

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

The 68th GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the 68th General Meeting of the Society held at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia during 23rd – 26th July, 2013

TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2013

17.30 Participants were warmly invited to an Aboriginal Welcome to the Land and University Reception, held in the Worship Centre

19.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The *President*, Prof. Henk Jan de Jonge, was in the chair, and about 80 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 68th General Meeting of the Society.

BM2013/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former *Presidents* of the Society: Tjitze Baarda, Hans Dieter Betz, James Dunn, Morna Hooker, Marinus de Jonge, Wayne Meeks and Petr Pokorný.

BM2013/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs Paul Achtemeier, Friedrich Avermarie, Christopher F. Evans, Gerald Hawthorne (*ob.* 2010), Hans Hübner, Klaus Junack, René Kieffer, Dieter Lührmann, Abraham Malherbe, Ralph P. Martin, Carlo Martini, Frans Neiryneck, Eugene Nida (*ob.* 2011), Alexander Sand, Jacques Seynaeve, Justin Ukpong, Roy Bowen Ward and Nikolaus Walter. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

Resignations from the Society were received from the following scholars: Profs Michel Desjardins, Helmut Feld, Thomas R.W. Longstaff, Alison Trites, P. van der Horst.

BM2013/03 Minutes of the 2012 General Meeting in Leuven, Belgium

The Minutes of the 2012 General Meeting held in Leuven were approved and signed.

BM2013/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2013/05 Arrangements for the 2013 General Meeting in Perth

The *Secretary*, Prof. Martinus C. de Boer, announced that 196 participants had registered for the General Meeting, from 32 different countries. 93 of the participants were members of the Society.

The *Secretary* announced that those convenors seeking to extend their seminars beyond their scheduled termination at the close of the 2013 General Meeting, and any wishing to propose a new seminar, should submit their proposals to the *Secretary* before Friday.

BM2013/06 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Prof. Udo Schnelle (Halle, Germany) to the post of *President* at the 2014 General Meeting in Szeged, Hungary (until which time he assumes the office of *President-Elect*).

The Committee intimated the nomination of Prof. Judith Lieu (Cambridge, UK) to the post of *President* at the 2015 General Meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. As nominee, she becomes *Deputy President-Elect* until the Szeged 2014 General Meeting, when her nomination will be voted on by the Society.

Prof. Armand Puig i Tàrrrech (*Past President*) was thanked for his services to the Society over the past 4 years.

It was noted that Dr Helen Bond will retire as *Treasurer* of the Society on 31st December, 2013. The Committee intimated the nomination of Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, a Swiss now working and resident in Wales, as her successor. Members formally elected her to take office on 1st January 2014, for a term of five years.

It was also noted that Prof. Bernard Lategan will retire as *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* on 31st December, 2013. The Committee intimated the nomination of Prof. William Loader (Perth, Australia) as his successor. Members formally elected him to take office on 1st January 2014, for a term of five years.

BM2013/07 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.

BM2013/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bernard Lategan, had circulated a concise report covering the year to June 2013.

Three main issues were elaborated:

1. *The work of the Liaison Committees*

Details were presented of the work of the Liaison Committees in their task of promoting academic study of the Bible, assisting younger scholars in their academic development, and enhancing the profile of the Society.

a. Eastern European Liaison Committee (EELC)

- The move of the *Bibliotheca Biblica St Petersburg* to its new premises in the building of the Philological Faculty has been completed. Donations of books and periodicals were comparatively few last year, but several hundreds of used scholarly books in Germany and Great Britain are awaiting transportation to the library.
- During the year the *Bibliotheca Biblica Sofia* received a total of 157 items in the following languages: German, English, Bulgarian, Russian, Greek, French. The library now has 8,657 holdings, of which 98% is incorporated into an electronic catalogue. Duplicate items are donated to the library of the Orthodox Theological Faculty of Veliko Tarnovo, or to other theological libraries. Three more scholarly books on the Bible have been published in the *Bibliotheca Biblica* series. A Bible Dictionary project is presently supported by a small University grant.
- The agreement between the Society, represented by the EELC, and the Faculty of Theology of Sofia University regarding the *Bibliotheca Biblica Sofia* has been renewed. It is valid for a period of 10 years, from 30th July, 2012. Negotiations to renew a similar agreement with St Petersburg State University are continuing.
- A pre-conference for younger Eastern European scholars formed part of the Leuven 2012 General Meeting. Scholars from ten different countries presented papers at the event.
- The 6th International East-West Symposium of New Testament scholars will be held in Belgrade, hosted by the Theological Faculty of Belgrade State University (25-31 August, 2013), with the theme, 'The Holy Spirit and the Church according to the New Testament'.

