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Editorial

Welcome to the 38th issue of the IAHR Bulletin. This is my last bulletin as retiring General Secretary of the IAHR.

As will become evident, this issue consists of documents for the 19th World Congress in Tokyo as well as the candidacy statements of nominees for the next Executive Committee of the IAHR (2005-2010). For further information, please visit the appropriate page at the website.

Please send your newsletters, bulletins, announcements, and information concerning journals and new publications to the new General Secretary. You are also invited to send advertisements of your journals and other events.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue and I wish all of you a very successful World Congress!

Armin W. Geertz
General Secretary of the IAHR



Announcement to all congress participants

Welcome to the 19th Quinquennial World Congress of the IAHR!

On behalf of the IAHR, I would like to thank the keynote speakers for your willingness to share your insights and research results at the Tokyo Congress. We ask you to please plan your papers for publication in the congress proceedings and would appreciate being consulted on any alternative plans that you might have.

Gratitude is also extended to colleagues for your efforts in coordinating panels and symposia of high quality during the World Congress. It is your dedication and industry which helps ensure the success of the congress.

Please note that the Executive Committee may invite individual organizers of panels and symposia to propose a 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. It is assumed that all spin-off volumes, whether approved or not, acknowledge that the papers were presented at the IAHR congress. Furthermore, it is requested that a minimum of 12 free copies be made available to the Executive Committee of all spin-off publications. Alternative agreements can be reached for hosts residing in economically weak countries.

In the event that you feel your particular panel or symposium is of good quality, we invite you to send a proposal for Adjunct Proceedings as soon as possible. The proposal should include the name or names of the editor/s, the preliminary table of contents, a brief statement of the content and the name of the publishing company.

We also request all journal editors and publishers who receive articles and manuscripts based on papers given at the IAHR World Congress ensure that there is an acknowledgment along the following lines: "This article is a revised version of a paper given at the 19th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions in Tokyo, March 24-30, 2005".

Please feel free to contact me in Tokyo for further information. We look forward to meeting you all! I wish you a very successful World Congress!

Armin W. Geertz
General Secretary of the IAHR



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Prof. Montserrat Abumalham Mas
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Prof. Paul Morris
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Prof. Gustavo Benavides (*Numen* editor)
(Prof. Wouter Hanegraaff, *Numen Book Series* editor, will represent the Netherlands)
Prof. Pratap Kumar (*Numen Book Series* editor)
Dr. Katja Triplet (*Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles* editor)

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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Secretary: Dr. M. Mach

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Secretary: Prof. Giulia Sfameni Gasparro (will represent EASR)

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The Japanese Association for Religious Studies

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Secretary: Prof. Teruhisa Tajima (not present)

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

President: Prof. Kum, Jang-tae

Secretary: Prof. Yoon, Won-ch'ul

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NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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Secretary: Prof. Michel Clasquin

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Spanish Association for the Science of Religions

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

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Secretary: Prof. Fernando Amérigo

Sweden: SSRF (Svenska Samfundet för Religionshistorisk Forskning)

Swedish Association for Research in Comparative Religion

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Secretary: Prof. Per-Arne Berglie

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

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

President: Prof. Richard Friedli

Secretary: Prof. Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati

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

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

President: Prof. Anatoly Kolodny (not present)

Secretary: Dr. Oleg Buchma (not present)

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

NO DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

President: Dr. Peggy Morgan

Secretary: Dr. James Cox

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

President: Prof. Gregory Alles

Secretary: Prof. Russell McCutcheon

Observers with speaking rights

Dr. Eugen Ciurtin, Romanian Association for the History of Religions

Prof. Panayotis Pachis, Greek Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Culture

Prof. Yen-zen Tsai, Prof. Yuan-lin Tsai and Prof. Elise DeVido, Taiwan Association for Religious Studies

Prof. Abdurrahman Küçük and Prof. Mehmet Aydin, Turkish Association for the History of Religions

Prof. Braj Sinha, South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion

Candidates for the Executive Committee (2005-2010) who do not represent an association, but who are welcomed as observers with speaking rights:

Brian Bocking

Francisco Diez de Velasco

Abraham Khan

Pratap Kumar

Winni Sullivan

Designated representatives of the Japanese congress team



**Agenda of the International Committee Meeting
Tokyo, Japan, Sunday March 27, 2005
at 9:00-13:00
place to be announced**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Membership (cf. pp. 6-11)
 1. Ascertainment of membership
 2. Co-option as recommended by the Executive Committee
3. Minutes of previous meeting (cf. pp. 14-20)
4. Report by the General Secretary (cf. pp. 30-44)
5. Report by the Treasurer (pp. 45-49)
6. Additional matters of report by the Executive Committee
7. Recommendation of Changes in the Constitution
New Article 3C: "The rights and privileges of membership depend on payment of the membership subscription in advance for the membership period in question. Lapsed membership may be restored with reference to a subsequent membership period without further application."
8. Election of the new Executive Committee (cf. pp. 50-65)
9. Recommendation of new affiliations (cf. pp. 30-35)
10. Recommendation of Honorary Life Members (cf. pp. 66-67)
11. Future conferences (cf. pp. 36-37)
12. Any other business



**Agenda of the General Assembly
Tokyo, Japan, Sunday March 30, 2005
at 16:00-18:00
place to be announced**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Minutes of previous meeting (cf. pp. 21-29)
3. Brief report by the outgoing General Secretary (cf. pp. 30-44)
4. Brief report by the outgoing Treasurer (cf. pp. 45-49)
5. New affiliations (cf. pp. 30-35)
6. Recommendation of changes in the Constitution
New Article 3C: "The rights and privileges of membership depend on payment of the membership subscription in advance for the membership period in question. Lapsed membership may be restored with reference to a subsequent membership period without further application."
7. Other recommendations of the International Committee requiring a vote by the General Assembly
8. Report on the election of the incoming Executive Committee
9. Public transfer of office to the incoming Executive Committee
10. Brief statement by the incoming President
11. Brief statement by the incoming General Secretary
12. Suggestions from the General Assembly to the incoming Executive Committee
13. Any other business

The General Assembly will be immediately followed by the official closing of the XIXth Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, Japan



Minutes of International Committee Meeting

Bergen, Norway

May 10, 2003

Minutes of the Meeting

[To be adopted at the next International Committee meeting in 2005]
[Preliminarily adopted by the Executive Committee on September 7, 2004]

Professor Peter Antes presiding. Prof. Antes extended a warm welcome to all the delegates and observers.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Prof. Geertz recommended that point 11 be divided into two parts: 11.a. The Tokyo Congress 2005 and 11.b. IAHR language policy (IAHR Bulletin 37, 2002, pp.17-18). The agenda was subsequently unanimously adopted.

2. Membership

1. Ascertainment of Membership

Prof. Antes referred to the constitution, article 6 (p.20 in the Handbook) in which it is stated that a meeting of the International Committee requires a minimum attendance of ten members from a minimum of seven national associations. He then proceeded to go through the roll call.

The following members of the Executive Committee of the IAHR were present: President: Peter Antes, Vice-President: Rosalind I. J. Hackett, Vice-President: Montse Abumalham Mas, General Secretary: Armin W. Geertz, Deputy General Secretary: Gerrie ter Haar, Treasurer: Gary Lease, Members-at-Large Ingvil Sælid Gilhus and Alef Theria Wasim. [Apologies were received from Paul Morris and Akio Tsukimoto.]

The following representatives of the IAHR affiliates were present: Africa (AASR): Ulrich Berner; Austria (ÖGRW): none; Belgium/Luxembourg: none; Brazil (ABHR/BAHR): none; Canada (CSSR/SCÉR) [one vote only]: none; Canada (Quebec) (SQÉR) [one vote only]: Louis Rousseau; China (CARS): none; Cuba (ACER): none; Czech Republic: none; Denmark (DAHR): Tim Jensen & Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger; Eastern Africa (EAASR): none; Europe (EASR): Giulia Sfameni Gasparro; Finland: Nils G. Holm; France: none; Germany (DVRG): Michael Pye; Hungary: Bulcsú Hoppál; India (IAHR India): none; Indonesia: none; Israel: none; Italy: Giovanni Casadio; Japan: Michi'aki Okuyama; Latin America (ALER): none; Mexico (SMER): none; Netherlands (NGG): none; New Zealand (NZASR): none; Nigeria (NASR): none; Norway

(NRF): Knut A. Jacobsen & Anne Stensvold; Poland: Halina Grzymala-Moszczyńska; Russia: none; Slovakia (SSŠN/SASR): none; South Korea (KAHR): none; Southern Africa (ASRSA): none; Spain (SECR): Luis Girón & Mar Marcos; Sweden (SSRF): none; Switzerland (SGR/SSSR): Martin Baumann; Ukraine (UARR): none; United Kingdom (BASR): Peggy Morgan & James Cox; United States (NAASR): Gustavo Benavides & Luther H. Martin.

The following observers were present for various reasons: Panayotis Pachis, Joed Elich, Richard Natvig, Ennio Sanzi and Marina Vesci. It was proposed, and agreed, that speaking rights should be extended to these observers.

2. Co-option as Recommended by the Executive Committee

The following were unanimously co-opted: the two managing editors of *Numen*: Michel Despland & Einar Thomassen and the reviews editor of *Numen* Brigitte Luchesi.

Prof. Antes concluded that the International Committee had a quorum.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (published in the IAHR Bulletin 37, 2002)

The minutes were unanimously adopted.

4. Recommended change to the rules of procedure (see the minutes of the General Assembly in Durban, IAHR Bulletin 37, 2002, pp.44-45)

The recommendation is as follows:

“The General Assembly of the IAHR in its meeting in Durban, South Africa, August 12, 2000 emphatically recommends to the International Committee that Rule 16.g of the ‘Rules of Procedure for the International Association for the History of Religions’ should read as follows: ‘Those whose candidacy is unopposed shall be declared “elected unopposed”. All others are elected by secret ballot.’

The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

5. Report by the General Secretary (published in the IAHR Bulletin 37, 2002, pp.5-27)

Prof. Geertz referred to his report in the bulletin and added the following oral report. Concerning affiliate matters, these would be taken up under points 8 & 9. He mentioned, however, that the committee concerning the reorganization of the Indian Association for the History of Religions was moving along quite well and that he was developing a constitutional model which would be presented to the current officers in India for deliberation. He also said that the committee on developing a regional association in South and Southeast Asia was also proceeding well.

Prof. Geertz said that efforts to legally incorporate the IAHR had not succeeded

and therefore he had asked E. J. Brill to assist the IAHR. Mr. Joed Elich of E. J. Brill kindly offered to help out and Prof. Geertz expected the matter to be resolved within a few months.

Future conferences will be discussed under points 11 and 12, and the IAHR language policy will be discussed under point 11.b. Concerning publications, Prof. Geertz extended the gratitude of the IAHR to the editors Prof. Einar Thomassen, Prof. Michel Despland and Dr. Brigitte Luchesi. He extended a special thanks to Dr. Luchesi who has served as Reviews Editor for 14 years, and thanked her for staying on until Prof. Maya Burger can take over the job. Prof. Geertz extended a warm welcome to the Prof. Gustavo Benavides who has replaced Prof. Despland as one of the Managing Editors of *Numen*. A warm round of applause was accorded to each of the editors.

Prof. Geertz announced that Brill was currently offering a 50% discount on *Numen* for IAHR members until July 2003. Brill would be sending the offer to all names on the IAHR address list. Prof. Geertz announced that he would soon be signing a contract on behalf of the IAHR with Brill concerning *Numen Book Series*. He said that three editors would be appointed in consultation with the IAHR and that the Executive Committee will serve as an Advisory Board. He thanked Prof. Wouter Hanegraaff for his excellent work as editor of the series. Prof. Geertz mentioned that Brill is interested in publishing a highlight volume of papers read at the Tokyo Congress.

Prof. Geertz reported that the response to the call for editorial candidates of the *Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles* was not very satisfactory. There is a need to appoint the General Editor, Associate Editor, Coordinating Editor, Internet Editor and 11 specialist editors. At this point, Prof. Michael Pye said that the SOR would collapse if editors cannot be found. Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett and Prof. Louis Rousseau both suggested that the call be decentralized so that the associations could distribute it to their members.

Other publications mentioned were that the Durban volume would soon be appearing and that one of the spin-off volumes edited by Luther H. Martin and Panayotis Pachis (*Theoretical Frameworks for the Study of Graeco-Roman Religions*) was in press.

Prof. Geertz referred to the rules of procedure (pp.27-28) concerning the nomination of candidates for the next Executive Committee to be elected in Tokyo 2005. The rules state:

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.b.)

“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.a.)
The Executive Committee agreed to appoint the following to serve as Nominating Committee:

Prof. Michel Despland, Montréal, Québec
Prof. Michael Pye, Marburg, Germany
Prof. Yolotl González Torres, San Ángel, México

They must appoint their own chair.

Prof. Geertz referred to his report on page 18 concerning developing a membership database along the lines of the American Academy of Religion. He mentioned that he had been discussing the technicalities of developing a membership database with a colleague at the International Association for Mission Studies and he showed transparencies of selected windows from their membership database. The delegates agreed that this was a good idea.

Prof. Geertz concluded his report by providing statistics on the IAHR website. There is an average of 965 pageviews a month from all over the world, 320 of which are unique. He also drew attention to the Scholarly Societies Project sponsored by the University of Waterloo Library (www.scholarly-societies.org) which awarded the IAHR website top rank for URL stability.

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

6. Report by the Treasurer

Prof. Gary Lease apologized that he didn't have enough copies of his report to pass around, but he promised that it would be sent out to all the societies. He then proceeded to read his report.

Prof. Antes proposed that the Treasurer's report be formally adopted. The report was unanimously adopted.

