This Bulletin has been prepared for the convenience of members of the International Committee present at the IAHR Congress held in Mexico City, August 1995. Reports by the Secretary-General and the Treasurer of the IAHR for the period 1990-95 are being made available as appendices to this bulletin in the same format.

Additional copies will be sent later to those who normally receive the Bulletin but are unable to be present at the Congress.

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Executive Committee (outgoing): agenda

Date of meeting: Monday August 6th (exact time and place to be made known)

1) Membership and apologies for absence.
2) Minutes of previous meeting.
3) Matters arising from minutes.
4) Appointment of Numen Editors (decision by correspondence to be minuted for report to the International Committee).
5) Recommendation for ex officio cooptation to International Committee.
6) Final clarification of procedures for International Committee and General Assembly.
7) Proposals for individual membership of the IAHR, including honorary life membership (for recommendation to the International Committee).
8) Future conference locations (for recommendation to the International Committee).
9) Any other business.

Current membership of the Executive Committee (1990-1995)

Prof. R. D. Abubakre (Ilorin, Nigeria)
Prof. P. Antes (Hannover, Germany)
Prof. M. Araki (Tsukuba, Japan)
Prof. L. Bäckman (Stockholm, Sweden)
Prof. A. Geertz (Aarhus, Denmark) (Treasurer)
Dr. Y. González Torres (Mexico City, Mexico)
Prof. J. Leclant (Paris, France) (Vice-President)
Prof. M. Pye (Marburg, Germany) (Secretary-General)
Prof. L. Sullivan (Cambridge, USA) (Deputy Secretary-General)
Prof. Z. Werblowsky (Jerusalem, Israel) (Vice-President)
Prof. D. Wiebe (Toronto, Canada)

The greatly regretted decease of our President, Professor Ugo Bianchi, a short while ago, has been widely communicated. He will be publicly remembered during the Congress.
International Committee: agenda

Date of meeting: Wednesday August 9th. The meeting will probably be held at 8.00 a.m. following which members will join the excursion in a special bus.

Prof. Werblowsky will preside as Vice-president for points 1 - 8. An incoming vice-president may preside for points 9 - 13.

1) Membership:
   (i) ascertainment of membership
   (ii) co-option as recommended by Executive Committee.
   Action.

2) Procedures:
   (i) adoption of general rules for meetings as held by UNESCO and/or UNO
   (ii) adoption of procedures for election of Executive Committee
   Action.

3) Minutes of previous meeting (circulated in advance).
   To be approved.

4) Matters arising from the minutes.
   For information or discussion only.

5) Report by Secretary-General (circulated in advance).
   To be received.

6) Report by Treasurer (circulated in advance).
   To be received.

7) Additional matters of report by Executive Committee:
   (i) Current arrangements for Numen
   (ii) Other (if any)
   Report only.

8) Election of new Executive Committee
   Action.

9) Recommendation from Executive Committee on individual (corresponding) memberships of the IAHR.
   Action.

10) Proposals for honorary life membership of the IAHR.
    Action.

11) Recommendation of new affiliations (if any to be added).
    Action.

12) Recommendations for adjustments to the wording of the Constitution in the event of (a) a change of the name (b) agreement on the setting up of individual memberships.
    Action.

13) Future conference locations.
    Discussion and/or action.

14) Any other business.
Membership of International Committee

The International Committee consists of the membership of the current (i.e. the outgoing) Executive Committee, which is given above (page 2) and two representatives of each affiliated national or regional association (except in the case of Canada and the USA where the membership is shared between two associations). The representatives of the affiliated associations are deemed to be the president and the secretary, except in cases where other representatives have been specifically designated. The list below is the best available at the time of printing. P = president, S = secretary, R = representative (i.e. otherwise designated representative).

AUSTRALIA
P  Prof. A. Black
S  Ms. T. Blombery

BELGIUM/LUXEMBURG
P  Prof. J. Ries
S  Dr. A. Motte

CANADA
P  Prof. D. Wiebe [not president]
S  Dr. J. Goulet
R  Prof. J. Paper

CHINA
P  Prof. F. Kong
S  Dr. K.-S. Dai

CZECH REPUBLIC
P  Dr. B. Horyna
S  Dr. D. Papousek

DENMARK
P  Dr. J. S. Jensen
S  Mr. M. Aktor
R  Mr. M. Rothstein
R  Ms. D. R. Christensen

FINLAND
P  Dr. T. Ahlbäck
S  Dr. H. Helve


FRANCE

P  Prof. J. Leclant
S  Prof. A. Caquot
X R  Prof. M. Medhes
     Gitard (absent)