b. African Liaison Committee (ALC)

The Institute of Scripture Studies which serves as the organizational framework for Society-related initiatives in the region, undertook the following activities:

- The IXth ISS meeting took place at Karatina University College, Karatina, Kenya (28-29 September, 2012).
 - Some ISS members attended an exploratory meeting between the Nida Institute of Biblical Scholarship and ISS, held at Hekima College, Nairobi (17th January, 2013). Its main aim was to explore how NIBS could collaborate with ISS in ventures of common interest.
 - An informal ISS meeting took place in Kinshasa (8th May, 2013) to discuss the idea of creating a bilingual (French/English) *Journal of Biblical and Translation Studies (JBTS)*.
 - An extraordinary ISS meeting has been planned as part of the research project, 'The Bible in Africa' of the New Testament Society of South Africa (4-8 September, 2013). The theme of the conference will be 'Social Justice in Luke-Acts: A Model for Public Discourse for the Church in Africa'.
 - The next ISS meeting in Nairobi is scheduled to take place at Hekima University College (5th October, 2013).
 - The next ISS/SNTS meeting was scheduled to take place in Perth (23-27 July, 2013).
- c. Asian/Pacific Liaison Committee (APLC)
- The APLC was scheduled to hold its first pre-conference meeting before the start of the General Meeting in Perth (23rd July, 2013).
- d. Latin America Liaison Committee (LALC)
- The committee held its first regional meeting at the Seminario San José in Bogotá (10-13 July, 2012) on the topic 'El apóstol Pablo – teología, misión, historia de la recepción'.

2. *SNTS Electronic Library (EL)*

The EL continues to provide a service to scholars who are not in a position to access on a regular basis physical libraries, which are well stocked in New Testament studies. However, access to e-books remains limited, while open-source material and other information sources are expanding. The concept of the EL needs to be re-examined and possibly restructured to take full advantage of alternative sources of electronic information. The strategic importance of libraries in stimulating and supporting serious scholarly research has been adequately demonstrated in the case of Eastern Europe. The same principle applies in other regions where physical libraries are not readily available and where the possibilities of the digital age and of electronic communication may be better exploited.

3. *General*

The main goals of the international initiatives of the Society remain to promote the scholarly study of the New Testament in all parts of the world, to expand the Society's footprint internationally, and to increase its membership in regions where it is under-represented. With the establishment of the four regional committees, some of these goals have been achieved, but the specific challenge to increase the membership in these areas still remains. The various Liaison Committees are well positioned to make a contribution in this regard and a number of new members have already been successfully nominated. The recent changes in the requirements for membership in order to make provision for a wider spectrum of research expectations could also be of great significance, especially if the Liaison Committees assume a mentoring role with regard to promising younger scholars and assist them in a more structured way to prepare them for membership.

The Chairs of the four Liaison Committees were thanked for their extensive work towards these goals. The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* was especially thanked for his contributions over the years.

BM2013/09 Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer*, Dr Helen Bond, had circulated the draft financial statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2013, together with a commentary. It was noted that the 'Financial Statements' were prepared by an Independent examiner (E. Marsh of Burton Sweet Chartered Accountants, Bristol) and is filed on the Society website as 'SNTSAccounts2013'. From this report, the *Treasurer* drew attention to the following:

1. *The General Fund*

- Society Subscriptions for 2012/13 were £8,091 (cf. £11,325 in 2011/12). This figure excludes the North American subscriptions, which amounted to £5,831.59.
- *Income from Investments and Interest*. In the light of low investment returns, the Investment account has been closed. The current account and savings account continue.
- *Conference surplus*. The Annandale-on-Hudson 2011 General Meeting made a donation of \$10,000, which has been divided 60:40 across the two main funds.
- *Officers' honoraria*. It has been decided to pay honoraria once a year (in January), rather than split between January and July. This may avoid some bank charges. It has been policy to increase honoraria by 3% p.a.

