

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

The 69th GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the 69th General Meeting of the Society held at the University of Szeged, Hungary during 5th – 8th August, 2014

TUESDAY 5th AUGUST 2014

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The *President*, Prof. Christopher Tuckett, was in the chair, and about 143 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Main Lecture Theatre. The *President* warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 69th General Meeting of the Society.

BM2014/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former *Presidents* of the Society: Barbara Aland, Tjitze Baarda, Adela Yarbrow Collins, Marinus de Jonge, Morna Hooker, Daniel Marguerat and Wayne Meeks.

BM2014/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs Ellen Aitken, François Bovon, Maurice Casey, Giuseppe Ferraro, R.T. France, Sean Freyne, Birger Gerhardsson, Hans Kvalbein, Robert Kysar, Kikuo Matsunaga, Paul W. Meyer, Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, Charles Perrot, Dieter Zeller. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

A resignation from the Society was received from the following scholar: Prof. Gerard Luttikhuisen.

BM2014/03 Minutes of the 2013 General Meeting in Perth, Australia

The Minutes of the 2013 General Meeting held in Perth were approved and signed.

BM2014/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2014/05 Arrangements for the 2014 General Meeting in Szeged

Prof. György Benyik, *Local Organizer*, warmly welcomed delegates to the city, highlighting the national significance of this General Meeting.

The *Secretary*, Prof. Martinus C. de Boer announced that 250 participants had registered for the General Meeting, 164 of whom 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 2014 General Meeting, and any wishing to propose a new seminar, should submit their proposals to the *Secretary* before Friday.

The *Secretary* announced that Prof. J-C. Loba-Mkole, who was scheduled to present a Main Paper on Friday, was unable to obtain a visa. One session of Short Papers, scheduled for Friday afternoon, were instead scheduled for this Main Paper slot.

BM2014/06 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Prof. Judith Lieu (Cambridge, UK) to the post of *President* at the 70th General Meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in 2015 (until which time she assumes the office of *President-Elect*).

The Committee intimated the nomination of Prof. Carl Holladay (Atlanta, USA) to the post of *President* at the 71st General Meeting in Montreal, Canada, in 2016. As nominee, he

becomes *Deputy President-Elect* until the Amsterdam 2015 General Meeting, when his nomination will be voted on by the Society.

Prof. Henk Jan de Jonge (*Past President*) was warmly thanked for his services to the Society over the past 4 years.

It was noted that Dr Andrew Clarke's first term as *Assistant Secretary* of the Society will end on 31st December, 2014. The Committee intimated that he be nominated to serve a second term from 1st January, 2015.

It was also noted that Prof. Martinus C. de Boer will retire as *Secretary* on 31st December, 2015. The Committee intimated the nomination of Dr Andrew Clarke (Aberdeen, UK) as his successor. Members formally elected him to take office on 1st January, 2016, for a term of five years.

At the Amsterdam 2015 General Meeting a successor as *Assistant Secretary* from 1st January, 2016 will be appointed.

BM2014/07 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Dr Andrew Clarke, reported that the Committee had approved 9 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.

BM2014/08 International Initiatives

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bill Loader, had circulated a concise report covering the year to June 2014. The report included the following details:

The goals continue to include working with Liaison Committees to promote New Testament scholarship in areas beyond those where such research has traditionally been well represented within the Society, and to identify potential new members and mentor their development. The role of the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* is also to seek to maintain and develop resources for people in these regions, including the Electronic Library, and to explore meaningful synergies to the same end with international organisations and institutions.

a. *Eastern European Liaison Committee (EELC)*

1. *Belgrade Symposium*

The 6th International East-West Symposium of Biblical scholars, entitled 'The Holy Spirit and the Church according to the New Testament', was held in Belgrade, 25-31 August, 2013, hosted by the Theological Faculty of Belgrade State University.

2. *Pre-Conference Szeged 2014*

A pre-conference for younger scholars was held in Szeged on 4-5 August, 2014.

