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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear fellow-members of the IAHR,

Following on the meeting of the International Committee in the splendid surroundings of the Special Conference held in Paris, which was itself a great success, I have pleasure in sending you a very slim bulletin which contains the minutes of the meeting. These are of some importance because they contain, among other things, a record of the vote taken on the subject of a possible change of name for our association. The current situation is that after three years of patient international discussion, the International Committee has decided, with a majority of about two to one, to recommend a change of name. This recommendation will go forward to the General Assembly at Mexico City in 1995. Note that until that time the name remains as it is. It is still open for members of our various affiliated associations to express their reasoned opinions and in this way to have influence on the vote when it is finally taken.

This bulletin is Number 27. Those colleagues who attended the meeting will already have received Number 26 which contained documentation of this and other matters. If you were not able to be at the meeting, or if your association was represented by another person, you should find that Number 26 is included in this envelope. Please understand that the meeting of the International Committee took place in between the issuing of these two bulletins.

I would like to repeat my thanks to the French hosts of the Paris Conference, and in particular to our Vice-President, Prof. Jean Leclant, who made us welcome and graciously presided over many of the academic sessions.

With all best wishes for the autumn or spring, depending on your hemisphere, and for the new academic year in those many countries where it has just begun.

Michael Pye

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE IAHR

Minutes of the meeting held in Paris 19.9.1993, beginning at 14.15

1. Membership and Confirmation of Agenda. The following members were present: Prof. Ugo Bianchi (presiding) and colleagues (surnames only) Antes, Araki, Bäckman, Bergman, Caquot, Casadio, Gasparro, Geertz, Gonzalez, Hackett, Helve, Jensen, Kandert, Kanai, King, Kippenberg, Kong, Laperrousaz, Leclant, Lawson, Martin, Masferrer, Paper, Papousek, Pentikäinen, Platvoet, Pye, Ries, Rouleau, von Stietencron, Sullivan, ter Haar, Thomas, Waardenburg, Wiebe. Also present were Dr. B. Luchesi (assistant Numen editor) and Mr. H. Markkula (conference consultant). It was agreed that the reorganization of the Belgian association (with additional membership in Luxemburg) would not require a new act of affiliation, and that the Belgian Association could therefore be represented by Prof. Ries. Confirmation of Agenda: a resolution submitted by the Canadian association (see below) was added to the agenda as Point 6, and the points 6-10 were renumbered as Points 7-11. Any Other Business was added as Point 12. With these amendments the agenda was accepted.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising. With respect to point 8 (Election of Executive Committee) it was recalled by Professor Waardenburg that the meeting had agreed that members nominated for the Executive Committee should in future be actively in service at a university post or equivalent at the time of their election. With this correction the minutes (as published in the Bulletin) were accepted as a correct record. As "matters arising" Dr. Thomas reported that efforts to coordinate the activities of affiliated associations in Europe were still proceeding. It was agreed by other speakers that this was desirable.

3. Report by the Secretary-General. The report by the Secretary-General as printed in Bulletin 26 was accepted. Arising from the report there was a discussion on the problems of funding the meetings of the International Committee. In addition, attention was drawn by Professor King to gender imbalance on the Executive Committee, and the nomination and election procedure, referred to in the report, was further explained with reference to the constitution.

4. Report by the Treasurer. The report by the treasurer was in two parts. The first part took the form of the table in Bulletin 26 showing the subscriptions paid by affiliated associations. The second part consisted of four tables as shown on the following two pages. The treasurer underlined that so far only two countries had responded to the Endowment Fund Appeal, namely Denmark and Britain. It was pointed out by Professor King that the British donation had been made on the understanding that all associations from economically powerful countries would be contributing. After discussion the following points were agreed. It was agreed that the guidelines on regional conferences should include a requirement on the organizing association to contribute or raise at least \$2000
(text of minutes continues after tables)

TRANSACTION REPORT GBP ACCOUNT

9/3/91 through 9/16/93

INCOME

Transfer	22,458.63
Interest	3,145.07
Total:	£25,603.70

EXPENSES

Bank charges	3.16
IAHR office expenses	948.56
Other expenses	60.32
Transfer	3,867.04
Transfer	20,658.75
Total:	£25,537.83
Balance:	£76.87