2. *The International Fund (IF)*

- 'incoming resources' is largely comprised of subscriptions (the top tier is divided 60:40 between the GF and IF; all income from the two lower tiers goes to the GF).
- 'Conference sponsorships/grants' represents payments to about twelve members/guests from under-represented countries. Six of these guests have their conference/accommodation/excursion costs covered by the Society and the other six have them covered by the local organisers. The Society usually pays the travel expenses for all twelve members. The 2012/13 total (£9,529) includes the sponsorship of a number of delegates to the Leuven 2012 General Meeting.

3. *Overview of Finances*

- The IF balance is in credit (£25,826), although the fund continues to deplete gradually as the Society sponsors members/guests to attend General Meetings (in 2011, the IF was c. £42,000, and in 2004 it was c. £63,000). The GF is also in credit (£32,259). Both funds are likely to become more depleted following the Perth 2013 General Meeting.
- In view of the healthy state of the Society's finances, there is no need to raise subscription levels this year.

For its part, the General Meeting of the Society approved the financial statements for the year ended 31st May, 2013.

The *Treasurer* thanked the *Regional Treasurers* and local organisers for their help. The *Treasurer* was thanked for her work.

BM2013/10 Any Other Business

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

WEDNESDAY 24th JULY 2013

08.30 Morning Prayer (Prof. Dorothy Lee – Melbourne, Australia) was held in the Worship Centre

09.00 Prof. Christopher Tuckett was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'What is "New Testament Study?" The New Testament and Early Christianity' at a plenary session of the Society in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken outside the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

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, W. Pratscher, J. Kelhoffer). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Wilhelm Pratscher (Vienna), 'Motive paulinischer Theologie im 2. Clemensbrief';
 - b. Ferdinand R. Prostmeier (Freiburg), 'Geistig-soziale Milieus des Diskurses über "Religion" in der frühen Kaiserzeit';
 - c. Vicky Balabanski (Adelaide), 'Cosmological Categories and the Writings of Ignatius of Antioch: Reflections on Trallians 5 and Ephesians 19'
2. The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity (J.J. Collins, J. Frey). Terminates in 2013. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 5
 - a. Harry Attridge (Yale), 'The Making of Disciples: Predestination in the Scrolls and the Fourth Gospel';
 - b. Hermann Lichtenberger (Tübingen): 'Tempel und Tempelmetaphorik in Texten vom Toten Meer und im Johannesevangelium';
 - c. John J. Collins (Yale) and Jörg Frey (Zürich) presented reviews of: Mary L. Coloe & Tom Thatcher (eds.), *John, Qumran, and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Sixty Years of Discovery and Debate* (SBLEJL 32; Atlanta: SBL 2011)
3. The Greek of the New Testament (C.C. Caragounis, J.W. Voelz). Terminates in 2014
This seminar did not meet.
4. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Brendan Byrne, S.J. (Melbourne), 'Jerusalems Above and Below: Revisiting the Hagar-Sarah Allegory (Gal 4:21–5:1) and Paul's View of Non-Messianic Judaism';
 - b. Dorothy Lee (Melbourne), 'Law, Grace and Truth: The Symbolic Role of Moses in Johannine Christology';
 - c. Brian Rosner (Melbourne), 'Paul and the Law: A Hermeneutical Solution to the Puzzle'
5. The Johannine Writings (M. Gruber, Ch. Karakolis). Terminates in 2015. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 2
6. The Jewish World in New Testament Times (S. Freyne, J.W. van Henten, W. Horbury). Terminates in 2013. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 11
 - a. John J. Collins (Yale), 'The Law of Moses and Jewish Identity in the Second Temple Period';
 - b. Dieter Sänger (Kiel), 'Man ist, was man isst: Speisegebote und jüdische Identität in Joseph und Aseneth';
 - c. Roland Deines (Nottingham), 'Righteousness in the Psalms of Solomon: Reading the Psalms of Solomon as a Book'
7. The Rise and Development of Jesus Traditions (T. Holmén, S.E. Porter). Terminates in 2015
 - a. Michael F. Bird (Melbourne), 'Why the "Jesus Tradition"? Its Purpose and Preservation';
 - b. Craig L. Blomberg (Littleton, CO), 'When Occam's Razor Shaves Too Closely: A Necessarily Complex Model of the Development of the Jesus Tradition';
 - c. Paul Foster (Edinburgh), 'Memory, Orality, and the Fourth Gospel: Three Dead-Ends in Historical Jesus Research'
8. The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity (E. Eung-Chun Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke). Terminates in 2015
 - a. Eugene Eung-Chun Park (San Anselmo, CA), 'The Itinerant Philosophers in the Cynic Literature and the Galilean Wandering Missionaries in the Gospel of Matthew'; respondent, Manabu Tsuji (Hiroshima);
 - b. Eric Wong (Hong Kong), 'Mission: The Reception of Paul in the Synoptic Gospels';
 - c. Mark Keown (Auckland), 'Paul's Vision of Evangelisation and the Church: Taking the debate forward'