3. *Libraries*

- *The Bibliotheca Biblica St Petersburg* has received a number of books and periodicals from Finland, Switzerland and Germany.
- *The Bibliotheca Biblica Sofia* has created a network to inform readers about new publications in the field. The electronic catalogue of books and periodicals is available on-line. In 2012-13, about 470 books and 180 volumes of periodicals were donated by individuals; and about 370 readers used the library facilities.

b. *African Liaison Committee (ALC)*

The ALC (established 2004) has operated since 2009 within the framework of the Institute of Scripture Studies. Since 2009 ISS has usually held two meetings per year in Nairobi and surroundings. During 2013/14, ISS has held a number of academic meetings at the Universities of Pretoria and South Africa.

Future Plans include preparing a conference for Francophone New Testament scholars from Africa (2015), an International Symposium on Peace in Africa (2016), and a

pre-General Meeting conference for New Testament scholars from both Francophone and Anglophone Africa (2017).

c. *Latin America Liaison Committee (LALC)*

The LALC (established 2011) is in process of preparing for publication papers presented at its regional conference in Bogotá, 2012. Discussions are underway about the possibility of a second regional conference in 2015, and a pre-conference before the General Meeting in Montreal, 2016.

d. *Asia/Pacific Liaison Committee (APLC)*

The APLC (established 2010) mounted a regional conference on 24-25 May, 2014, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and is planning a regional conference in Manila, Philippines, in 2015.

e. *Sponsorships*

For the Perth 2013 General Meeting there was an allocation of funds at the level of twelve £1,200 sponsorships of members and guests to attend the pre-conference. For Szeged 2014 LCs could nominate people on the basis of two each for all except the EELC, which was allocated a budget equivalent to six sponsorships on the basis of which they were able to have 15 individuals sponsored. Applications for sponsorship of members are submitted to the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* for approval in consultation with the *Treasurer*, while applications for sponsorship of guests are first submitted, through the *Assistant Secretary*, for presidential approval.

f. *Pre-Conferences*

The pattern proposed for pre-conferences for the coming three years will depend on the decision to be taken by the Society concerning the location of the 2017 meeting. If the invitation to Pretoria is accepted then the pattern will be: Amsterdam (no pre-conference); Montreal 2015: Latin America Caribbean LC pre-conference; 2017 Pretoria: Africa LC. Alternatively, the African LC could be invited to host a pre-conference at the Amsterdam meeting. Hopefully meetings in the following years might include one in the Asia Pacific region, should the Society so decide.

g. *SNTS Electronic Library (EL)*

By special arrangement with Stellenbosch University, the SNTS Electronic Library facility has made it possible, since 2011, for scholars to become Research Associates (RAs) of the Discipline Group Old & New Testament (DONT) of the Faculty of Theology. The appointment of RAs serves a dual purpose: to assist scholars to remain up to date by accessing the library and to generate income through publications which benefit both the university and the scholar. The RAs are obliged to 'endeavour to publish on average at least one article per year in an accredited journal in the field of Old or New Testament studies'. The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* has met with Prof. Louis Jonkers of DONT in Baltimore in November, 2013, to discuss future options and issues of renewal. Of the 60 registered RAs very few had sought access and thus far only one has produced and registered a research publication. The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* accordingly has informed LC Chairs of the need for re-registration on the basis of being resolved to make use of the facility. As a result 14 have been re-registered or are in the process of being re-registered. In addition, members are encouraged to develop mentoring relations with scholars in remote regions and to help them access research materials from their institutional libraries.

In recent years, there has been a significant expansion of on-line resources, including through SBL International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) and JSTOR. The number of books available on-line for free access is still, however, relatively small. The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* has sought to encourage wider participation by publishers in the SBL ICI scheme. The Theological Book Network, based in Grand Rapids, USA, channels donated books from libraries and publishers to theological teaching and learning institutions in the 'Majority World', another useful resource for books in print. The EL arrangement with Stellenbosch, however, remains the most effective form of access to on-line publications, especially journals, for scholars from the LC regions.

