

Bucharest conference 2006

Minutes

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS (EASR), SEPTEMBER 22, 2006, AT THE UNIVERSITY of BUCHAREST

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 16 June 2006. The Assembly was deemed to be quorate according to the Constitution, with thirty-seven members present twelve of whom were committee members.ⁱⁱ 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 gave a report in which she warmly thanked the organizing committee for their hard work in ensuring a successful conference in Bucharest. She stressed that this was EASR's first full conference in Eastern Europe and noted the participation of many younger scholars. She expressed her thanks to members of the EASR Executive Committee for their work during the year. Her report is available on the EASR website, www.easr.de.

The General Secretary congratulated the President (Professor Gasparro) and Publications Officer (Professor Casadio) on behalf of EASR for the honours they had received from the President of Romania. She gave a report of the activities of the Association and the work of the Executive Committee in 2005-06, including reporting on the minutes on its meeting of 19 September 2006. Her report is available on the EASR website, www.easr.de.

Both reports were approved by the General Assembly.

The President and General Secretary of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), both of whom were present, added to the report of the General Secretary by providing an update on current IAHR activities.

3. Treasurers report

The Treasurer presented the annual financial overview and report of subscriptions by member associations. The accounts show a positive balance of €7,806.81. Up to €2,000 has been earmarked for costs arising from work on the EASR website in the coming year. A sum of €3,000 will be set aside for bursaries for next year's conference.

He spoke of the importance of timely payment of annual subscriptions, the decision to exclude individual members who had failed to pay any subscriptions since admission to the Association, and the funding of this year's conference bursaries.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the General Assembly.

4. Proposals.

The General Secretary presented a proposal from the Executive Committee regarding a request for membership by the Estonian Society for the Study of Religion (Eesti Akadeemilise Usundiloo Seltsi). The ESSR was unanimously accepted into membership by the General Assembly. The ESSR President offered his thanks.

5. Any other business

The representative of the German Association for the Study of Religion (Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft) informed the General Assembly of the theme of the seventh EASR Conference to be held in Bremen, Germany, from 23-27

September 2007 (Plurality and Representation: Religion in Education, Culture and Society). The call for papers will be announced shortly on both the EASR and conference websites www.easr.de and www.religion.uni-bremen.de/dvrweasr2007.

The General Assembly was then closed.

(Kim Knott, EASR General Secretary)