**STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS**

**MEETING OF THE SNTS COMMITTEE at the 74th General Meeting
at the philipPs universitäT Marburg, GERMANY**

**MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 30th JULY, 2019**

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The FIRST BUSINESS MEETING was held at 17.00, on Tuesday 30th July, 2019, in the Hörsaal Audimax.

# Prof. J. Zumstein (*President,* in the Chair)

# BM2019/01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

# The *President* welcomed all present to the 74th General Meeting of the Society, especially those new members of the Society and guests; and officially declared the General Meeting open with the striking of the gavel.

* Apologies: Morna Hooker (*President* [Cambridge, 1988]) sent her apologies.

# BM2019/02 Deaths of (former) Members

# Members (or former members) whose deaths had come to the attention of the *Secretary* since the last General Meeting were:

* + William Baird (USA; Life Member; Jan 2018)
	+ Frederick Borsch (USA; Apr 2017)
	+ John Court (UK; Mar 2019)
	+ Margaret Davies (UK; Mar 2019)
	+ Paul Ellingworth (UK; Life Member; Nov 2018)
	+ Owen Evans (UK; Oct 2018)
	+ Robert Fortna (USA; Feb 2017)
	+ Corrado Marrucci (Italy; Jun 2016)
	+ Gail O’Day (USA; Sep 2018)
* Members were asked to stand and observe a minute’s silence in memory of these deceased members.
* Members knowledgeable of other deaths of former members were invited to alert the *Secretary* during the course of the General Meeting or afterwards, preferably by email. These deaths will be announced at the next General Meeting in Rome (2020).

# BM2019/03 Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting in Athens, Greece, 2018

# The Minutes are available on the Society’s website ([snts.international](http://snts.international/)) and were summarised for the April issue of *NTS*. They were approved.

* The approved minutes were signed by the *President* and given to the *Secretary*.

# BM2019/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous General Meeting

# There were no Matters Arising, not otherwise dealt with in the Business Meetings.

# BM2019/05 Arrangements for the 2019 General Meeting

* Lukas Bormann (Chair of the LOC) and Angela Standhartinger welcomed the Society to the City and University. Prof. Standhartinger announced that the Society would be led by the local organizers

The *Secretary* The Secretaryreported the number of registered participants (263), noting members (221) and guests (42); publishers (18); accompanying persons (40); LOC (7) – in all attending (328); the number of seminars (18) and distribution of delegates in the seminars (ranging from 5 to 31).

* Prof. Adele Reinhartz will not be able to attend the meeting. Additionally, Thorsten Jentsch will present a simultaneous short paper on Friday.

**BM2019/06 Election of *President* for the 75th General Meeting in Rome, Italy (2020)**

* Last year the Committee nominated Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA) to be the *President* of the Society at its 75th General Meeting of the Society in Rome, Italy. The Society elected her by way of applause.
* Until the Rome (2020) General Meeting, she will serve on the Committee as *President-Elect.*

# BM2019/07 Nomination of *President* for the 76th General Meeting in Melbourne, Australia (2021)

# The Committee nominated Prof. John Barclay (UK) to be *President* of the Society at its 76th General Meeting in Melbourne, Australia. Prof. Barclay was asked to stand. The Society will vote on this nomination at the General Meeting in Rome (2020). As the nominee of the Committee, Prof. Barclay now becomes the *Presidential Nominee* for 2021.

* Prof. Michael Wolter *(Past President)* was warmly thanked for his service to the Society over the past 4 years.

# BM2019/08 Officers and Committee Member

# It was noted at the Athens (2018) General Meeting that a second nomination to join the Committee had not been confirmed. Prof. Gosnell Yorke (Zambia) accepted the Committee’s invitation to be nominated, and was proposed to serve with immediate effect for the period 2019-21. The membership was asked to show its approval in the usual way, by way of applause.

* The membership was invited to note that the first terms of office of the *Secretary* and *Assistant Secretary* were to an end in December 2020. Members were encouraged to consider applying for either or both of these five-year posts, to start in January 2021. Further details and a brief application pack are available from the *Secretary.*

# BM2019/09 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary,* Prof. Todd Still, reported that the Committee approved 57 nominations of new members for consideration. He announced these names (and their country), and confirmed that this list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board. Members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee meeting on Friday.

# BM2019/10 International Initiatives

* The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives,* Prof. Bill Loader, spoke to his circulated report covering the year to June 2019.

