next quinquennial congress.

Article 5

The Executive Committee, or at least the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall, if possible, meet at least once a year for the transaction of such necessary business as may arise between congresses. The General Secretary shall circulate the minutes of such meetings to all members of the Executive Committee. A meeting of the Executive Committee requires a minimum attendance of five of its members.

Article 6

The International Committee shall meet on the occasion of each congress, between the meeting of the Executive Committee and that of the General Assembly, and more often if necessary. It reports to the General Assembly. A meeting of the International Committee requires a minimum attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations.

Article 7A

The resources of the IAHR consist of: annual contributions paid by the constituent societies, affiliated societies and individual members, the amount of which is assessed by the Executive Committee; and grants, donations and other sources of revenue. An audited report will be submitted to the International Committee at every international congress.

Article 7B

One of the most important rights and privileges of membership in the IAHR is the right to vote in the meetings of the International Committee and in the General Assembly. This voting right is dependent upon annual payment of the membership dues.

Article 8

The Constitution may be modified only by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the International Committee.

IAHR Rules, Procedures and Regulations

Rules of Procedure

(Adopted by the International Committee of the IAHR on August 9, 2000 in Durban, South Africa; revised to accommodate constitutional changes adopted by the General Assembly of the IAHR on August 12, 2000; revised by the International Committee of the IAHR on May 10, 2003 in Bergen, Norway; revised to accommodate a new agreement with Brill on *Numen* by the International Committee of the IAHR on September 10, 2008 in Brno, Czech Republic)

I. Membership

Rule 1.

1.a. The General Assembly of the IAHR is composed of "all members of constituent societies of the association present at the congress" [Article 4.a of the Constitution].

1.b. The International Committee is composed of "(i) two representatives each of the constituent national and regional societies; (ii) the Executive Committee (see below); and (iii) up to four individual members co-opted by the International Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Committee" [Article 4.b of the Constitution].

1.c. "The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Deputy General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Deputy Treasurer, a Membership Secretary, a Publications Officer, an Internet Officer and two members without portfolio." [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

1.d. Members of the Editorial Board of NUMEN are appointed by the IAHR Executive Committee. As a rule the Editorial Board consists of the Executive Committee. The Managing and Reviews Editors are appointed by the Publisher on the recommendation of the IAHR Executive Committee, and the Publisher draws up separate contracts with these editors in conformity with the overall contract between the Publisher and the IAHR. The duration of the appointment of the Editor(s) will be stipulated in the contracts, but as a rule the period is 5 years.

The judicial relationship between the IAHR and Brill Publishers is stipulated in a contract signed by the parties on December 7, 2007. The contract will be in force for a period of ten years from this date, i.e. until December 6, 2017.

The agreement will be renewed automatically for ten years, unless notice in writing is given by either party at least twelve (12) months before the date of termination of the agreement.

II. Sessions

Rule 2. Frequency of Sessions

2.a. The General Assembly shall meet at each quinquennial international congress.

2.b. The International Committee "shall meet on the occasion of each congress, between the meeting of the Executive Committee and that of the General Assembly, and more often if necessary" [Article 6 of the Constitution]. As a rule, the International Committee also meets once between the quinquennial congresses.

2.c. "The Executive Committee, or at least the President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall, if possible, meet at least once a year for the transaction of such necessary business as may arise between congresses" [Article 5 of the Constitution].

2.d. The Editorial Board of NUMEN normally meets in conjunction with the Executive Committee meetings.

Rule 3. Convocation

3a. All sessions shall be convened by the President of the IAHR.

3.b. If for any reason the President is unable to convene a session, one of the Vice-Presidents of the IAHR shall convene it.

3.c. If for any reason the Vice-Presidents are unable to convene a session, the General Secretary shall convene it.

3.d. The General Secretary shall notify the officers of the constituent societies and/or the members of the Executive Committee concerning the date, place and provisional agenda of each session at the latest one month in advance.

