

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS READING MAIN PAPERS

(January 2016)

1. A Main Paper should last not more than 50 minutes (i.e. about 5,000 words) to allow plenty of time for discussion. When it is impossible to treat the chosen subject adequately in the time available, members are asked to limit themselves to a shortened version of the full paper which may later be published. Please exercise great care in ensuring that the paper does not last longer than 50 minutes. Experience suggests that members are unlikely to concentrate for longer than that, and also that they are unhappy if the time allowed for wider discussion and contribution is curtailed.
2. Papers may be read in English, French or German. The difficulty experienced by many members in following a paper in a language other than their own makes it important that the person reading the paper should speak reasonably slowly and very distinctly. Please be careful about this consideration, which has sometimes been a matter of some concern to members, and if necessary restrict the length of your paper to take account of it.
3. The **title** of your paper should be sent to the Secretary no later than the preceding **1 June**. This will enable the printed programme to be prepared in good time.
4. The **full text** of the paper **as it will be read or presented at the conference** can be sent as an e-mail attachment to the local organizing committee (with a cc please to the Secretary) **one month prior to the start of the General Meeting** (as decided at the General Meeting in Sibiu in 2007). This text will be duplicated and then distributed at the door just prior to its presentation by you. Please also note the following: The oral presentation should be able to stand on its own; it should not need the printed version to be convincing. You should therefore avoid including material in your text that you do **not** plan to read or present at the General Meeting itself. This includes (long) footnotes and appendices. Listeners generally find it annoying, distracting or confusing when text present in the printed version distributed is omitted during the oral presentation. Some material can and should be saved for the published version. Given the ability of members in particular to follow French papers, it may be helpful if the text of such a Main Paper also be made available in an English translation or in the form of an English summary.
5. A **brief curriculum vitae** together with a statement on how your paper relates to the current research on which you are engaged should be sent to the incoming President. (You should also send the president the text of your paper when you send your curriculum vitae). This will enable the President, as chairperson, or someone he or she delegates, to introduce you more effectively. The c.v. should contain your (1) name and academic titles, (2) academic degrees obtained, (2) current academic position, (3) current institutional affiliation, (4) previous institutional affiliations (if any), (5) specialisms or research interests, and (6) most relevant or important publications (it is not necessary to be exhaustive).
6. By resolution of the Society, an invitation to address a General Meeting is given on condition that the speaker is willing to make his/her paper available to the Editor of *New Testament Studies*. The Editor will put all Main Papers through the normal reviewing process and will aim to publish all accepted papers, together with the account of the relevant

General Meeting, in the following April issue. Please note that it is the Journal's policy not to publish material that has been or will be published elsewhere before the *NTS* article appears in print (see the inside back cover of the April 2015 issue of the journal for more information and consult the editor concerning any potential overlaps). Papers should be sent electronically to the Editor (in their current form) as soon as possible after the General Meeting, in both Word and PDF format; they may be revised thereafter, according to the reader's comments and in accordance with *NTS* guidelines (including the limit of 8,500 words, including footnotes). To get into the April issue, the deadline for receipt of the revised version of the accepted papers will be **31 October**; any that come in after this date will appear in a subsequent edition of the journal.

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