GERMANY

X P  Prof. H. Kippenberg
X R  Dr. B. Luchesi

HUNGARY

P  Prof. L. Boglar
X S  Dr. I. Lovász

INDONESIA

P  Prof. H. S. Abdullah
S  Dr. A.T. Wasim

ISRAEL

X W P  Prof. Z. Werblowsky
S  Dr. M. Mach
R  Prof. S. Krim-Braslav (absent)
X R  Prof. G. Shuimza

ITALY

P  (Prof. U. Bianchi + )
S  Prof. G. Gasparro
R  Prof. I. Chirassi
X R  Prof. F. Scialpi
     Carozzi

JAPAN

P  Prof. N. Tamaru
X R  Prof. S. Hata
     Hase
X R  Prof. S. Kanai

KOREA

P  Prof. H.-S. Keel
X R  Sister S.-H. Kim
X R  Prof. I. Yoon

LATIN AMERICA

X P  Prof. E. Masferrer
X S  I. Lagarriga
     (absent)

MEXICO
NETHERLANDS

P  Prof. J. N. Bremmer
S  Prof. L. van den Bosch
X R  Dr. G. ter Haar
XR  Dr. J. Are Smed

NIGERIA

P  Prof. P. A. Dopamu
S  Dr. O. E. Alana

NORWAY

XR  Prof. E. Thomassen
S  Dr. J. Braatvig

POLAND

P  Prof. A. Wojtowicz
X R  Prof. J. Szmyd

QUEBEC

P  Prof. J.-P. Rouleau
S  M. Michel Gardez

RUSSIA

SOUTHERN AFRICA

XR  Dr. T. Naidoo
S  Dr. T. Shoko
XR  Prof. Oosthuizen

SWEDEN

XR  Prof. J. Bergman
XR  Prof. J. Westerlund

SWITZERLAND

XR  Prof. J. Waardenburg
XR  Prof. J. Bronkhorst

UNITED KINGDOM

XR  Prof. B. Bocking
Notes:

(1) Associations from the following countries or regions are NOT YET affiliated and are therefore not yet represented:

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS (recommended for affiliation at Paris meeting)
INDIA (recommended for affiliation at Paris meeting)
NEW ZEALAND (intention to apply for affiliation has been indicated)
SPAIN (to be decided at meeting)
UKRAINE (recommended for affiliation at Paris meeting)

(2) The Belgo-Luxembourgeois, Czech, and Russian associations are affiliated as reorganizations in continuity with previous affiliations.

(3) Due to extreme pressure of deadlines, and volume of correspondence, there may be some inaccuracies in the list. If so, please contact the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

Current arrangements for Numen (item 7)

It is a matter for most satisfactory report that agreement with the publishers E. J. Brill of Leiden has been reached some time ago, and a contract signed, which among other things provides a modest but significant contribution towards the funding of the meetings of the Editorial Board (and hence of the Executive Committee of the IAHR). After considerable discussions about the length and phasing of the appointment of Executive Editors (by the Executive Committee) it has been agreed to work towards a situation in which each Executive Editor should serve for a maximum of two five year periods. The current editors are Professor Kippenberg and Professor Lawson. Arrangements to ensure both change and continuity have been set out in a lengthy paper (dated 13.2.1995) and agreed by the Executive Committee. The arrangements envisage that a new appointment should be made every five years at a point one or two years before the main international congress. Professor Kippenberg has been reappointed (in 1994) for the period 1995 - 2000. It is to be anticipated that appointments made in 1998 or 1999, but to run for five years from 2000, would include Professor Lawson (for continuity) and a new editor. After that, Professor Lawson would drop out, and so on. The reviews section would normally be handled under the direction of the editor in a second term, as is currently the case.

The incoming editor at 2000 should have the journal address.
Proposals for individual memberships of the IAHR (9)

The main reasons for introducing an individual "add-on" or "corresponding" membership of the IAHR are that there is a growing interest in the flow of information carried by the association and that a reasonable subscription could help to make the production of the IAHR Bulletin economically self-sufficient. At the same time the constitutional structure of representation through affiliated associations should not be changed, since it helps to ensure a relatively wide intercultural participation. With this in mind the International Committee is invited to approve the setting up of such arrangements in principle, to leave the details to the incoming Executive Committee, and to recommend appropriate adjustments to the phrasing of the constitution (see further below). This proposal comes from the Executive Committee meeting at Brno (1994).