3.e. It is the duty of the officers of the constituent societies to communicate such notification to their members concerning the General Assembly.

3.f. It is the duty of the officers of the constituent societies to communicate such notification to their respective delegates concerning the International Committee meetings.

Rule 4. Date and Place

4.a. The General Assembly meets at the location and time of the international congress.

4.b. The International Committee meets at the location and time of the international congress. The session between the international congresses shall be held at the location and time of an IAHR conference.

4.c. The Executive Committee will normally meet at the location and time of an IAHR conference.

III. Participants

Rule 5. Delegations

5.a. The General Assembly consists of all members of constituent societies of the IAHR present at the quinquennial congress.

5.b. Each constituent society shall provide the General Secretary of the IAHR with a list of fully paid members who shall thus be recognized as members of the General Assembly.

5.c. The executive committees of each constituent society appoint no more than two representatives to each International Committee meeting. These are normally, but not necessarily, the president and secretary of the constituent society.

5.d. Members of the Executive Committee of the IAHR may not serve as representatives for their constituent societies at the International Committee meetings.

5.e. It is the duty of the officers of each constituent society to notify the General Secretary of the IAHR the names of the designated representatives.

5.f. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, up to four individuals may be co-opted as members by the International Committee at the beginning of the session.

Rule 6. Observers and Consultants

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the International Committee may allow observers and/or consultants to participate in its sessions. They shall not have the right to vote.

IV. Agenda

Rule 7. Provisional Agenda

The provisional agenda of each session shall be prepared by the General Secretary.

Rule 8. Adoption of the Agenda

The committee or General Assembly shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of each session.

Rule 9. Amendments, Deletions and New Items

The committee or General Assembly may amend, delete or add items to the agenda so adopted if so decided by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

V. Conduct of Business

Rule 10. Quorum

10.a. "A meeting of the International Committee requires a minimum attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations" [Article 6 of the Constitution].

10.b. "A meeting of the Executive Committee requires a minimum attendance of five of its members" [Article 5 of the Constitution].

10.c. A meeting of the Editorial Board of NUMEN requires a minimum attendance of five of its members.

Rule 11. Consultative Bodies

11.a. The committee or General Assembly may create such consultative bodies as deemed necessary for the performance of the committee or General Assembly.

11.b. The committee or General Assembly shall define the composition and terms of reference of such consultative bodies at the time of their creation, or the committee or General Assembly may decide to ask the General Secretary to define such composition and terms of reference within a specified period of time.

11.c. The afore-mentioned rule (11.b) does not include the Nominating Committee of the Executive Committee elections (see Rule 16).

11.d. Each consultative body shall elect its Chairman and, if necessary, its Rapporteur.

Rule 12. Order and Time-limit of Speeches

12.a. The presiding officer shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their wish to speak.

12.b. The presiding officer may limit the time allowed to each speaker if the circumstances make this desirable.

12.c. Consultants and observers referred to in Rule 6 may address the meeting with the prior consent of the presiding officer.

Rule 13. Points of Order

13.a. During a discussion, any member may raise a point of order. Such point of order shall be immediately decided upon by the presiding officer.

13.b. An appeal may be made against the ruling of the presiding officer. Such appeal shall be put to the vote immediately, and the presiding officer's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting.

Rule 14. Closure of Debate

14.a. The presiding officer may decide the closure of debate when the important pros and cons have been duly introduced or if there are pressures of time.

14.b. An appeal may be made against the ruling of the presiding officer. Such appeal shall be put to the vote immediately and the presiding officer's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting.

Rule 15. Voting

15.a. Each member of the committee or General Assembly shall have one vote.

15.b. Decisions of the General Assembly to modify the Constitution of the IAHR (on the recommendation of the International Committee as specified in article 8 the constitution) shall be taken by a majority of two-thirds of its members present and voting.