Recommendations – that the SNTS Committee

- The Chairs of the LCs were thanked for their continuing work
- The Eastern European LC was congratulated for mounting the pre-conference in Szeged
- draw members' attention to the opportunity to support the St Petersburg and Sofia Libraries through donations of books
- authorise continuance of funding to provide for at least the equivalent of twelve sponsorships @ £1,200 to assist members and approved guests from the LC regions to participate in the General Meeting on the basis of financial need
- draw members' attention to the procedure that applications for sponsorship of members and guests are to be submitted to the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* for approval in consultation with the *Treasurer*, and that applications for the approval of guests are to be submitted for presidential approval prior to this through the *Assistant Secretary*.
- draw to the attention of members in LC regions the provision for making application through the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* for access to the EL

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* was thanked for his contributions over recent years.

BM2014/09 Treasurer's Report

The *Treasurer*, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, circulated the draft Financial Statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2014, together with a commentary for Trustees. It was noted that the 'Financial Statements' were prepared by an Independent examiner (PJE, Chartered Accountants, 23 College Street, Lampeter, Ceredigion, SA48 7DY) and is filed on the Society website in Excel format as 'SNTSAccounts2014'. From this report, the *Treasurer* drew attention to the following:

a. *The General Fund (GF)*

- Society Subscriptions for 2013/14 were £14,246 (cf. £8,091 in 2012/13). This figure excludes the North American subscriptions.
- *Income from Investments and Interest*. Members were reminded that, in the light of low investment returns, the Investment account was closed. The current account and savings account continue, with £225 generated from the latter.
- *Conference surplus*. The Perth 2013 General Meeting made a donation of £1,950, which has been divided 60:40 across the two main funds.
- *Officers' honoraria*. Members were reminded that it was decided to pay honoraria once a year (in January), rather than split between January and July in order to avoid some bank charges. It has been policy to increase honoraria by 3% p.a.

b. *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 Organising Committee. The Society usually pays the travel expenses for all twelve members. The 2013/14 sponsorship amounted to £9,712.

c. *Overview of Finances*

- The IF balance is in credit (£22,177), 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 (£26,210; cf. £32,259 in 2013). Both funds were stretched following the Perth 2013 General Meeting.

- In view of the state of the Society's finances, it was suggested 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, 2014.

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

BM2014/10 Any Other Business

Future Meetings:

- Pretoria 2017: Prof. Gert Steyn delivered a presentation, inviting the Society to the University of Pretoria
- Athens 2018: Prof. Christos Karakolis delivered a presentation, inviting the Society to the University of Athens

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

18.30 The Society was welcomed by Prof. Dr Gábor Szabó, *President* of the University of Szeged, at a Reception in SZTE Dugonics Square.

WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST 2014

07.45 Morning Prayer (Dr Ottó Pecsuk) was held in the Honvéd téri Calvinist Church

09.00 Prof. Udo Schnelle was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'Das frühe Christentum und die Bildung' at a plenary session of the Society in the Main 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. Wolfgang Wischmeyer (Vienna, guest), 'Die Ignatianen in der Welt des zweiten Jahrhunderts'; b. Thomas Johann Bauer (Switzerland), 'Polykarp von Smyrna und die Briefe des Ignatius von Antiochia: Anmerkungen zum Stand der Diskussion'; c. Ferdinand R. Prostmeier (Germany), 'Cui bono? Ignatius in Rom'
2. The Greek of the New Testament (C.C. Caragounis, J.W. Voelz). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Presentations of recent research by Adelbert Denaux (Belgium); James W. Voelz (USA) (Mark 1:1-8:26 – Concordia Commentary); Jesús Peláez (Spain); b. Herman du Toit (South Africa, guest), 'The Semantics and Syntax of Relative Sentences in the Greek New Testament'; c. Presentations of recent research by David du Toit (Germany); Chrys C. Caragounis (Sweden) (*New Testament Language and Exegesis. A Diachronic Approach*, WUNT series)
3. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid). Terminates in 2014
 - a. Sigurd Grindheim (USA), 'The Kingdom of God According to Matthew and According to Paul: A Comparison'; b. Petr Pokorny (Czech Republic), 'Reich Gottes im lukanischen Doppelwerk'; c. Johannes Beutler, SJ (Germany), 'Reich Gottes im Johannesevangelium'
4. The Johannine Writings (M. Gruber, Ch. Karakolis). Terminates in 2015