7. Additional Matters of Report by the Executive Committee

Prof. Geertz reported that the Executive Committee had after many deliberations with Prof. Pratap Kumar finally agreed on the terms of the IAHR African Trust Fund. The following points were agreed on:

1. That the name of the Fund be changed to “IAHR African Trust Fund”.
2. That the board of trustees should consist of the General Secretary of the IAHR, the Treasurer of the IAHR, and one representative each appointed by African IAHR affiliates: ASRSA (Southern African Association), AASR (African Association), EAASR (Eastern Africa) and NASR (Nigerian Association).
3. That the purpose of the fund is to promote the academic study of religion in Africa.
4. Types of awards: Research and publication grants.
5. Size of awards: It was suggested that they should be as follows: 1 grant of ap-

proximately R4000 and two smaller grants of R2000 each awarded for a calendar year. At current rates, this amounts to approximately USD500 and 2 x USD250.

4. Procedure: The grants will be awarded for a calendar year. No deadlines.

5. Guidelines for giving the awards:

- A. Preferably younger scholars (both male and female) of any ethnic or national origin.
- B. Working in any higher academic or research institution on the African continent (and nearby islands).
- C. Who meet the research standards of their particular field
- E. And whose research projects need income or
- F. Whose publications in an African publishing house need subsidies.
- G. Applications should be accompanied by letters of reference from senior scholars.

The committee discussed various ways of generating donations. The goal is to accumulate \$20,000.

The report was received by the Committee.

8. Recommendation of New Affiliations

Prof. Geertz introduced the following applications for affiliation which will be presented to the General Assembly for final confirmation:

Romania: RAHR (Romanian Association for the History of Religions). The application was unanimously accepted on the condition that a copy of their by-laws be sent to the General Secretary.

Greece: GSSCR (Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion). The application was unanimously accepted and the General Secretary of GSSCR, Prof. Panayotis Pachis, was congratulated for succeeding in establishing the IAHR affiliate.

Prof. Geertz mentioned that efforts were being made to establish an affiliate in Turkey and that he expected an application in time for Tokyo.

9. Recommendation of disaffiliation (Taiwan - see Bulletin 37, 2002, pp.7-10)

Prof. Geertz briefly described the history of the issue and announced that TARS had agreed to the proposed solution. The proposal is that TARS be disaffiliated as a fully affiliated national association, but at the same time, it should be recommended that TARS be recognized as “corresponding member” and thus have observer rights at all relevant IAHR business meetings (International Committee and General Assembly).

A vote was held, and all delegates with the exception of one abstention agreed to the proposal.

10. Appointment of the Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee

According to the Rules of Procedure, the following steps must be taken to appoint Honorary Life Members:

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. (Handbook p.29)

Prof. Geertz reported that the Executive Committee proposes: Prof. Louise Bäckman, Prof. Tamaru Noriyoshi and Prof. R. J. Zwi Werblowsky to serve on the Honorary Life Membership Advisory Committee. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

11.a. The Tokyo Congress 2005

Prof. Geertz reported that he and professors Antes and ter Haar had met with the Japanese hosts in Tokyo in December 2002 through the hospitality of JARS and Prof. Yoshiya Abe, Prof. Hitoshi Miyake and Prof. Michio Araki. It was very clear to the IAHR officers that the congress was well organized and that it promised to be a great success. The IAHR officers met with the following key persons:

Prof. Susumu Shimazono (President of JARS and Congress Director).

Prof. Yoshio Tsuruoka (Academic Programme)

Assoc. Prof. Masaru Ikezawa (Finance and IT)

Assoc. Prof. Hiroshi Ichikawa (Accommodations)

Dr. Hidetake Yano (Assistant)

Ph.d. student Kaneko (Assistant)

Prof. Akio Tsukimoto (liaison)

The meeting was very constructive and marked a new era in IAHR/JARS relations. Decisions were made concerning themes and sub-themes. The main theme is “Religion - Conflict and Peace”. An opening symposium for the general public will be hosted on the theme “Dialogue between Civilizations and Religions”. Sub-themes which will be consist of a plenary session each are: 1. The Religious Dimension of War and Peace, 2. Technology, Life, and Death, 3. Global Religions and Local Cultures, 4. Boundaries and Segregations, and 5. Method and Theory in the Study of Religion.

Prof. Geertz mentioned that agreement was reached on the schedule structure, the structure for cooperation in developing the academic programme, the time schedule, accommodations etc., all of which appear in the call for papers which was sent around to the delegates. The congress fee will be the equivalent of \$300 with 50% reduction for students and cheaper accommodation possibilities.

Prof. Gerrie ter Haar and Prof. Michi'aki Okuyama supplemented the report. Prof. Hackett suggested that the Japanese hosts develop a logo. She also mentioned that the deadlines were too short. Prof. Despland asked if there would be simultaneous

translation. Prof. Okuyama said that this will be provided at the plenary sessions.

11.b. IAHR Language Policy (IAHR Bulletin 37, 2002, pp.17-18)

Prof. Geertz referred to the proposal by SQER/QSSR consisting of four points:

1. that the Tokyo Congress be organized in such a manner as to encourage the proposal of papers and workshops in a variety of languages used for international communication
2. that this policy be made clear at the very beginning of the call for papers
3. that the IAHR encourage the member associations to get together to organize working sessions in their common language
4. that English be used in the business meetings

Prof. Rousseau suggested that the General Secretary send a letter to the affiliates announcing the possibility of organizing sessions in their own language. A discussion then arose concerning the feasibility of the proposal. Prof. Gary Lease proposed that the phrase “used for international communication” be dropped. Prof. Tim Jensen suggested that the term “welcome” be used in point 1 and 3 rather than “encourage”. Prof. Michael Pye reminded the delegates that the proposal is not a new policy, but simply reiterates the IAHR language policy. Prof. Hackett suggested that the congress website and the flyer be in both Japanese and English. Prof. Rousseau asked if it would be possible to have a French text on the website as well.

The proposal was unanimously confirmed.

12. Future Conferences

Prof. Geertz announced the following up-coming conferences:

Special Conference: Santander, Spain: “Religious Tolerance and Intolerance”, Sept. 8-11, 2004.

Regional Conference: Yogyakarta, Indonesia: “Religious Harmony: Problems and Practice”, Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2004.

Regional Conference: Delhi, India: “Religions in the Indic Civilization”, December 2003; Delhi, India: “Religions in South and Southeast Asia”, December 2004.

Special Conference: Ghana: “Religion: Its Role in the Socio-Cultural Transformations of West Africa”, spring 2004.

He then encouraged the delegates to consider possible venues beyond 2005. He will be applying for subsidies from CIPSH and would appreciate any bids. Furthermore, he asked for any bids for the 2010 World Congress.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Prof. Antes concluded the meeting by thanking the Executive Committee and the General Secretary for their efforts. He also thanked the Norwegian hosts, especially Prof. Einar Thomassen for providing a wonderful venue and exciting conference

during which the IAHR business meetings could convene. He also thanked the delegates for attending the meeting. He then adjourned the meeting.
(Minutes by Armin W. Geertz)



Minutes of the General Assembly

Durban, South Africa

Saturday August 12, 2000

Minutes of the Meeting

[To be adopted at the next General Assembly in Tokyo 2005]
[Preliminarily adopted by the Executive Committee on May 25, 2001]

Welcome and Introduction by the President of the IAHR

Prof. Pye welcomed the participants and explained that the General Assembly consists of all members of constituent societies of the IAHR 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 about 70 participants present and that the General Assembly had a quorum.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Prof. Geertz proposed changing point 7 into “matters for announcement” consisting in two parts as listed below. There were no other changes. The agenda was subsequently adopted by general consent.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (published in the IAHR Bulletin 34, 1996)

The minutes were adopted by general consent.

3. Brief Report by the Out-going General Secretary (published in the IAHR Bulletin 36, 2000)

Prof. Pye said that the report had been adopted by the International Committee. Prof. Geertz said that some of the important points would be taken up later in the agenda.

Prof. Geertz briefly mentioned the disaffiliation of the Australian Association and said that the International Committee had agreed to consider their affiliation suspended and had empowered the Executive Committee to reactivate their affiliation without the usual procedure if the Australian Association so desired.

He said that various strategies were being developed to improve communication lines between the Executive Committee and the IAHR affiliates.

Prof. Pye thanked the General Secretary for his report.

4. Brief Report by the Out-going Treasurer (circulated in advance)

Prof. Pye said that the report had been adopted by the International Committee. Prof. Lease mentioned the difficulties involved in the transfer of funds and records after Prof. Wiebe's retirement. He stated that the IAHR is not a funding agency, and so he suggested that the IAHR look into acquiring professional services to help generate more funds. He said that it was a problem that only 25% of the affiliations were paid in full. It was both symbolically and morally important that the affiliates paid their dues, and he asked the members to contact their officers and ask them to contact him. He said that he will also be contacting them through annual billing, receipts, etc.

Prof. Pye thanked the Treasurer for his brief report and asked if there were any questions. A representative from the Netherlands said that trying to generate more funds was good, but that the IAHR should be careful to maintain independence.

5. New Affiliations

Prof. Pye 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. Representatives were asked to stand up during the naming of their association. The following recommendations were put forward:

Austria: ÖGRW (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft).

The application was unanimously accepted.

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

The application was unanimously accepted.

Eastern Africa (Regional Association): EAASR (Eastern African Association for the Study of Religions).

The application was unanimously accepted.

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

The application was unanimously accepted.

Slovenská spoločnosť pre štúdium náboženstiev pri SAV Bratislava/Slovak Association for Religious Studies (a reorganized association, formerly a part of the Czechoslovakian IAHR affiliate).

The application was unanimously accepted.

Taiwan: TARS (Taiwan Association for Religious Studies).

The application was unanimously accepted.

Prof. Pye concluded that each new affiliate will now have the right to send 2 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 (circulated in advance)

Prof. Pye 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 recommendations were put forward:

Concerning the legal registration of the IAHR: Insertion in Article 1 of the phrase: “and legally registered in The Hague, The Netherlands” and “non-profit”. It should read: “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 object 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.”

The International Committee has recommended the following empowerment clause in case of the need for unforeseen changes during the legal registration: “In the event of legal advice requiring a different formulation without substantial import, the Executive Committee be empowered to effect the required adjustment.”

Prof. Pye explained the importance of legal registration and said that it was a nice symbolic gesture to register in The Netherlands where the IAHR was originally founded. He also said that the IAHR cannot be registered unless this change were incorporated into the constitution.

The recommended change was unanimously adopted.

Composition of the International Committee: Change in article 4.b.i. The phrase “except that there shall not be more than two representatives from any one country” should be dropped. Prof. Pye explained that the phrase was widely considered to be too restrictive.

The recommended change was unanimously adopted.

Distribution of portfolios in the Executive Committee: Change in article 4.c first sentence. The sentence should read: “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.” Prof. Pye explained that this change was intended to move the emphasis of committee membership from representation to function. The Executive Committee had never been a representational body even though efforts have always been made to seek geographical and, more recently, gender balance. The International Committee is the only truly representational body of the IAHR.

The recommended change was unanimously adopted.

Terms of office: Change in article 4.c concerning terms of office. The sentence

should read: "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." Prof. Pye explained that there is a need for continuity and flow in such a large organization as the IAHR, but that seeing the same old faces on the Executive Committee for decades is not necessarily a strength. It was for this reason that, after a period as Deputy General Secretary, two terms as General Secretary and one term as President, he had consciously decided not to be a candidate again, although theoretically eligible. The adjustment proposed to this article was intended to restrict the total number of years in committee to a maximum of 20.

The recommended change was unanimously adopted.

Prof. Pye explained further that most of these changes would involve modifying the "Rules of Procedure" and "Nomination Procedure" accordingly, and that such changes would be clearly announced in the General Secretary's next report. One of the members inquired about the change in the rules of procedure, Rule 16.g, and asked why the declaration "elected unopposed" was changed from "shall be" to "may be". Prof. Pye explained that it had been wished by some members that candidates for positions such as the Presidency and the Vice-Presidencies should be put to a yes/no vote, even if the positions were not contested. Prof. Geertz asked what the constitutional consequences would be if a candidate received less than 50% of the vote. Prof. Sweet said that it would just be a matter of referendum, as in Canada. Prof. Pye said that referenda may be allowed in Canada, but were not normal procedure for instance in Germany. Prof. Snoek said that in the event of a failure to elect, the incumbent president could be declared "remaining in office until his/her successor is duly elected". Prof. Pye replied that this is not provided for in the IAHR constitution. The mode of working in the IAHR does definitely require a satisfactory transition at the time of the quinquennial world congress.

Prof. Despland said that the current procedure is quite sufficient. The Nominating Committee submits nominations which are in line with the constraints mentioned in the constitution and the rules of procedure. This list of candidates is announced in such good time that the members of the International Committee have plenty of time to propose alternative nominations. This procedure is fair, and it allows avenues for opposing candidacies. He concluded that there is no need for last minute referenda. Prof. Pye thanked Prof. Despland for his clear and correct description of the nominating process.

Prof. Jensen recommended that the wording in Rule 16.g. be returned to the original: "shall be". Prof. Pye said that if the General Assembly in its democracy wishes to rescind the rule, then a vote would have to be taken to send it back to the International Committee. Prof. Beck concurred that the General Assembly could only recommend

that the rule be changed.

Prof. Pye asked the Assembly if it wished to recommend to the International Committee to change Rule 16.g back to its original formulation. Prof. Jensen said that this was what he was proposing, on the grounds that it is a perfectly clear democratic procedure.

The motion was there formulated as follows and seconded: “The General Assembly of the IAHR in its meeting in Durban, South Africa, August 12, 2000 emphatically recommends to the International Committee that Rule 16.g of the “Rules of Procedure for the International Association for the History of Religions” should read as follows: ‘Those whose candidacy is unopposed shall be declared “elected unopposed”. All others are elected by secret ballot.’” On being put to a vote, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

7. Matters for Announcement

7.a. Decisions by the International Committee

Prof. Geertz announced that the Rules and Regulations had been finally adopted by the International Committee.