15.c. Decisions of the committee or General Assembly on matters covered by the provisions of the Constitution of the IAHR shall be taken by a majority of two-thirds of its members present and voting.

15.d. All other decisions of the committee or the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority of the members present and voting.

15.e. Decisions as to whether a particular matter is covered by the provisions of the Constitution and decisions on any other matters not covered by the present Rules shall be taken by a majority of the members present and voting.

15.f. Voting shall normally be by a show of hands with the exception of electoral procedures (see Rule 16.g & 16.h).

15.g. When the result of a vote by a show of hands is in doubt, the presiding officer may take a second vote by a roll-call. A vote by a roll-call shall also be taken if it is requested by not less than two members before the voting takes place.

15.h. The results of the vote can be noted by the presiding officer as "an overwhelming majority show of hands" unless the situation warrants specification or unless two or more members request specification.

Rule 16. Electoral Procedures for the Executive Committee

16.a. "A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall submit nominations for the next Executive Committee to the members of the International Committee by mail not more than twelve months and not less than nine months prior to each international congress" [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

16.b. "Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress" [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

16.c. The rules and regulations concerning the nominating process are found in *Nominating Procedure for Members of the Executive Committee of the IAHR*, dated May 24, 1998.

16.d. "The International Committee at its meeting just preceding the General Assembly, shall elect the Executive Committee and shall report this to the General Assembly" [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

16.e. The election shall take place in two rounds.

16.f. The first round concerns the election of the ten officers: President, two Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Deputy General Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Publications Officer, and Internet Officer.

16.g. Those whose candidacy is unopposed shall be declared "elected unopposed". All others are elected by secret ballot.

16.h. The second round concerns the election of the two members without portfolio. Election is by secret ballot. In case of a tie for the second place, a second round of ballots shall be cast concerning those candidates with the tie number of votes.

Rule 17. Voting on Amendments

17.a. When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the committee or General Assembly shall first vote on the amendment deemed by the presiding officer to be furthest removed in substance from the original proposal, and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote.

17.b. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon as a whole.

17.c. A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal.

Rule 18. Voting on Proposals

If two or more proposals relate to the same question, the committee or General Assembly shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been submitted. The committee or General Assembly may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

Rule 19. Withdrawal of Proposals

A proposal may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has begun, provided that the proposal has not been amended. A proposal withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member of the committee or General Assembly.

Rule 20. Decisions and Records

20.a. The committee or General Assembly shall adopt such decisions and recommendations as it may deem appropriate.

20.b. Following the closure of each session, the General Secretary shall prepare the minutes of the International Committee and the General Assembly for publication in the IAHR Bulletin no later than 12 months after the session. The minutes shall be adopted at the next convocation.

20.c. The minutes of the Executive Committee shall be circulated to the members of the committee and to the *NUMEN* Managing and Reviews Editors only. The minutes of the Editorial Board of *NUMEN* shall be circulated only to the members of the board, to the Managing and Reviews Editors, and to the Publisher.

VI. Adoption, Amendment and Suspension of the Rules of Procedure

Rule 21. Adoption

The International Committee shall adopt the Rules of Procedure by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting.

Rule 22. Amendment and/or Suspension

The Rules of Procedure may be amended and/or suspended by the International Committee on recommendation by the Executive Committee, except where they reproduce provisions of the Constitution of the IAHR, by a decision taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

Nomination Procedure for the Executive Committee

(Adopted by the International Committee of the IAHR on May 24, 1998 in Hildesheim, Germany; revised to accommodate constitutional changes adopted by the General Assembly of the IAHR on August 12, 2000.)

1. Nominating Procedure

The nominating procedure is set up in Article 4.c of the Constitution of the International Association for the History of Religions.

2. Nominating Committee

2.a. A Nominating Committee is appointed by the Executive Committee as stipulated by Article 4.c of the Constitution.