- a. Gilbert van Belle (Belgium), 'The Signs Source in the Fourth Gospel: A Critical Evaluation of the *Semeia* Hypothesis in Recent Research (1994-2013)'; b. Michael Labahn (Germany), "'Im Zeichen wurde ihnen Gottes Gabe zum Leben sichtbar": Erwägungen zu Theologie, Christologie und Soteriologie in den johanneischen Wundererzählungen'; c. Christos Karakolis (Greece), 'Is Jesus a Prophet in the Fourth Gospel? The Witness of the Semeia-Narratives'
5. The Rise and Development of Jesus Traditions (T. Holmén, S.E. Porter). Terminates in 2015
- a. Alan Kirk (USA, guest), 'Cognitive Science of Memory, Cultural Media, and the Origins of the Synoptic Tradition: What Are the Connections?'; b. Bruce Chilton (USA), 'Jesus Tradition in a Phase: The Platform of Mark's Gospel, Its Aramaic Sources and Mark's Achievement'; c. Armand Puig i Tàrrach (Spain), 'From the Last Supper to the Lord's Supper: A Test Case in Tradition'
6. The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity (E. Eung-Chun Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke). Terminates in 2015
- a. Jostein Ådna (Norway), 'The Eschatological Reconstitution of Israel and the Mission to the Nations: The Great Commission Pericope Read within the Context of the Gospel of Matthew'; respondent: Eugene Park (USA); b. Gosnell Yorke (Jamaica), 'From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth: An Afro-missiological Take on Acts 1:8'; c. Jean de Dieu Rafalimanana (Madagascar, guest), 'Biblical Reconciliation and Malagasy fihavanana: A Malagasy Reading of Ephesians 2:11-22'; respondent: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand)
7. Christian Apocryphal Literature (T. Nicklas, C.M. Tuckett, J. Verheyden). Terminates in 2015
- a. Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev (UK, guest), 'The Messiah as *Puer-Senex* in the Armenian "Lord's Infancy" and in Cognate Sources'; b. Korinna Zamfir (Romania), 'The Acts of Paul and Thecla: Some Observations for Further Discussion'; c. Christopher Tuckett (UK), 'How "Apocryphal" Were Apocryphal Gospels?'
8. Social History and the New Testament (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson). Terminates in 2014. Theme: 'Gender Issues'
- a. Cecilia Wassén (Sweden, guest), 'Impurity of Men and Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls'; b. Cilliers Breytenbach and Christine Zimmermann (Germany), 'Christian Women in Ancient Lycaonia'; c. Margaret MacDonald (Canada), 'Reevaluating Gender in the Pastoral Epistles in Light of Ancient Concepts and Practices of Education and Apprenticeship'
9. Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (J. Herzer, G. Oegema). Terminates in 2014. This seminar met jointly with Seminar 6
- a. Lutz Doering (UK/Germany), 'Community with and without a Temple in the Dead Sea Scrolls'; b. Christfried Bottrich (Germany), 'Das Lukasevangelium im Kontext frühjüdischer Literatur'; c. Gerbern S. Oegema (Canada), 'The Apocalyptic Legacy of Early Christianity'
10. 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. Dietrich-Alex Koch (Münster), 'Die Bedeutung der Literarkritik für die Auslegung des 2. Kor'; b. Reimund Bieringer (Leuven), 'Literary Criticism (Literarkritik) of 2 Corinthians: 1994-2014'; c. Wolfgang Wischmeyer (Wien, guest), 'Die Ignatiusbriefe im Lichte literarkritischer Forschung'
11. 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 in Relation to the Topic Throw on Matthew's Theological Location?'
- a. Lidija Novakovic (USA), 'In Relation to its Christology?'; respondent: Eric Wong (Hong Kong); b. Beate Kowalski (Germany), 'In Relation to its Attitude towards