He reported further that the International Committee recommended establishing a committee with the sole purpose of developing fund-raising strategies and developing structural innovation in terms of IAHR congresses and conferences. He said that it was the hope of the International Committee that as many of the members as possible get involved in this process.

Prof. Geertz moved to the next matter of report concerning the appointment of working groups to establish regional IAHR affiliates in Asia (for instance Central Asia, Southeast Asia and East Asia). He mentioned that Prof. Araki was working on plans for an Asian-Pacific Regional Association and that Prof. Lochan was working on developing a South Asian Association which would cover Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Prof. Geertz said that the last matter of report was the question of representation raised by the Australian Association as one of their main complaints. He said that he had asked for advice from the International Committee on how the IAHR could improve representation and the conclusion was that the members should continue to reflect, discuss, and deliberate on the matter.

Prof. Geertz said that he would discuss with the in-coming Executive Committee ways and means to develop a division of labor.

The last matter of report concerned the new procedural rules for nominating Honorary Life Members of the IAHR. And he ended by saying that the International Committee had designated Prof. Michael Pye and Prof. Yolotl González Torres as Honorary Life Members. The Assembly responded with applause and the General Secretary thanked them for acclaiming this decision. He also thanked Prof. Pye and Prof. González for their many years of service in the IAHR.

7.b. General Announcements

Prof. Pye said that the two new Executive Editors of NUMEN were now in place, Prof. Michel Despland and Prof. Einar Thomassen. He also said that Dr. Brigitte Luchesi had been appointed Reviews Editor. Finally, he announced that Prof. Wouter Hanegraaff had been appointed editor of NUMEN Book Series. He thanked the outgoing editors of NUMEN for their excellent work and for holding the NUMEN flagship high when there are so many competing journals on the market. The Assembly applauded.

Prof. Pye announced that the proceedings of the Mexico Congress are in hand and were being edited by himself and Prof. González. He congratulated the editors of the adjunct proceedings for their publications. He said that he and Pratap Kumar would edit the Durban proceedings consisting among other things of the plenary addresses. He said that there would probably be spin-off volumes from the Durban congress as well. He showed the Harare conference proceedings and said that this represented the signal event that set IAHR activities moving in Africa. The Durban congress was the crowning achievement of a great deal of effort by a large number of dedicated individuals, and he thanked them for their efforts.

Prof. Bocking asked about the CD-publication of the Mexico papers that Prof. Masferrer Kan had announced some years ago, and whether this was supported by the Executive Committee. Prof. Pye said that there had been some difficulties in communication on this matter, but that if the Executive Committee became involved, this would be clearly announced.

The next point of announcement concerned the next congress. Prof. Pye said that the Mexico congress was splendid and that the Durban congress was also splendid. The next congress would be in Tokyo probably during August 2005. Prof. Araki said that the first chair in the study of religion in Japan was in 1905, and thus they would be celebrating its centennial with the congress. It would also be the 75th anniversary of the Japanese Association. He said that the Association invited the IAHR several years ago to come to Japan. Many Japanese have attended the Durban congress, about 30 in all, in order to be prepared for the congress in 2005. The Assembly then applauded.

Prof. Kanai from the University of Tokyo said that there was some anxiety and a lot of work needed to be done. He promised, however, that they would do their best. Prof. Araki said that August was the peak season for airfares and that there might be a need to change the time or location of the congress in Japan. He appealed to everyone to come in 2005.

Prof. Pye expressed his thanks to the Japanese Association.

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

Prof. Pye reported that, in accordance with the rules, the International Committee had elected a new Executive Committee for the years 2000-2005. The election had occurred in two rounds. Since the nominated candidates for the officer positions had not

been contested, they were elected “unopposed” without ballot. The following were elected to the offices indicated:

President: Prof. Peter Antes

Vice-President (two positions):

Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett

Prof. Montserrat Abumalham Mas

General Secretary:

Prof. Armin W. Geertz

Deputy General Secretary:

Prof. Gerrie ter Haar

Treasurer: Prof. Gary Lease

Their election was acclaimed by applause.

Prof. Pye reported that there had been ten nominations for the six further positions as members-at-large and that a secret ballot had therefore been conducted. The candidates’ names and the number of votes cast were as follows:

(40) Prof. Mary N. Getui

(36) Prof. Ingvild Sælid Gilhus

(25) Prof. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska

(17) Prof. Elio Masferrer Kan

(30) Prof. Paul Morris

(29) Prof. Jacob K. Olupona

(25) Dr. Dalibor Papoušek

(18) Prof. Kameshwar Prasad Singh

(39) Prof. Akio Tsukimoto

(37) Prof. Alef Theria Wasim

Prof. Pye first thanked the losers of the election for their participation and praised them for the high number of votes that they had achieved. He noted that their readiness to be candidates had helped to maintain the democratic system of the IAHR.

He then reported that Prof. Mary N. Getui, Prof. Ingvild Sælid Gilhus, Prof. Paul Morris, Prof. Jacob K. Olupona, Prof. Akio Tsukimoto, and Prof. Alef Theria Wasim were elected as members-at-large.

Their election was acclaimed by applause.

Prof. Pye thanked Prof. Trompf and Prof. Lochan for assisting in the procedure and for counting the ballots. He 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. Peter Antes presided over the rest of the meeting.

10. Brief Statement by the In-coming President

Prof. Antes thanked each of the out-going Executive Committee members by name. Then he congratulated the in-coming members of the Executive Committee. He also congratulated the two new Honorary Life Members. He extended special thanks to Prof. Pye for his enormous efforts during 20 years as an officer of the Executive Committee. He said that Prof. Pye was a key figure in making the IAHR an international and global organization. The number of affiliates has risen on a world-wide scale. He said that without the efforts of some key people, such a world-wide organization would run the risk of dying out.

Prof. Antes said that when looking at a photograph of the participants of the 1950 foundational meeting of the IAHR, he noticed that they all looked alike. A similar picture of this wonderful congress would show that the faces of the IAHR have changed. The IAHR has become multicultural. It is a movement around the world: Mexico, Durban, and now Japan. With such cultural diversity, the problem of language becomes most important. There is, on the one hand, a need to understand each other and, on the other hand, a need to ensure diversity. He said that the members should feel free to use their own languages even if we don't understand each other, and that we must try our best to communicate. Prof. Antes then addressed the Assembly in French, Spanish, Italian, and German.

The challenges of the future will be to preserve a balance between the global and the local, to ensure the policies of gender balance, and to encourage the younger generation to participate in the activities of the IAHR and in its organization. Tradition lives, he said, only as long as the next generation carries on. The university, he claimed, is a global institution, and he encouraged scholars young and old to carry on the academic traditions wherever they may be in the world.

Prof. Antes expressed his optimism and asked the Assembly to tell the whole world that we will be meeting in Japan in 2005. The Assembly applauded.

11. Brief Statement by the In-coming General Secretary

Prof. Geertz said that he would concentrate on developing a Five Year Plan which would consist of a comprehensive plan addressing the weaknesses of the organization. He would like to encourage more regional activities in areas that need support as well as the establishment of more national affiliates. He hoped that the affiliates would help build up committees to develop such goals as well as to develop the congress structure and funding strategies. He said that the IAHR needed more income: paid subscriptions, a growing Endowment Fund, and workable funding strategies. He also hoped that the Executive Committee would be able to develop a comprehensive publication policy involving *NUMEN*, the *NUMEN Book Series*, and the *Science of Religion, Abstracts and Index of Articles*, as well as IAHR proceedings. He also expressed

the desire to improve services by up-dating the website regularly, developing an interactive membership databank, more frequent bulletins and/or e-mail services, and, if possible, a subscription package. He concluded his statement by thanking the out-going Executive Committee for excellent teamwork and a special thanks to Prof. Pye for his guidance. He concluded by saying that he was fully confident that the in-coming Executive Committee would prove to be just as excellent a team.

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

Prof. Antes asked if there were any suggestions or matters that the Assembly would like to give to the in-coming Executive Committee. Prof. Bocking said that he would encourage the increasing use of the internet in maintaining communications between the IAHR and its affiliates.

Prof. Paden said that in some educational institutions in the U.S., there was a growing interest in outside groups and in improving educational programs internationally. He suggested that IAHR affiliates make use of this growing goodwill.

Prof. Oraon extended on behalf of the Indian Association thanks to the out-going and congratulations to the in-coming Executive Committees.

13. Any Other Business

Prof. Wamue thanked the Assembly for its recognition and acceptance of the EAASR in the IAHR. She also thanked the out-going Executive Committee for making it possible for Kenyans to travel to South Africa and attend the congress.

Prof. Antes thanked everyone and closed the formal meeting.

After a 15 minute break, Prof. Antes and the officers of the various congress committees thanked those who worked so hard to make Durban 2000 a success. Thanks were extended to the Congress Presidents, Prof. G. C. Oosthuizen, Prof. Thillay Naidoo, and Prof. S. S. Nadvi. Special thanks were also extended to Congress Director, Prof. Pratap Kumar, to the Programme Chair, Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett, and to conference organizer Velia Del Mei. Thanks were extended to the Holiday Inn Durban Elangeni hotel and its staff for their excellent service. And gratitude was extended to the foundations, associations, and private individuals who helped bring deserving scholars to this congress. Best wishes were extended to Prof. ter Haar and Prof. Tsukimoto who will be key persons in developing the next world congress in Tokyo 2005.

Prof. Antes then declared the XVIIIth Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Durban, South Africa officially closed. (Minutes by Armin W. Geertz)



Report by the General Secretary

This report will cover the period since the last International Committee meeting in Bergen, Norway. However, since this is my last report to you, I will mention some matters that extend a few more years back.

The Executive Committee of the IAHR met in Bergen in 2003. The following year, it convened at the IAHR Special Conference on “Religious Tolerance and Intolerance” in Santander, Spain, September 8-11, 2004. The conference was co-hosted by The European Association for the Study of Religions and the Sociedad Española de Ciencias de las Religiones. Many thanks are extended to the Spanish hosts for a well-organized conference and for their warmhearted hospitality.

Various board meetings were also held in the context of the Executive Committee meeting. Thus, the Editorial Board of *Numen*, *Numen Book Series*, and *Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles* convened during the meeting. Present at the editorial board meetings of *Numen* were Managing Editors Prof. Einar Thomassen and Gustavo Benavides. None of the editors of *Numen Book Series* or of *Science of Religion Abstracts* were present, but Senior Acquisitions Editor, Mr. Joed Elich from Brill Academic Publishers was present.

I will relate the content of most of the points on the agenda in relevant sections below.

The Minutes of the Meetings

First, the minutes of the International Committee meeting in Bergen, Norway were adopted and are herewith published in this bulletin for final confirmation by the International Committee in Tokyo. The minutes of the General Assembly held in Durban, South Africa were adopted during the International Committee meeting in Bergen, but are also published in this bulletin for final confirmation during the General Assembly in Tokyo.

Affiliates

I am glad to announce a number of successes concerning IAHR affiliates. Most of my correspondence and time during the past two years has been devoted primarily to developing IAHR affiliates in various parts of the world.

1) *The Indian Association for the Study of Religion (IASR)*. You may recall that in October 2000, the President of the former Indian Association for the History of Religions (IAHR India), Dr. Karma Oraon, asked for advice in developing a viable infrastructure and in attracting top-rate scholars in India. In April 2001, I suggested to Dr. Oraon that an international advisory committee should organize a national conference for the study of religion in a central city in India that has the necessary infrastructure and is easy to reach. Some of the best social scientists and others involved in serious

academic study of religion from different parts of India should be invited as well as international observers and Indians from abroad in order to encourage the academic, non-confessional study of religion in India. During the conference, the issue of forming an Indian Association for the Study of Religion (IASR) would be raised, and if such a proposal were accepted, an initial, representative committee would be put into place on the spot to provide the leadership necessary for developing the Indian association. This new association would replace or transform the IAHR (India), and thus not only solve the problem of confusion between the IAHR and the name of one of its member societies, but also signal a multi-disciplinary diversity that would attract Indian scholars from India and abroad. To guide the process to completion, an IAHR Advisory Committee was established consisting of myself, Professors Pratap Kumar, Abraham H. Khan, Amarjiva Lochan, Madhu Kishwar and Karma Oraon. The goal was to have Professor Kishwar organize an IAHR Conference in Delhi in 2003.

The IAHR Regional Conference on “Religions in the Indic Civilization” was held at The India International Centre, New Delhi, India on December 18-21, 2003. Representing the IAHR were Professors Peter Antes and Rosalind Hackett. Professors Pratap Kumar and Abraham Khan were also present. A constitution which I developed was accepted by the participants who formed the first General Assembly. The new association consists of regional chapters with each their own constitution and executive committee. The Executive Committee of the association itself consists of officers elected by all the members as well as one representative from each regional chapter.

The conference was very successful, the association was inaugurated, and an interim Executive Committee was put into place to set the association on its way. The officers of that committee are President Prof. G. P. Deshpande, Secretary Dr. Amarjiva Lochan, and Treasurer Prof. Vigha Chaturvedi. Congratulations to the new association and a most heartfelt thanks to the Advisory Committee members who worked so hard to see the reorganizing process through.