Honorary life memberships (item 10)

It is proposed that a number of "honorary life memberships" be conferred on senior scholars who have served the IAHR by regular participation in conferences, as national or international office-holders, or in other ways. Such membership would have neither financial nor constitutional implications, but would help to designate the range of interests current in the IAHR by reference to established specialists. It would also provide a wide ring of consultants relating to publications, etc.. This proposal also comes from the Executive Committee meeting at Brno (1994).

New affiliations (item 11)

The following new requests have been made for affiliation to the IAHR, and if recommended may be put before the General Assembly during the present Congress (in addition to those already recommended):

Spain
New Zealand (if application submitted in time)

(Already recommended in Paris: African Association for the Study of Religions (regional association); India, Ukraine.)

Recommendations for changes to the Constitution (item 12)

There are two sets of changes to the Constitution which the International Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly. One series of changes (A) would follow from the adoption of the new name which has been proposed. The other changes (B) are related to the proposals for an additional individual membership
of the association. The two sets of changes should be voted on separately.

(A) The International Committee recommends that, in the event of the new name being adopted by the General Assembly, the Constitution should be rephrased as necessary to take account of this change. In detail, the letters IAHR should be replaced by IAASR and the phrase "academic study of religions" should be used at the appropriate points in Articles 1, 2c, 2e, 3Ba, 4.

(B) The International Committee recommends that Article 3B should be rephrased to read as follows:

"(a) International associations for particular fields within the study of religions may be affiliated to the IAASR as corresponding associations without voting rights.

(b) Individual corresponding membership of the IAASR may be arranged and maintained by the Executive Committee, always provided that these arrangements are not disadvantageous to the constituent associations.

Affiliation and membership provided for in this article does not confer voting rights."

If the International Committee decides to recommend these two changes, they will be put before the General Assembly at its meeting in Mexico City.

Future conference locations (item 13)

The following suggestions have so far been made for a Congress location for the year 2000:

Cape Town
Copenhagen
Jerusalem
Leiden
Yogyakarta

Suggestions for other conferences at which IAHR committee meetings might be held include:

Ankara
Imatra (agreed in principle for 1996)
Hildesheim
Election of incoming Executive Committee (8)

The election will take place, by secret ballot, in two steps:
(i) election of officers
(ii) election of other members

The overall provisions governing nominations, balance of membership etc. may be found in the Constitution of the IAHR, which is reprinted in this Bulletin. Note that nominations are now closed.

The following nominations were duly received by July 4th 1995:

(i) officers:

for President: Prof. Ursula King
Prof. Michael Pye
for Vice-President (two positions): Prof. Peter Antes
Dr. Yolotl González Torres
for Secretary-General: Prof. Armin Geertz
for Deputy Secretary-General: Prof. Rosalind Hackett
for Treasurer: Prof. Donald Wiebe

A vote will be taken for the position of President. Since the closing date for nominations has passed, nominees for the other positions may be declared "elected unopposed". A ballot is unnecessary for these five offices.

(ii) other members (six to be elected):

- Prof. Michio Araki
- Prof. Giulia Gasparro
- Dr. Helena Helve
- Prof. Ursula King
- Prof. Elio Masferrer Kan
- Prof. Jacob Olupona
- Prof. Jordan Paper
- Dr. Abdulkader Tayob
- Drs. Gerriëter Haar

Voting sheets will be marked with a cross ( X ) against up to a maximum of six names. The six nominees with most votes will be declared elected.

For the information of committee members, the letters of nomination which have been received are reproduced on the pages immediately following. The closing date for nominations (in accordance with the constitution) was July 4th 1995, as has been made known on various occasions. The letter from Belgium dated July 7th (and with the same datestamp) arrived one week too late but is reproduced as requested.
Proposals of the official nominating committee

The official nominating committee consisted of Professors T. Lawson (USA), L. Honko (Finland) and N. Tamaru (Japan).

September 30, 1994

Professor Michael Pye
Secretary General
IAHR

Dear Professor Pye:

The nominating committee respectfully submits the following names for the Executive Committee of the International Association for the History of Religions:

President: Michael Pye
Vice-Presidents: Peter Antes and Yolotl Gonzalez Torres
Secretary General: Armin Geertz
Deputy Secretary General: Rosalind Hackett
Honorary Treasurer: Donald Wiebe
Members of the Board: M. Araki, Giulia Gasparro, Gerri ter Haar, Helena Helve, Jordan Paper, Abdulkader I. Tayob

The committee took into consideration number of terms already served, the need for new faces, gender balance, geographical distribution, dedication to the organization, and contribution to scholarship.