2.b. The Nominating Committee is composed of three senior colleagues who no longer seek office. The members of the committee are chosen in view of their close knowledge of the IAHR and their wider knowledge of international scholarship. The members of the committee are also chosen in terms of gender and regional representation.

2.c. The members of the Nominating Committee shall appoint one of its members as the Chairperson of the committee. The Chairperson has the responsibility of guiding the work of the committee and of communicating its nominations to the International Committee.

3. Nominations

3.a. "A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall submit nominations for the next Executive Committee to the members of the International

Committee by mail not more than twelve months and not less than nine months prior to each international congress." [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

3.b. The nominations may be accompanied by a brief recommendation for the nominations.

3.c. The nominations shall be made public by the General Secretary in the IAHR Bulletin or by direct mail to the officers of the constituent societies of the IAHR.

3.d. The candidates will be invited to give a brief statement of candidacy in the IAHR Bulletin.

4. Constraints

4.a. "The Executive Committee is composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Deputy General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Deputy Treasurer, a Membership Secretary, a Publications Officer, an Internet Officer and two members without portfolio. The officers in particular, and the members of the Executive Committee in general, shall be chosen in such a way as reasonably to reflect various parts of the world where academic study of religion is pursued in its various disciplines.... The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office for one quinquennial term each and be subject to re-election, but not more than two-thirds of the Committee shall be carried on from one term to the next. No one member shall serve in the same office more than two terms and no other member shall serve for a total of more than four terms with or without intervening periods." [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

4.b. At the International Committee meeting in Paris in 1993, it was recommended that the Nominating Committee strive towards a gender balance among the nominees for the Executive Committee.

4.c. At the International Committee meeting in Rome (1990) and recalled for the minutes in Paris (1993), it was recommended that nominees for the Executive Committee should be actively in post at a university or a comparable institution at the time of the election.

4.d. Nominees should be chosen for their organizational abilities as well as their scholarship, and they should be committed to the aims and goals of the IAHR.

5. Alternative Nominations

5.a. "Members of the International Committee may propose alternative nominations not less than one month prior to each international congress." [Article 4.c of the Constitution].

5.b. One month prior to each international congress means one month before the day prior to the opening of the congress.

5.c. Such nominations shall be made public. Those nominations that are inconsistent with Point 4 above shall not be taken into consideration.

Proposals for Honorary Life Membership

The International Committee of the IAHR decided at its meeting in Mexico City on August 9, 1995 that honorary life memberships can be conferred on senior scholars who have distinguished themselves through life-long service to the history of religions through their scholarship, regular participation in IAHR conferences, service as national or international officers, and/or other outstanding contributions. Such memberships would help to designate the range of interests current in the IAHR and would provide a wide circle of consultants in relation to IAHR-related activities. Honorary life members would be listed on the editorial cover of *Numen* and receive the IAHR Bulletin free of charge.

The International Committee of the IAHR decided at its meeting in Durban on August 9, 2000 that recommendations for honorary life membership should be presented to the International Committee at its meeting during quinquennial congresses.

The procedure is as follows:

The International Committee appoints by recommendation of the Executive Committee an Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee consisting of three honorary life members. The General Secretary of the IAHR shall then request the IAHR affiliates to suggest one or two names and the Executive Committee to suggest up to three names. These names will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee which will choose up to five names. Their recommendation shall be accompanied by brief statements of the achievements of the recommended persons. Their recommendation will be presented to the International Committee by the General Secretary of the IAHR.

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Honorary Life Members of the IAHR

The International Committee of the IAHR decided during its meeting in Mexico City on August 9, 1995 to honor colleagues who have distinguished themselves through life-long service to the history of religions. The status of "Honorary Life Member of the IAHR" is conferred in recognition of their scholarship and service to our discipline. Their contributions to the study of religion have brought enlightenment and inspiration, and the International Committee hopes that this small gesture of recognition will serve to encourage them in their future activities. The following is the list of persons currently appearing in this roll of honour.

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