# BM2019/11 Treasurer’s Report

* The *Treasurer,* Prof. Paul Foster, spoke to his circulated report and draft Financial Statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2019. Prof. Foster announced that members currently paying in British Pound Sterling will be brought into parity with members paying in Euros.

# BM2019/12 The Shape and Future of the Society

* *President Elect*, Prof. John Kloppenborg, was invited to highlight the discussions and decisions of the Committee (in conversation with the Working Group) regarding the shape and the future of the Society. (Of particular concern was mean age; gender; underrepresented regions; and methodological perspectives.) The Working Group considered various issues pertaining to the Society’s membership and its composition, as well as the guest policy, and prepared recommendations as requested. The Working Group included the following: Profs John Kloppenborg (Chair; *President Elect;* Canada), Margaret Mitchell (*Presidential Nominee* for 2020; USA), Andrew Clarke (*Secretary;* UK), Todd Still (*Assistant Secretary;* USA), William Loader (*Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives;* Australia), Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (Kenya) and Dr Christina Kreinecker (Austria).
* *President Elect* Kloppenburg summarised the report of the Working Group. The Committee recommended the following be brought to the membership: 6 invited main papers instead of 4; a more relaxed guest policy (present policy: a guest may be invited once every 4 years)—3 invitations within a 5-year period, which can be repeated. This policy will be reviewed by the Committee at regular intervals. Relatedly, members will be allowed to invite up to two guests and are strongly encouraged to keep the Society’s commitment to diversity in mind when doing so. Regarding the category of Associate Membership, the Committee was unable to arrive at a proposal. (In an informal poll, there was genuine difference and indecision among the Committee.) That being said, the Committee remains committed to the priorities outlined above. Moving forward, the Committee will form a standing sub-committee on membership in order to continue to monitor the matter.

# BM2019/13 Any Other Business

* The *Secretary* reported that the Society has been invited by Tutku Tours to hold its annual meeting in 2022 in Izmir, Turkey and showed a brief presentation extending an invitation.
* The *President* closed the meeting and invited all present to the Welcome Reception held in the Alte Aula at 18.15pm.

18.15 The Society was welcomed to an opening reception at Alte Aula.

**WEDNESDAY 31st July, 2019**

08.15 Morning Prayers in French (Prof. Andreas Dittwiler) were held at St. Peter and Paul Church.

08.50 Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled ‘Social Networks in Early Christianity’ at a plenary session of the Society in the Hörsaal Audimax.

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken outside of the Hörsaalgebäude.

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 of Friday):

‘Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity’ (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in 2020

* a. Joseph Verheyden (Belgium) – respondent: Henk Jan de Jonge (Netherlands)
* b. Johan Thom (South Africa) – respondent: Paul Foster (UK)
* c. Lee McDonald (USA) – respondent: Cilliers Breytenbach (Germany)

‘The Greek of the New Testament’ (Paul Danove, Jesús Peláez and James Voelz) – terminates in 2019

* a. James Voelz (USA), ‘Standard/Classical Greek Grammatical Features in the Gospel according to Mark and their Importance for Interpretation’
* b. Stanley Porter (Canada), ‘Linguistic Stylistics and the Possibilities of New Testament Interpretation’
* c. Adelbert Denaux (Belgium), ‘Semitisms in the Gospel of Luke’

‘Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie’ (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2019

* a. Thomas Söding (Germany), ‘Kerygma ohne Jesus? Bultmanns Paulusbild als Provokation’
* b . Andreas Lindemann (Germany), ‘“Die Geschichte der synoptischen Tradition” und die hermeneutische Theologie Rudolf Bultmanns’
* c. Stephen Hultgren (Australia), ‘Event, Word, Faith: (Critically) Engaging Bultmann in Johannine Theology’

‘The Johannine Writings’ (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in 2020

* a. Jörg Frey (Switzerland), ‘The Farewell Discourses in Scholarly Discussion’ – respondent: Christina Hoegen-Rohls (Germany)
* b. Martin Winter (Germany), ‘Die Gattungsfrage in Johannes 13–17 im neueren Diskurs’ – respondent: Craig Koester (USA)
* c. Klaus Scholtissek (guest, Germany), ‘Jesu Abschied? Liebe, Einwohnung und Geist in Johannes 14’ – respondent: Olivia Rahmsdorf (guest, Germany)