2) *The South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR).* In line with the decision of the International Committee in Durban concerning the long-term plan of appointing Working Groups to establish regional IAHR affiliates in Asia, I established a Working Group chaired by Dr. Amarjiva Lochan to establish a South Asian regional association which would develop a network of scholars in the academic study of religion in countries without IAHR affiliation. The agenda for the Working Group was to identify key scholars inside and outside of the countries in question, who would be willing to serve in the working group, to document key institutions in the countries in question that have programs related to the academic study of religion, to identify activities which would help improve communication between scholars of religion in the region, to draft a constitution for the association, to convene a general assembly at a conference recognized as an IAHR Regional or Special Conference, and to hold elections for the Executive Committee of the new Association, and to apply for membership of the IAHR at the latest in time for the International Com-

mittee meeting in Tokyo in 2005. Dr. Lochan graciously took on the task and traveled extensively throughout the region.

The result was that he hosted an IAHR Regional Conference in New Delhi on January 27-30, 2005 on the theme "Cultural and Religious Mosaic of South and Southeast Asia: Conflict and Consensus through the Ages". Participants came from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, as well as interested scholars from many other parts of the world. This is the first time that scholars from the whole region were joined together in a common academic endeavor.

Most of the participants attended the first General Assembly of the new South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR) and adopted a constitution which I had worked out. This association is a regional one, but is legally registered in Delhi, India. It is based on individual membership and representation from the countries in the region. The association is open to researchers in various disciplines, e.g. history, linguistics, political science, anthropology, sociology, literature, cultural studies, law, folklore etc. and it will publish a journal, newsletter, website and books. The current officers of the interim Executive Committee of the association are President Dr. Amarjiva Lochan (India), Secretary Dr. Sophana Srichampa (Thailand) and Treasurer Dr. Ravindra K. Vasishtha (India). The association has applied for affiliation with the IAHR.

The inaugural conference was a great success despite the fact that Prof. Lochan was almost killed by a hit and run driver in September 2004 and had to go through spinal surgery. Furthermore, there were persons in the government bureaucracy who actively worked against the inaugural conference for reasons only known to themselves. It was claimed that the IAHR was a fundamentalistic religious organization and that its website was fake. Prof. Lochan had to endure false rumors leaked to the press and had to wait for hours on end in various government offices to ensure that the conference could be realized. He is to be congratulated for his courage and stamina! Fortunately, the press was very eager to learn more about the conference and we were given high profile coverage. A special thanks is to be extended to Prof. K. J. Somaiya at the Centre of Buddhist Studies, Mumbai, India for his unswerving support in realizing the conference. His support will be honored at the General Assembly in Tokyo.

3) *The Turkish Association for the History of Religions (TAHR)*. The Executive Committee received an e-mail from Dr. Mustafa Alici in Rize, Turkey in October 1999 asking that the Society of History of Religions be accepted as an IAHR affiliate. Since then, I have had continual communication with him as well as with Prof. Dr. Mehmet Aydin at the Selçuk University in Konya, Turkey who became President of the Society in November 1999. The new association consists of 86 members from 22 different universities in Turkey. They maintain a website, hold conferences and will publish a journal. I received their constitution and presented their request for affiliation to the Executive Committee in Santander which unanimously agreed to recommend their

affiliation to the International Committee and the General Assembly in Tokyo. The association has been invited to host an IAHR Special Conference in 2006 on the theme “Secularism and Religious Revival” and negotiations are currently in progress. The current officers of the Turkish association are President Prof. Abdurrahman Küçük, Secretary Prof. Asife Unal and Treasurer Prof. Ahmet Hikmet Eroğlu.

4) *The Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion (GSSCR)*. The Executive Committee received an application for affiliation from the Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion. The founding of this association occurred after preliminary talks between Professors Luther H. Martin (Burlington, Vermont) and Panayotis Pachis (Thessaloniki). I received their constitution and presented their request for affiliation to the International Committee in Bergen which unanimously agreed to recommend their affiliation to the General Assembly in Tokyo. The association also plans to host a conference in Thessaloniki in 2006 on the topic “Society in Transition: The Interdisciplinary Study of Religion in Modern Reality”. The current officers are President Prof. Nikos Zaharopoulos, Secretary Prof. Panayotis Pachis and Treasurer Mr. Dimitris Xygalatas.

5. *Russian Association for the History of Religions*. After the fall of the Soviet Union, the IAHR affiliate in that country reorganized itself into a Russian association. But after a few years, communications from the association ceased despite repeated efforts on my part to elicit responses. When I heard that the president of the Russian association had died eight years earlier, I tried to establish contact through colleagues outside of the association. At one point, I did receive a mail from a colleague who allegedly was an officer of the IAHR affiliate. As it turned out, he was not, and was interested in promoting his own association. Russian studies of religion are evidently in rapid growth, and I have been contacted by a few organizations claiming to represent the academic study of religion in Russia. I approached Prof. Marianna Shakhnovich, Chair of the Department of the Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies at State St. Petersburg University to help reorganize the Russian IAHR affiliate. She confirmed my impression that there are a number of associations and societies holding conferences and producing publications on the study of religion. I suggested to her that she host a meeting during which a constitution proposal of mine be presented as the charter of the Russian Associations for the Study of Religion. The idea was that the RASR would function as an umbrella for academic associations and societies recognized by the Russian Academy. Prof. Shakhnovich graciously agreed to pursue the matter.

Prof. Shakhnovich reports that my recommendation could not be effectuated because it contradicts Russian law concerning the formation of public organizations. Therefore, she has formed an initiative group consisting of scholars from St. Petersburg, Moscow and the far eastern part of the country to develop a model along the lines of the Russian associations of Sociologists, Anthropologists and so on. She reported that in January at the annual meeting of the editorial board of *Religiovedenie*

("Religious Studies"), the idea of establishing an IAHR affiliate was unanimously supported and, furthermore, the journal would be the organ of the future organization. They plan to host a conference in November 2005 in St. Petersburg with participants from all over Russia during which they hope to launch the association. A warm vote of thanks is extended to Prof. Shakhnovich for her unstinting efforts!

In the event of a successful conclusion to this process, the new association will not need to apply for membership of the IAHR. The Russian affiliate is currently dormant and its affiliation will be reaffirmed in the guise of a reorganized association. The matter will be reported to the next International Committee meeting in 2008.

6) *The Romanian Association for the History of Religions (RAHR)*. The Executive Committee received an application from Dr. Eugen Ciurtin, Co-Director of the Centre for the History of Religions at the University of Bucharest on behalf of the *l'Association roumaine d'histoire des religions* (ARHR). They publish a journal entitled *Archævs. Études d'histoire des religions* and *Studia Asiatica*, both of which contain articles by leading scholars of religion both in Romania and elsewhere in the world. Officers of the association are President Prof. Andrei Oisteanu, Secretary Prof. Eugen Ciurtin and Treasurer Ms. Mihaela Timus. The association has 38 members with 10 more pending from inside and outside Romania. There is also a network of non-Romanian scholars around the world affiliated with the association. I presented their request for affiliation to the International Committee in Bergen which unanimously agreed to recommend their affiliation to the General Assembly in Tokyo on the condition that they submit their constitution to the me. I can report that I received the constitution on March 6, 2005.

I have received a complaint from a Mr. Liviu Bordas in Rome, Italy who questioned the representativeness of the Romanian Association and the credentials of the persons involved in the association. He further claimed that he and like-minded scholars planned on establishing a new association called the Romanian Association of Religious Studies. I replied that in establishing such an association, he should not assume that the IAHR would recognize them, since the Romanian Association for the History of Religions would most likely become affiliated to the IAHR in Tokyo. As is well known in the history of the IAHR, only one example of dual representation exists, namely the Canadian Society for the Study of Religions and the Quebec Society for the Study of Religion. This is because of the special political and cultural situation in Canada. One could not argue for the same kind of model for Romania. I have since consulted with a number of colleagues inside and outside of the Romanian Association for the History of Religions and have concluded that Mr. Bordas' complaints are inaccurate and should have no bearing on the affiliation process.

7) *The Taiwan Association for Religious Studies (TARS)*. One of the regrets I have is the affiliation and subsequent disaffiliation of the Taiwan Association for Religious Studies. As I reported earlier, the General Secretary of the Chinese Association for the Study of Religion (CARS) Prof. Wang Zhiyuan wrote to me two days after the General

Assembly in Durban that the affiliation of TARS was illegal since the Chinese Association for the Study of Religion is the national association of the P. R. China. TARS is thus a local association of the Taiwan province of the P. R. China. He pointed out, furthermore, that the government of the P. R. of China is recognized as the only legal representative of China in the United Nations.

I responded that the Executive Committee of the IAHR recognizes the formal correctness of their objection and apologies were offered. I respectfully asked for some understanding of the approach taken, however, on the grounds that there is an example of double affiliation, namely Canada and Quebec as already mentioned. This does not imply, I noted, that Quebec is an independent country. We agreed that Taiwan is part of China, and the IAHR decision was not intended to contravene this principle. I asked for any advice on how to proceed in order to maintain an appropriate relationship with the group in Taiwan without contravening fundamentals, but never received a reply.

I also attempted to encourage TARS to work out an agreement, but received no reply. I therefore appointed Prof. Jordan Paper, at the East Asian and Religious Studies Programme, York University, Toronto, Canada as Special Emissary of the General Secretary of the IAHR to meet with representatives of TARS. Prof. Paper met with the Executive Committee of TARS and several models for resolving the problem were discussed. I received word from Dr. Kuo Wen-ban on May 7, 2001 that during their annual meeting, no consensus was reached, and he asked for my advice.

Since then I have had several conversations with Prof. Jordan Paper and the Executive Committee of the IAHR. The situation has arisen as a result of the following: 1) TARS has not secured a solution through negotiations with CARS, and 2) by its inability to achieve a consensus, TARS has rejected the plan proposed by Prof. Jordan Paper that TARS change its name along the lines adopted by the Olympic committees of China and Taiwan to for instance “Chinese Taipei Association for Religious Studies”, seek representation along the same lines as the IAHR Quebec Association, but waive its right to one vote.

The Executive Committee has spent great effort in trying to find a solution to the situation, and it was decided at its meeting in Heeze that in the event that TARS and CARS are unable to reach a solution, there is no choice but to recommend to the International Committee in Bergen (May 2003) that it in turn recommend to the General Assembly in Tokyo that TARS’ membership be rescinded. This is, unfortunately, what has happened. The International Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that TARS be disaffiliated as a fully affiliated national association, but at the same time, it should be recommended that TARS be recognized as “corresponding member” and thus have observer rights at all relevant IAHR business meetings.

Legal Incorporation

I can report that due to the kind efforts of Senior Acquisitions Editor, Mr. Joed Elich, at Brill Academic Publishers, the IAHR finally became legally incorporated in May

2004 in The Hague, The Netherlands. The IAHR is registered at the Chamber of Commerce Haaglanden, registration number 27267012. Our warmest gratitude is extended to Mr. Elich for his assistance.

Rules of Procedure and Elections

Elections will be held during the International Committee meeting in Tokyo. The list of candidates and the procedures leading up to the final list is described elsewhere in this bulletin. One item, I would like to mention here, which is relevant to the upcoming elections is that the International Committee decided in Bergen on the following:

The General Assembly of the IAHR in its meeting in Durban, South Africa, August 12, 2000 emphatically recommends to the International Committee that Rule 16.g of the 'Rules of Procedure for the International Association for the History of Religions' should read as follows: 'Those whose candidacy is unopposed shall be declared "elected unopposed". All others are elected by secret ballot.'

The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Honorary Life Members

The new procedures for recommending Honorary Life Members have been effectuated and are described elsewhere in this bulletin.

Congresses and Conferences

As can be seen by the accompanying chart, IAHR events have been held every year except for 2001. For those who are interested in hosting an IAHR event, please read the rules and regulations found at the IAHR website. Bids for the IAHR World Congress in 2010 may be presented to the Executive Committee at any time.

The Tokyo congress is the crowning event of a five year organizational phase focused on the Asian regions. The Regional Conference held in Wellington, New Zealand in 2002 organized by Paul Morris, was a first stop along the way. The next phase was the IAHR Regional Conference in New Delhi, India in 2003 organized by Dr. Madhu Kishwar. The next event was the IAHR Regional Conference: "Religious Harmony: Problems, Practice and Education", organized by Dr. Alef Theria Wasim and hosted by the State Institute of Islamic Studies in Yogyakarta and Semarang, Indonesia, 27 September - 3 October 2004. And, finally, the IAHR Regional Conference on South and Southeast Asia, as already mentioned, organized by Dr. Amarjiva Lochan.

Future IAHR conferences planned: Ankara, Turkey (2006) and Windhoek, Namibia (2007). I have also heard that the Indonesian Association would like to host a conference, perhaps in 2006. No bids have as yet come in for the next World Congress.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Executive Committee to thank the Japanese organizers of this World Congress. Not only is it well-organized, but they

have consistently handled problems and issues with great sensitivity. There are many good sessions and speakers from different regions, and there is a real gender balance. Furthermore, they have succeeded in working out financial arrangements for a large number of participants from economically disadvantaged countries. They have also engaged the United Nations University and have drawn public attention to the congress. This congress will be one of the largest and most diverse in the history of the IAHR. A most heartfelt thanks and warmest greetings from the Executive Committee are extended to Prof. Susumu Shimazono (President of JARS and Congress Director) and his team of dedicated colleagues and assistants for a most constructive working relationship through the past few years!

I also wish to extend a warm vote of thanks to the Deputy General Secretary Prof. Gerrie ter Haar and to the Japanese Coordinator Prof. Yoshio Tsuruoka for organizing such a stimulating academic program.

**IAHR conference locations
2001- 2005**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Special</i>	<i>Regional</i>	<i>Co-sponsored</i>
2001	****	****	****
2002	****	Wellington, New Zealand	****
2003	Bergen, Norway (IAHR Intl. Committee)	New Delhi, India (Indian Association)	****
2004	****	Yogyakarta and Semarang (Indonesian Association)	****
2005	****	New Delhi, India (South and Southeast Asian Association)	****
2005	XIX th World Congress of the IAHR: Tokyo, Japan		

IAHR Language Policy

On behalf of *La Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion/Quebec society for the study of religion (SQER/QSSR)*, I presented a proposal concerning IAHR language policy to the International Committee in Bergen. In brief, the proposal consists of four points:

1. that the Tokyo Congress be organized in such a manner as to encourage the proposal of papers and workshops in a variety of languages used for international

communication

2. that this policy be made clear at the very beginning of the call for papers
3. that the IAHR encourage the member associations to get together to organize working sessions in their common language
4. that English be used in the business meetings

The motion was unanimously confirmed by the International Committee in Bergen.

