

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION STUDIES (IAMS)

MINUTES of IAMS Executive Committee Meeting

February 9-11, 1978 - Maryknoll Fathers, Maryknoll, N.Y., USA

Present: J. Aagaard (Chairman), J. Chao, P.R. Clifford, C. Engler,  
M.J. Gaxiola Gaxiola, G.O.M. Tasie, F.J. Verstraelen (secretary).

The President A. Camps phoned from Holland that because of illness, he was unable to attend this meeting. Both J. Chao and M.J. Gaxiola could attend only part of the sessions because of illness. Gerald H. Anderson was in attendance during the Saturday morning session.

On Thursday evening (9/2) a few committee members discussed the agenda and prepared a few points for the committee's meeting.

1. The minutes of the Selly Oak meeting (October 13-15, 1977) were passed.

1.1. The Secretary reported that he had not found time to convene the Working-party on Documentation, Bibliography and Archives. It was agreed that he would try to convene this Working-party around Eastern, since new developments and possibilities for a task by IAMS in this field were becoming apparent (e.g. in cooperation with Inter Documentation Company, Leiden).

1.2. After some discussion regarding the frequency of general IAMS meetings, Paul R. Clifford moved to propose to the forthcoming General Meeting (August, 1978) to hold the next meeting in 1981. This move was seconded and accepted.

It was mentioned that the IAMS has no direct responsibility as regards developments of regional bodies for mission studies, though such developments should be welcomed. By proposing to meet every three years, ways and means should be considered to keep membership of IAMS meaningful to the members, e.g. by improving the IAMS Newsletter in providing unique information about and from individual and corporate members.

2. Correspondence

Attention was given to a letter of the honorary member Prof. O.G. Myklebust sending greetings and words of acknowledgement and encouragement to all officers and members of the Executive Committee.

3. Membership

Applications of one corporate body (CERM, Paris) and 38 individual candidates (28 from USA) were put before the committee for approval. A discussion developed because of the various levels of theological training and different levels of scholarly work (often publications absent) of the applicants, though the applications made were formally all right, namely sponsored by 2 IAMS members. Because in the cases of N. American applicants the sponsors are G. Anderson and L. Egan, Anderson (who was present in this session) explained that he had advised all ASM members wanting to attend the Maryknoll meeting to apply for IAMS membership. Though Anderson agreed that a minimum level of screening would be necessary (normally a theological degree and seriously involvement in study, publications) he expressed as his opinion that, bringing together scholarship and practice turned out to be a happy mixture for both categories. It was in this sense that he (with L. Egan) had sponsored all ASM applicants. Control of keeping the (scientific) ideals of IAMS in mind should be exercised through the nominating committee (proposing new officers and members of the executive committee) and the executive committee itself.

Since all applicants were sponsored, P.R. Clifford moved that we agree that the applicants put before us be accepted provided that they are submitted on an application form and duly sponsored. So, through this general move which was seconded, all applicants put before this committee meeting became members of the IAMS.

However, the following remark was made by P.R. Clifford and generally accepted: 'the committee noted that the principles on which the applicants had been accepted differed from earlier procedures whereby a careful selection was made of applicants who had demonstrated that they had a scholarly background in missiology with a record of publications'.

F. Verstraelen made further the remark that the IAMS should make a serious effort to invite scholars involved in mission studies (in one way or another) but who were not members as yet, to join our Association (Each executive committee member could start by doing something in this respect).

#### 4. Financial matters

4.1. It was moved and seconded that the financial statement presented by P.R. Clifford to this executive committee will be presented to the IAMS General Assembly (August 1978).

Because the current expenses for running the IAMS are three times the amount received from subscriptions, the Treasurer proposed to present to the General Assembly a proposal of raising the subscriptions as follows: 10 US\$ for individual members and 25 US\$ for corporate members. In this connection it was mentioned that many IAMS members did not pay their subscriptions. To these 'delinquents' once again a letter will be sent by the Treasurer.

4.2. The Treasurer explained why some amendments to the Constitution were necessary in order to get registered as a charity in Britain. In one way or another it should be expressed that IAMS is advancing the education of the public, but a new wording of some passages, taking into account the remarks of the committee at its Selly Oak meeting (October 1977) was presented to the Charity Commission, which had not reacted as yet. P.R. Clifford will bring along to the Maryknoll Conference 200 copies of the Constitution (showing on one side the standing Constitution as amended on July 31st, 1974 and the new amendments to be proposed. Added to the Constitution will also the by-laws of the executive committee as accepted in Aarhus (March 1977) for information. (The By-laws will be sent to him by the Secretary).

4.3. In order to get to know the financial possibilities for inviting Third World participants, a phonecall was made by Treasurer and Secretary to A. Camps in the Netherlands. This phonecall proved to be helpful for our deliberations in this matter.

4.4. As regards finances connected with the Maryknoll Congress it was decided that the host-organization of the Congress opens an account that will receive fees for registration and accommodation. P.R. Clifford will pay key speakers and invited guest-workers (from Third and First world).

#### 5. IAMS Conference, Maryknoll 1978

5.1. In a letter G. Anderson raised objection to the title 'Spirituality for combat'. After some discussion it was changed into: 'Spirituality and Struggle for Fullness of Life' (inspired by the topic of Exchange no. 18, Leiden 1977 - which should be recommended to the participants of the Maryknoll Conference). 'Decasting the ministries', to which also objections were raised, was, however, maintained.