- Gentiles?'; respondent: Gerd Häfner (Germany); c. Dan Gurtner (USA), 'In the light of Matthew 26-28?'; respondent: William Telford (UK)
12. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg). Terminates in 2014
- a. James R. Harrison (Australia), 'The Delphic Canon and the Ephebic Ethical Curriculum: Cultivating the Self and the Gods for Harmonious Social Relations in the Household and *Polis*'; respondent: Giovanni Bazzana (USA); b. John S. Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Financial Structures in Graeco-Roman Associations and the Organization of Pauline Christ Groups'; respondent: Christina Kreinecker (Austria); c. Richard S. Ascough (Canada), 'Epigraphic Evidence for Association Buildings and Early Christ Group Size'; respondent: Daniel Smith (Canada)
13. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (W. Campbell, M. Bachmann). Terminates in 2014
- a. Larry Welborn (USA), 'Inequality in Roman Corinth and Paul's Rejuvenation of the *isotes* Ideal in 2 Corinthians 8'; respondent: Judith M. Gundry (USA); b. Philip F. Esler (UK), 'Pauline Ecclesiology in 2 Corinthians from the Perspective of Social Identity Theory'; Respondent: William S. Campbell (UK); c. Kathy Ehrensperger (UK), 'The Pauline ἐκκλησία and Images of Community in Early Enoch Traditions in Bi-cultural Perspective'; respondent: Robert L. Brawley (USA)
14. New Testament Textual Criticism (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, and T. Wasserman). Terminates in 2018
- a. Peter Williams (UK), 'The Tyndale House Greek New Testament: Rationale and Editorial Principles'; respondent: Ulrich Schmid (Germany); b. David Trobisch (USA, guest), 'What is the Function of Printed Critical Editions?'; Respondent: Claire Clivaz (Switzerland); c. Klaus Wachtel (Germany), 'Constructing Local Stemmata for the *Editio Critica Maior* of Acts'; respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden)
15. Memory, Narrative, and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels (Profs S. Byrskog, J. Schröter and Dr S. Hultgren). Terminates in 2018
- a. Joseph Verheyden (Belgium), 'Memory and Gospel Writing – in Dialogue with Robert McIver'; respondent: Robert McIver (Australia); b. David du Toit (Germany), 'Treasuring Memory: Narrative Christology in and beyond Mark's Gospel'; c. Stephen Hultgren (Australia), 'Narrative Christology before the Gospels? Elijah Typology and the Memory of Jesus'
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Mary Rose D'Angelo (Cambridge, MA, USA), 'Roman "Family Values" and the Apologetic Concerns of Philo and Paul'
- 16:00 *Quaestiones Disputatae* were presented in the Main Lecture Theatre – 'How Greek is Paul's Eschatology?'; Prof. U. Schnelle (*President* and Chair); panelists: Profs G.H. van Kooten (Groningen, The Netherlands), O. Wischmeyer (Erlangen, Germany) and N.T. Wright (St. Andrews, UK)
- 18.30 Participants were invited to a concert at the New Synagogue, followed by dinner at the Fehértói Fishermen's Restaurant

THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2014

- 07.45 Morning Prayer (Dr Gergely Juhász) was held in the Honvéd téri Calvinist Church
- 08.45 A photograph of Conference participants was taken at the JATIK Congress Centre
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. J.K. Elliott (Leeds, UK), 'Change and Consistency in New Testament Textual Criticism' in the Main Lecture Theatre
- 11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. K.-W. Niebuhr (Jena, Germany), 'Jakobus und Paulus über den Menschen' in the Main Lecture Theatre
- 16.45 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- P. Danove (USA), 'The Rhetoric of the Characterization of Peter in the Gospel of Mark'
- A. Reinhartz (Canada), 'Reproach and Revelation: Ethics in John 11'
- M. Holmes (USA), 'Creation, Transmission, Collection: Reflections on the Formation of the Pauline Corpus'
- M. Wojciechowski (Poland), 'Healings, not Exorcisms: Evils Spirits as Impersonal Powers in the Gospels'
- P.-B. Smit (Netherlands), 'The Rise and Fall of the *Passivum Divinum*'

19.30 Participants enjoyed a Reception sponsored by Cambridge University Press to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of *New Testament Studies*, and a Gala dinner

