

European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)

**General Assembly, 22 September 2011
Budapest, Hungary (10th EASR Conference)**

Agenda

1. Adoption of final agenda
2. Presentation of future EASR Conferences
3. Reports by the President and the General Secretary
4. Treasurers report
5. Proposals/bylaws
6. Approval of Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religion
7. Any other business

Minutes

The Assembly was chaired by Professor Maya Burger, President of the EASR.

1. Adoption of final agenda

The Assembly was deemed to be quorate according to the Constitution, with thirty-two members present fourteen of whom were committee members.ⁱ The published agenda was adopted. The General Secretary had been sent no additional items for inclusion by the due date.

2. Presentation of the Future EASR Conferences

Next two EASR Conferences (Stockholm /Sweden/ and Liverpool /UK/) were presented by their organizers. They introduced conference venues and topics of the conferences. There is also available website of next conference, www.sh.se/easr2012 and its facebook profile, <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=175031729244379>

3. Reports by the President and the General Secretary

The President gave a report in which she warmly thanked the EASR committee for its hard work during the previous year. She also introduced new General Secretary, David Vaclavik. Her report is available on the EASR website, www.easr.de.

The General Secretary gave a report of the activities of the Association and the work of the Executive Committee in 2010-11, including reporting on the minutes of its meeting of 20 September 2011, particularly new bylaws concerning to changes in subscriptions (see General Secretary's report for details)

His report is available on the EASR website.

The President's and General Secretary's reports were approved.

4. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the annual financial overview and report of subscriptions by member associations. After the heavy expenses of last year, which had generated a significant decrease in our finances, this financial year has ended with a positive balance. We have in fact a credit total of € 8730,03, which means a credit balance of € 1350,95 with respect to last year's balance. This is of course good news. All in all, the situations seem stable enough. He also informed that there were no applications for bursaries in 2011.

He reminded members of the importance of timely payment of annual subscriptions, the exclusion of non-paying associations and individual members, and the funding of this year's conference bursaries.

He proposed a budget for 2011 – 2012 as well:

3000 EUR will be earmarked for EASR budget of 2011 – 2012, which will be divided as follows:

2000 EUR for 5 bursaries of 400 EUR each

400 EUR for travel costs of EASR officers

600 EUR for Internet costs

The Treasurer's report and the requests for bursary and levy funding were agreed by the General Assembly.

5. Proposals/Bylaws

The General Secretary presented two bylaws concerning the subscriptions and fee policy. The Executive Committee accepted these during its meeting on September 20, 2011.

- a. A minimum fee is introduced for the corporate members of the EASR, independently from the number of their respective members. For all associations whose membership produces a fee that exceeds 50 EUR, the usual regulation shall apply. The minimum fee is fixed at 50 EUR.*
- b. EASR membership will be declared lapsed by Executive Committee, or the General Assembly, if any dues remain unpaid after six consecutive notifications within a period of 18 months. Where any dues remain unpaid for three years, the society's name will be struck from the list.*

Both of them were accepted by the General Assembly.

6. Approval of Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religion

General Secretary introduced a request of Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions, which he obtained together with pronouncement of IAHR. Because Irish Society has accomplished all requirements and Executive Committee recommended

its approval during its last meeting, General Secretary recommended accepting Irish Society as a new member of EASR.

General Assembly accepted Irish Society for the Study of Religions as a new member of EASR

7. Any other business

Hungarian Association presented its statement concerning to education about religions at primary and secondary schools in Hungary. Representatives of Hungarian Association asked General Assembly for support and they wanted in order to EASR would be a co-signer of "Hungarian Statement". General Secretary suggested following procedure after long discussion:

- a. *To appoint representative of the Hungarian Association to working group on education*
- b. *To assign to working group on education to prepare short and clear statement/communiqué concerning to education about religion and position of academic study on this education at primary and secondary schools in Europe. This statement/communiqué will be introduced to next General Assembly*

General Assembly accepted this procedure and it appointed prof. András Mathe-Thót from Hungarian Association as a new member of working group on education.

The General Assembly was then closed.
(David Václavík, EASR General Secretary)

¹ The EASR Constitution states that "the minimum number of members required for a meeting of the General Assembly (quorum) shall be twenty, of whom at least seven shall be members of the current committee" (Article 5, vi). Participation and voting rights depend on valid current membership, i.e. payment of the membership fee no later than May 31 2011 if no special arrangements have been made with the treasurer or the committee.