

STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS

The 64th GENERAL MEETING OF SNTS

MINUTES of the 64th GENERAL MEETING held at the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria during 4th – 8th August 2009.

TUESDAY 4th AUGUST 2009

19.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The President, Professor Dr Andrie du Toit, was in the chair, and about 200 participants were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Auditorium Maximumum. The President warmly welcomed those present, and especially new members and guests, to the 64th General Meeting of the Society.

BM2009/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from a number of members, including the following former Presidents of the Society: Profs. Tjitze Baarda, C.K. Barrett, Peder Borgen, Francois Bovon, Marinus de Jonge and Robin McL. Wilson.

BM2009/02 Deaths of Former Members and Resignations

The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following: Profs. S. Agourides, J. L. Blevins, H. Chadwick, B. Corsani, P. Grelot, M. Hengel (former President), J. Heriban, H. W. Hoehner, K. Kertelge, N. Q. King, E. Larsson, E. Lövestam, H. Nakagawa, W. Schmithals, D. Scholer, G. N. Stanton (former President), K. Sullivan, J. Sweet, J. L. de Villiers, and E. S. Wehrli. Members observed a minute's silence in memory of these scholars.

Resignations from the Society were received from the following scholars: Profs. R. Gundry, C. J. den Heyer, Th. C. de Kruijf, M. Reiser.

BM2009/03 Minutes of the General Meeting in Lund

The Minutes of the Business Meetings held in Lund, Sweden in 2008 were approved and signed.

BM2009/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

BM2009/05 Arrangements for the 2009 Meeting

The Secretary announced that 365 participants had registered for the Vienna conference. Some last-minute alterations to the programme, as printed, were noted. 18 offered short papers were included in the programme again this year, and chairs for these sessions were sought. On behalf of the local organisers, Prof. Willi Pratscher then welcomed participants to Vienna and addressed questions about arrangements.

BM2009/06 Nomination and Election of Officers

Members formally elected Professor Adela Yarbro Collins to become President-Elect of the Society (to become President at the 2010 meeting in Berlin).

The Committee intimated, and the Society approved, the nomination of Professor Armand Puig i Tàrrrech to become Deputy President-Elect, with a view to taking up office at the 2011 meeting in Annandale-on-the-Hudson.

The President noted that Professor Ron Piper would complete his second and final term as Assistant Secretary of the Society at the end of 2009. Proposals from members and applications for the position had been canvassed in the autumn mailing. The Committee

considered the applications that had been received and recommended to the Society the appointment of Dr Andrew Clarke (Aberdeen). Members approved the appointment for a five-year term from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2014.

BM2009/07 International Initiatives

The Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives, Prof. Bernard Lategan, had circulated a concise report covering the six months from January to June 2009.

Three 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 next International Symposium will be held in Minsk (Belarus) in September 2010 and funding is being sought to cover travel costs. Accommodation and conference facilities are being generously offered by the Belarussian hosts.
- Papers of the International Symposium in Sambata (2007) will be published this year by Mohr Siebeck.
- The St Petersburg Biblical Library received several hundred volumes on Patristics, supported by funding from Switzerland arranged by Prof. Luz.
- Financial challenges exist for the maintenance and staffing of both libraries.
- The donation of the scholarly library of Prof. Traugott Holtz will be mostly distributed to the Sofia Bibliotheca Biblica.
- The positive ecumenical effect of these library initiatives was particularly noted.

b. African Liaison Committee (ALC)

- Dr Loba-Mkole was introduced as the newly elected chair of the ALC and has approached several African colleagues with a view to establish regional committees.
- NT scholars in Africa will be meeting at the African Division of the United Bible Societies in Dar es Salaam in 2010 for a conference on "African Languages and the Development of Linguistic and Biblical Studies".
- The Nairobi liaison group has been particularly active, beginning with a first meeting in December 2008 at Hekima College and a second meeting in April 2009 at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. Group members have also engaged in scholarly publishing and in doctoral research projects on interculturality as part of an "Intercultural Mediation Program".

c. Asian Region

- Prof. J. J. Kanagaraj is leading efforts to establish an Asian Liaison Committee, and a meeting will take place in Vienna to explore this further.
- Some members with ties to Latin America and the Pacific Rim regions have also been approached with a view to similar initiatives in these areas.

d. Other regions

Prof. Lategan requested members to help identify possible contacts in Latin America to develop links there.