TRANSACTION REPORT DEM ACCOUNT

10/15/92 through 9/16/93

INCOME

Transfers	3,080.50
Interest	123.26
Total:	DEM3,203.76

EXPENSES

Transfer	3,203.76
Total:	DEM3,203.76
Balance:	0.00

TRANSACTION REPORT USD ACCOUNT

1/1/91 through 9/16/93

INCOME

CIPSH grants	4,250.00
Endowment Fund (British & Danish Assoc.)	2,000.00
Interest	212.35
Subscriptions	8,263.82
Transfers	38,422.09
Other income	5,074.93
Total:	58,223.19

EXPENSES

Bank charges	466.90
CIPSH subsidy	390.56
Conference subsidies (Burlington/500; Beijing/1500; Harare/2790)	4,790.00
Conference expenses	194.00
Congress 1995	3,643.00
IAHR office expenses (postage/887.17; other/481.48)	1,368.65
IAHR CIPSH subscription	800.00
IAHR subsidy (African Association)	100.00
Interest paid	10.12
Officer travel expenses	2,537.33
Other expenses (computer)	781.29
Publication subsidies (ARLA)	2,000.00
Transfers	41,000.00
Miscellaneous	141.34
Total:	58,223.19

BALANCE OF IAHR ACCOUNTS
September 16, 1993

Credit rate	Account	Balance	Balance USD
91/3%-93/0.8%	USD	\$2,318.00	\$2,318.00
91/9%-93/3.8%	GBP 8/17/93	£20,658.75 £76.87	\$115.19
92/6.375%- 93/5.750%	DEM 8/13/93	DEM3,203.76 0.00	0.00
93/6.00%	DKRMain	DKR214,121.75	\$31,611.69
93/6.00%	DKRFund	DKR13,231.52	\$1,953.42
	TOTAL:		\$35,998.30

for the fares of needy members. (It was noted in this respect that some conferences in the past have in fact done this, notably Helsinki and Burlington). It was agreed that the Endowment Fund should be split into two sections, for which donations could be specified, namely one for the funding of meetings of the Executive and International Committees and one for conference travel costs of members from economically weak nations. (This was suggested by Dr. Platvoet to meet a point put forward on behalf of the Swiss association that funds might be contributed for one of these causes but not necessarily for the other.) It was further agreed that the Treasurer should establish an ad hoc fund-raising committee to advise him and the Executive Committee on the further development of the Endowment Fund. Finally it was also agreed that the Treasurer's report should be accepted.

5. Proposal concerning the name of the IAHR. Following the request by the General Assembly in Rome 1990, the Executive Committee had prepared a full discussion paper and facilitated correspondence on this subject in the course of the last three years. (The relevant papers were assembled in Bulletin 26 for this meeting and do not require to be repeated here.) The Secretary-General reported that a resolution proposing the change of the IAHR's name to "International Association for the Study of Religions / Association Internationale pour l'Étude de Religions" had been received in writing from the Canadian association. A substantive discussion took place with contributions by Colleagues Platvoet, Ries, Pentikäinen, Thomas, Bergman, Wiebe, Rouleau, King, Gonzalez, von Stietencron and others. Dr. Thomas then called for the vote to be put. This in turn was followed by a lengthy procedural discussion and a short recess for the formulation of alternative resolutions. During this time Dr. Thomas presented his apologies for having to leave the meeting to proceed to the airport. After the recess a vote was taken by show of hands on the following resolution:

"The International Committee agrees that a change of name of the IAHR is desirable". Thirty-four votes being cast, this resolution was carried (18 in favour, 14 against, 2 abstentions).

After further procedural discussions a further vote was taken, by secret ballot using slips of paper, to establish the priority among the following four resolutions:

1. "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." (proposed, Wiebe; seconded, von Stietencron)

2. "Qu'on adopte comme nouveau nom "Association Internationale d'Histoire et d'Anthropologie Religieuses". (proposed, Laperrousaz; seconded, Ries)

3. "It is recommended that the name of the IAHR be changed in English to International Association for the Study of Religions,

and that the name in French (AIHR) be left as it is." (proposed, Geertz; seconded, ter Haar)

4. "That the issue concerning the change of the name of the IAHR should be further considered until December 1994 on the basis of the responses of the national societies." (proposed, Pentikäinen; seconded, Gonzalez)

The Canadian resolution (referred to above) was withdrawn in favour of Resolution 1.

