

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

**The 65<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF SNTS**

MINUTES of the 65<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING held at the Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany during 27<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010

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**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**

**19.00 BUSINESS MEETING I**

The *President*, Professor Andreas Lindemann, was in the chair, and about 200 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Audimax. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 65<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Society.

BM2010/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former *Presidents* of the Society: Profs Tjitze Baarda, François Bovon, Marinus de Jonge, Hans-Josef Klauck and Daniel Marguerat.

BM2010/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs E. Earle Ellis; Peter Fiedler; Albert Fuchs; S. Giversen; Michael Goulder; Z.I. Herman; Jakob Kremer; G. Kretschmar; Simon Légasse; Stanislav Pisarek; John Reumann; Joachim Rohde; R.H. Smith; Max Wilcox; Robert (Robin) McL. Wilson (*President* of the Society in Rome 1981). Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

Resignations from the Society were received from the following scholars: Profs. W. Harnisch, H. Räisänen, André Paul and Robert Murray.

BM2010/03 Minutes of the General Meeting in Vienna 2009

The Minutes of the Business Meetings held in Vienna, Austria 2009 were approved and signed.

BM2010/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2010/05 Arrangements for the General Meeting in Berlin

The *Secretary* announced that 378 participants had registered for the Berlin General Meeting, of which some 250 were members. 18 Short Papers were included in the programme, and chairs for these sessions were sought. On behalf of the local organisers, Professor Cilliers Breytenbach then welcomed participants to Berlin, and drew attention to particular details of the programme.

BM2010/06 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Dr Andrew Clarke, reported that the Committee had approved 20 nominations of new members for consideration. This list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board, and members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee meeting.

BM2010/07 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Professor Armand Puig i Tàrrach (Spain) to become *President-Elect* of the Society (to become *President* at the 2011 General Meeting in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York).

The Committee intimated, and the Society approved, the nomination of Professor Henk Jan de Jonge to become *Deputy President-Elect*, with a view to taking up office at the 2012 General Meeting in Leuven, Belgium.

The *President* noted that Professor Martinus C. de Boer would complete his first term as *Secretary* of the Society at the end of 2010. The Committee recommended that he be appointed for a second and final term. Members approved the appointment for a five-year term from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

#### BM2010/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bernard Lategan, had circulated a concise report covering the year to June 2010.

Two main issues were elaborated:

##### 1. *The work of the existing committees*

Details of the work of the Eastern European Liaison Committee, the African Liaison Committee, and the Asian region representative were presented.

##### a. Eastern European Liaison Committee (EELC)

- The fifth International East-West Symposium is to be held in Minsk (Belarus) during 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, on 'Gospel Images of Jesus Christ in Church Tradition and in Biblical Scholarship'.
- A two day pre-conference symposium for Eastern European New Testament scholars preceded the Berlin 2010 General Meeting. Six speakers from Latvia, Serbia, Belarus, Romania and Hungary presented papers.
- In spring 2010 a translation into Russian of 'Paulus: Eine Biographie' by Eduard Lohse was published in the Bibliotheca Biblica Series (St. Andrews Institute Press, Moscow). As a second volume in the same series, the Russian translation of the conference volume from the first East-West symposium in Neamț (Romania) also appeared.

