

Paris conference 2002

Minutes

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS (EASR), SEPTEMBER 14, 2002, AT THE CENTRE D'ÉTUDES ANCIENNES, ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE, PARIS.

1. Adoption of final agenda

It was established that no proposals for the agenda had been received before the deadline (August 24th). Furthermore it was established that the General Assembly had been called in due time according to the constitution (article 5) and that the quorum was achieved: 32 members were present.

2. Reports by the president and the General Secretary

The reports, soon available at the website (www.easr.de), read by the President and by the General Secretary were approved by the General Assembly.

3. Treasurers report

The credit on 01.01.2002 was 2,497.64 Euro. However, an amount of 933.4 Euro is a loan from IAHR, that has to be paid back as soon as possible. The real credit then is 1,564.24 Euro. The report was approved by the General Assembly.

4. Proposals. Amendments to the statutes:

The amendments proposed to Articles 6i (b), 7ii and 7.iii were voted and approved separately with 1 abstention each. A revised edition of the constitution, including the corrections made in 2001, will soon be available at the website (www.easr.de)

5. Any other business

Some proposals put forward also at the committee-meeting held in Paris on September 11 and mentioned in the report by the General Secretary, were discussed: (a) a bibliographical data-bank standard (b) the turning of the Internet Journal of Religion, incl. Diskus and Marburg Journal of Religion, into a single EASR internet journal. (c) the use of the Roumanian Archeus as a means of publication and EASR-Newsletter (d) to help scholars from EASR to enter into e.g. Socrates-programs for

exchange of teachers by means of establishing a pool of scholars interested.

As for (a) it was decided to appeal to the national associations of the EASR to gather and forward relevant information. However, the problem is that at this moment we have not the means to create such a data-bank. As for (b) the Assembly accepted the intention of the committee and the internet-officer to move forward in the proposed direction. As for (c) the Assembly did not approve of the creation of a single 'official' journal for possible publications, and as regards a newsletter it was decided that so far the website of EASR plus the information given by the national associations sufficed. As for (d) the General Secretary will make an appeal to members interested in joining such a pool.

Indications and informations were given about the forthcoming conferences. The General Secretary as well as Einar Thomassen informed about the forthcoming conference in Bergen, May 8-11 (cf. also the announcement on the website of EASR). The Deputy General Secretary and Dr. Mar Marcos (from the University of Cantabria) informed about the Santander conference in 2004, to be held in the first half of September. An offer from the Finnish association to host the conference in september 2005, in Turku or Helsinki, was welcomed by the Assembly, and the President of IAHR, Peter Antes, added that the IAHR quinquennial conference was to be held in Japan same year but in the spring. The conference in 2006 then, preferably could take place in the East of Europe. Also, the publication officer, G. Casadio, informed about relevant publications, and Ch. Guittard informed about the publication to follow the Paris-conference.

Finally the President and the General Secretary extended their thanks to Société Ernest Renan, Ch. Guittard and the rest of the staff responsible for the conference.

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