

**EASR**  
**European Association for The Study of Religions**

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**CALL for General Assembly 2010**

**EASR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010**  
**THURSDAY 19 August, 18.30 hr**  
**AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA**

**(This year the EASR General Assembly will be held at the International Association for the History of Religions XX World Congress.)**

Agenda

1. Adoption of final agenda
2. Reports by the President and the General Secretary
3. Treasurers report
4. Proposals
5. Any other business

According to the Constitution of EASR (cf. <http://www.easr.de>), Article 5, iv:

"Notice of a meeting of the General Assembly shall be given by the general secretary. When notice is given not less than 90 days in advance of the General Assembly a widely available form of communication such as a printed bulletin or an electronic medium is sufficient. If the period of notice is shorter, notice must be sent to all members individually in writing. The minimum period of notice is 30 days by postmark. Non-receipt of notice by one or more members shall not invalidate the decisions of the meeting."

Also, according to the Constitution, Article 5, v, proposals (item 4) as well as proposals for additions to the agenda shall be sent to the general secretary **not less than 3 weeks** before the meeting (i.e. no later than 29 July 2010). Participation and voting rights depend on valid current membership (cf. below), i.e. payment of the membership fee no later than 31 May 2010 if no special arrangements have been made with the treasurer, Marco Pasi, email: [m.pasi@uva.nl](mailto:m.pasi@uva.nl)

## **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

The annual subscription / membership fee for the year 2010 is 2 Euro for corporate membership, that is 2 Euro per head (per member) per association (student members of national associations pay 1 Euro), and 15 Euro per member for individual membership.

In the case of corporate membership it is the responsibility of the appointed delegates of the national associations which are members of EASR (cf. below) to see to it that the fee is being paid or that special arrangements with the treasurer are made. A reminder to delegates to organise the annual payment of subscriptions was sent out earlier in the year.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The following national associations are at present (28 May 2010) registered as corporate members, and this call has been emailed to the elected/designated officers as well as to the delegated members of the committee (i.e. those responsible for communicating the call to the members of the respective national associations), and to the individual members of EASR (i.e. those who are not members via a national association). In addition, the call will be announced on the EASR mailing lists pertaining to the various regions of Europe.

### **EASR Member Associations as at 28 May 2010, with names of appointed delegates/representatives to the committee.**

APER Associação Portuguesa para o Estudo das Religiões (Portuguese Association for the Study of Religions) (Steffen Dix)

BASR, British Association for the Study of Religions (Bettina Schmidt)

Ceska Spolecnost Pro Studium Nabozenstvi (Czech Society for the Study of Religion)  
(David Václavík/David Zvíbal)

DAHR, Dansk Selskab for Religionshistorie (Danish Association for the History of Religions)  
(Annika Hvithamar)

DVRW, Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft (German Association for the Study of Religions) (Christoph Bochinger)

ESSR Eesti Akadeemiline Usundiloo Selts (Estonian Society for the Study of Religions)  
(Ülo Valk)

GSSCR Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion (Panayotis Pachis)

LRPB Latvian Society for the Study of Religions/Latvijas Reliģiju pētniecības biedrība  
(Janis Priede/Anita Stasulane)

Magyar Vallástudományi Tarsaság (Hungarian Association for the Academic Study of Religions) (Mihály Hoppál/Abraham Kovacs)

NGG, Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap (Dutch Association for the Study of Religions) (Gerard Wiegers)

NRF, Norsk Religionshistorisk Forening (Norwegian Association for the History of Religions) (Knut A. Jacobsen)

ÖGRW, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft (Austrian Association for The Science of Religion) (Johann Figl)

Polskie Towarzystwo Religioznawcze (Polish Association for the Science of Religions)  
(Halina Grzymala-Mosczcinska)

RAHR, Asociația română de istorie a religiilor (Romanian Association for the History of Religions) (Eugen Ciurtin)

SECR, Sociedad Española de Ciencias de las Religiones (Spanish Association for the Science of Religions) (Santiago Montero)  
 SGR/SSSR, Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft/Société Suisse pour la Science des Religions (Swiss Association for the Science of Religions) (Maya Burger)  
 Società italiana di storia delle religioni (Italian Association for the History of Religions) (Giovanni Casadio)  
 Société Ernest-Renan. Société Française d'Histoire des Religions (French Association for the History of Religions) (Charles Guittard)  
 Société Belgo-Luxembourgeoise d'histoire des religions (Association for the History of Religions of Belgium-Luxembourg) (André Motte)  
 SSRF, Svenska Samfundet för Religionshistorisk Forskning (Swedish Association for Research in Comparative Religion) (Susanne Olsson/Olof Sundqvist)  
 Suomen Uskontotieteellinen Seura (Finnish Society for the Study of Comparative Religion) (Veikko Anttonen)  
 TAHR, Türkiye Dinler Tarihi Dernegi (Turkish Association for the History of Religions) (Mehmet Aydin)

**IAHR-representative:**

Rosalind Hackett/Tim Jensen

**Individual members:**

Gustavo Benavides
Ivar Maksutov
Michiaki Okuyama
Ivan Miroshnikov
Galina Rousseva-Sokolova
Hrvoje Cargonja
Olga Breskaya
Maya Babkova
Pavel Kostylev
Igor Krupnik
Anna Sokolova
Ksenia Trofimova
Anna Yudkina
Elena Sergeeva