##### b. African Liaison Committee (ALC)

- At its General Meeting in September 2009 at St Paul's University (Limuru, Kenya), it was decided that the African Liaison Committee would henceforth function as the Institute of Scripture Studies (ISS) with three units: New Testament Studies, Old Testament Studies and Bible Translation Studies. This broadens the scope of the ALC into an inclusive Biblical forum in order to become more context sensitive. The two main aims of the ISS are to foster critical biblical scholarship and to promote peaceful interactions.
- The ISS organized two general meetings: on 19th September 2009 at St Paul's University (Limuru, Kenya); and on 22nd May 2010 at the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology of the Africa International University.
- Two publications resulted from the work of the ISS in 2010:
  1. Peter Mwema, *The Relationship between Peter and Jesus in Mark's Gospel. An Exegetical-Theological Study*. Doctoral Dissertation. Rome: Gregoriana Pontifical University; Nairobi: Catholic University of Eastern Africa, 2010.
  2. Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole, 'The New Testament and Intercultural Exegesis', in Paul Foster (ed.), *New Testament Studies* (SAGE Benchmark in Religious Studies). London: SAGE, 2010.
- The ISS launched a major research project for 2011, the results of which will be published in three volumes: Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole, Ernst R. Wendland & Aloo Mojola (eds), *Biblical Foundations of Peace Building. New Testament, Old Testament and Translated Texts*. Dodoma: Institute of Scripture Studies; Stellenbosch: Sun Press.

- In a further significant development, the New Testament Society of South Africa decided at its 2010 Annual Meeting to support the SNTS initiative to promote the scholarly study of the New Testament, especially in Africa.

#### c. Asian Liaison Committee

The first meeting of a core group of members from the wider Asia region was scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July as a first step towards establishing an Asian Liaison Committee. The following members were invited to attend this meeting: Jey Kanagaraj, Bill Loader, David Sim, Eric Wong and James McLaren. Important goals were recognised to be: to broaden the committee with more members from Japan, Korea and other parts of the region; to raise the profile of the scholarly study of the New Testament in the region; and to attract young scholars from the region to the 2013 Perth General Meeting.

#### d. Latin America

It was noted that there are few members of the Society living in Latin America. It was reported that new attempts are being made through members with existing Latin-America ties to assist in establishing a Liaison Committee that will have its first meeting during the 2011 Annandale-on-Hudson General Meeting.

### 2. SNTS Electronic Library (EL)

Prof. Lategan presented details about the progress of the project to establish an electronic library resource.

- The aim of the EL is to provide resources to promising doctoral and post-doctoral New Testament students who do not have regular and easy access to physical libraries.
- Access to an existing electronic resource has been achieved through SUNTRA (the Stellenbosch University New Testament Research Fellowship). Research Associates of SUNTRA have access to electronic texts, journals and books of the University, which include *inter alia* the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*, the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* and some 65 journals in the field of biblical studies.
- SNTS members are urged to identify and propose promising doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars who would benefit from access to such electronic sources. *Bona fide* candidates could be accepted as research associates of SUNTRA who would then have access to these electronic resources.

### 3. Other Issues

Prof. Lategan emphasised the advantages of the recent EELC pre-General Meeting symposia, and identified the intention that each year a different Regional Liaison Committee might be encouraged to organise such an event; and that this might allow funds to be spent strategically in supporting attendance from different regions.

Prof. K-W. Niebuhr reported that, at the Berlin EELC Meeting, a circle of Friends of the Bibliothecae Biblicae was launched. SNTS members, as well as other interested persons or institutions, were invited to support the Biblical libraries in St. Petersburg and Sofia.

## BM2010/09 Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer*, Dr Helen Bond, commented upon the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010. These covered the three funds of the Society: the General Fund, the International Fund and the Library Fund. The points highlighted by the *Treasurer* included the following:

- High attendance and generous sponsorship at the General Meeting in Vienna 2009, together with increased income from subscriptions, contributed to a strong net surplus this year in the General Fund (nearly £15,000) and in the International Fund (over £8,000).
- Each year, the International Fund pays for 12 sponsored individuals to attend the General Meeting from under-represented areas. This year, 15 scholars had been supported in this category. The *Treasurer* reported that the Committee had decided that 4 of the 12 sponsorships in 2011 will be reserved for scholars from Latin America. It was

also pointed out that only members can apply for this assistance before the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> December.

When considering the overall financial position of the Society, the Committee trustees had agreed that:

- Sterling subscriptions (agreed in 2006) were set at £35, and other currency rates were set accordingly. At that time, sterling was a strong currency, but exchange rates have changed significantly and it was suggested that they may now be at a more typical rate. The Committee consequently proposed £40; £12; £8 for the range of sterling subscription rates.