‘The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts’ (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in 2020

* a. Stefan Schreiber (Germany), ‘Der politische Lukas. Zur kulturellen Interaktion des lukanischen Doppelwerks mit dem Imperium Romanum’ – respondent: Christfried Böttrich (Germany)
* b. Kathy Ehrensperger (Germany), ‘“Every Tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord’ (Philippians 2:11) and Subordination to the Ruling Powers – Struggling with Paul in the Shadow of the Empire’ – respondent: Ann Jervis (Canada)
* c. Stephan Witetschek (Germany), ‘Distanz und Teilhabe: Positionierungen gegenüber römischer Herrschaft und hellenistischer Normalität in der Johannesapokalypyse’ – respondent: Fabian Santiago (guest, Mexico)

‘The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity’ (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2021

* a. Eugene Eung-Chun Park (USA), ‘Katallagē as a new paradigm of Paul’s understanding of his apostolic mission in Second Corinthians’ – respondent: Gosnell Yorke (Zambia)
* b. Manabu Tsuji (Japan), ‘“Suffering as a Christian’ (1 Peter 4:16): Christian identity in the early Christian mission’ – respondent: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand)
* c. Rachael Tan (guest, Taiwan), ‘The Carmen Christi in Early Christianity and an Alternative Reading of Philippians 2:5-11 with Emphasis on Phroneō and Paul’s Perspective on Humiliation and Exaltation’ – respondent: TBA

‘Hebrews’ (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in 2020

* a. Hermut Löhr (Germany), ‘Der Hebräerbrief und die “Zweite Sophistik”: Zu Einleitungsfragen des Hebräerbriefs / Hebrews and the “Second Sophistic”: On Introductory Matters of Hebrews’– respondent: Gabriella Gelardini (Switzerland)
* b. Mary Ann Beavis (Canada), ‘Intention and Purpose of Hebrews / Absicht und Zielsetzung des Hebräerbriefs’ – respondent: Wolfgang Kraus (Germany)
* c. Christian Grappe (France), ‘Absicht und Zielsetzung des Hebräerbriefs / Intention and Purpose of Hebrews’ – respondent: James Thompson (USA)

‘Social History and the New Testament’ (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2022

* a. Alexander Weiss (guest, Germany): ‘Jesus, Paul and the Augustan Marriage Laws’ – respondent: Margaret MacDonald (Canada)
* b. Lutz Doering (Germany), ‘Jewish Law in Antiquity: Between Norm and Praxis’ – respondent: Karin Hedner Zetterholm (Sweden)
* c. Albert Harrill (USA), ‘Laying Down the Law for All: Hellenistic Circular Edicts (ἐντολαί) and the Epistolary Form of Ephesians’ – respondent: TBA

‘The Phenomenon of Pseudepigraphy’ (Christine Gerber and Adela Yarbro Collins) – terminates in 2021

* a. Olivia Stewart Lester (guest, USA), ‘Second Temple Jewish literature’ – respondent: John Collins (USA)
* b. Martina Janßen (Germany), ‘Greek Literature’ – respondent: Annette Merz (Netherlands)
* c. Adela Yarbro Collins (USA), ‘Roman Religion in Latin’ – respondent: Stefan Krauter (Germany)

‘Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward’ (Simon Butticaz, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2023

* a. Bart Ehrman (USA), ‘Katabasis in the Acts of Thomas’
* b. Janet Spittler (USA), ‘Resurrection in the Acts of John’ – respondent: Silke Petersen (Germany). Joint session with seminar 17 Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches
* c. Rémi Gounelle (guest, France), ‘Les Actes Apocryphes des Apôtres: des textes énigmatique’

‘Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament’ (Peter Arzt-Grabner and James Harrison) – terminates in 2023

* a. James Harrison (Australia) ‘The Ephesian Citizenship Decrees and the New Testament Understanding of an Alternative Citizenship’
* b. Peter Malik (guest, Germany), ‘P.Beatty III (P47) and Company: Reinvestigating the Papyri of the Johannine Apocalypse’ – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden). Joint session with seminar 13 New Testament Textual Criticism
* c. Philip Esler (UK), ‘Joseph’s Marital Problem (Matthew 1:18-25) in Light of Judean Legal Papyri’

‘Reading Paul’s Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches’ (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2021

