

European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)

Report of the General Secretary

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10th EASR Conference, Budapest

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1. Membership status and issues

1.1. National Associations

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1.4. Honorary members

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The number of EASR-affiliated national associations is twenty-two, with sixteen individual members, two honorary members and one IAHR member (jointly held post). It means that our Association has the same number of National Associations and individual members like in last year.

We have obtained one application for membership during this year. It has been request of Irish Association for the Academic Study of Religion. Irish Association has accomplished all requirements and Executive Committee recommended approval of Irish Association during its last meeting.

Representative of Lithuanian Association that would like to be a new member of EASR in 2012 also contacted General Secretary.

The Executive Committee has recommended new working group for Honorary membership. The members of this working group are:

Maya Burger
Panayotis Pachis
Katja Triplett

Working group will prepare proposals for candidates for Honorary membership till next General Assembly.

2. 2011-2013 EASR Officers

President: **Maya Burger** (Swiss Association), maya.burger@unil.ch
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Co-opted member: **Wanda Alberts** (German/Norwegian Associations)
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3. Regular business

- a) The call for this year's General Assembly was made by email more than 90 days in advance as required by the constitution. It was posted on the e-lists of EASR.
- b) Member associations and individual members were reminded of the need to pay subscriptions (or make an arrangement with the Treasurer) by 31 May. More information will be given in treasure's report
- c) EASR bursary information and application form were circulated and posted on the website earlier in the year (with closing date of mid-June). Unfortunately no application was submitted. More information will be given in treasure's report
- d) The Executive Committee recommended establishing of a new working group on fundraising. Responsible person for this working group will be deputy General Secretary prof. James Cox.

It is gratifying to think of the business of EASR moving ahead in such capable and experienced hands, with new members joining the committee and others remaining for a second term, and with an excellent spread of officers from East, West, South and North of the continent.

4. New website and discussion list

The new EASR website was launched in the spring 2011 and the launch announced via the six e-lists some weeks before the conference. The Internet provider was changed from *Greensta Öko Hosting / Teuto.net* to JWeiland, a provider specializing in Typo 3, an open source content management system that powers the new

website. All three domains – easr.eu, easr.org and easr.de – have been transferred to JWeiland and are owned by the Internet Officer for the EASR. The current annual fee is 180 EUR incl. taxes per year, payable quarterly. Instead of reimbursing the Internet Officer who pays the bills, an automatic withdrawal from the EASR account should be established.

The six e-lists are fairly active, especially as to announcements such as calls for applications, calls for papers and some book publications. Yggdrasill, the German e-list, has seen occasionally very intense phases of discussion, most recently e.g. about the *Recommendation on German University Research on Religions* by the German Science Council published in 2010 to remove professorial chairs in the Study of Religions from German Theology Departments, and the problem of calls for applications for Study of Religions professorships that force applicants to belong to a German Christian state church. The electronic archive of this list has grown to a highly informative document about the Study of Religions discipline and also states, church and university politics. List members of the e-lists have access to electronic archives of the lists via the *Sympa* portal maintained by Marburg University.

Number of subscribers (email addresses)

	August 2009	August 2010	September 2011	Decrease / Increase from last year
Candide	56	66	82	+16
Dolmen	179	201	231	+30
Most	74	77	87	+10
Synkron	122	124	131	+7
Tonantzin	92	101	106	+5
Yggdrasill	616	685	774	+89

5. Future conferences

A report on future conferences will be.

23-26 August 2012 Södertörn (Sweden), hosted by the Swedish Association for Research in Comparative Religion

2013 Liverpool (UK), hosted by the British Association for the Study of Religions

2014 Groningen (Netherlands), hosted by the Dutch Association for the History of Religions.

Conclusions and thanks

I as General Secretary would like to thank to organizers of 10th EASR Conference. Especially I would like to thank to Hoppál Búlcsu for his helpfulness and patience, to Hungarian Association for its hospitality and to Hungarian students for their kindness and responsiveness