Finances

It is exciting to be a part of the IAHR. Its members have the privilege of participating in and developing the academic study of religion in various parts of the world by hosting conferences and encouraging the development of IAHR affiliates. In Tokyo, the General Assembly will be presented with four new applications for membership from Greece, Romania, Turkey and the regional association South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion (SSEASR). This will bring our membership up to 42 affiliates (5 regional and 37 national associations).

The IAHR is synonymous with the global academic study of religion and is gaining renown as a worthy organization to be affiliated to in these times of social, political and religious resurgence and conflict. Many colleagues in new nations and recently re-organized nations have been able to improve upon and encourage the development of the study of religion in their home countries through the activities of the IAHR, locally, regionally and internationally. We have truly become a global organization, proudly carrying out the ideals of the IAHR and of UNESCO and CIPSH, of which we are a respected member.

In light of this success, it is painful to realize that the IAHR will not be able to continue as we know it today. If our financial situation continues as it is, we will witness an association that is more virtual than real, where even the small amounts we have been using as seed money to develop IAHR affiliates in various parts of the world must cease, where we no longer will enjoy the economic benefits of CIPSH grants, however small they have been, and where we will not be able to support through CIPSH grants the IAHR citation and abstract journal *Science of Religion* (SOR). Unless things change, we will see an association in which the full privileges of membership will be contingent on fully paid dues. We will see an association that only co-hosts IAHR conferences if a significant percentage of the fees or a set amount goes to the IAHR. This would mean that most IAHR events would most likely only occur in economically strong countries, and, once again, we would be back to the routines and power structures of yesteryears, where worthy ideals fall victim to so-called realities.

Here are the facts as of February 25, 2005 based on the Treasurer's report immediately following my report in this bulletin:

Main Banking Accounts: \$32,681.11

African Scholarship Fund: \$10,957.01

Since the opening balance on December 31, 1999 was \$56,110.00, the result today

represents a substantial decline in the IAHR holdings. The Main Banking Accounts constitute our working account where membership dues and other income go in and out of which expenses are paid. The African Scholarship Fund was established with money left over from the Durban world congress, thanks to the initiative of the Durban congress organizer, Prof. Pratap Kumar. It is to be used solely for the benefit of research activities in Africa.

So what has happened? There are three main reasons for our current financial situation.

1. Our income consists of membership dues from the associations, small contributions from publishers, and grants from Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines (CIPSH). The latter must be used for scholars from economically weak countries and, until recently, we were usually awarded the amount we applied for. Our applications for a two-year period have consistently been for 2 conferences and 2 issues of SOR. Since communications with CIPSH has been sporadic and incomplete, and for reasons that are not entirely clear, but which are due to drastic budget cuts in UNESCO, we have not received grants since 2002, with the exception of the SOR grants for 2002 and 2003. This means that we have co-hosted the conferences applied for on the assumption that the money spent on bringing in scholars from economically weak countries to these conferences would be reimbursed. This has not happened.

According to our calculations, CIPSH owes us \$12,000 for conferences held in the years 2002 (\$4,000), 2003 (\$4,000) and 2004 (\$4,000). As of January 3, 2005, we have been told that we will receive \$2,500 for 2002 and \$2,500 for 2003 contingent on undisclosed last minute budgetary discussions. Thus, we have not received anything yet, and now we can only hope for a little more than half of the amounts for 2002 and 2003.

We also applied for a grant of \$8,000 for the Tokyo world congress. Furthermore, we applied for grants of \$5,000 a year for the 2004 and 2005 issues of SOR. But we have received word that the 2004 and 2005 budgets have been frozen. Some of the money may be made available during the latter half of 2005. This is very unfortunate for us because we had already committed ourselves in relation to the conference in New Delhi, January 2005, and the world congress in March.

Our membership in CIPSH costs us an annual amount of approximately \$400 in membership dues as well as the requirement that we pay the travel expenses of the IAHR delegate to the CIPSH General Assembly meetings (CIPSH pays for the accommodations). This amounts to about \$2,000 every other year. Furthermore, it is expected that the IAHR also uses funds of its own on CIPSH-supported activities.

2. The second reason for the present financial situation is that on the assumption that CIPSH covered the above-mentioned expenses and on the assumption that the affiliates paid their dues, we would have amounts of \$1,000-2,000 to use as seed money. We have used about \$4,000 based on this assumption.

3. The most disappointing aspect of the whole situation is the state of affiliate dues payments. It is nothing less than discouraging. Out of the 38 national and regional associations, only 12 are paying regularly. The fact that the membership dues are basically only \$1 per member, with a \$100 minimum and a \$500 maximum, this state of affairs is incomprehensible.

In looking through the list of payments published in this bulletin, even if we forget about pre-2000 and only concentrate on 2000-2005, we find that associations situated in wealthy countries such as the Belgian, Canadian (Quebec), French, Israeli, Norwegian, South African, Spanish, and Swedish associations have not paid for years, and some, such as France and Sweden, have not paid since 1995.

On the other hand, associations from economically weak countries have been asked to work out alternative contributions with the IAHR treasurer. With very few exceptions, this has not happened. The question at this point is whether it is an accurate reflection of current economic realities that Brazil, China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, and Slovakia should continue to be excused from dues payments. One association has had a special position, namely the New Zealand association. They have not paid dues because they have no official membership. In my opinion, this will have to be changed.

Finally, the Executive Committee had felt that regional associations should be excused because in many instances it is a matter of efforts by individuals to strengthen the links between scholars isolated in particular regions and with little or no money to pursue their goals. This is, of course, not the case for the European Association, and a special appeal for assistance will be sent to that association. But certainly, the Latin American Association, which has been very successful in organizing conferences, should be able to pay \$100 annually? I would think that the African Association with its network of European-based scholars would be in a similar situation.

The conclusion to all of this is that we hereby firmly request *all* the affiliates to pay their outstanding membership dues for the period of 2000-2005 preferably at the Tokyo Congress, otherwise shortly thereafter. If this is not possible, you must contact the Treasurer, Prof. Gary Lease. Please do not just ignore this appeal. It involves what each affiliate expects of its discipline and its associations. The only alternative is to restrict membership or perhaps even voting rights to paid-up affiliates (cf. agenda point 7 for the International Committee and point 6 for the General Assembly). Let's launch the next quinquennial period in the right direction!

Payments should be made to the following address and account number:

Bank of America
Mission Bay Branch, Nr. 0696
1640 Mission Blvd.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
IAHR Account Nr.: 06960-10654

Transfer Nr. (i.e. Swift Code): BOFAUS63
California Routing Nr.: 121000358

We look forward to your cooperation in this matter, and your continuing and renewed support for the IAHR!

IAHR African Trust Fund

I reported to the International Committee in Bergen on the terms of the IAHR African Trust Fund. The following points have been agreed upon:

1. That the name of the Fund be changed to “IAHR African Trust Fund”.
2. That the board of trustees should consist of the General Secretary of the IAHR, the Treasurer of the IAHR, and one representative each appointed by African IAHR affiliates: ASRSA (Southern African Association), AASR (African Association), EAASR (Eastern Africa) and NASR (Nigerian Association).
3. That the purpose of the fund is to promote the academic study of religion in Africa.
4. Types of awards: Research and publication grants.
5. Size of awards: It was suggested that they should be as follows: 1 grant of approximately R4000 and two smaller grants of R2000 each awarded for a calendar year. At current rates, this amounts to approximately \$500 and 2 x \$250.
6. Procedure: The grants will be awarded for a calendar year. No deadlines.
7. Guidelines for giving the awards:
 - A. Preferably younger scholars (both male and female) of any ethnic or national origin.
 - B. Working in any higher academic or research institution on the African continent (and nearby islands).
 - C. Who meet the research standards of their particular field
 - E. And whose research projects need income or
 - F. Whose publications in an African publishing house need subsidies.
 - G. Applications should be accompanied by letters of reference from senior scholars.

The goal is to accumulate \$20,000.

Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines (CIPSH)

Since Bergen, the General Assembly of CIPSH convened in Beijing, November 17-18, 2004. As in earlier meetings, Prof. Rosalind I. J. Hackett was the official representative of the IAHR. What follows is an abbreviated version of her report with a few additions on my part.

As noted in the section on finances, CIPSH has not been functioning well in funding. This is not only in relation to the IAHR, but to all the member associations of CIPSH. There were a number of complaints raised at the General Assembly. The first

concerned the lack of budgetary transparency and accountability. The secretariat insisted that this was due to the fact that UNESCO was unpredictable in terms of amount and timing of funding. The secretariat had to be creative in moving the money around just to keep the office functioning. There were also complaints that the funding amounts were becoming too small and arriving too late to make it viable to plan ahead. Another problem is that money is lost in converting funding between the Euro and the US dollar (latter being weak now in relation to the Euro).

This led to reflections on how to prioritize. While UNESCO prioritizes in terms of funding (e.g. they are cutting more from their culture and human rights budgets and less from education and bioethics projects) and have argued for member organizations to be more international, they do not live up to their own recommendations. There is a reluctance on the part of the CIPSH budget committee to prioritize funding, in other words to fund those (such as IAHR) who are indeed functioning as *international* (and not Eurocentric) organizations. It was felt that it would drive away member organizations, and we would lose diversity.

It was also felt that UNESCO lacked recognition of humanities and cultural studies by CIPSH. For example, the UNESCO representative in Beijing, Geneviève Domenach-Chich only attended briefly and was unable or reluctant to answer questions raised there. In the minutes of the meeting, the Secretary-General Maurice Aymard said that UNESCO also bypasses CIPSH, sometimes dealing directly with CIPSH affiliates, and it also organizes its own activities. The latter has decreased the quality of the activities as well as their scientific acceptability. UNESCO officers evidently do not care or they are not even aware of the problem.

There was a long debate about the merits of CIPSH continuing to belong to UNESCO. The option of operating independently is not really viable, however, given the lack of independent funding (as compared to the International Science Council, for example). However, there was a general consensus that it would be expedient to engage in more bilateral cooperation with the International Social Science Council in order to lobby on behalf of and defend the humanities against the backdrop of the worldwide threat to cultural studies, as well as to preserve the work of international scholarly organizations. There are clearly very cordial relations between the secretariats of CIPSH and ISSC and Jean-Luc Paepe as Secretary-General of the International Academic Union, belongs to both. Also the joint conference with them and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, within which the General Assembly convened, went extremely well. It was felt that both CIPSH and ISSC need to redefine their relationship to UNESCO, as well as seek clarification as to the incessant budget cuts (despite the USA returning to the fold). There was even some discussion about anti-Americanism and budgetary discrimination in UNESCO.

As President Madeline Caviness trenchantly stated, perhaps we have to ask, in the spirit of John F. Kennedy, not what the organization can do for us, but what we can do for it. She also advocated a stronger lobbying role for CIPSH (particularly as does no

longer automatically lead to grants), so that the organization is not overlooked. She added that it has become urgent for us to show that “there are important things to do in the world, beyond trade and war games.”

At this point, those of you who are unfamiliar with CIPSH might ask, what does the IAHR get out of its affiliation with CIPSH? CIPSH consists of 12 international societies as well as representatives from UNESCO, *Revue Diogène* and several observers. The affiliate societies support CIPSH through their annual membership fees (7% of each affiliate’s budget, in our case \$400) and have the possibility of applying for grants-in-aid. These grants are for two purposes, namely, expenses of meetings with scientific aims, such as international congresses or special symposia and expenses incurred by the preparation or printing of publications, such as bibliographies, dictionaries, collections, series, miscellaneous anthologies, and other scientific works of a broadly international character.

Even though grants-in-aid are relatively modest and it seems as if they will become even less and perhaps disappear altogether, IAHR membership in CIPSH is of the utmost importance. Our affiliation with CIPSH is our link to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Not only does this affiliation constitute an official, global recognition of the IAHR as an international academic association, and thus has highly visible symbolic value, but it also provides us with the opportunity to establish and pursue common activities with other like-minded affiliates. CIPSH is basically struggling, just as the IAHR is struggling on a lesser scale, to maintain international cooperation and global solidarity in the face of major economic and political obstacles. CIPSH and the IAHR, along with the other CIPSH affiliate associations, constitute an internationally organized bulwark protecting the interests of and profiling the important contributions of social and humanistic scholarship. That is why the IAHR should continue paying \$400 annually and continue supporting CIPSH activities.

IAHR Bulletin and Website

Due to the many duties of this office, it was decided by the Executive Committee that as General Secretary I should concentrate my efforts in keeping the IAHR website up-to-date and only publish the IAHR Bulletin occasionally, and in reduced form. It was agreed that I circulate e-mail notices about website up-dates. I have followed this decision. One of the main problems with prioritizing the electronic media is that most of the IAHR affiliates do not keep the General Secretary up-to-date on the names and e-mail addresses of current officers. This is a problem that the new Membership Officer will have to solve during the next five years.

Publications

The publication policy of IAHR conference proceedings is a continuing concern for the Executive Committee. The main problems with conference proceedings are: 1) that E.