Very truly yours and on behalf of the nominating committee,

I remain

E. Thomas Lawson
Professor of Comparative Religion
Department of Comparative Religion
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Further nominations

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS
affiliated to
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

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16/06/95

Dear Michael,

In response to the request in the January issue of the IAHR Bulletin for alternative nominations for officers of the IAHR, suggestions for such nominations were solicited from BASR members through the BASR Bulletin. The British members of the IAHR International Committee who are respectively the President and Secretary of the BASR have agreed in light of the suggestions made to nominate Professor Ursula King of the University of Bristol for the post of IAHR President from 1999-2000. Professor King is a past President of the BASR (1991-1994) and an active and internationally known participant in IAHR Congresses. Professor King has given her support to this nomination. The British members are of course aware of the fact that your name has already been put forward for the post of President by the IAHR nominating group, a nomination which the British members wholeheartedly endorse.

We would be grateful if, as Honorary Secretary, you would make Professor King’s nomination and the endorsement of your own nomination known.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Professor Brian Bockning, President

Dr Kim Knott, Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION
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SWEDEN

30th June 1995

Professor Michael Pye
FG Religionswissenschaft
Liebigstr. 37
35032 MARBURG
Germany

Hereby I wish to nominate Phil.Dr. Jacob Olupona for member of the Executive Committee of IAHR, International Association for the Study of Religions.

Dr. Olupona, professor at the University of California, DAVIS, African-American and African Studies Program, proves in his research works his familiarity with the anthropological approach to the study of religions as well as the historical. This is clearly demonstrated in, for instance, his doctoral thesis (1991), which is dealing with "Kingship, Religion and Rituals in a Nigerian Community".

Dr. Olupona is also the Chairperson of AASF, African Association for the Study of Religions.

In my opinion the knowledge and experience of Dr. Olupona will be of great value for the Executive Committee.

Sincerely, yours

[Signature]

Louise Backman
member of the Executive Committee of IAHR
Dear Michael,

in response to the request in the January issue of the IAHR Bulletin for alternative nominations for members of the Executive Committee, I hereby nominate Professor Ursula King as a member of the Executive Committee of the IAHR for the period 1995–2000. With this nomination I seek to ensure a wide representation of various interests in the Executive Committee without jeopardizing the necessary continuity in the leading offices. I would ask you to kindly inquire whether this nomination, which will have reached in time, is acceptable to Professor King.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Professor Peter Antes
Dr. Michael Pye
General Secretary
IAHR

Dear Dr. Pye:

We would like to propose some other names to conform the Executive Committee of IAHR, which we think will certainly guarantee the heterogeneity we all wish to accomplish.

For the presidency we agree the proposal of Tom Lawson, of Michel Pye for President, Vice President: Yolotl Gonzalez Torres ad Peter Antes. For the Executive Secretary Armin Geertz.

For the Board we would like to add in order to have more heterogeneity representation of all association Elia Masferrer from ad Latin American Association for Study of Religions. Elia Masferrer worked through this year to make ALER group and to make possible the outstanding at together for this year Congress. For the Editorial Council of Numen Sylvia Marcos and Isabel Lagarriga.

Sincerely,

For the Nominations Committee of ALER:

Antonia Eibro
Coordinator
Société belgo-luxembourgeoise
d’histoire des religions

Le président

Le 7 juillet 1995.

Prof. Dr M. PYE
Secretary General I.A.H.R.
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Cher Secrétaire Général et cher Collègue,

Je suis malheureusement dans l’impossibilité d’assister
au congrès de Mexico City. Notre Société belgo-luxembourgeoise
d’histoire des religions souhaite présenter un comité à l’occasion de
la réunion de Mexico. Elle me charge de vous adresser la liste des
membres que voici et que nous proposons pour 1995-2000 à la direc-
tion de I.A.H.R.
President : Prof. Ursula King (Great Britain)
Vice-President : Prof. Michio Araki (Japan)
Vice-President : Prof. Peter Antes (Germany)
Secretary-General : Prof. Lawrence E. Sullivan (USA)
Deputy Secretary-General : Prof. Yololt Gonzalez Torres (Mexico)
Treasurer : Prof. Charles-Marie Ternes (Luxembourg)

Ex-officio :
Prof. André Cagnot (France)
Prof. Kim Hae-Sung (Korea)
Prof. Guy Stroumsa (Israel)
Prof. Tony Swain (Australia)
Prof. Giulia Sfameli Gasparro (Italy)
Prof. Juha Pentikainen (Finland)
Prof. Jacob Olupona (Nigeria/USA)

Veuillez soumettre cette liste aux collègues réunis en
assemblée générale à Mexico lors du congrès. Je vous en remercie.

