

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS (EASR), 11 SEPTEMBER 2004, HELD IN SANTANDER, SPAIN

MINUTES

1. Adoption of final agenda

It was accepted that notice of the General Assembly had been given according to the Constitution of the EASR.i Notice of the General Assembly was given by electronic mail on 2 June 2004, and at the same time announced on the six discussion lists of the EASR as well as made public at its website.ii The Assembly was deemed to be quorate according to the Constitution, with twenty eight members present more than seven of whom were committee members.iii The published agenda was adopted. The General Secretary had been sent no additional items for inclusion by the due date.

2. Reports by the President and the General Secretary

The President expressed her warm thanks to the organising committee in Santander for a successful conference and to members of the EASR Committee. In particular she thanked Tim Jensen – who stands down as General Secretary at the end of 2004 – for his contribution to developing, building and sustaining the Association in the first four years of its life.

The General Secretary gave a report of the activities of the Association and the work of the Executive Committee in 2003-04, including reporting on the minutes on its meeting of 7 September 2004. His report is available on the EASR website, www.easr.de.

Both reports were approved by the General Assembly. The President of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) congratulated the EASR on a successful first triennium.

3. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the annual financial overview and a report of fee payments by member associations from 2001-04. The accounts show a positive balance of € 5.170.19. He spoke of the importance of limiting costs and of timely payment of annual dues, the legal requirement of membership of the Chamber of Commerce in The Hague, and the funding of this year's conference bursaries. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the General Assembly.

4. Any other business

(a) The General Secretary presented and circulated the new EASR publicity pamphlet.

(b) The representative of the Finnish Society for the Study of Comparative Religion (Suomen Uskontotieteellinen Seura) informed the General Assembly of the theme of

the fifth EASR Conference to be held in Turku, Finland, from 17-21 August 2005 (Exercising Power: The Role of Religions in Concord and Conflict). The call for papers will be announced in due course on both the EASR and conference websites (www.easr.de and www.abo.fi/instut/di/Congress%202005.htm).

The General Assembly was then closed.

(Kim Knott, EASR Membership Secretary)