For its part, the General Meeting of the Society approved the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010, together with the above proposal in regard to subscriptions.

The *Treasurer* thanked the regional treasurers and local organisers for their help.

#### BM2010/10 Any Other Business

There was no further business, and the First Business Meeting was then concluded.

20.30 A Reception was held in the Pergamon Museum, sponsored by Mohr Siebeck. Participants were warmly welcomed by Professor Christoph Marksches, the President of the University.

### **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**

08.00 Morning Prayers (in English) led by Prof. Ithamar Gruenwald (Tel Aviv, Israel) were held in the Berliner Dom

09.00 Professor Adela Yarbro Collins was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered her Presidential Address entitled 'The Female Body as Social Space in 1 Timothy' at a plenary session of the Society

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken, followed by a Chamber Concert by 'Musica Authentica Berlin'

11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held

The Seminar Groups at the General Meeting included the following chairs, themes and papers (papers 'a' were presented at the first session of Seminar Groups; papers 'b' at the second session on Thursday; and papers 'c' at the third session on Friday):

1. Christliche Literatur des späten ersten Jahrhunderts und des zweiten Jahrhunderts / Christian Literature of the late first century and the second century (F. Prostmeier, H. van de Sandt). Terminates in 2011. Theme: 'Konstruktionen des Judentums / Judaism constructed'
  - a. Stefan Beyerle (Greifswald), 'Die Anfänge jüdischer Identität am Beispiel von "Propaganda" und "Apokalyptik"'; b. Judith Lieu (Cambridge), 'Constructing Judaism / Constructing Heresy in the Second Century'; c. Markus Lang (Vienna), 'Zwischen Synkretismus und Polemik. Das Judentum in der Darstellung des Kerygma Petri'
2. The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity (J.J. Collins, J. Frey). Terminates in 2013
  - a. Jörg Frey (Zurich), 'Flesh in the DSS and Spirit in the DSS: Is there really a connection prefiguring the antithesis in the NT?'; Respondent: Loren Stuckenbruck (Princeton); b. Thomas Tobin, S.J. (Loyola University Chicago), 'Flesh and Spirit in the Pauline Literature in light of the DSS'; Respondent: John R. Levison (Seattle); c. Harold Attridge (Yale), 'Flesh and Spirit in the Johannine literature in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls'; Respondent: John J. Collins (Yale)
3. The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament: Language, Culture, Ideas (S.E. Porter, P. Arzt-Grabner; advisory co-chair, L. Rydbeck). Terminates in 2010
  - a. Armin Baum (Gießen), 'The Epilogue (John 20:30-31), the Colophon (John 21:24-25), and the Last Chapter of John's Gospel. Observations against the Background of Ancient Literary Conventions'; b. Anne Lykke (Guest), 'Where Did the Jewish Coins Come from? The Beginning of Jewish Coinage in Its Ancient Context'; c. Michał