FRIDAY 8th AUGUST 2014

08.30 Morning Prayer (Dr Balázs Levente Martos) was held in the Honvéd téri Calvinist Church

09.15 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- E. Aquilar (USA), 'The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark (Mk 15:37-39)'
- W. Campbell (UK), '"A Remnant of Them Will Be Saved" (Rom 9:27)'
- J. Gundry (USA), '"Why Should They Give Birth in Pain Only to Bury in Grief?" The Fate of Procreators in Apocalyptic Texts and the Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 7:28'
- D. MacDonald (USA), 'The Creation of the Title Son of Man by the Author of the Lost Gospel'
- Th. Witulski (Germany), 'Die vier apokalyptischen Reiter – ein neuer Versuch ihrer Deutung'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Five Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

- P. Anderson (USA), 'The Johannine Situation—Seven Crises over Seven Decades, a Key Component in John's Dialogical Autonomy'
- R. Aus (Germany), 'The Cursing of the Fig Tree in Mark 11:12-14, 20-21 and Judaic Tradition on Ps 1:3'
- A. du Toit (South Africa), 'A Rhetoric of Severity: Galatians and the περί ἰδεῶν λόγου of Hermogenes. Gal 1:1-10 as a test passage'
- E. Ramelli (Italy), '*Apokatastasis* in the New Testament: A Critical Assessment of Terminology and Notions'
- E. Wong (Hong Kong), 'Matthew Externalizes Jesus Christ in the Narrative of Baptism'

17.15 BUSINESS MEETING II

The *President*, Prof. Udo Schnelle, was in the chair, and about 144 participants were present in the Main Lecture Theatre.

BM2014/11 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Profs Adele Reinhartz and Josef Verheyden, together with Profs John Ekem and Manabu Tsuji (co-opted members), were due to retire from the Committee after the Szeged General Meeting. The *President* expressed thanks for their valued contributions to the work of the Society. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors, Profs Christine Gerber and Johan Thom to serve on the Committee for a period of three years (2014-17). The Society duly elected these members.

BM2014/12 Announcement of New Members

Dr Andrew Clarke (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of the 9 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:

Prof. Pieter J.J. Botha (Professor of New Testament & Early Christian Studies, University of South Africa)

Prof. Douglas Campbell (Professor of New Testament, The Divinity School, Duke University, USA)

Dr David J. Downs (Associate Professor of New Testament, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA)

Prof. Dr Alain Gignac (Professeur titulaire, Université de Montréal, Canada)

Rev. Prof. Hans-Georg Gradl (Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Director of the Emil-Frank-Institute, University of Trier, Germany)

Rev. Dr Mark Harding (Dean and CEO, Australian College of Theology)

Dr J. Ross Wagner (Associate Professor of New Testament, Duke University Divinity School, USA)

Dr Stephan Witetschek (Privat Dozent at the Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Munich, Germany)

Dr Adrian Wypadlo (Professor für Exegese des Neuen Testaments, University of Münster, Germany)

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

BM2014/13 Editors' Reports

1. *New Testament Studies*

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

- It was reported that 107 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. 27 had been accepted for publication. This represents an acceptance rate of about 25%.
- It was noted that the *Journal Editor* had begun to invite individual scholars to submit articles to the Journal. In particular, authors of forthcoming volumes in the Monograph Series would be invited to submit an article on a topic related to their monograph. Additionally, the *Journal Editor* had also commissioned articles from a few established scholars. It was further noted that some issues of the journal would include 2-3 articles addressing a prescribed theme. These articles would be subject to the usual review process.
- It has been agreed that the Press would provide members of the Society with free online access to the archive of *NTS* content, together with a uniform rate of around £25 for members wishing for print copies.
- The Press is marking the occasion of the Journal's 60th anniversary by inviting the *Journal Editor* to identify a representative selection of outstanding articles published over this period. These will be available on open access on the Journal's website.

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 R. Bieringer, A. Dettwiler, D. du Toit, L.A. Jervis, A. Standhartinger and M. Tsuji, who were due to retire from the Board at the end of 2014.