9. Christian Apocryphal Literature (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden). Terminates in 2015
 - a. Francis Watson (Durham), 'Harmony or Gospel: On the Genre of the Diatessaron';
 - b. Majella Franzmann (Perth), 'Johannine Material in the Manichaean Psalm Book';
 - c. Claire Clivaz (Lausanne), 'New Testament Apocrypha and the Emergence of the New Testament Canon: A Research Project by Tobias Nicklas and Claire Clivaz'
 10. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Albert Harrill (Columbus OH), 'Ethnic Fluidity in Ephesians'; b. Kathy Ehrensperger (Lampeter), 'Shared Culture and Diverse Ethnic Identities: The Pauline Discourse of Israel and the Nations'; c. Anders Runesson (Hamilton, ON), 'The Impact of Ethnic Identity on Theology and Salvation in Matthew's Gospel'
 11. Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (J. Herzer, G. Oegema). Terminates in 2014. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 6
 12. Reconsidering *Literarkritik* of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer). Terminates in 2015. Theme: '1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians and Philippians'
 - a. Geoffrey Dunn (Brisbane), 'The Letter "Credebamus post" from Boniface I or Leo I?'; b. Malou Ibita (Leuven/Manila), 'The Story of Paul and the Corinthians' – Ongoing Reconciliation: A Narrative-Critical Reading of 2 Corinthians 1-7'; c. Sean Winter (Melbourne), 'Re-framing the Unity Debate: The Rhetorical Situation of Canonical 2 Corinthians'
 13. Matthew in Context: an Exploration of Matthew in Relation to the Judaism and Christianity of its Time (M. Konradt, W. Kraus, W. Loader). Terminates in 2015. Theme: 'What Light does Matthew's Use of Mark Throw on Matthew's Theological Location?'
 - a. Boris Repschinski (Innsbruck), 'Ethics and Law'; respondent, Roland Deines (Nottingham); b. Edwin Broadhead (Berea), 'Discipleship and Ecclesiology'; respondent, Amy-Jill Levine (Vanderbilt); c. Wolfgang Kraus (Saarbrücken), 'Matthew 16:21-18:35'; respondent, David Sim (Melbourne)
 14. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2013
 - a. Peter Arzt-Grabner (Salzburg), 'The Date of Jesus' Birth and of His Death: A Contribution from Papyrology'; respondent: Helen Bond; b. Scott Charlesworth (Sydney), 'A Thoroughly Literary Text: The Greek Papyri of the Gospel of Thomas'; respondent, James Harrison; c. Giovanni Bazzana (Harvard), 'Legal Terminology and Violence in Q: The Contribution of Documentary Papyri'; respondent, Christina M. Kreinecker
 15. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W. Campbell, M. Bachmann). Terminates in 2013
 - a. William S Campbell (Lampeter), 'Theological and Social-Scientific Perspectives on "Being in Christ"'; b. Kar Yong Lim (Malaysia), 'Paul's "Remembering the Poor" as Ritual in the Corinthian Letters'; c. Andrew Clarke (Aberdeen), 'The Source and Scope of Paul's Apostolic Authority'; respondent, Kathy Ehrensperger
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Michael Lattke (Brisbane, Australia): 'Paul de Lagarde on the Jews'
- 19.00 Participants were invited to a State Reception at Government House