- Wojciechowski (Olsztyn), 'Vision of God in the Olympic Oration of Dio Chrysostom and in the New Testament', and Runar M. Thorsteinsson (Guest): 'Roman Christianity and Roman Stoicism: A Comparative Study of Ancient Morality'
4. The Greek of the New Testament (C.C. Caragounis, J.W. Voelz). Terminates in 2011
    - a. Albert Hogeterp (Guest, Nijmegen), 'New Testament Greek as Popular Speech: Adolf Deissmann in Retrospect'; Respondent: David du Toit (München); b. James W. Voelz (St Louis), 'The Greek of the New Testament and its Place within the Context of Hellenistic Greek'; Respondents: Rollin Kearns (Tübingen) and Jan van der Watt (Nijmegen); c. Chrys C. Caragounis (Lund), 'Perfect for Aorist. Subtle Nicety or Indiscrimination?'; Respondent: Jarl Ulrichsen (Trondheim)
  5. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2014
    - a. Mogens Müller (Copenhagen), 'Bundesideologie im Matthäusevangelium. Die Vorstellung vom neuen Bund als Grundlage des matthäischen Gesetzesverkündigung'; b. Andrew Das (Elmhurst, USA), 'Covenant in Paul'; c. Knut Backhaus (München), 'Covenant and Christ. The Christological Redefinition of a Biblical Motif in Hebrews and Early Christianity'
  6. The Johannine Writings (M.M. Thompson, R. Zimmermann). Terminates in 2012
    - a. James D.G. Dunn (Durham, UK), 'Paul, John and the Spirit'; b. Thomas Söding (Münster), 'Heiligung bei Johannes und Paulus'; c. Mary Coloe (Victoria, Australia), 'Temple and Body. Johannine and Pauline cultic images of incorporation into Christ'
  7. New Challenges for New Testament Hermeneutics in the 21st Century (B. McLean, O. Wischmeyer). Terminates in 2010
    - a. Bernard C. Lategan (Stellenbosch), 'Recent tendencies in Anglo-Saxon New Testament hermeneutics'; b. B.T. Viviano, OP (Fribourg), 'The situation in applied New Testament hermeneutics in the United States'; c. Mark Elliott (Guest), 'New tendencies for spiritual exegesis of the New Testament in British scholarship'
  8. The Jewish World in New Testament Times (S. Freyne, J.W. van Henten, W. Horbury). Terminates in 2013. Theme: New Perspectives on Josephus
    - a. James McLaren (Australian Catholic University, Melbourne), 'Josephus as a critic of Rome'; Respondent: Daniel R. Schwartz (Jerusalem); b. Helen Bond (Edinburgh), 'Josephus and Gender Rhetoric: The Depiction of Herod in the Jewish War'; Respondent: Joseph Sievers (Rome, guest); c. Jan Willem van Henten, 'Josephus from a Narratological Perspective: Time and Place'; Respondent: Turid Karlsen Seim (Rome/Oslo)
  9. The Reception of Paul (Clare Rothschild, C. Gerber). Terminates in 2011
    - a. Christine Gerber (Hamburg), 'The Reception of Paul in Ephesians'; b. Richard I. Pervo (Evanston), 'The Reception of Paul in 'The Acts of Paul''; c. Ismo Dunderberg (Helsinki), 'The Reception of Paul in Valentinianism'
  10. History and Theology of Mission in the New Testament: Global Challenges and Opportunities (J. Ådna, J. Kanagaraj, S. Tofana). Terminates in 2011
    - a. Göran Lennartsson (Uppsala), 'Identity and Unity Expressed through the Jerusalem Collection'; Respondent: Eugene Eung-Chun Park (San Francisco, USA); b. David Sim (Melbourne), 'Competing Missions in the Early Church'; Respondent: Paul Trebilco (Dunedin, New Zealand); c. The seminar coordinators, 'The Missionary Speeches in the Acts of the Apostles'; Report and discussion of results from the consultation at the School of Mission and Theology in Stavanger, Norway, 19–20 May, 2010
  11. Pauline Theology in Galatians and Romans (B.R. Gaventa, J.M.G. Barclay, M.C. de Boer). Terminates in 2012
    - a. Martin Rese (Münster), 'Abrahambund und/oder Abrahamverheißung im Galater- und Römerbrief'; b. M.C. de Boer (Amsterdam), 'The Fulfillment of the Law in Galatians 5:14 (with an occasional glance at corresponding texts in Romans)'; c. Troels Engberg-Pedersen (Copenhagen), 'How Important is 'Anthropology' in Paul's Interventions in Galatians and Romans?'