**Honorary members**

Giulia Gasparro  
 Michael Pye

**NOMINATION: ELECTIONS TO THE EASR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DESIGNATED OFFICERS FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/11 – 31/12/13)**

The EASR nominations and election process was formalised at the Executive Committee Meeting in Messina on 14 September 2009 with the duties of the Nominating Committee and timetable agreed. An EASR Nominating Committee (Maya Burger, Mar Marcos, Wim Hofstee, Susanne Olsson, Bretislav Horyna, with Kim Knott ex officio) was established and

charged with conducting a nominations process and identifying nominees for elected positions for the triennium 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2013. The Nominating Committee has brought forward an initial list of nominees:

President: Maya Burger (Swiss Association, for a second term)  
One Vice-President: Francisco Diez de Velasco (Spanish Association)  
Second Vice-President: To be confirmed  
General Secretary: David Václavík (Czech Association)  
Deputy General Secretary: James Cox (British Association, for a second term)  
Treasurer: Marco Pasi (Netherlands Association, for a second term)  
Deputy Treasurer: Wim Hofstee (Netherlands Association, for a second term)  
Membership Secretary: Jenny Berglund (Swedish Association)  
Internet Officer: Katja Triplett (German Association, for a second term)  
Publications Officer: Eugen Ciurtin (Romanian Association, second term) to be confirmed  
One Representative of the Individual Members: Ivar Maksutov (Russia)

In accordance with its democratic procedure, the Nominating Committee now invites any additional nominations from national associations/individual members of EASR.

(See annex below for Article 7: Elections, from the EASR Constitution, and for role and duties of Nominating Committee.)

### **Call**

On behalf of the Committee of EASR, the Nominating Committee hereby invite any additional nominations for the following *elected* positions on the Committee of EASR (European Association for the Study of Religions) for the period 1/1/11 – 31/12/13:

(1) President, (2/3) Vice-presidents (two positions) (4) General Secretary (5) Deputy General Secretary (6) Treasurer (7) Deputy Treasurer (8) Membership Officer (9) Publications Officer (10) Internet Officer (11) Two members at large representing the individual members

Please note that the Committee consists of (a) ten elected/designated members who fill the above offices and (b) further members delegated/appointed by each of the affiliated national associations in accordance with their own rules (see earlier list for current delegates). *The elected positions are executive functions.* The delegated/appointed members represent their respective national associations.

*Please note that nominations and election of (11) the two members at large representing the individual members are strictly limited to the individual members, i.e. those who are not members of EASR via their membership in a national association which is a member of EASR.*

Nominations may **only** be made *by delegates or officers of national associations that are in paid-up membership of EASR (and, in the case of the two members at large, may be made by paid-up individual members).* Nominations must be made using the attached form (and submitted electronically). The proposed office must be clearly stated. The nominee must have agreed to the nomination, which must be submitted by two members. The nominee must complete a Statement of Intention form (attached) which should be submitted with the nomination form.

The deadline for receipt of e-mail nominations is Monday 22 July 2010 and the deadline for confirmation and statements by e-mail is Monday 9 August.

**Kim Knott, General Secretary EASR, Leeds, 28 May 2010**

## **ANNEX**

### **EASR Constitution**

#### **Article 7. Elections**

i) The members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of three calendar years running from January 1<sup>st</sup>. A member may be re-elected, except that no member shall serve in the same office for more than two terms, and no member shall be elected for a total of more than five terms with or without intervening periods. The same terms apply to delegated members.

ii) The elections shall be conducted by postal ballot. In cases where a candidate is unopposed there should be no postal ballot. Responsibility for the conduct of the elections lies with the Committee. The cooperation and the assistance of the national associations shall be requested in the conduct of the elections. More specific rules for the conduct of the elections may be laid down by the General Assembly, provided always that they are consistent with these statutes.

iii) The right to vote is strictly limited to individuals with valid current membership, either directly or via a national association as registered at the appropriate time with the membership secretary of the EASR (c.f. article 4).

#### **EASR Nominating Committee Role and job description**

The EASR Executive Committee, in accordance with its constitution and the minutes of its meetings, will appoint a Nominating Committee to assist in the election process by bringing forward the names of nominees for election to office.

##### Role

The role of the EASR Nominating Committee is to contribute to the smooth and effective running of EASR elections by identifying candidates for nomination to EASR executive positions.

The Nominating Committee shall bring forward the name of a nominee for each designated executive position for which a vacancy may arise, shall complete a nomination form, and shall obtain from the candidate a statement of intention.

The task of the EASR Nominating Committee is to nominate candidates, not to appoint them.

This procedure will contribute to the EASR's democratic electoral process. It does not override or take precedence over the legitimate nomination of candidates by other means (by national associations or those with individual membership of EASR).

### Tasks

The Nominating Committee's tasks are as follows:

- (a) to identify a Chair who shall oversee the process according to the timetable;
- (b) to bring forward a name for each executive position that may become vacant and in each case complete a nomination form (to identify the proposer and seconder, and to register the agreement of the candidate for nomination), this process to be completed by 1 May (or earlier in event of General Assembly to be held prior to Sept);
- (c) and to obtain from each candidate a brief statement (on the form provided) of credentials, experience and intentions in respect of the position of which they are nominated, and to submit these statements to the EASR General Secretary by 1 May (or earlier in event of General Assembly to be held prior to Sept).