THURSDAY 25th JULY 2013

08.30 Morgenandacht (Prof. Reimund Bieringer – Leuven, Belgium) was held in the Worship Centre

09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Claire Clivaz (Lausanne, Switzerland): 'Le Nouveau Testament dans la culture digitale: un biblaridion pris dans la toile du Web?' in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held

14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Paul Trebilco (Dunedin, New Zealand): 'Creativity at the Boundary: Features of the Linguistic and Conceptual Construction of Outsiders in the New Testament' in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

16.45 Three Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Prof. David Sim (Melbourne, Australia), 'Matthew and Galilee: A Hypothesis Built upon the Rock or the Sand?'
- Prof. Petr Mareček (Olomouc, Czech Republic), 'Der traditionsgeschichtliche Ort der Eucharistie von Did 9f. im Urchristentum'
- Dr Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (Kinsha, Democratic Republic of the Congo), 'The Rhetoric of Reconciliation in 2 Corinthians 5:20'

18.30 Participants were invited to St George's Cathedral, for a Reception, hosted by the Combined Churches, followed by a Concert by the Cathedral Consort

FRIDAY 26th JULY 2013

08.30 Prière du Matin (Prof. Christian Grappe – Strasbourg, France) was held in the Worship Centre

09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Reimund Bieringer (Leuven, Belgium): 'Die johanneische Christologie zwischen Sein und Schein: Die Menschlichkeit Jesu und der vermeintliche "Doketismus" im vierten Evangelium'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Four Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Prof. Stephen J. Hultgren (Adelaide, Australia), 'Orality, Social Memory, and the Creation of Extended Narrative Structures in the Synoptic Tradition'
- Prof. Paul Danove (Philadelphia, USA), 'The Active/Middle Distinction with New Testament Verbs of Communication'
- Dr David Neville (Canberra, Australia), 'Contesting Violent Eschatology in the New Testament: Some Interpretive Issues'
- Prof. Richard B. Hays (Durham NC, USA), 'Intertextual Fusions in Matthew's Use of Scripture'

16.00 Three Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- Prof. James McLaren (Melbourne, Australia), 'The Account in Acts of Jewish Actions against the Followers of Jesus within the Context of Roman Rule'
- Dr Tat-Siong Benny Liew (Berkeley, USA), 'Reading Frameworks: Cady Stanton's Woman's Bible as a Case Study (with Examples from Luke and John)'
- Prof. Robert Brawley (Durham NC, USA), 'Traces of the People in an Alternative Community in Philippi: A Contribution to the People's History'

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING II

The *President*, Prof. Christopher Tuckett, was in the chair, and about 80 participants were present in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre.

BM2013/11 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Profs Samuel Byrskog and Christian Grappe were due to retire from the Committee after the Perth General Meeting. The *President* expressed thanks for their valued contributions to the work of the Society over the past three years. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors, Profs Christos Karakolis and Andreas Dettwiler to serve on

the Committee for a period of three years (2013-16). The Society duly elected these members.