2. *New Initiatives: An Electronic Library*

Prof. Lategan presented the need to establish an electronic library resource for New Testament research that overcomes geographical and physical limitations. This would not seek to replace existing physical libraries, but rather to provide additional access and perhaps resources. Such e-resources already exist in many established universities, but there is still a need to engage publishers in such a project. The project faces a number of challenges (cost, copyright, software, etc.), but would potentially have benefits for NT scholarship world-wide. Prof. Lategan invited all

members to a special session at 1600 on Wednesday afternoon to pursue this further by determining what already exists, what such a resource should include, and how such a resource would work.

3. *Promotion of the scholarly study of the New Testament internationally*

Prof. Lategan emphasised the need further to consider what it means to promote the scholarly study of the New Testament internationally. A growing interest in the Bible in parts of the world does not necessarily bring a parallel interest in the scholarly study of the NT. The contribution of SNTS to such an agenda is currently being explored with the Committee.

BM2009/08 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Dr H. K. Bond, commented upon the draft financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2009. 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:

- The modest surplus (just under £2,000) this year in the General Fund was encouraging. This was partly helped by currency movements in relation to subscriptions.
- Income from investments and interest, however, has gone down by more than 50% in the past year.
- With respect to the outgoings from the International Fund, the high level of grants in 2008-9 (Lund) resulted in the International Fund spending some £6,000 more than it received last year. The current balance now rests at just over £40,000.

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

- There was no pressing need at this time to raise subscription rates for members.
- The proportions by which top-tier subscription income were distributed between the General Fund and the International Fund (currently about 55:45) should be modestly adjusted to 60:40 because the General Fund (in contrast to the International Fund) was unrestricted in use. This will give more flexibility in meeting future demands.
- The deadline by which applications from members for use of the International Fund should be changed from 31 March to 1 December. This earlier date would allow such members to book cheaper flights and deal with visa issues.
- The financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2009 should be approved.

For its part, the General Meeting of the Society approved the above proposals.

The Treasurer reminded members that it was helpful if they paid their membership subscriptions on time and that it is still possible to make donations to the International Fund. In years when the SNTS meeting is close to home, members may wish to make a special contribution to this Fund. Finally, the Treasurer thanked the regional treasurers for their sterling help and Dr Bruce Longenecker for his assistance in achieving a smooth transition between Treasurers.

BM2009/09 Any Other Business

1. Members were encouraged before the second Business meeting to check the sheet of nominations for new members that was posted and to pass any comments to the Assistant Secretary or other Committee members before the second Committee meeting.
2. Participants were informed that the Society had received an invitation from Murdoch University in Perth, Australia for its annual meeting in 2013. Bill and Gisela Loader made a short presentation in support of the invitation. The President reported that the Committee had carefully considered the invitation and was inclined to recommend acceptance, but members should have an opportunity to consider and put questions to the Loaders during the conference. At the second General Business Meeting on Friday, the Committee will seek the formal approval of the membership.

The first Business Meeting was then concluded.

- 20.00 A Reception was given by the Rector of Vienna University in the University Arcades. Participants were warmly welcomed to the University.
- 20.15 A Reception was hosted in the University Arcades by de Gruyter Publishers, celebrating the 100th issue of *Zeitschrift für neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*.

WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST 2009

- 08.00 Morning Prayers (in English) were held in the Votivkirche by the Prof. James D. G. Dunn.
- 09.00 Professor Dr Andreas Lindemann was inducted as President of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled "... ἐκτρέφετε αὐτὰ ἐν παιδείᾳ καὶ νοουθεσίᾳ κυρίου (Eph 6,4): Kinder in der Welt des frühen Christentums" at a plenary session of the Society.
- 10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken.
- 11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held, with the following subjects and formal leadership:
1. Christliche Literatur des späten ersten Jahrhunderts und des zweiten Jahrhunderts / Christian Literature of the Late First Century and the Second Century (Prof. Dr F. Prostmeier and Dr H. van de Sandt)
 2. The Dead Sea Scrolls in Relation to Early Judaism and Early Christianity (Prof. J. J. Collins and Prof. Dr J. Frey)
 3. The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament: Language, Culture, Ideas (Prof. S. E. Porter and Prof. Dr P. Arzt-Grabner; co-adviser Prof. L. Rydbeck)
 4. The Greek of the New Testament (Prof. Dr C. C. Caragounis and Prof. J.W. Voelz)
 5. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (Prof. Dr U. Schnelle and Prof. Dr M. Seifrid)
 6. The Johannine Writings (Prof. M. M. Thompson and Prof. Dr R. Zimmermann)
 7. The Septuagint and the New Testament (Prof. Dr W. Kraus and Prof. W.R.G. Loader)
 8. New Challenges for New Testament Hermeneutics in the 21st Century (Prof. B. McLean and Prof. Dr O. Wischmeyer)
 9. The Jewish World in New Testament Times (Prof. S. Freyne, Prof. J. W. van Henten and Prof. W. Horbury)
 10. The Reception of Paul (Prof. D. Moessner and Prof. Clare K. Rothschild)
 11. Shaping Traditions about Jesus (Prof. I. Gruenwald and Prof. Dr P. Pokorný)
 12. History and Theology of Mission in the New Testament: Global Challenges and Opportunities (Prof. Dr J. Ådna, Prof. J. Kanagaraj, Prof. S. Tofană)
 13. Pauline Theology in Galatians and Romans (Prof. B. Gaventa, Prof. J. M. G. Barclay and Prof. Dr M. C. de Boer)
 14. The Acts of the Apostles and Ancient Historiography (Prof. Dr K. Backhaus, Prof. Dr J. Schröter, Prof. G. Sterling)
 15. Christian Apocryphal Literature (Prof. Dr T. Nicklas, Prof. C. M. Tuckett and Prof. Dr J. Verheyden)
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Dr Vasile Mihoc: "L'Évangile visible. Les saintes icônes, 'prédication silencieuse' de la Parole et guides de son interprétation".
- 16.00 A Special Meeting open to all participants was convened by the Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives, Prof. B. Lategan, to consider a project for an electronic New Testament research library.
- 19.00 A Reception and Buffet Dinner was hosted by the Mayor of Vienna in the City Hall.

THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2009

- 08.00 Morning Prayers (in German) were held in the Votivkirche, led by Prof. Dr Michael Wolter.

- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Margaret Y. MacDonald: "Beyond Identification of the Topos of Household Management: Reading the Household Codes in Light of Recent Methodologies and Theoretical Perspectives in the Study of the New Testament".
- 11.15 The second session of Seminar groups was held.
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Dr Manabu Tsuji: "Persönliche Korrespondenz des Paulus: Zur Strategie der Pastoralbriefe als Pseudepigrapha".
- 16.15 Six offered short papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
- Bradley McLean: "The Crisis of Historicism and the Problem of Historical Meaning in New Testament Studies".
 - Eve-Marie Becker: "Die markinischen Summarien als hermeneutischer Schlüssel zu Mk 1 – 6".
 - J. Albert Harrill: "God Demands Death for Forswearing : Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)".
 - Folker Siegert: "Eine integrierte Theorie der Entstehung der vier Evangelien".
 - Camille Focant: "La paix de Dieu, celle qui surpasse toute intelligence (Ph 4,7)".
 - Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole: "Intercultural Exegesis of 1 Thessalonians".
- 18.00 Participants were invited to String Quartet Concert by the Felicitas Quartet in the Auditorium Maximum of Vienna University.
- 20.00 A Heurigen Dinner was hosted by the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches of Austria.