Veuillez, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général agréer l’expres-
sion de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Julien RIES
président
General Assembly: agenda

Date of meeting: Saturday, August 10th

(A) Presiding: Professor Werblowsky (as outgoing Vice-President)

2) Brief report by outgoing Secretary-General (c.f. written report). There will be a limited period for questions.

3) Brief report by outgoing Treasurer (c.f. written report). There will be a limited period for questions.

4) Report on the election of the incoming Executive Committee. Public transfer of office to incoming Executive Committee.

(B) Presiding: incoming President

5) Brief statement by incoming President.

6) Brief statement by incoming Secretary-General.

7) New affiliations.

8) Proposed change of name.

The International Committee, at its meeting in Paris on 19.9.1993 (c.f. Minutes in IAHR Bulletin 27, pages 5-6) passed the following resolution. "It is recommended that the name of the IAHR be changed to "The International Association for the Academic Study of Religions" in English and "L'Association Internationale pour l'Étude Scientifique des Religions" in French." There will be a brief opportunity for public statements on this subject, which has been widely discussed during the past five years.

9) Other recommendations of the International Committee requiring a vote by the General Assembly (if any).

10) Suggestions from the General Assembly to the incoming Executive Committee.

11) Any other business (to be indicated in writing to the chair beforehand).

Note on voting rights. Since item 8 is of considerable importance, voting rights will be checked carefully in accordance with the constitution. Only members of affiliated associations who are registered for the Congress are entitled to vote at the General Assembly. (This is clearly stated in the Constitution.) At registration voting cards will be issued to members of affiliated associations. If no membership list has been made available, it will not be possible for a voting slip to be issued. Cooperation is requested to ensure correct procedures.
Executive Committee (incoming): draft agenda

Date of meeting: Thursday August 10th, 16.00.
Presiding: incoming President

1) Membership.

2) Future conference locations and planning.

3) Funding questions.

4) Details of individual membership programme (if previously agreed by the International Committee).

5) Any other business.

N.B. Note that the Executive Committee also forms the Editorial Board of Numen (the official journal of the IAHR), together with the two Executive Editors which it appoints. The meeting of the Editorial Board of Numen will therefore follow immediately afterwards.

Editorial Board of Numen: agenda

Time of meeting: Thursday August 10th, following Exec. Committee
Presiding: incoming President

1) Membership.

2) Minutes/report of previous meeting.

3) Report by Editors.

4) Policy discussion by new Editorial Board.

5) Any other business.

N.B. The current Executive Editors of Numen are:

Professor Hans Kippenberg (Bremen, Germany)
Professor Thomas Lawson (Kalamazoo, USA)

They are assisted by Dr. Brigitte Luchesi and Dr. David Ede.
Luxembourg, le 15 juin 1995

A M.le professeur M. Pye
Secrétaire Général de l'IAHR
Philips-Universität. Institut für Religionswissenschaft.
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D-35032 Marburg

Monsieur le Professeur,

Les soussignés, président, vice-président et secrétaire de la Section belgo-
luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR tiennent à répondre au vœu que Vous avez exprimé
p.1. du bulletin de novembre 1994, c. à d. à Vous faire connaître leur position
générale et celle relative au changement de l'intitulé de l'association internationale.
Nous avons eu à plusieurs reprises l'occasion de faire connaître l'une et l'autre au

La section belgo-luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR, récemment ranimée et
dotée du comité publié dans le bulletin mentionné ci-dessus, s'apprête à s'associer
d'autres savants et à organiser à partir de l'automne de cette année une action
conforme à ses finalités. Celles-ci visent l'histoire et ne conçoit pas celle-ci
autrement que comme la mise en œuvre de tous les moyens appropriés à la
recherche systématique d'une image scientifiquement fondée de l'homme religieux
'en situation', le sacré étant l'une des composantes décisives de celle-ci.

Ces considérations inspirent notre attitude dans le débat autour de
l'intitulé de l'IAHR. Celle-ci serait en effet de s'inspirer des travaux et de la
méthodologie du regrette professeur Bianchi puisqu'il ne peut y avoir d'histoire
des religions qui ne soit par là-même scientifique, nous sommes très hostiles au
changement de nom préconisé, dans la mesure où il s'agit de beaucoup plus que
d'une "étiquette", d'un changement d'approche, de méthode et de téléologie que
nous n'approuvons pas.

Nous Vous envoyons nos salutations très distinguées.

Pour la Section belgo-luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR:

Julien Ries, président
Charles Marie Ternes, vice-président
André Motte, secrétaire
The Constitution of the International Association for the History of Religions

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

ARTICLE 8

The Constitution will be modified by the International Committee and the General Assembly.

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The decision of the Executive Committee will be final on matters of policy.

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