* a. John Barclay (UK), ‘Koinonia and the Theological Basis of Sociality in Paul’ – respondent: Korinna Zamfir (Romania)
* b. Thomas Blanton (USA), ‘Was Paul a Skēnopoios: A Critical Assessment of the Linguistic and Literary Evidence’ – respondent: Todd Still (USA)
* c. Daniel Boyarin (USA), ‘Mark and Paul: A Surprising Convergence’ – respondent: Robert Brawley (USA)

‘New Testament Textual Criticism’ (Claire Clivaz, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman) – terminates in 2023

* a. Hugh Houghton (UK), ‘Codex Zacynthius: New Light on the Oldest New Testament Catena Manuscript’ – respondent: Claire Clivaz (Switzerland)
* b. Peter Malik (guest, Germany), ‘P.Beatty III (P47) and Company: Reinvestigating the Papyri of the Johannine Apocalypse’ – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden). Joint session with seminar 11 Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament
* c. Ulrich Schmid (Germany), ‘The oldest edition of a (Latin) New Testament – Codex Fuldensis (Fulda, Bonifatiushandschrift 1)’ – respondent: Annette Hüffmeier (guest, Germany)

‘Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels’ (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2021

* a. Simon Butticaz (Switzerland), ‘Israel, Jesus and the Apostles: the Lukan Memory of Christian Origins / Israël, Jésus et les apôtres: la mémoire des origines selon Luc’
* b. David du Toit (Germany), ‘From Rudolf Bultmann to Memory Theory: Reflections on the Problem of the Modalities of Transmission in the Synoptic Tradition’
* c. Risto Uro (Finland), ‘Ritual, Memory and Early Christian Tradition’

‘Philo and Early Christianity’ (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – terminates in 2022

* a. Florian Wilk (Germany), ‘Einflüsse von oder Parallelen zu philonischem Denken im ersten Korintherbrief des Paulus?’
* b. Athanasios Despotis (Germany), ‘Aspects of Cultural Hybridity in Philo’s Anthropology and a Short Comparison with the Human Condition in John’
* c. Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr (Germany), ‘Der Philosoph Hans Leisegang als Philon-Forscher’

‘Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire’ (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2021

* a. David Balch (USA), ‘Luke-Acts as Political Biography/History: A Conversation with Prof. Hubert Cancik’ – respondent: Carl Holladay (USA)
* b. Sabine Müller (guest, Germany), ‘Jerusalem und der Alexanderroman (Jerusalem and the Alexander Romance)’ – respondent: Knut Backhaus (Germany)
* c. Michal Beth Dinkler (USA), ‘The Politics of Stephen’s Storytelling: Narrative Rhetoric and Reflexivity in the Context of Empire’ – respondent: Michael Wolter (Germany)

‘Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches’ (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in 2020

* a. Deborah Prince (guest, USA), ‘Do Appearances Matter? Navigating the Complexities of Seeing the Risen Jesus’ – respondent: Daniel Smith (Canada)
* b. Janet Spittler (USA), ‘Resurrection in the Acts of John’ – respondent: Silke Petersen (Germany). Joint session with seminar 10 Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles
* c. Fred Tappenden (guest, Canada), ‘“In my Flesh I am Filling up what is Lacking …”: Cognitive and Mnemonic Aspects of Resurrection and the Pauline Body’ – respondent: Alexey Somov (Russia)

‘Reading Galatians in New Perspectives. Methods and Approaches’ (Martin Meiser, Dieter Sänger and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2021

* a. Michael Bachmann (Germany), ‘Die Opponenten des Paulus im Galaterbrief. Alte und neue Zugänge’
* b. Felix John (guest, Germany), ‘Kontextualisierung der paulinischen Gemeinden in der Galatia’
* c. Martin Meiser (Germany), ‘Self-authorization and self-stylization. A feature of Paul’s literal strategy in the Galatian Conflict’

‘Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament’ (Jens Herzer and Gerbern Oegema) did not run in 2019.

14.15 A Main Paper was given in the Hörsaal Audimax by Prof. Alain Gignac (Canada): ‘Lorsque le katechon permet de repenser le politique. Discussion critique d’une thèse de Georgio Agamben en regard de la discursivité de 2Th 2,1-12’.

16.15 A Plenary Panel Discussion, ‘Bultmann and demythologizing – then and now´, was held in the Hörsaal Audimax; Prof. John Kloppenborg (*President* and Chair); panelists: Profs Lukas Bormann (Germany), Stephen Patterson (USA) and Angela Standhartinger (Germany).