12. The Acts of the Apostles and Ancient Historiography (K. Backhaus, J. Schröter, G. Sterling). Terminates in 2012
- a. Hubert Cancik (Tübingen), 'Hairesis, Diatribe, Ekklesia. Griechische Schulgeschichten und das Lukanische Geschichtswerk'; b. Steve Mason (York University), 'Being earnest, being playful: speeches in Josephus and Acts'; c. David Moessner (Dubuque), "'Witness" Trumping "Eyewitness": Paul as Guarantee of the Apostolic Gospel in Luke's Hellenistic History Writing'
13. Christian Apocryphal Literature (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden). Terminates in 2012
- a. Gesine Robinson (Claremont), 'An Update on the Gospel of Judas'; b. Christoph Marksches (Guest) & J. Schröter (Berlin), 'The new "Antike christliche Apokryphen"'; c. Judith Hartenstein (Leun, Germany), 'Apokryphe Evangelien und die Entwicklung frühchristlicher Theologie und Christologie am Beispiel der Sophia Jesu Christi'
14. New Testament Ethics (F.W. Horn, D. Horrell, E. Baasland). Terminates in 2012
- a. Friedrich Wilhelm Horn and Ruben Zimmermann (Mainz), 'Begründungszusammenhänge neutestamentlicher Ethik'; Respondent: Jan van der Watt (Nijmegen); b. Richard Burridge (London), 'Using the New Testament to address ethical dilemmas today: Methodological reflections building upon Gustafson and Hays'; Respondent: David Horrell (Exeter); c. Matthias Konradt (Heidelberg), 'Reception and Transformation of Ancient Ethical Traditions in Early Christianity'; Respondent: Richard Hays (Duke)
15. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2014. Theme: Slavery
- a. Werner Eck (Guest), 'Skaven und Freigelassene von Römern in Iudaea und den angrenzenden Provinzen'; b. Albert Harrill (Indiana University, Bloomington), 'The Psychology of Slaves in the Gospel Parables: A Case Study in Social History'; c. Hermut Löhr (Münster), 'The Status of Slaves in Christian Communities at the End of the First and the Beginning of the Second Century C.E.'
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Andreas Dettwiler (Geneva, Switzerland): 'Mémoire et émergence d'une rhétorique renouvelée: l'exemple de Colossiens et Ephésiens'
- 16.00 A Special Meeting open to all participants was convened by the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. B. Lategan, to hear more about the SNTS Electronic Library project
- 18.30 A Reception and Buffet Dinner, sponsored by Walter de Gruyter, was held in the Berliner Rathaus
- 20.00 A Chamber Concert by 'Musica Authentica Berlin' was held in the Marienkirche

#### **THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**

- 08.00 Morning Prayers (in German) led by Prof. Jens Herzer (Leipzig, Germany) were held in the Berliner Dom
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon (Blacksburg, USA): 'History, Theology, Story: Re-contextualizing Christology and Mark's Messianic Secret'
- 11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Peter Arzt-Grabner (Salzburg, Austria): 'Gott als vertrauenswürdiger Käufer und Verkäufer. Papyrologische Anmerkungen und bibeltheologische Schlussfolgerungen zum Gottesbild des Paulusbriefe'
- 16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
- Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (Nairobi, Kenya): 'Emergence de l'exégèse interculturelle dans les études néotestamentaires'
  - Judith Gundry (New Haven, USA): 'Why is marriage "Good" and Celibacy "Better"? Bondage and Freedom in 1 Corinthians 7'

- Eric C. Wong (Hong Kong): 'The Externalization of Jesus Christ's Inner World in the Gospel of Matthew: A Contribution towards Historical Jesus Research'
- David G. Horrell (Exeter, UK): "'Race," "Nation," "People": Ethnic Identity-Construction in 1 Peter 2:9'
- Stephen Hultgren (New York, USA): 'A Confessional *Sitz im Leben* for Habakkuk 2:4 in Early Christianity? The Evidence from Hebrews and Paul'
- Hermann von Lips (Halle, Germany): 'Das Martyrium des Timotheus und die Entstehung der Pastoralbriefe'

18.00 Participants were invited to a Boat Trip on the Wannsee, with a Reception by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches of Germany