BM2013/12 Announcement of New Members

Dr Andrew Clarke (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of the 20 scholars whose nomination had been approved by the Committee (their names had been published for comment by Members during the course of the General Meeting), and confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved:

Dr Thomas Johann Bauer (Professor, University of Freiburg, Switzerland)

Dr Cornelis Bennema (Associate Professor of New Testament, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies/ Senior Lecturer of New Testament, Wales Evangelical School of Theology, UK)

Dr Lutz Doering (Reader, Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, UK)

Dr Jonathan Draper (Professor, School of Religion Philosophy and Classics, University of KwaZulu-Natal South Africa)

Dr Christian Eberhart (Professor of New Testament Studies, Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon, Canada)

Dr Daniel Gerber (Professeur, Faculté de théologie protestante, Université de Strasbourg)

Dr Sigurd Grindheim (Professor of New Testament, Fjellhaug International University College, Oslo)

Prof. Thomas Kazen (Professor of Biblical Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, Sweden)

Prof. Chris Keith (Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, St Mary's University College, Twickenham, UK)

Dr Annemarie Luijendijk (Associate Professor, Princeton University, USA)

Prof. Petri Luomanen (Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, Finland)

Dr Robert McIver (Associate Professor, School of Ministry and Theology, Avondale College of Higher Education, Cooranbong, Australia)

Dr Simon Mimouni (Directeur d'études de classe exceptionnelle, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)

Dr Candida Moss (Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, University of Notre Dame, USA)

Dr Laura Nasrallah (Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Harvard Divinity School, USA)

Dr Lidija Novakovic (Associate Professor, Baylor University, USA)

Dr Charles Quarles (Dean, Caskey School of Divinity, Louisiana College, Pineville, LA, USA)

Prof. Yann Redalié (Professeur, Faculté vaudoise de théologie protestante, Rome)

Prof. Joan Taylor (Professor of Christian Origins and Second Temple Judaism, King's College, London, UK)

Dr Korinna Zamfir (Associate Professor, Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

The *Assistant Secretary* was thanked for all his work over the past year.

BM2013/13 Editors' Reports

A report was circulated, which included the following items:

1. *New Testament Studies*

Prof. John Barclay (*Secretary to the Editorial Board and Journal Editor*) briefly highlighted some elements of the report on the Journal.

- It was reported that 128 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. 23 had been accepted for publication. These figures were considered an index of the very high quality threshold. The queue for publication remains quite short (6-9 months).
- It was noted that the Press had offered to circulate members of the Society periodically with abstracts of articles recently published in the Journal.

2. *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, and in particular to Profs J-N. Aletti,

B. Byrne, M. Holmes, K.L. King, H. Löhr, G.R. O'Day and H. Roose, who were due to retire from the Board at the end of 2013.

To replace these members, the Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period January 2014 – December 2016: A. Harrill (Columbus, OH, USA); D.G. Horrell (Exeter, UK); A. Marjanen (Helsinki, Finland); S. Matthews (Fort Worth TX, USA); H. Omerzu (Copenhagen, Denmark); T. Wasserman (Örebro, Sweden); F. Wilk (Göttingen, Germany). Members of the Society (for their part) duly elected these members to the Board.

3. *Monograph Series*

Prof. Paul Trebilco (*Editor of Monograph Series*) briefly highlighted some issues raised in the report on the Monograph Series.

New Publications: the following monographs had been published since the report presented at the 2012 General Meeting in Leuven:

153 Jensen: *Affirming the Resurrection of the Incarnate Christ* (Sep 2012)

154 Mathews: *Riches, Poverty and the Faithful* (Feb 2013)

155 Malcolm: *Paul and the Rhetoric of Reversal in 1 Corinthians* (in press)

The following works have been delivered and are in production:

156 Adams: *The Genre of Acts and Collected Biography* (due Sep 2013)

157 Liebengood: *The Eschatology of 1 Peter* (due Nov 2013)

158 Scott: *The Hermeneutics of Christological Psalmody in Paul* (due Feb 2014)

Volumes 156 and 158 and the following titles had been placed under contract since the last meeting:

Brookins: *Corinthian Wisdom, Stoic Philosophy, and the Ancient Economy*

Easter: *The Faith and Faithfulness of Jesus in Hebrews*

It was noted that 8 further proposals were under review.

Prof. Trebilco was warmly thanked.

4. *Thanks*

Thanks were expressed to the Cambridge University Press, to Melanie Howe (*Production Editor, CUP*), Laura Morris (*Editor, CUP*), and Martine Walsh (*Commissioning Editor, CUP*) in particular, and to Prof. Trebilco as *Editor of the Monograph Series*.