To replace these members, the Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period January 2015 – December 2017: E. Adams (London), E-M. Becker (Århus), L. Bormann (Erlangen), C. Clivaz (Lausanne), P. Esler (Cheltenham), J-W. van Henten (Amsterdam), M. Mayordomo Marín (Bern). 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 a distributed report on the Monograph Series.

New Publications: the following monographs had been published since the report presented at the 2013 General Meeting in Perth:

156 Adams: *The Genre of Acts and Collected Biography*

157 Liebengood: *The Eschatology of 1 Peter*

158 Scott: *The Hermeneutics of Christological Psalmody in Paul*

The following works have been delivered and are in production:

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

160 Easter: *Faith and the Faithfulness of Jesus in Hebrews*

161 Whittle: *Covenant Renewal and the Consecration of the Gentiles in Romans*

The following titles have been placed under contract:

162 Wheaton: *The Role of Jewish Feasts in John's Gospel*

163 Easter: *Paul's Political Strategy in 1 Corinthians 1-4*

164 Last: *The Pauline Church and the Corinthian Ekklesia*

4. *Thanks*

Thanks were expressed to Profs Watson and Trebilco, to members of the Editorial Board, and to Laura Morris (*Religious Studies Books Editor, CUP*) and Martine Walsh (*Senior Commissioning Editor, CUP*).

BM2014/14 Future General Meetings

• *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. Representatives from the Local Organising Committee gave a brief presentation inviting the Society to Amsterdam in 2015.

• *Montreal, Canada 2016*

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

• *Pretoria, South Africa 2017*

The invitation extended by the University of Pretoria was accepted.

• *Athens, Greece 2018*

The invitation extended by the University of Athens was accepted.

The *Secretary* noted that the Committee looks forward to receiving invitations for the years 2019-21.

BM2014/15 Programme of 70th General Meeting

70th General Meeting: Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 28 July – 1 August, 2015

1. *Presidential Address*

The *Secretary* reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Judith Lieu (Cambridge, UK)

2. *Main Papers, Short Main Papers, Quaestiones Disputatae*

The *Secretary* reported that Main Papers will be given by Profs Jean-Daniel Dubois (French); David Horrell (English); Amy-Jill Levine (English); Tobias Nicklas (German)

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, 2015. Members were reminded that they may give only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting.

Details of the topic and panellists for the *Quaestiones Disputatae* were scheduled to be announced in the February/March Newsletter.

3. *Seminars*

The *Secretary* drew attention to the following:

- The term of five seminars expired in Szeged, of which four had applied for continuation:
 - '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.A. Kelhoffer)
 - 'The Greek of the New Testament' (P. Danove, J. Piláez, J.W. Voelz) – approved to continue for 5 years
 - 'Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie' (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid) – approved to continue for 3 years
 - 'Social History and the New Testament' (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson) – approved to continue for 3 years
 - 'Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament' (J. Herzer, G. Oegema) – approved to continue for 5 years
- Two proposals for new seminars to begin in Amsterdam 2015 had been approved by the Committee:
 - a. 'Apostolic Fathers, Apologists and the History of Early Christianity' (C.K. Rothschild and C. Breytenbach). The proposal was approved, for 3 years
 - b. 'Revelation of John' (D.E. Aune, D. Hellholm and T. Witulski). The proposal was approved, for 3 years

This means that there will be 16 Seminars at the Amsterdam 2015 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.

BM2014/17 Any Other Business

The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Committee and to the Officers of the Society, including Prof. Martinus C. de Boer (*Secretary*), Drs Andrew Clarke (*Assistant Secretary*), Kathy Ehrensperger (*Treasurer*), Prof. William Loader (*Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*).

Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers for a very successful General Meeting at the University of Szeged, and especially to Dr György Benyik (Chair of the Local Organising Committee, which included Dr Beatrix Radnóti-Márton, Katalin Bartucz, Dr Endre Horváth, Agnes Miskolci and Ákos Farkas).

The *President* then declared the 69th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

18.30 Participants were invited to dinner in the garden of Roosevelt Square

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST 2014

There was an optional excursion to Budapest, visiting the Hungarian Parliament and Buda Castle.