Thirty-three votes being cast, the distribution was as follows:

Resolution 1:	16
Resolution 2:	6
Resolution 3:	3
Resolution 4:	8

Resolution 1 was therefore prioritized. Next a further vote was taken, by secret ballot, for or against Resolution 1. Thirty-two votes being cast, the result was as follows:

For: 20 Against: 10 Abstentions: 2.

The resolution was therefore carried and will be put to the General Assembly at the XVII Congress in Mexico City.

6. Resolution proposed by Canadian association. "The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion / La Société Canadienne Pour l'Étude de la Religion, as a constituent member of the IAHR/AIHR, given the laudable expansion of the Association, hereby proposes that only national and/or regional associations that are open to all scholars of religious studies within their respective nations and/or regions, regardless of scholars' gender, religion, race, ethnicity or affiliations, be accepted as constituent members of the Association." The desirability of this requirement was urged, and its implications for new and existing associations was discussed. It was pointed out that in principle this requirement was already covered by the Constitution. The resolution was therefore noted.

7. Proposals for new affiliates. Requests for affiliation by the following associations had been received: Indian Association for the History of Religions, African Association for the Study of Religions, Ukrainian Association for the Study of Religions, Czech Association for the Study of Religions (in part replacement for Czechoslovak Association for the Study of Religions), Spanish Association for the Study of Religions, Russian Association for the Study of Religions. These requests for affiliation were severally adopted for recommendation to the next General Assembly. A request was made for more correspondence with respect to an Estonian Association for the the Study of Religions, and support was expressed for the idea of founding a regional European Association for the Study of Religions.

8. Publication of proceedings. Attention was drawn to the information on the publication of proceedings given in Bulletin 26

for the perusal of this meeting. Congratulations were expressed on the publication of the proceedings of the Special Conference held at Burlington, Vermont 1991, the volume having been on display during the Paris Conference. Attention was also drawn to the guidelines for the publication of proceedings, an important principle being that due recognition of the IAHR's sponsorship of particular conferences should be given.

9. Journals. It was reported that the Editorial Committee of Numen was now meeting annually, coinciding with the meeting of the Executive Committee. Members were reminded that members of affiliated associations were able to receive a reduced subscription. It was also announced that similar arrangements would be offered for Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, which had been adopted as the official organ of the North American Association for the Study of Religion. The appearance of new journals in Czechoslovakia, Germany and Latin America was welcomed, and it was agreed that a list of journals specifically related to member organizations should be prepared. It was reported that moves were afoot to relaunch Eranos, and the possibility of a link with IAHR was raised.

10. XVIIth Congress in Mexico City. Dr. Gonzalez and Prof. Masferrer reported in detail on the arrangements in hand for the Congress to be held in 1995. Detailed questions were asked about the mode of organization. It was noted that various planning meetings were taking place in the context of the Paris Conference.

11. Future conferences. It was noted with some concern that arrangements for the 1994 conference originally planned for Leningrad, now St. Peterburg, seemed not to be advancing. It was agreed therefore that the Executive Committee should consider meeting at Brno, Czech Republic, instead, should it be necessary to make a change. For August 1996 a conference is planned for Imatra, Finland, entitled "Variations of Eastern Christianity (with special reference to Old Believers)", to be organized by the University of Helsinki. Since Imatra is very close indeed to the border with Russia, it was thought that this would provide a convenient opportunity for Russian participation. It was agreed that this should be adopted as a regional conference of the IAHR. Looking further ahead the hope was expressed that a conference in Turkey and/or Indonesia could be organized for 1997.

12. Any other business. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at approximately 18.00.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE IAHR
September 29, 1993

<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>
Australia	200	300	300		
Canada	342	342	348		
China	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.
Czech Republic	100	100	100		
Denmark	100	100	100		
Finland	118	118	175		
France	200	100	100		
Germany	170	180	185		
Hungary	100				
Indonesia	100	100			
Israel			100		
Italy	100	100	100		
Japan	400	400	400		
Latin America	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.
Mexico	100	100	100		
Netherlands	150	140	130		
Nigeria	a.c.	100	100	100	
North America	100	100	100		
Norway	100	100	100		
Poland	100	100	100	100	
Quebec	100	100			
Southern Africa	100	100			
South Korea	100				
Sweden	289	289			
Switzerland	208	207			
United Kingdom	145	152	150		
USA	100	100			
USSR	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.	a.c.

Note: "a.c." refers to alternative contributions in agreement with the Honorary Treasurer as stipulated by the Executive Committee at the 1991 regional conference in Burlington

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