## **FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**

08.00 Morning Prayers (in French) led by Prof. Andreas Dettwiler (Geneva, Switzerland) were held in the Berliner Dom

09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Loveday Alexander (Sheffield, UK): 'The Gospel According to Celsus: The Apologetic Agenda and the Acts of the Apostles'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- John Cook (LaGrange, USA): 'Suffering in 1 Peter: Local Anxiety, Empire and the Imitatio Christi'
- Hans Kvalbein (Oslo, Norway): 'Don Not Trust the Dictionaries: Basileia is Realm, not Rule or Reign'
- Adele Reinhartz (Ottawa, Canada): 'Forging a New Identity: Johannine Rhetoric and the Audience of the Fourth Gospel'
- John D.K. Ekem (Accra, Ghana): 'Interpretation and Translation of the Phrase  $\mu\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma$   $\gamma\upsilon\upsilon\alpha\iota\kappa\acute{o}\varsigma$   $\acute{\alpha}\nu\delta\rho\alpha$  (1 Timothy 3:2): An African Perspective'
- Thomas Witulski (Bielefeld, Germany): 'Der  $\acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\omicron\varsigma$   $\acute{\alpha}\gamma\gamma\epsilon\lambda\omicron\varsigma$   $\iota\sigma\chi\upsilon\rho\acute{o}\varsigma$  (Apk 10,1f.5), der Gott Helios und der Koloss von Rhodos'
- William S. Campbell (Lampeter, UK): 'Covenantal Nomism and/or Participation in Christ? E.P. Sanders Reconsidered'

16.00 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Paul Anderson (Newberg, USA): 'Addressing the Riddles of the Fourth Gospel'
- Ilaria L.E. Ramelli (Milan, Italy): 'Allusions to the New Testament in the Pseudepigraphical Correspondence Between Seneca and Paul'
- Chris Manus (Ife-Ife, Nigeria): 'The Call of Matthew/Levi (Matthew 9:9/Mark 2:14/Luke 5:27): A Mistaken Identity or a Change of Name?'
- Eberhard W. Güting (Münster, Germany): 'Luke's List of Nations in Acts 2:9-11: Context, Form and Function'
- Michael Winger (New York, USA): 'Good News and Imagination: What Significance did Historical Fact have for the Evangelists (and their Sources)?'
- Edwin Broadhead (Berea, USA): 'Jewish Christianity and the Religious Map of Antiquity'

## **17.00 BUSINESS MEETING II**

The *President*, Professor Adela Yarbro Collins, was in the chair, and about 200 participants were present in the Audimax.

## BM2010/11 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Professors Camille Focant and Turid Karlsen Seim were due to retire from the Committee after the Berlin meeting. The President expressed thanks for their important contributions to the work of the Society. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors Professors Christian Grappe (Strasbourg) and Samuel Byrskog (Lund) to serve on the Committee for a period of three years (2010 - 2013). The Society approved these nominations.

## BM2010/12 Editors' Reports

Copies of the Editors' reports had been distributed to participants. In the absence of Dr Court, Prof. John Barclay spoke regarding both the Journal and Monograph Series.

### 1. *New Testament Studies*

#### a. Supply and Quality of Articles

Prof. Barclay reported that 110 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year, and that feedback on these was supplied in about 10 weeks. The queue for publication remains quite short (6 to 9 months). The Editor also reported that the Journal occasionally includes: response articles, article length book reviews, or a themed issue. Furthermore, it was highlighted as new policy, that submissions written other than in one of the 3 standard languages of the Journal, if suitable, might be translated, and then reviewed by a Board member in the usual way. CUP would be willing to pay for this translation.