J. Brill no longer wishes to publish IAHR proceedings in the *Numen Book Series* unless they are topical and thematically coherent, 2) that it is difficult for the Executive Committee to keep track of where proceedings, spin-off volumes, and individual articles are being published, because the conference hosts often forget to report back to the General Secretary, and 3) that it is difficult making sure that hosts whose conferences have been awarded an IAHR status remember to note the fact prominently either on the title page or in the preface. Almost no one has honored the rule that 12 copies of IAHR conference proceedings should be sent to the Executive Committee so that they can maintain qualified insight into IAHR activities. With the introduction of the new office of Publications Officer, it is hoped that one member of the Executive Committee will be able to concentrate his or her efforts on these problems.

The Science of Religion Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles (SOR), has changed hands from Roots and Branches to E. J. Brill. The managing editor of SOR is Dr. Katja Triplett at the University of Marburg. We welcome her into the IAHR family!

Numen Book Series is currently being edited by Professors Wouter Hanegraaff and Pratap Kumar. The Executive Committee is currently negotiating with E. J. Brill on finding a third editor.

I reported to the International Committee in Bergen that the change-over of the managing editors of *Numen* occurred as planned. Gratitude was extended and a warm round of applause was given to Prof. Einar Thomassen, who has agreed to take on another five year term as Managing Editor, Prof. Michel Despland who has stepped down as Managing Editor and has been replaced by Prof. Gustavo Benavides (Villanova), and Dr. Brigitte Luchesi who has stepped down as Reviews Editor after 14 years and has been replaced by Prof. Maya Burger (Lausanne). Warmest greetings are extended to the new team!

Conclusion

This is my last report. I hope that you feel as I do that despite the problems and snags, the IAHR is doing quite well. I have enjoyed serving you, five years as Treasurer and ten years as General Secretary. It's been instructive and sometimes even exhilarating.

My thanks is extended to the three Executive Committees that I have had the honor of serving with and especially three Presidents: Professors Ugo Bianchi, Michael Pey and Peter Antes, for their wisdom, guidance and support. My most heartfelt thanks also goes to friends and colleagues who have made my job a little less tiresome by selflessly going out of their way to make the IAHR a better organization.

My best wishes to the in-coming Executive Committee and to all congress participants. You are, when all is said and done, the IAHR!

Armin W. Geertz
March 7, 2005



Report by the Treasurer

International Association for the History of Religion
Abbreviated Accounting Report January 1, 2000 through February 25, 2005

Beginn	Expenses		
Bank o:	Accounting Expense		1,778,50
S75 Ba	African Assoc. for Study of Rel. subsidy for Newsletter	13-03-2000	100,00
Bay Fe	Bank charges		1,050,00
S50 Mc	CIPSH Dues paid		2,000,00
S30 Ba	Consulting: Geertz	18-12-2000	85,87
Total	IAHR Regional Conference/Travel Expenses		
	<i>New Zealand 2002</i>		
	<i>Bergen 2003</i>	4547,66	
	<i>Delhi 2003</i>	3,060,80	
		3,858,43	
Income	Total IAHR Regional Conference/Travel Expenses		11,466,89
	Legal fees: European Assoc. incorpor.	06-10-2000	1,105,29
	Meeting Subsidies/Expenses		
	<i>Durban Congress 2000 Subsidies/Expenses</i>		
	<i>Geertz (Warsaw)</i>	21.322,70	
		13-03-2000	1,019,85
	<i>Geertz (Grabow)</i>	179,54	
		17-05-2000	
	<i>Nairobi Conf.</i>	130,00	
		28-02-2000	
	Total Meeting Subsidies/Expenses		22,652,09
	Printing		7,434,22
	Roots & Branches Subsidies for Science of Religion		12,500,00
	Shipping books from Mexico		
	Travel Subsidies	24-03-2000	267,00
	<i>Despland (Warsaw) Brill</i>	24-04-2000	\$ 920,35
	<i>Hackett (Buenos Aires) CIPSH</i>	17-11-2000	\$ 1,561,94
	<i>Morris (Holland) ExecComm subsidy</i>	18-05-2001	\$ 1,500,00
	<i>Hackett (Benin Republic) CIPSH</i>	01-11-2002	\$ 2,099,50
	<i>ter Haar (Japan & New Zealand)</i>	26-12-2003	\$ 2,135,40
	<i>Dovlo (Ghana) AASR</i>	14-01-2004	\$ 2,000,00
	<i>Kumar (Delhi)</i>	9/4/03&5/5/04	\$ 492,96
Total			

International Association for the History of Religion			
Abbreviated Accounting Report January 1, 2000 through February 25, 2005			
<i>Lochan (SE Asia)</i>	<i>13-07-2004</i>	<i>\$ 900,00</i>	
<i>Lochan (New Delhi 2005)</i>	<i>31-12-2004</i>	<i>\$ 900,00</i>	
<i>Hackett (Beijing) CIPSH</i>	<i>20-01-2005</i>	<i>\$ 1.246,37</i>	
Total Travel Subsidies			13.756,52
To Brouwer & Kroeks for IAHR incorp.	13-07-2004		1.277,10
Total Expenses 1/1/00 through 2/25/05			75.473,48
Ending Balance 2/25/05*			32.681,11

Separate Bank of America CD Account			
opened April 11, 2002 with money remaining from Durban Congress to create African Scholarship Fund			
Opening balance 4/11/02	10.489,77		
Total Interest earned	467,24		
Ending balance 12/31/04		10.957,01	
(This CD matures 4/14/05)			

*Bay Federal Account figures as of 12/31/04 (this affects the interest figures only)

**with the exception of the interest earned in Savings account: this figure reflecting interest earned through closing of account 3/1/05

**IAHR MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCOUNTING, January 2005
2000 - 2005**

34 dues-paying national associations, 4 non-dues paying regional associations

Austria 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Belgium/Luxembourg [no payments since 2001]
Brazil [no payments since 2000]
Canada 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004
Canada (Quebec) 2001, 2002
China [no payments since 1995]
Cuba [no payments since 1995]
Czech Republic 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
Denmark 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Finland 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
France [no payments since 1995]
Germany 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Hungary [no payments since 1995]
India [no payments since 1995]
Indonesia [no payments since 1995]
Israel [no payments since 1995, except for 1998]
Italy 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Japan 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Mexico 2002, 2003
Netherlands 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
New Zealand [no payments made]
Nigeria [no payments since 2000]
Norway [no payments since 2000]
Poland 2000, 2001
Russia [no payments since 1995]
Slovakia [no payments since 2000]
South Korea [no payments since 1996]
Southern Africa [no payments since 2000]
Spain [no payments since 2000]
Sweden [no payments since 1995]
Switzerland 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
Ukraine [no payments since 1998]
United Kingdom 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
United States 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

(No dues paid: decision of Executive Committee, December 2002,
taken at Wellington, NZ regional conference meeting)

Africa (AASR)
Eastern Africa (EAASR)
Europe (EASR)
Latin America (ALER)

AWAITING ACCEPTANCE AS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
(at 2005 Congress in Tokyo; no dues to be paid yet)

Greece
Romania
Turkey
South and Southeast Asia (Regional Association)

CORRESPONDING MEMBER, NO DUES

Taiwan (corresponding membership)



Candidates for the Executive Committee 2005-2010

*Official list of candidates for the Executive Committee of the IAHR
during the next quinquennial period (2005-2010)*

President: ROSALIND I. J. HACKETT, USA (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Vice-President (two positions only, names in alphabetical order):

GERRIE TER HAAR, The Netherlands (nominated by the Dutch Association)

NILS G. HOLM, Finland (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

JACOB OLUPONA, USA (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

AKIO TSUKIMOTO, Japan (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

General Secretary: TIM JENSEN, Denmark (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Deputy General Secretary: INGVILD SÆLID GILHUS, Norway (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Treasurer: GARY LEASE, USA (nominated by Prof. Peter Antes) - unopposed

Deputy Treasurer: PRATAP KUMAR, South Africa (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Membership Secretary: ABRAHIM KHAN, Canada (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Publications Secretary: BRIAN BOCKING, United Kingdom (nominated by the Nominating Committee) - unopposed

Internet Officer: FRANCISCO DIEZ DE VELASCO, Spain (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

Member without portfolio (two positions only, names in alphabetical order):

MASARU IKEZAWA, Japan (nominated by the Japanese Association)

MORNY JOY, Canada (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

PAUL MORRIS, New Zealand (nominated by the New Zealand Association)

WINNI SULLIVAN, USA (nominated by the North American Association)

ALEF THERIA WASIM, Indonesia (nominated by the Nominating Committee)

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”. The candidates were invited to submit brief statements describing their positions, research interests and organizational activities as well as their visions concerning the future of the IAHR and how they wish to contribute to that vision.

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

She received her Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Aberdeen University in Scotland in 1986. In 1986 she was appointed to the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is now Professor and enjoys teaching a variety of courses including African Religions, Anthropology of Religion, Ways of Understanding Religion, Varieties of Religious Communities, and African Art. She won an Outstanding Alumni Teaching Award in 1995. Her wide-ranging research interests include art and religion, gender, religious and political conflict, religion and human rights, proselytization, pentecostal and charismatic movements in Africa, and teaching religion in education.



She is a past president of the *North American Association for the Study of Religion*, a co-founder of the African Religions group of the *American Academy of Religion*, Treasurer and Founding Member of the *African Association for the Study of Religions*, and a member of the *American Society for the Study of Religion*. She has served as Deputy General Secretary (1995-2000) and as Vice-President (2000-2005) of the IAHR.

She writes: To understand and explain an increasingly complex, conflict-ridden and globalizing world, in which religious ideas and actors have assumed great salience, the traditional historical, textual and comparative skills of the academic study of religion are needed more than ever. The contemporary, critical and cross-cultural study of religion is also well positioned to analyze the ambivalent influence of religious belief and practice on many emergent issues of our time, and vice versa. These include the modern media, market forces, new sciences of the mind, environmental and humanitarian issues, law and human rights, governance and political rhetoric, identity politics, war and conflict, education, healthcare, and the visual and performing arts. Moreover, scholars of religion are being forced to defend their enterprise in challenging new ways—whether against

institutional cutbacks, public critics, media misrepresentations, political manipulations, and popular misunderstandings.

In order to continue the effective growth and expansion of the IAHR in the light of these developments, and in addition to our ongoing logistical support of members and affiliates, we need to pay particular attention to the following areas:

- Improving the computer-mediated communications and web presence of national and regional associations
- Developing online resources (and translations of these into local languages) on the academic study of, and teaching about, religion to help bridge the information and communication gaps between member associations
- Creating and/or strengthening networks/interest groups of scholars to facilitate exchange of ideas, resources, and professional concerns, as well as conference planning, publications, and visits. An IAHR Women Scholars Network is being projected, for example.
- Enhancing our capacity to respond to growing interest in the role of religion in the public sphere (e.g. through a Listserv, website, scholar database)
- Exploring new funding opportunities to support our research and collaboration

With our new and expanded Executive and International Committees, I am confident that we can achieve these goals, and be ever more proud of the IAHR as the primary international body for promoting and protecting the academic study of religion.

Prof. Gerrie ter Haar **Vice-President**

I am a scholar of religion, of Dutch nationality. My research focus is on Africa, but also includes many other aspects of the study of religion. I currently hold a chair in Religion, Human Rights and Social Change at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague. The ISS is a leading academic institution for development studies, with most of its students coming from outside Europe.

I have been asked to stand for election to the post of IAHR Vice-President. I have been involved with the IAHR since 1990, and with the IAHR Executive since 1995, first as a Member at large, and more recently as Deputy General Secretary. I am also a founding member of the *African Association for the Study of Religions*, which is an affiliate of the IAHR.

If I were elected as Vice-President of the IAHR, I would give my highest priority to strengthening the IAHR's efforts to engage a young generation of scholars, both as active participants in its academic work and at various levels of management. At the same time,



I would strive to enhance still further the IAHR's status as a genuinely international body, involving scholars from all continents – both women and men.

After years of service to the organization, I would be pleased to make myself further available to the IAHR, this time in the capacity of Vice-President. I believe that my long experience will benefit the organization and help it to retain its prominent role in the study of religion in the years to come.

Prof. Nils G. Holm
Vice-President

Nils G. Holm, Dr Theol., Phil. lic. full Professor of Comparative Religion (*Religionswissenschaft*) at Åbo Akademi University, Finland since 1981.

Much experience from international organizations. Present Chairman of the *Finnish Society for the Study of Religion*.

Visions: I would like to work for as broad a covering of religious studies within IAHR as possible, including perspectives from the social sciences.



Prof. Jacob Olupona
Vice-President

No statement of candidacy.

Prof. Akio Tsukimoto
Vice-President

Professor of the Old Testament and History of Religions, Department for Christian Studies, Rikkyo University, Tokyo. Member at large of the IAHR Executive Committee (2000-2005). One of the directors of the *Japanese Association for Religious Studies* (2000-).

In collaboration with the Chinese and Korean associations, I would make an effort to set up a *Far Eastern Association for Studies of Religions* as a regional association within IAHR and to promote mutual understanding between IAHR and East Asian associations.

Prof. Tim Jensen
General Secretary

Born 1950; 1981 Magister Artium, History of Religions, University of Copenhagen (1981) with a dissertation on the concept of 'hybris' in the Homeric epics; 1981-95 Senior teacher in Religion and Ancient Greek Civilisation at Christianshavns Gymnasium, Copenhagen; 1986-88 Assistant Lecturer, the Department of the History of Religions, University of Copenhagen; 1995-98 Assistant Professor at the Department for the Study of Religions, University of Southern Denmark; 1998- Associate Professor, Institute of Philosophy, Education, and the Study of Religions, University of Southern Denmark.



1980–1990 Chair of *Religionshistorisk Forening*, University of Copenhagen, and co-founder and member of editorial board of *CHAOS, Danish- Norwegian Periodical for Studies in the History of Religions*. 1991-93 Chair of *Association for Teachers in Religious Education in the Gymnasium*. 1997-2005 President of DAHR, the *Danish Association for the History of Religions*, affiliated to IAHR. 2000-2005 Chair of *NORREL, the Nordic Committee for the History of Religions*. 2000-2004 General Secretary of EASR, the *European Association for the Study of Religions*. 2002-2004 Chair at the Institute of Philosophy and the Study of Religions, and 1999- Head of the Department of the Study of Religions.