Particular thanks were expressed to Prof. Barclay as *Journal Editor* and *Secretary to the Board* for his work on behalf of the Society over the past 5 years.

BM2013/14 Appointment of Journal Editor

It was noted that Prof. Francis Watson (Durham, UK) had been nominated to the post of *Journal Editor* for a five year term from 1st January, 2014. The Society, for its part, expressed its approval.

BM2013/15 Future General Meetings

- *Szeged, Hungary 2014 (5th – 8th August)*

The meeting was reminded that in 2011 the Society accepted an invitation from the University of Szeged to host its 2014 meeting. A brief presentation, drawing attention to key aspects of travel, location and venue was delivered.

- *Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2015*

The meeting was reminded that in 2012 the Society had accepted an invitation from the Free University of Amsterdam to host its 2015 meeting.

- *Montreal, Canada 2016*

The meeting was reminded that in 2012 the Society had accepted an invitation from McGill University to host its 2016 meeting.

The *Secretary* noted that the Committee looks forward to receiving invitations for the years 2017-20.

BM2013/16 Programme of 69th General Meeting

69th General Meeting: Szeged, Hungary, 5-8 August, 2014

1. *Presidential Address*

The *Secretary* reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Udo Schnelle (Halle, Germany).

2. *Main Papers and Short Main Papers*

The *Secretary* reported that Main Papers will be given by Profs Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr (German); Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (French); Keith Elliott (English); and Mary R. D'Angelo (English)

18 Short Papers can be scheduled, and any members wishing to offer a paper were asked to send a proposal to the *Secretary* before 1st February, 2014. Members were reminded that they may give only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting.

3. *Seminars*

The *Secretary* drew attention to the following:

- The term of four seminars expired in Perth, of which two had applied for continuation:

'The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity' (J.J. Collins, J. Frey)

'The Jewish World in New Testament Times' (S. Freyne, J.W. van Henten, W. Horbury)

'Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament' (J.S. Kloppenborg and P. Arzt-Grabner) – it was noted that the Committee had approved the request to continue this Seminar for a further 5 years, terminating in 2018

'Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches' (W. Campbell, M. Bachmann) – it was noted that the Committee had approved the request to continue this Seminar for a further 3 years, terminating in 2016, with W. Campbell and J. Gundry as convenors

- Two proposals for new seminars to begin in Szeged 2014 had been approved by the Committee:

a. 'New Testament Textual Criticism' (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, T. Wasserman). 5 years

b. 'Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels' (S. Byrskog, S. Hultgren, J. Schröter). 5 years

This means that there will be 15 Seminars at the Szeged 2014 General Meeting.

Seminar leaders were asked to send to 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 Society members in the February-March Newsletter. The *Secretary* expressed deep gratitude to the convenors of the Seminars for all their work, as well as to those who chaired short papers at the General Meeting.

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The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Officers of the Society. Particular thanks were expressed to Prof. Barclay as *Editor of the Journal*, Dr Bond as *Treasurer*, and Prof. Bernard Lategan as *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*,

whose terms of office expire in December 2013. It was also noted that the term of office of the *Assistant Secretary* expires in December 2014, and that of the *Secretary* will expire in December 2015.

Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers for a very successful General Meeting at Murdoch University, and especially to Prof. William Loader (Chair of the Local Organising Committee, which included Gisela Loader, Daphne Pyke, Prof. Majella Franzmann, Drs John Dunnill, Jeremy Hultin, Mary Marshall, Richard Moore). Thanks were also expressed to Dr Peter Elliott and his team of stewards (Helen Hollett, Kathleen Moore, Dong Woo Oh, Karen Sloan, Drs Evelyn Ashley, Tim Finney, Kerry George, Mark Jennings, Alexander Jensen, Chris Johnstone, Angela McCarthy, Ian Robinson, Dean Spalding, Drs cand. Claire Maltas, Paul Monash, Mothy Varkey and Carmel Wright).

The *President* then declared the 68th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

19.00 Participants were invited to the Scotch College, Swanbourne, for a Farewell Dinner

SATURDAY 27th JULY 2013

There were optional excursions to New Norcia Benedictine Monastery; and the Pinnacles Desert.