#### b. Subscription Rates

The rates for Volume 57 (2011) are as follows (2010 figures in brackets):

Institutions (print & on-line)	£145 (135) / \$266 (249)
Institutions (on-line only)	£132 (123) / \$239 (223)
Institutions (print only)	£136 (127) / \$244 (228)
ABTAPL	£95 (same since 2009)
Journals Donation Project (institutions)	£26 (same since 2002)
Individuals	£46 / \$76 (same since 2003)
SNTS Full Members	£42 / \$68 (same since 2009)
SNTS Retired Members	£22 / \$40 (same since 2009)
Students	£20 / \$36 (same since 2007)

#### c. Details of Circulation and Usage

A report had been received from Cambridge University Press giving details of on-line access to the Journal. All issues are now available electronically, and, on average, there are some 8,000 monthly views of abstracts, and more than 2,000 monthly views of fulltext articles. This showed a higher level of such use than for other CUP journals in theology and religion.

### 2. *Monograph Series*

In the absence of Dr Court, Prof. Barclay briefly highlighted some issues raised in the circulated report on the Monograph Series.

#### a. New Publications

Two monographs have been published since the report presented at the Vienna 2009 General Meeting:

146 Sleeman: *Geography and the Ascension Narrative in Acts* (17/09/09)

147 Myers: *The Ituraeans and the Roman Near East* (11/02/10)



The following works are currently in production:

148 Forman: *The Politics of Inheritance in Roman* (stock due February 2010)

149 Williams: *The Doctrine of Salvation in the First Letter of Peter* (stock due April 2010)

The following title had been placed under contract since the last meeting:

150 Hägerland: *Jesus and the Forgiveness of Sins: An Aspect of his Prophetic Mission*

One new title on the Gospel of Thomas would be presented to the Press Syndicate in August.

It was noted that the aim is to produce 3-5 monographs each year, including some from established scholars.

### 3. *New Members of the Editorial Board*

It was noted that the Editorial Board serves both the Journal and the Monograph Series. Thanks were expressed to all those on the Board.

Profs K. Backhaus, I. Dunderberg, J.T. Fitzgerald, M.Y. Macdonald, D.F. Tolmie and Dr H. van de Sandt were due to retire from the Board at the end of 2010.

The Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013: Profs J-N. Aletti, F. Avemarie, B. Byrne, K.L. King; G.R. O'Day and H. Roose. Members of the Society gave their approval to these nominations.

### 4. *Thanks*

Thanks were expressed to the Cambridge University Press, and to Martine Walsh, Melanie Howe and Laura Morris in particular.

## BM2010/13 Election of New Members

The election of 20 scholars as new members of the Society was confirmed:

Dr Ann Graham Brock (Iliff School of Theology, Denver, USA)

Prof. Claire Clivaz (Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions, University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

Dr Anders Gerdmar (Livets Ord Theological Seminary, Uppsala, Sweden)

Dr Paul Holloway (Sewanee: The University of the South, Tennessee, USA)

Dr Gudrun Holtz (Eberhard-Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany)

Prof. Reidar Hvalvik (Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway)

Dr Michael Labahn (Kirchliche Hochschule, Wuppertal, Germany)

Prof. Lo Lung-kwong (Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Dr Silvia Pellegrini (Institut für Katholische Theologie der Hochschule Vechta, Germany)

Prof. Thomas Phillips (Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, USA)

Dr Thomas Popp (Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)

Dr Michael Reichardt (Universität zu Köln, Germany)

Dr Boris Repschinski (Innsbruck University, Austria)

Dr Todd Still (Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, USA)

Prof. Elsa Tamez (Latin American Biblical University, Costa Rica)

Dr Mikael Tellbe (Örebro School of Theology, Sweden)

Dr James Thompson (Abilene Christian University, Texas, USA)

Dr Robert Webb (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada)

Prof. Ansgar Wucherpfennig (Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

Dr Magnus Zetterholm (Lund University, Sweden)

## BM2010/14 Future General Meetings

*Annandale-on-Hudson, New York 2011 (2-6 August)*

Professor Bruce Chilton warmly invited members to the 2011 General Meeting at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, and he highlighted the Conference website: [snts.bard.edu](http://snts.bard.edu). It is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution, which was founded in 1860 as an Episcopal seminary. It was subsequently transformed into a liberal arts college, and then

named after its founder. The College's park campus covers more than 500 acres of fields and woodland, bordering the Hudson river. All meetings of the Society will be in air-conditioned rooms on campus; and, there will be sufficient on campus accommodation for all delegates, although, off-campus hotel accommodation will also be available. Some travel options were highlighted (especially from Newark International Airport) and, a logistical officer would be available for more detailed advice on travel arrangements. A number of excursions will be available, including an invitation from the Dean and President of General Theological Seminary to visit New York on Saturday and stay overnight.

