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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 cooption 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 CommitteeAction.
- 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 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  
X Trumpf? X Joy  
BELGIUM/LUXEMBURG

P Prof. J. Ries  
S Dr. A. Motte

### CANADA

( P Prof. D. Wiebe ) not president Joy is president  
S Dr. J. Goulet  
X R Prof. J. Paper

### CHINA

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

### CZECH REPUBLIC

X P Dr. B. Horyna  
X S Dr. D. Papousek

### DENMARK

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

### FINLAND

X P Dr. T. Ahlbäck  
X S Dr. H. Helve

FRANCE

P Prof. J. Leclant  
S Prof. A. Caquot  
~~X~~R Prof. M. Meslins ✓ Gitaud (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

~~W~~P Prof. Z. Werblowsky  
S Dr. M. Mach  
✓R Prof. S. Klem-Braslavi (absent)  
R Prof. G. Strumza

ITALY

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

JAPAN

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

17 - KOREA

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

LATIN AMERICA

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

MEXICO

P Dr. Y. González  
S Dr. I. Lagarriga  
~~X~~R Dr. Benjamin Prosiado  
~~X~~R Dr. Rocel del Carmín Martínez Azebereta  
NETHERLANDS

P Prof. J. N. Bremmer  
S Prof. L. van den Bosch  
~~X~~R Dr. G. ter Haar  
~~X~~R Dr. J. A. de Snoek

#### NIGERIA

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

#### NORWAY

~~X~~P Prof. E. Thomassen  
S Dr. J. Braarvig

#### POLAND

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

#### QUEBEC

P Prof. J.-P. Rouleau  
S  
~~X~~R m. Michel Gardaz

#### RUSSIA

#### SOUTHERN AFRICA

~~X~~P Dr. T. Naidoo  
S Dr. T. Shoko  
~~X~~R Prof. Oosthuizen  
SWEDEN

~~X~~P Prof. J. Bergman  
~~X~~SR Prof. D. Westerlund

#### SWITZERLAND

~~X~~P Prof. J. Waardenburg  
~~X~~S Prof. J. Bronkhorst

#### UNITED KINGDOM

~~X~~P Prof. B. Bocking

~~K~~S Dr. K. Knott

USA

✓ Prof. Bruce Lawrence ASSR

~~X~~R Prof. G. Lease (for AASR)

~~X~~S Prof. L. Martin (for NAASR)

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Notes:

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

Cuba

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS (recommended for affiliation at Pris 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 in-coming 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. Gerrieter 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).

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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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Thomas Lawson".

E. Thomas Lawson  
Professor of Comparative Religion  
Department of Comparative Religion  
Western Michigan University  
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## Further nominations

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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 1995-2000. 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 Bocking, President



Dr Kim Knott, Secretary



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30th June 1995

Professor Michael Pye  
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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 AASR, 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

Louise Bäckman  
member of the Executive Committee of IAHR

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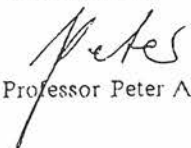
3. Juli 1995

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

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ASOCIACIÓN LATINOAMERICANA PARA EL ESTUDIO DE LAS RELIGIONES  
LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STUDY OF RELIGIONS  
Member of Internacional Association of History of Religion  
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México, D.F., July 3th of 1995

Dr. Michael Pye  
General Secretary  
IAHR

Dear Dr. Pye:

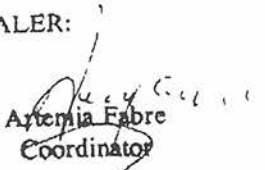
We would like to propose some other names to conform the Executive Committee of IAHR, which we think will certainly guarantee the heterogeneity we all wish to accomplish.

For the presidency we agree the proposal of Tom Lawson, of Michel Pye for President, Vicepresident: Yolotl Gonzalez Torres and 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 Elio Masferrer from ad Latin American Association for Study of Religions. Elio 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:

  
Arteria Fabre  
Coordinator



Société belgo-luxembourgeoise  
d'histoire des religions

Le président

Le 7 juillet 1995.

Prof. Dr M. PYE  
Secretary General I.A.H.R.  
Philips Universität  
Institut für Religionswissenschaft  
Liebigstrasse 37

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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 direction 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. Yolotl Gonzalez Torres (Mexico)  
Treasurer : Prof. Charles-Marie Ternes (Luxembourg)

Ex-officio :

Prof. André Caquot (France)  
Prof. Kim Hae-Sung (Korea)  
Prof. Guy Stroumsa (Israel)  
Prof. Tony Swain (Australia)  
Prof. Giulia Sfameni Gasparro (Italy)  
Prof. Juha Pentikäinen (Finland)  
Prof. Jacob Olupona (Nigeria/USA)

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

Veillez, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général agréer l'expression 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.

The name: correspondence from Belgium

Luxembourg, le 15 juin 1995

A M.le professeur M.Pye

Secrétaire Général de l'IAHR

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Monsieur le Professeur,

Les soussignés, président, vice-président et secrétaire de la Section belgo-luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR tiennent à répondre au voeu 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 regretté professeur Bianchi, mais aussi au prof.Sullivan à Harvard.

La section belgo-luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR, récemment ranimée et dotée du comité publié dans le bulletin mentionné ci-dessus, s'appête à s'associer à 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 oeuvre 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 ferait bien de s'inspirer des travaux et de la méthodologie du regretté 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 salutation très distinguées.

Pour la Section belgo-luxembourgeoise de l'IAHR:

Julien Ries, président

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# The Constitution Of The International Association For The History Of Religions

As accepted and confirmed by the General Assembly of the I.A.H.R. at its XIIIth International Congress held in Stockholm on August 22nd 1970 and amended by the General Assembly at the XIVth International Congress held in Lancaster on August 22nd 1975.

## ARTICLE 1

The International Association for the History of Religions (abbreviated, from its English title, to I.A.H.R.), founded in September 1950 on the occasion of the VIIIth International History of Religions Congress, is a 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.

## ARTICLE 2

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

## ARTICLE 3B

To the I.A.H.R. 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 I.A.H.R. 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 Executive Committee for consideration and report.

(b) The International Committee is composed of:

- (i) Two representatives each of the constituent national and regional societies, except that there shall not be more than two representatives from any one country;
- (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 Treasurer, and five other members. 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. 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 alternate 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 for endorsement. 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, and no one member shall serve in the same office more than two terms. 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.

## 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.

## ARTICLE 7

The resources of the I.A.H.R. consist of:

- (a) annual contributions paid by the constituent societies, affiliated societies and individual members, the amount of which is assessed by the Executive Committee; and
  - (b) 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.

## NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP

A person is automatically a member of the International Association if that person belongs to one or another of the national organizations that constitute the International Association or, where no such national organization exists, that person has been awarded individual membership.