18.00 Participants were invited to dinner at the Restaurant Bottega and to an organ concert at Elisabethkirche.

**THURSDAY 1th AUGUST, 2019**

08.15 Morning Prayers in German (Prof. Ansgar Wucherpfennig) were held at St. Peter and Paul

Church.

09.15 A Main Paper was given in the Hörsaal Audimax by Prof. Laura Nasrallah (USA), ‘A

theology of defixiones? Roman Corinth, the Sanctuary of Demeter and Kore, and Christ-followers’.

11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 A Main Paper was given in the Hörsaal Audimax by Prof. Thomas Schmeller (Germany), ‘*Dissimulatio artis*? Paulus und die antike Rhetorik’.

16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

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| 1. František Ábel (Slovakia): ‘The Role of Israel Towards the Gentiles in the Context of Romans 11:25-27’
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| 1. Cornelis Bennema (UK): ‘A Common Model of Mimesis in John and Paul?’
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| 1. Paul Danove (USA): ‘What God Possesses from Human Beings and God’s Responses to These Possessions in the Gospel of Mark’
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| 1. Dietrich-Alex Koch (Germany): ‘Der 1829 von H.A.W. Meyer begründete “Kritische und exegetische Kommentar über das Neue Testament” in forschungsgeschichtlicher Sicht’
 |
| 1. Adele Reinhartz (Canada): ‘The “Parting of the Ways” and the Criterion of Plausibility’
 |
| 1. Samuel Vollenweider (Switzerland): ‘The Saviour in a Camouflage Suit. Gnosticism and Orthodoxy in the Greek Physiologus (2nd century)’
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16.30 The dinner venue was Restaurant Dammühle.

**FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST, 2019**

08.15 Morning Prayers in English (Prof. Kathy Ehrensperger) were held at the St. Peter and Paul Church.

09.15 A Main Paper was given in the Hörsaal Audimax by Prof. Martin C. de Boer (Netherlands), ‘Expulsion from the Synagogue: J.L. Martyn’s History and Theology in the Fourth Gospel Revisited’.

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

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| 1. Roger Aus (Germany): ‘The Noun anatolē and its Cognate Verb as “Sprout” and “Sprout up” in Early Judaic Sources and Luke 1:78-79’
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| 1. Edwin Broadhead (USA): ‘Narrative and Neurology: Ten Things Every New Testament Scholar Should Know’
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| 1. Christos Karakolis (Greece): ‘Romans 6:10: Exegetical and Theological Problems’
 |
| 1. David Neville (Australia): ‘Apostle of Peace? Probing a Tension in Paul’s Theological and Moral Vision’
 |
| 1. Alexey Somov (Russia): ‘Individual Resurrection in the New Testament: The Case of Matthew 27:52-53’
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| 1. Oda Wischmeyer (Germany): ‘Ist der Jakobusbrief “Literatur”? Offene Fragen zum literarischen Charakter des Briefes’
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16.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

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| 1. Bärbel Bosenius (Germany): ‘Das Syntagma διὰ τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ in Mk 6,2b: Ein bloßer Septuagintismus oder ein Hinweis auf eine besondere Bedeutung der Hände Jesu im Markusevangelium?’
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| 1. Peter Gräbe (USA), ‘New Covenant Theology in the First and Second Centuries’
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| 1. Torsten Jantsch (Germany): ‘Jesus as Benefactor: A Neglected Aspect of Christology in Luke-Acts’
 |
| 1. Jean-Claude Loba-Mkole (Kenya), ‘Gospel: Eponym for Christian Canonical Scriptures’
 |
| 1. Carey Newman (USA): ‘God and Glory in Paul, Again’
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| 1. Jan Willem van Henten (Netherlands): ‘For the Welfare of My Children and Grandchildren: Donor Inscription Syr69 and 2 Corinthians 1:6’
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17:00 Business Meeting II

The SECOND BUSINESS MEETING was held at 17.00, on Friday 2nd August, 2019, in the Audimax

# Prof. J. Kloppenborg (*President,* in the Chair)

# BM2019/14 Nomination and Election of New Committee Members

* Profs Uta Poplutz and Risto Uro retired from the Committee at the conclusion of the General Meeting. They were thanked for their contributions to the Society over the past 3 years
* The Committee nominated Profs Sandra Huebenthal (Germany) and Heike Omerzu (Denmark) to take their place for the period 2019-22. The membership showed its approval in the usual way (by way of applause).