*Leuven 2012 (31st July – 4th August)*

In 2007 the Society accepted an invitation from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven to host its 2012 meeting.

*Perth 2013 (22-26 July)*

In 2009 the Society accepted an invitation from Murdoch University, Perth, Australia to host its 2013 meeting.

BM2010/15 Programme of Future Meetings

*Annandale-on-Hudson 2011*

1. *Main Papers and Short Main Papers*

The Secretary reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Puig i Tàrrach. Invited Main Papers will be given by Profs Margaret Mitchell (English); Luc Devillers (French); Christof Landmesser (German); Francis Watson (English). Opportunities will again exist for members to offer short papers to be read in simultaneous sessions.

18 Short Papers will be scheduled, and any member wishing to offer such a paper is asked to send a proposal to the *Secretary* before 1 February 2011. Members may give only one paper (of any kind) per General Meeting.

2. *Seminars*

The *Secretary* drew attention to the following:

- Two seminars terminated in Berlin, and did not apply for continuation:
  - 'The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament: Language, Culture, Ideas' (co-chairs: S.E. Porter and P. Arzt-Grabner; advisory co-chair, L. Rydbeck)
  - 'New Challenges for New Testament Hermeneutics in the 21st Century' (co-chairs: B. McLean and O. Wischmeyer)
- Four proposals for new seminars to begin in Annandale-on-Hudson 2011 were approved:
  - 'Reconsidering Literarkritik of Pauline Letters and its Impacts on the Interpretation of 1 and 2 Corinthians and Philippians' (co-chairs: Profs E-M. Becker and R. Bieringer). 5 years.
  - 'Matthew in Context: an Exploration of Matthew in Relation to the Judaism and Christianity of its Time' (co-chairs: Profs M. Konradt, W. Kraus and W. Loader). 5 years.
  - 'Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament' (co-chairs: Profs P. Arzt-Grabner and J.S. Kloppenborg). The Committee expressed concern that there may be some overlap with the 'Social History and the New Testament' seminar, but was satisfied that this could be avoided. 3 years.
  - 'Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches' (co-chairs: Dr William Campbell and Prof. Michael Bachmann). 3 years.

This means that there will be the maximum of 18 Seminars at the Annandale-on-Hudson 2011 General Meeting.

Seminar leaders were asked to send the *Secretary* by 1st February the names of those giving papers and the titles of their papers, so that these may be included in

the general information about the General meeting which is sent out to all SNTS members in the February-March newsletter.

#### BM2010/16 Any Other Business

The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the local conference organisers for a very successful conference in Berlin, and gratitude was especially expressed to Prof. Cilliers Breytenbach (Chair of the Local Organising Committee); Dr Annekke Joubert; Prof. Jens Schröter; Prof. Hans-Gebhard Bethge; Privat-Dozentin Christiane Zimmermann; Dr Bärbel Bosenius; Dr Christina Eschner; Dörthe Gülzow; Friederike Kunath; Ines Löchert; Ines Luthé; Antje Meier; Matthias Müller; Stephanie Schabow; Christina Schröter. The very efficient team of stewards and other helpers was also recognised and thanked.

The *President* then declared the 65<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

#### **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2010**

Optional excursions included the following:

1. Chorin/Angermünde – The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Schorfheide-Chorin
2. Neuruppin/ Rheinsberg – Schinkel, Fontane and Frederick the Great
3. Potsdam – City of Gardens and Castles