FRIDAY 7th AUGUST 2009

- 08.00 Morning Prayers (French) were held in the Votivkirche, led by Prof. Dr Odette Mainville.
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given by Prof. Dr Samuel Vollenweider: "Hymnus, Enkomion oder Psalm? Schattengefächte in der neutestamentliche Wissenschaft".
- 11.15 The third session of Seminar groups was held.
- 14.15 Six offered short papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
- Jesús Paláez: "A New Method of Semantic Analysis, Applied to New Testament Lexicography".
 - Lars Rydbeck: "The Disappeared Pillow: Mark 4:35-41 cum parallelis".
 - Dennis MacDonald: "Luke's Lost Source: Papias' 'Exegesis of Dominical Logia'".
 - Richard Bell: "A Theology of Mind: Reading Paul with Kant and Schopenhauer".
 - Seyoon Kim: "Rom 12:1-2 as an Antidote to Rom 1:18-32".
 - Norbert Baumert: "Ἐπίγνωσις bei Paulus – Ein Beitrag zur 'New Perspective'".
- 16.00 Six offered short papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:
- Bernardo Estrada: "The Last Beatitude: Joy in Suffering".
 - Mogens Müller: "Zur Herkunft des lukanischen Schriftbeweises".
 - James A. Kelhoffer: "The Depictions of Paul's Suffering in Colossians and Second Timothy".
 - Kathy Ehrensperger: "'... nothing is in itself unclean': Hospitality and Paul's Discussion of 'koinos' and 'katharos' in Romans 14:14 and 14:20".
 - Michał Wojciechowski: "Marriage as Ownership: An Overlooked Background of New Testament Sayings on Marriage and Divorce".
 - Ruben Zimmermann: "A Paradigm Shift in German Parable Exegesis? Opening up Horizons of Understanding".

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING II

The President, Professor Dr Andreas Lindemann, was in the chair, and about 200 participants were present in the Auditorium Maximum.

The Society was informed of the death of one additional member, Professor David Dungan. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Prof. Dungan.

BM2009/10 Nomination and Election of Committee Members

Professors William R. G. Loader and Angela Standhartinger were due to retire from the Committee after the Vienna meeting. The President expressed thanks for their important contributions to the work of the Society. The Committee was pleased to recommend as their successors Prof. Dr Michael Wolter and Prof. Margaret MacDonald to serve on the Committee for a period of three years (2009 to 2012). The Society approved these nominations.

The President reported that Professor Dr Henk Jan de Jonge is the nominee of the Committee to serve as the next Deputy President-Elect (to become President in Leuven in 2012).

BM2009/11 Editors' Reports

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

a. New Testament Studies

(i) *Supply and Quality of Articles* . Prof. Barclay reported that just over 100 papers had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. The queue for publication is quite short (6 to 9 months), however, partly because of the high standard for quality that is maintained. Quality is the watchword for the Journal. Prof. Barclay did invite members to recognise the many advantages of publishing their best essays in the Journal rather than in collections of essays, which get far less notice. Publication in an international, peer-reviewed, quality-assessed Journal, which would never go out of print, could also be advantageous to the career progression of younger and mid-career scholars.

(ii) *CUP Review* Upon the change in editorship, Cambridge University Press (CUP) commissioned a review, soliciting comments from several respected international scholars. This stimulated a policy review by the Editorial Board, which made the following recommendations.

- The Journal should welcome the highest quality contributions from any of a wide breadth of methodological approaches.
- The languages used in printed copies of the Journal should continue to be English, French and German. To give access to the Journal to scholars whose dominant language is other than these three, however, the Board was prepared to consider a wider range of languages for the on-line version of the Journal to sit alongside the translated version that appears in print.
- The Editor should be given discretion occasionally to commission article-length reviews of major books. Such reviews could be cross-language.
- The Editor should be given discretion to permit the publication of responses to articles when there are issues of major significance and the response offers something genuinely new to the debate.
- The occasional use of a special issue of the Journal to highlight the work of a seminar group or to showcase new methods of NT scholarship should be permitted, but not at the expense of quality.