# BM2019/15 Election of New Members

* At the First Business Meeting Prof. Todd Still *(Assistant Secretary)* announced the names of those scholars whose nominations had been approved by the Committee and published on the noticeboard for comment by members during the course of the General Meeting. Having done so, he confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved.

**BM2019/16 Editors’ Reports**

* Dr Simon Gathercole *(Secretary to the Board and Journal Editor)* was welcomed into his new role and was invited to present a report from the Editorial Board.
* Members rotating off the Editorial Board were thanked and new members to the Board were announced to and elected by the membership.
* Dr Gathercole offered a summary of the activity of the journal and monograph series over the course of the past year.

# BM2019/17 Future General Meetings

* Rome (2020): Prof. Estrada presented an overview of the venue for the Society’s next meeting.
* Melbourne (2021): There was nothing further to report.
* 2022 – the Society has received a formal invitation from Levent Oral, *President* of Tutku Tours, Izmir, Turkey to host its General Meeting in 2022. A presentation was meant to be made. The Committee, while appreciative of the invitation from Tutku Educational Tours, Izmir, Turkey, decided that the present political situation in Turkey was too unstable and unfavorable to hold the General Meeting there in 2022. *The Secretary* will communicate the same to Levent Oral and Prof. Mark Wilson, even as they have offered to withdraw their offer.
* Members were encouraged to consider hosting the General Meeting in 2022, 2023 or 2024, as this can be an excellent opportunity to showcase a University’s international profile. Informal enquiries can be made to the *Secretary*, who can outline what is required.

# BM2019/18 Programme of the 75th General Meeting in Rome, Italy (2020)

The *Secretary* reported in regard to:

* Presidential Address and Invited Main Papers

The presidential address will be given by Prof. Margaret Mitchell
Main papers will be presented by Profs Bernadette Brooten (USA); Lutz Doering (Germany); Christos Karakolis (Greece); Jean-Bosco Matand Bulembat (Congo).

* 18 Current Seminars (potential maximum of 18)
* *Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity* (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in 2020
* *The Greek of the New Testament* (Paul Danove, Jesús Peláez and James Voelz) – terminates in **2019**
* *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in **2019**
* *The Johannine Writings* (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in 2020
* *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in 2020
* *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2021
* *Hebrews* (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in 2020
* *Social History and the New Testament* (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2022
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* *Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward* (Simon Butticaz, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2023
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* *Reading Paul’s Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2021
* *New Testament Textual Criticism* (Claire Clivaz, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman)– terminates in 2023
* *Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2021
* *Philo and Early Christianity* (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – terminates in 2022
* *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2021
* *Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches* (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in 2020
* *Reading Galatians in New Perspectives: Methods and Approaches* (Martin Meiser, Dieter Sänger and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2021
* Seminars scheduled to terminate in 2019 that have applied for a continuation:
* *The Greek of the New Testament (Paul Danove, Stan Porter and James Voelz)* –for 5 years,to terminate in 2024
* *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid)* –for 3 years,to terminate in 2024
* The Committee approved *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* for 3 years.
* New Seminars approved to start in 2020
* *‘Mapping “New Testament Studies”: History, Status, and Prospects’* (E-M. Becker, M. Cover and F. Watson) – for 3 years, to terminate in 2022

This means that there will be 18 Seminars in Rome (2020); 18 slots for Simultaneous Short Papers; and 6 Main Papers.

# BM2019/19 Any Other Business

* The *President* announced that the Committee will prepare a resolution regarding Associate Membership for the membership to consider at its next meeting in Rome. Having discussed said resolution in the First Business Meeting, delegates will vote upon it during the Second Business Meeting.
* The *President* thanked all those who presented Main Papers, Short Papers and Seminar Papers, as well as the conveners of the Seminars.
* The *President* expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Committee, Officers and Editors of the Society.
* Gratitude was also expressed and gifts were given to the local conference organisers, stewards and volunteers for a very successful General Meeting.
* The *President* then declared the 74th General Meeting of the Society formally concluded by striking the gavel.

18.00 A grilled buffet dinner was served outside of the Hörsaalgebäude.

Todd D. Still

*Assistant Secretary*