Member of editorial and advisory boards of *CHAOS, Religionsvidenskabelig Skriftserie, Temenos, British Journal of Religious Education, Anaquel de estudios árabes*.

According to the new delegation of duties in the IAHR Executive Committee, the task of the General Secretary is to 'coordinate the work of the other officers, effectuate policy, up-date the rules and regulations in the IAHR Handbook and the website, fill out applications, write reports, plan meetings and agendas, monitor SOR, NUMEN and NUMEN Book Series appointments, and maintain the daily correspondence of the IAHR'.

As stated by the out-going executive, it will be a task in its own to see how the new delegation of duties works out. Having served as General Secretary in the EASR with the same delegation of duties as the one now adopted by the IAHR, I shall do my very best to perform these tasks in such a way that it helps the other officers and the members of the IAHR to focus their attention on the main issue, i.e. the promotion of the aims of IAHR: To further the academic study of religions.

Past executives, including the last, out-going executive, have, in collaboration with all the affiliates and individuals within IAHR, done a great job expanding and strengthening the IAHR to promote the academic study of religions on a truly global level. The upsurge in public and political interest in our subject-matter provides further opportunities. But

it has its dangers too. All too often, the interest in religion is not accompanied by a like interest in the analytical and critical study of religion as a study of human beings and societies. Religious and public discourses on religion are not the same as academic discourses on religion, and the task of IAHR is to keep on carving out a space for the academic study of religion all around the globe. But 'global', in the language of IAHR, is not the same as 'ecumenical'.

Prof. Ingvild Sælid Gilhus
Deputy General Secretary

Born 1951. Master of arts, University of Oslo, 1974, Dr. philos., University of Bergen 1982. I am Professor in the history of religions at the University of Bergen (1988-). My research interests have primarily been late antiquity and Gnosticism, new religious movements, and theories and methods in the history of religions, and I have published articles and books in these fields. I am currently working on a book entitled *The Battle of the Beasts and the Rise of Christianity*.



As for organizational posts, I have been Vice Dean (1988) and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, University of Bergen (1989-90) and a member of the board of the Norwegian Research Council for Social Sciences and Humanities (1993-96). I am now a member of the board of the University of Bergen (1999-), Deputy Chairman of the board of the Norwegian Research Council (2003-), Chairman of the board of Chr. Michelsen Institute. Development Studies and Human Rights (2001-), member of the board of the Bergen Festival (1999-) and member of the Executive Committee IAHR (1999-2004). I am also a member of the the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters in Trondheim and of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters in Oslo.

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 important 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 which 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. Gary Lease
Treasurer

Professor of History of Consciousness, currently Interim Dean of Humanities, at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is a member of the *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), *American Society for the Study of Religion* (ASSR), *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion* (SSSR), *American Research Center in Egypt* (ARCE), *International Association for Coptic Studies* (IACS), *Gesellschaft für Geistesgeschichte* (GGG); the *German Studies Association* (GSA); and formerly a member of the *American Academy of Religion* (AAR).



Born in Hollywood, California, son of an actor, Gary Lease studied history of theology at the University of Munich (1962-68), taking a Dr.theol. degree under the direction of Michael Schmaus. After a year directing the John XXIII Institute for Ecumenical Theology (Chicago), he was appointed Assistant Professor of theology at Loyola University (Los Angeles). As Chair of the program he transformed it from a major in theology to one in religious studies, and as a result after three years was fired for heresy.

A position at the University of California, Santa Cruz in Religious Studies (1973) enabled him to continue his work. He chaired the program on and off for seven years until it was disestablished following an external review that recommended much greater resources for the department than the campus was willing to provide. As a consequence, he became known on campus as the “murderer of religion”.

He was transferred to the History of Consciousness Department, a PhD-only program under the direction of Hayden White, and became active in its work after a two year-appointment representing the University of California in Göttingen, Germany (1980-82).

Since then he has served as chair of a number of departments (History of Consciousness, Environmental Studies), as Associate Chancellor, and as Dean of Humanities (1990-1995; and again 2004 to present). From 1995 to 2004 he also served as the Executive Secretary of the *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), and since 1998 to the present as the Treasurer of the *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). In 2001 he was a guest professor at the University of Munich, the last occupant of the famous Romano Guardini Chair for Theory of Culture and Religion.

His on-going work is concentrated in the history of religious thought in 19th and 20th century Germany (editions of Harnack and Sohm; religion and National Socialism; German-Judaism; biography and study of Hans-Joachim Schoeps); late antiquity Mediterranean religious history (Mithraism; Egyptian monasticism; Near Eastern archaeology); the relationship between politics and religion (National Socialism, RC Modernism); and theories of religion (religion and historiographical theories; religion and politics; religion as cultural artifact). Publications are to be found in all these areas.

Prof. Pratap Kumar
Deputy Treasurer

First of all I wish to thank the IAHR for considering my candidacy for the position of Deputy Treasurer. It is indeed an honour to serve the organization in this capacity.

I am a Professor in the School of Religion and Theology at the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. I am currently the Academic Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies and also a member of the Faculty of Theology at Oxford University. I have a Ph.D in Religious Studies (Specialization in South Indian Vaishnavism) from the University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. In the last several years of my association with the IAHR I have served the organization in various ways. It began with my being the Congress Director for the 18th World Congress of the IAHR in Durban in 2000. The experience that I had gained from it was phenomenal both academically and individually. I have managed to demonstrate the financial viability of running a World Congress of the IAHR by showing substantial profit to the IAHR. Since then, I took upon the challenge, when I was asked to develop the Indian Association, to begin negotiations with the Indian colleagues and organizing an IAHR Regional Conference in Delhi in 2003 and establishing the Indian Association for the Study of Religion. This new organization effectively brought together the existing fledgling Indian association along with new members and provided new impetus to the study of religion in that part of the world. I am continuing that effort to strengthen the Indian association in the South Indian region so that it becomes more representative in India. With this experience, I bring to the organization my financial acumen and organizational ability to serve an organization that I consider most important in the world of scholarship.

My vision for the IAHR is to make it financially strong in a structured approach:

1. by the running the congresses and regional conferences profitably and generating revenue for the IAHR as whole so that it can serve the scholars in regions most financially in need.
2. by actively fundraising through various ways of membership drives, collaborating with funding agencies on special projects, and actively seeking development fund from International bodies to assist scholarly activities in economically weaker parts of the world.
3. exploring regional governmental and non-governmental funding sources to strengthen regional associations (e.g., travel grants for scholars).

My permanent address is : Prof. P. Pratap Kumar, School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu Natal, Private Bag X54001, Durban, 4000, South Africa. My current address is Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, 15 Magdalen Street, Oxford, OX1 3AE, UK.

Prof. Abraham Khan
Membership Secretary

B.S. (Howard), B.D. (Yale), M.A., Ph.D. (McGill). Professor and Advanced Degree Director, Trinity College, and Center for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, CANADA.

Member of and contributor to the *Canadian Association for the Study of Religion*; convener/chair for two AAR program units: History of the Study of Religion and Kierkegaard Seminar; participant in six IAHR Congresses; contributor of multiple sessions to the program of the Durban IAHR Congress; advisory member to the IAHR regional conference in Delhi, 2003, and the reconstituting of *Indian Association for the Study of Religion*; and member of Tokyo Congress Academic Program Committee.

My vision would include encourage broadening the field through collaborative and cross-disciplinary studies without losing the primary focus: the academic study of religion. My contribution would be to encourage communication and conversation among national associations to that end.

Abraham H. Khan teaching and research interests span Kierkegaard's thought, philosophico-theological ethics, cross-cultural studies in theology and comparative religion, and philosophy of religion. His publications include "*Salighed*" as Happiness? *Kierkegaard on the Concept of Salighed* (1985), chapters, encyclopedia entries, and numerous journal articles among which are "Kierkegaard and the Glory of our Common Humanity," in *Joyful Wisdom*, 3 (1994), "Melancholy: An Elusive Dimension of Depression?" *Journal of Medical Humanities*, 15 (1994), "The Center Out There for Early Pre-Islamic Pilgrims: Is the Kab'ah the Original Sacra of Mecca?" in *Year Book of Christian Archeology Supplement*, 20 (1995), and "Identity, Personhood, and Religion in Caribbean Context", *Ilu, Revistas de Ciencias de las Religiones*, 2 (1997), and "Person and Boundedness in Wittgenstein and Tagore: Positioning Artificial Intelligence" in *On Mind and Consciousness*. Edited by Chhanda Chakraborti, Manas K. Mandal, Rimi B. Chatterjee (Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study 2003). He is past President of the Canadian Theological Society and past editor of its newsletter. He chaired the Kierkegaard Seminar program unit in the *American Academy of Religion* for five years and was a senior fellow at Harvard University, Center for the Study of World Religions. He is a member of the Joint Centre for Bioethics at the University of Toronto and a consulting editor of the *Encyclopedia of Caribbean Religions*.



Prof. Brian Bocking
Publications Secretary

I am currently Professor of the Study of Religions in the University of London (SOAS, School of Oriental and African Studies). I took my BA degree in Religious Studies (1973) at Lancaster University and MA and PhD (1985) at the University of Leeds. From 1993 onwards, I edited and produced the on-line *Religious Studies Journal (DISKUS)*. I have acquired some organizational experience as Head of Department in two institutions (1987-2003) and recently as Associate Dean for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at SOAS. I have been involved in the *British Association for the Study of Religions* for about thirty years and was BASR President from 1994-7.



According to my understanding, the role of the Publications Officer is to collect and provide information to IAHR member organizations and individuals in two ways; by monitoring planned and existing IAHR-related publications, and by supplementing the work of the internet officer through provision of on-paper versions of IAHR bulletins etc.. In my view, the IAHR has gone from strength to strength in recent years, incorporating new member organizations and energetically encouraging scholarly contact and exchange across national boundaries. Its primary role remains the promotion and strengthening of the academic study of religions wherever this takes place.

The main challenge for the executive team is to work effectively on behalf of all the member organizations to coordinate as far as possible the activities of an increasingly complex organization. I hope that I can make some contribution to this effort by helping with the flow of information.

Prof. Francisco Diez de Velasco
Internet Officer

Born in 1960 at Granada (Spain). Catedrático (Professor, profile of the chair: History of Religions) at the University of La Laguna (Canary Islands, Spain). Licenciado en Historia (Bachelor in History), 1983, Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Doctor en Historia (PhD), 1988, Universidad Complutense, Madrid. Grant in 1984-1985 in the University of Athens (Greece); Grant in the University of Paris-Sorbonne: 1988-1989; Membre libre



de la section scientifique de la Casa de Velazquez, 1990-1993.

Member of the Directive Committee of the SECR (*Sociedad Española de Ciencias de las Religiones*, affiliated to IAHR), 1998-; Secretary of the IV Conference of the SECR (La Laguna, february 2000; publication: F. Diez de Velasco, ed. *Miedo y Religión*, Madrid, 2002).

Web pages created and maintained:

1) Personal page: <http://webpages.ull.es/users/fradive> (with complete cv in Spanish and abridged cv's in English and French)

2) Research Project "Metodologías en Historia de las Religiones" (Methodologies in History of Religions): <http://www.ull.es/proyectos/metodrel>

3) Research Project "Agua y Religión" (Water and Religion): <http://www.ull.es/proyectos/aguarel>

4) Conference Milenio: miedo y religión (Millennium, Fear and Religion): <http://www.ull.es/congresos/conmirel>

5) Internet tutorials (in spanish): General History of Religions (historical: <http://webpages.ull.es/users/fradive/tutorial.htm>) History of Religions (comparative <http://webpages.ull.es/users/fradive/historiacomparada/>); Theory and Methodology in the History of Religions

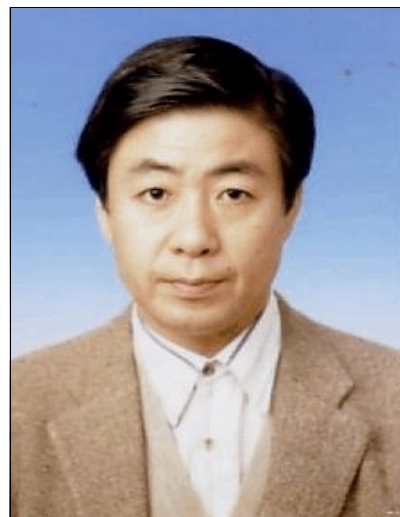
(doctorate: <http://webpages.ull.es/users/fradive/doctorado/doctorado.html>).

If I am elected I hope to contribute to the development of the presence of the IAHR in the internet.

Prof. Masaru Ikezawa **Member without portfolio**

Position: Associate professor, Tokyo University. Degree: Ph D (University of British Columbia). Major: Ancient Chinese Religions. Organizational experience: Executive Committee member of the *Japanese Association of Religious Studies*. Member of the International Congress Committee and the Congress Secretariat for the 19th World Congress of IAHR.

Statement: The study of religions arose and developed in the West. For the East, the international communication used to be two-way exchanges with the West. Today, communications begin to be multi-dimensional, and this trend will be well shown in IAHR 2005 Tokyo, for which I am working now. It will be my pleasure if I can make use of my experiences of the 19th World Congress, in order to contribute for promoting this trend.



Prof. Morny Joy
Member without portfolio

Professor (1997), Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada. Fields of specialization: Comparative Philosophy, History of Religions (Hinduism); Method and Theory, Philosophy and Religion, Women and Religion. BA University of Sydney, Australia; MA University of Ottawa, Canada; PhD McGill University, Montreal, Québec, Canada. Languages: Greek, Latin, Sanskrit, French.