(iii) *Subscription Rates.* The rates for Volume 56 (2010) are provisionally as follows (this year's figures in brackets):

Institutions (print & on-line):	£135 (130) / \$249 (240)
On-line only	£123 (118) / \$223 (214)
Print Only:	£127 (122) / \$228 (220)
ABTAPL	£95 (95)
Journal Donation Project (institutions)	£26 (26)
Individuals:	£46 (46) / \$76 (76)
SNTS Members:	£42 (42) / \$68 (68)*
Retired Members:	£22 (22) / \$40 (40)*

Students: £20 (20) / \$36 (36)

* Plus membership subscriptions for those who are members.

The Board expressed pleasure that no increases in subscriptions for students, individuals and Members were forecast.

(iv) *Details of Circulation and Usage.* A report had been received from CUP giving details of on-line access to the Journal. This showed a higher level of such use than for other CUP journals in theology and religion. Concern was expressed, however, about the noticeable decline in SNTS members subscribing as individuals to the Journal.

(v) *Thanks.* Prof. Barclay noted the support of Cambridge University Press in preparing a new publicity leaflet for the Journal, and particularly thanked Ms Martine Walsh and Ms Melanie Howe of CUP for their help with the Journal. In addition, Laura Morris of CUP was thanked for her work with the Monograph Series.

b. Monograph Series

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

New Publications. Two monographs have been published since the report presented at the Lund meeting in 2008:

144 Padilla: *The Speeches of Outsiders in Acts* (2 September 2008)

145 Walters: *The Assumed Authorial Unity of Luke and Acts* (12 February 2009)

The following works are currently in production:

146 Sleeman: *Geography and the Ascension Narrative in Acts* (due October 09)

147 Myers: *The Ituraeans and the Roman Near East* (due January 2010)

One further title on an aspect of Paul's eschatology is awaiting Syndicate approval

c. New Members of the Editorial Board

Appreciation was expressed to Professors S. Byrskog, E. Cuvillier, J. B. Green, J. Herzer, J. J. Kanagaraj, and P. Trebilco, who are due to retire from the Board at the end of 2009. The Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve in their place, during the period 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2012: Dr D. C. Allison, Dr D. L. Balch, Prof. M. W. Holmes, Prof. Dr M. Konradt, Prof. Dr H. Löhr and Dr H. Moxnes. Members of the Society gave their approval to these nominations.

d. Other Matters

In response to questions, the Editor indicated that he would investigate some recent problems with regard to the renewal of Journal subscriptions.

BM2009/12 Election of New Members.

The election of 17 scholars as new members of the Society was confirmed:

Dr Reidar Aasgaard (University of Oslo, Norway), Dr theol. Manfred Diefenbach, PD Dr Judith Hartenstein (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany), Prof. Dr Matthias Klinghardt (Technische Universität Dresden, Germany), Dr Todd Klutz (University of Manchester, England), Prof. Dr Bartholomeüs Johannes Koet (University of Utrecht/Tilburg, Netherlands), Prof. Dr Annette Merz (University of Utrecht, Netherlands), Prof. Dr Bernhard Mutschler (Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany), Prof. Dr Heike Omerzu (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Prof. Kyriakoula Papademetriou (University of Thessaloniki, Greece), PD Dr Silke Petersen (University of Hamburg, Germany), Dr theol. Uwe-Karsten Plisch (Hannover, Germany), Dr Ilaria Ramelli (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy), Dr C. Kavin Rowe (Divinity School, Duke University, USA), PD Dr Martin Vahrenhorst (Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel, Germany), Prof. George H. van Kooten (University

of Groningen, Netherlands), PD Dr Christiane Zimmermann (Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany).

BM2009/13 Future General Meetings.

Berlin 2010 (27th -31st July) Prof. Dr C. Breytenbach introduced an impressive video presentation about the arrangements for the meeting in Berlin, which warmly invited members of the Society to attend. The conference will be hosted by the Humboldt University of Berlin and will coincide with the 200th anniversary of the University. The principal venue for sessions will be the main building of the University. A wide range of accommodation will be available, and a travel pass will be included in the registration. There will be opportunities to visit some of Berlin's outstanding museums. A variety of excursions will be available to accompanying persons during the week and to all participants on Saturday.

Annandale-on-the-Hudson, New York 2011 (2-6 August) In 2005 the Society accepted an invitation to hold its 2011 meeting at Bard College, Annandale-on-the-Hudson, New York. Preparations are advancing well.

Leuven 2012 (31st July – 4th August) In 2007 the Society accepted an invitation from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven to host its 2012 meeting.

Invitation from Perth 2013 (22-26 July) It had been intimated at the first General Business Meeting that an invitation had been received to hold the 2013 meeting in Perth, Australia. For its part, the Committee had carefully considered the proposal and strongly recommended its acceptance. An extended discussion of the proposal occurred, which highlighted several issues and concerns, as well as expressions of support. There was a call for a vote by a show of hands, and the invitation was accepted by a very substantial majority.

BM2009/14 Programme of Future Meetings.

Berlin 2010

a. *Main Papers and Short Main Papers.* The Secretary reported that the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Adela Yarbro Collins. Invited Main Papers will be given by Prof. Dr P. Arzt-Grabner (Austria), Dr A. Dettwiler (Switzerland), Dr L. C. A. Alexander (UK) and Prof. E. S. Malbon (USA). Opportunities will again exist for members to offer short papers to be read in simultaneous sessions. Any member wishing to offer such a paper is asked to send a proposal to the Secretary before 1 February 2010. Members may give only one paper (of any kind) per General Meeting.

b. *Seminars.* The Secretary drew attention to the following:

- Fifteen seminars were held in Vienna.
- Three seminars are due to terminate this year: The LXX and the New Testament, Shaping Traditions about Jesus, and The Johannine Writings*.
- One seminar is to be continued for a further term: Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie. [*Note: It has subsequently been confirmed that the Johannine Writings seminar will also continue for a further term.]
- Three proposals for new seminars to begin in Berlin 2010 were approved:
 - "Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament" (J. Herzer and G. Oegema)
 - "New Testament Ethics in Hellenistic and Modern Context" (F. W. Horn, D. Horrell, E. Baasland).
 - "Social History and the New Testament" (H Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson).

The Secretary noted that one other proposal was likely to be re-submitted upon further clarification.

The Secretary also drew members' attention to some more general matters regarding seminars:

- It has been the culture of the Society for members to sign up for a single seminar and normally to attend all three sessions of that seminar.

- There has been a recent problem with late cancellation of seminars and changes of leadership. It was requested that such changes mid-year be avoided.
- Seminar leaders were encouraged carefully to read the guidelines for seminars.

BM2009/15 Any Other Business

- Retiring Assistant Secretary.* The President noted that Prof. Ronald A. Piper was completing his second and final term of office as Assistant Secretary of the Society at the end of 2009, after serving ten years in the post. The warm appreciation of the Society was expressed for the work that he had done, and a gift was presented as a token of the Society's gratitude for his contribution to its activities.
- Thanks to the Local Organisers for Vienna.* The President expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the local conference organisers for a very successful conference, and gratitude was especially expressed to Wilhelm Pratscher, Susanne Pratscher, Roman Kühschelm, Markus Öhler, Martin Stowasser, Markus Lang, Andreas Heindl, Veronika Tropper, and Hannelore Niedermayer. The very efficient team of stewards and other helpers was also recognised and thanked.

The President then declared the 64th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.

1845 The closing **Conference Dinner** took place at the Rathauskeller in Vienna.

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2009

Optional excursions included the following:

- (1) Burgenland Impression, touring Austria's easternmost province around Lake Neusiedl and stopping at the Castle of Forchtenstein.
- (2) The Romantic Danube Valley – Wachau, including stops at Melk (to visit the Benedictine Monastery) and Dürnstein with its Kuenringer castle.