President, *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion*, (CSSR) 1994-96; Vice-President, CSSR 1996-98; Vice-President, *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy* 1992-94. CSSR Delegate to IAHR Conference: Mexico City and Tokyo. Attendance at IAHR conferences: Rome, Mexico City. (I organized a panel for the Durban conference but could not attend due to illness.). Attendance at regional conferences: Turku (1997); Yogyakarta/Semarang (2004).

Election Statement: Ever since I studied *Religionswissenschaft* with Dr. Reinhold Pummer during my MA degree, it has been one of the consuming interests of my life. In these times, when the terms *homo academicus* (after Pierre Bourdieu) and *homo religiosus* have fallen into some disfavour, one is sometimes hesitant to identify oneself as a scholar of religion. Nonetheless, these also seem to be times of displacement, discordance and diaspora when the study of religions from a dispassionate perspective is more needed than ever. As a Member without portfolio, I would be only too delighted to devote my time and energy to help the IAHR expand its vistas so that appreciation of the insights to be gained from such a study can be promoted. My attendance at the recent IAHR sponsored regional meeting in Yogyakarta and Semarang, Indonesia – and my interaction with the members of the fledgling IAHR national association there – stand among the highlights of my career.

Prof. Paul Morris
Member without portfolio

Since I returned to New Zealand in 1994, I have been Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, where I am currently Programme Director for Religious Studies. Previously I taught at Lancaster University in the UK from 1984-1994, and I have held visiting positions at the University of California, Santa Barbara; the University of



Queensland, Australia; Boston University; and, the Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations, UK. I am a New Zealander with a BA (Religious Studies) from Victoria University of Wellington, an MA (Religious Studies) from McMaster University in Canada, and a PhD from Lancaster (Religious Studies) where my supervisor was Professor Ninian Smart.

I have been a member of the *British Association for the Study of Religions* (BASR). I am currently a member of the *New Zealand Association for the Study of Religions* (President and conference committee member; the *American Academy of Religion* (Section Chair 1998-2003), the *International Association for the History of Religions* (member of the Executive Committee 2000-2005). I am on the editorial boards of *Numen* (by virtue of being on the IAHR Executive), *Implicit Religions*, *Postscripts*, and *Beliefs and Values*. I am also co-editor of the journal, *Human Rights Research*.

Statement: I consider it important that some of the smaller associations are represented on the executive and that there is at least one member from the religious rich region of New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific. This area is home to well-established centres for the study of religious traditions from a history of religions approach and has a significant tradition of the academic study of religions.

I think it important that the IAHR executive becomes more open, accessible, and communicative and fosters not only better relationships between the IAHR and the national and regional associations but also between the different regions and national associations. Since the last Congress in Durban in 2000, religion has developed a considerably increased position and significance in and outside of the academy and our scholarship is potentially more pertinent. The IAHR has a valuable part to play internationally and via the national associations in this new environment. We should establish an international IAHR directory of religious specialists with sound research-based opinions and views available to the media and policy makers. There is no other body so representative of scholarship in the field internationally. Ideologically the IAHR with its history of religions approach has more to offer than the AAR, as it has both a wider constituency and is less committed to US theological models of pluralism. But in order for the IAHR to play this enhanced role it must be funded properly and needs a broader set of policies on its role, its commitment to promoting scholarship in the field, and regarding its responsibilities for the support of associations in developing countries.

Prof. Winni Sullivan
Member without portfolio

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, PhD, J.D., is Dean of Students and Senior Lecturer at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the *North American Association for the Study of Religion* and co-founder and former chair of the Law, Religion, and Culture Consultation of the *American Academy of Religion*.

My principal participation with the IAHR has been attendance at the meetings in Mexico City and Durban. Both were helpful and enlightening. It is my view that the IAHR makes a distinctive contribution to the internationalization of the academic study of religion through the five-year meetings and the opportunity they present for the presentation of work and the interaction of scholars. Constant attention to the quality of this work is a critical factor in developing an influential community of scholars.

My own work is on the comparative intersection of religion and law in the modern period. The importance of law—and of such political tags and projects as the conscious extension of the “rule of law”—for understanding religion in the modern period can hardly be exaggerated. This simultaneous flowering of interdisciplinary and cross-cultural study of law provides a fruitful moment to highlight law as a concern for the IAHR. A sophisticated broadening out of law issues—beyond those of international human rights—to the investigation of the complex and quotidian operations of legal and religious regimes would be a valuable contribution, in my view.



Prof. Alef Theria Wasim
Member without portfolio

Alef Theria Wasim has served on the Executive Committee of the IAHR as Member-at-large (2000-2005). She writes: Although the Indonesian religious population is pluralistic, the study of religion was unknown until it was introduced by Prof Dr. H.A. Mukti Ali in 1954. While Muslims study religions normatively and doctrinally, Prof Mukti Ali introduced the study of religion academically, and he is the first professor who developed and filled the Chair of the Department of Comparative Religion in Yogyakarta several years ago. The course of the history of religions was first instituted in the *State Institute of Islamic Studies* (IAIN) Yogyakarta and subsequently in IAIN Jakarta. Besides Yogyakarta being a birthplace of the study of the history of religion, it is a very strategic place for its growth and development. It was the first capital of Indonesia, the site of

many universities. Unfortunately in most universities in Indonesia the history of religions is not yet studied academically, like how it is done by the universities in European and American countries where religion is studied empirically and objectively as a social and cultural phenomenon.

Being a pluralistic country, there has lately been a phenomenon of nonconformity, often resulting in violent behaviour amongst the inter-faith community. This phenomenon is not inseparable from the lack of consciousness of these pluralistic communities. They have not yet fully realized that they live together with 'others' either geographically, socio-culturally, politically, ethnically, economically, or religiously, and that living together with, 'others' demands a recognition of the sameness and difference of their ways of life. Whether minority or majority, the phenomenon of their conspicuous or emerging identity can be observed. Moreover it can be observed that some members of the majority and minority show feelings of superiority while at other times they show feelings of inferiority. These conditions lead to a situation of sporadic insecurity, suspicion, distrust, and mutual defensiveness. The challenge is to urge them to be able to realize that they live together within a *diversity in unity* and a *unity in diversity*. It is only this realization that will fulfil their needs for change: specifically change in studying and research of religions. By studying religions an individual is enabled to be able to understand his own religion, as well as to understand the religions of others.

In achieving a change and developing the study of religions, key information is added from the international world which has an established academic tradition of studying religions. The international contribution toward developing such a study is much needed and very urgent. In this case, the IAHR must pay special attention to the development of the study and research of religions, especially in Indonesia. The Temple University has already 'gathered courage' to take its part in effecting this change, and God willing, we plan to open the Department of Religious Studies in Yogyakarta in the coming academic year (2000/2001). (I am happy to give Temple University a warm applause; thank you!) The more participants in developing the study of the history of religions, the faster in the growth and flowering the consciousness and awareness about living together, hand in hand, and sharing together, will be achieved. With the academic study of religions, the inter-faith relations can be analyzed through the disciplines of theology, sociology, anthropology, economics, and so forth.

The religious Indonesian population with Muslims forming the majority has a unique potential. It is hoped that it will be able to influence the muslim world in general, and in the Asian Malay world in particular; the development of their awareness of mutual religious cooperation. It is to be hoped that intra- and inter-ethnic, faith, and cultural tensions, can be minimized as much as possible.

It is suggested that the development of the study of the history of religions (the study of religions) is to be carried out, first through philological and textual study and then through the sociology, psychology, anthropology, history, philosophy, phenomenology, and so forth. The study of religions geologically, and ecologically just like what the

colleagues from the Harvard University do, is very worthwhile. Of course each of these disciplines has its advantages and disadvantages. For maximum effect the disciplines should be combined.

In my experience, as an Indonesian visiting and studying in Europe, America, Canada, the Middle-East, and Asia, I have found the IAHR to be a constant source of several institutions, organizations and associations, and a constant source of valuable information about the development of the history of religions, including new findings in the study of religions; whether behavioral or qualitative. Now, the IAHR has the chance, to pay its special attention to the needs of the 'new approach' so that the tensions between West-East, North-South, Orientalists-Occidentalists, need not be obstacles for globalization and identity issues. In terms of the goals of the study, the religious shifting orientation of the study of the history of religions or the study of religions will always be related to its methodological aspects.

The *Indonesian Association for the Study and Research of Religion*, is still being developed in cooperation with other institutions and universities. The Graduate Program of the State Institute of Islamic Studies (Pascasarjana IAIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta) educating Magisters and Doctors, is the center of the study of religions; the students come from almost all over Indonesia, even from other Asian countries, to study in our program. For your information, there are more than 10 (ten) IAIN Graduate Programs in Indonesia; but there are only two Graduate Programs graduating Doctors: Yogyakarta and Jakarta. The development of the history of religions in Indonesia is carried out together in cooperation with many scholars in their respective fields. And, just this year (2000), for the very first time in Indonesia, an Orthodox Jewish woman professor currently teaches in the State Institute of Islamic Studies. The network is expanded and broadened not only in Indonesia with other universities, state or private, but wherever it is possible.

I stated earlier that educated Muslims in Indonesia have a unique opportunity to influence the Muslim world at large in areas of inter-religious awareness and mutual respect. This can be achieved more effectively if we are able to provide a broader more academic study of religions program for our graduate students. We have begun the task of transforming our program in the study of history of religions. I hope that IAIN Yogyakarta is able to continue to do so, with your cooperation.



Proposals for Honorary Life Membership of the IAHR

From: Chairman, Advisory Committee on election to IAHR Honorary Life Membership
To: IAHR International Committee, c/o General Secretary IAHR

February 1, 2005

Dear General Secretary,

According to our constitution as currently in force, the Executive Committee as well as member organizations (“affiliates”) may nominate candidates for honorary life membership in recognition of their services to both scholarship and the activities and objectives of the Association. The Advisory Committee is charged with selecting a maximum of 5 names from a possibly larger number of nominations and to submit their proposal to the International Committee. The Advisory Committee, as appointed by the International Committee at its meeting in Bergen, Norway, on May 10, 2003 is currently composed of R.J.Zwi Werblowsky (Professor Emeritus, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Chairman; Prof. Louise Bäckman, (Professor Emerita, University of Stockholm) and Noriyoshi Tamaru (Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo).

The next meeting of the International Committee will take place during the Tokyo Congress next month, but none of our Affiliate Societies has suggested any candidates. The Executive Committee have submitted the names of Professors Peter Antes (University of Hannover), Michio Araki (Japan), and Giulia Sfameni Gasparro (University of Messina) and these have been forwarded by the General Secretary to the Advisory Committee for their consideration. In the circumstances the Advisory Committee does not have to select but can wholeheartedly endorse the proposed three nominations.

Peter Antes will lay down his presidency of the IAHR at the Tokyo Congress, after having served both the International Association and the German member-group for over 20 years in a variety of functions. In addition to his more specialized work on contemporary Islam he has published widely on *Religionswissenschaft* in general (phenomenology, psychology, methodology). Special mention should be made of his efforts to promote the study of world religions also in schools.

Michio Araki, Professor Emeritus of Tsukuba University (since 2001), has distinguished himself as scholar, organizer and educator of a younger generation of Japanese researchers in the field of history of religions. The emphasis of his work is on “popular religions” in history and in the contemporary world, but he has also been active organizationally on both the international (member of the IAHR Executive Board 1990-2000) and national

(Board of Directors of the Japanese Association) scene. The Tokyo Congress owes much to his initiative and efforts.

Most of Giulia Gasparro's numerous publications deal with the religions of the classical and hellenistic world of "Late (mediterranean) Antiquity": Greek and Oriental mystery cults, Gnosticism as well as early Christianity up to Origen and the Origenistic traditions and controversies. In her scholarly work Prof. Gasparro shows herself not only a disciple but a successor and academic heir of the late Ugo Bianchi. She has served as General Secretary and Vice-President of the Italian member-group, on the Executive Committee of the IAHR and (since 2000) as President of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR).

The Advisory Committee wholeheartedly recommends the aforementioned three nominees to the International Committee for election to Honorary Life Membership.

R.J.Zwi Werblowsky (Chairman, Advisory Committee)



Excerpts from the Rules and Regulations of the IAHR

The Constitution and By-Laws of the IAHR

The International Association for the History of Religions L'association internationale pour l'histoire des religions Constitution

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

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 7

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 8

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



Rules of Procedure for the International Association for the History of Religions

(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.)

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. The Editorial Board of NUMEN consists of the Executive Committee and two managing editors. The judicial relationship of the Editorial Board and the publisher E. J. Brill are stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 11, 1994. The two managing editors are appointed by the Executive Committee in agreement with the publisher every five years with effect from each quinquennial congress of the IAHR. The editors may be reappointed for a second five year period. Normally the appointments of the editors will be in alternate succession to ensure that only one editor retires at the end of each five year period.

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 transac-

tion 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 Interna-

- tional 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 and the Editorial Board of NUMEN shall be circulated to the members of the committee and the board only.

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 of the IAHR

(Adopted by the International Committee of the IAHR on May 24, 1998 in Hildesheim, Germany; revised to accomodate 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 of the IAHR

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.



Information on the IAHR

The IAHR is an worldwide body of national and regional associations for the 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. It was founded in 1950 on the occasion of the 7th international congress of the history of religions in Amsterdam. The object of the IAHR is 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.

The IAHR is composed of a General Assembly, an International Committee, and an Executive Committee. The International Committee consists of two delegates from each national or regional association who meet during every congress to elect the Executive Committee and to pursue other important business. The committee also meets once between the congresses. The Executive Committee consists of 12 members roughly representing major areas of the world and as reasonable a gender balance as possible. The current president is Professor Peter Antes at the University of Hannover in Germany.

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