## 5.2. State of affairs

### A. Meditation/prayer session

The draft prepared by Prof. W. Bieder and Prof. A. Aagaard was discussed. The outline of the themes for the 5 sessions did not elicit further comments. As regards the 'general notes' the following points were made:

- through the IAMS Newsletter we will invite from participants audio-visual material (tapes, slides, posters, etc.)
- as regards 'common songs' it is recommended to have a short practice every evening
- as regards distribution of outlines (programmes): if the outlines are prepared beforehand, they could be handed out the evening before; if they are made on the spot, they probably will not always be ready in time.... So, the committee leaves it to both in charge of the preparation how to proceed.
- a technical assistant will be at the disposal of the organizers for matters concerned with projectors, loudspeakers, etc.
- the committee, after a lengthy discussion, decided to have one common Eucharistic celebration at the end of the Conference on Saturday morning, August 26. This should be an integrated session (integrating the main results of the conference into a liturgical-eucharistic celebration). The two organizers of the meditation/prayer sessions together with the two 'rovers' (to be nominated on the spot and having as a task to formulate the basic trends and main results of the conference as a whole, based on their participating observation of the conference's activities). Also the Workshop-leaders should be keen in bringing some aspects of the deliberations and findings of the Workshops into the final celebration.

### B. Key-speakers

1. Politician: Amb. Young and Amb. Melissa Wells declined the invitation. G. Anderson and Cl. Engler will continue looking for an American politician willing to accept the challenge. Names mentioned: Vice-President Mondale (through Bishop Rausch), Senators Hatfield and Kennedy; if all failing then: Raoul Manglapus (Philippino-politician in exile).
2. Scientist: Dr. Ulrich Ducrow had accepted the invitation
3. Churchman: has still to be approached. Names mentioned: Desmond Tutu (Joh. Aagaard will phone him), Bishop Sergio Arceo OSB, J. Miguez Bonino).

### C. Workshops

Several 'triangles' are still incomplete, because some invited people could not accept the invitation (for various reasons). The following other names were mentioned:

- 1.- Annemarie Thunberg, Nordisk Ekumenisk Institute, Sigtuna, Sverige (to be approached by Joh. Aagaard)
  - Sr. Virginia Fabella
- 2.- Prof. Hollenweger, Selly Oak Colleges
  - Dr. Philip Shen, Senior Lecturer Chungchi College Chinese University, Hongkong, Shatin, Hongkong
  - J. Miguez Bonino
  - Dr. Ulrich Ducrow
- 3.- Bill Squires Berkeley (to be approached by Joh. Aagaard)
- 4.- Prof. M.R. Spindler (accepted): complete
- 5.- Complete!

- 6.- J. Chao (accepted): complete
  - Somebody from CEHILA, Latin America
- 7.- D. Kerr (will be approached by P.R. Clifford; if he cannot accept then John Taylor, Geneva, could be asked)
  - Prof. Arthur Glasser  
Fuller School of World Mission
  - Dr. Fitzgerald, Rome
- 8.- Complete

### 5.3. Financial arrangements

- a) It was decided that those who are invited to play an active role in the Conference (Key-speakers/Organizers Workshops) should be reimbursed for their expenses (travel/accommodation). Those from Europe who are in a position to acquire the money (or part of it) from elsewhere are kindly requested to by-pass this possibility.
- b) It was decided also that a total number of 40 Third World people would be invited, of whom 10 would be paid for on IAMS account. Lists of prospective African, Asian and Latin-American participants were composed by the executive committee, making use of lists presented to the committee by G. Tasié and Em. Gaxiola. The executive committee agreed that the final choice - in view of the financial possibilities - should be made by the IAMS President and Secretary. Among those 40 are, besides the Third World members of the executive committee and Third World persons involved in the preparation of the Conference, the following people who requested subsidy: Yong Ok Kim (Korea), José Norberto Saracco (Argentina), Rene Padilla (Argentina), Prof. A. Rahmai Doi (Nigeria). Fr. E. Zeitler SVD who asked for at least 1/3 of the total amount will be granted this subsidy under expenses made for First World people.
- c) With thanks the offer made by Marvin D. Hoff was accepted to apply for a grant to the Reformed Churches as a contribution to the general expenses of the Maryknoll Conference. P. Clifford will make this application.
- d) Third World persons to be invited to participate in the Maryknoll Conference have to comply with one condition, that they are prepared to present a written statement or paper in connection with one of the Workshops, or as a contribution to Open Forum.

### 5.4. Meeting with local committee. Arrangements made

A meeting took place of IAMS executive committee with the local Preparatory Committee (about 15 persons). The following points were discussed and decided upon:

- a) Rooms: Needed: 1 Conference room (about 180-200 persons); 8 workshop rooms for about 25 people each; registration desk; office for Secretariat (2 desks: IAMS Treasurer/Secretary); recreation room, where drinks are provided (to be paid for!)
- N.B. How many rooms are available for couples? The Secretary will send information about the number of participating couples, as soon as possible.
- b) Each Workshop will get an effective Secretary, who will give all kinds of practical assistance e.g. in providing study-material from the library. Reports have to be prepared by participants in each Workshop; the Secretaries assist with typing and xeroxing.

- c) The Library, with the help of the coordinators of the Workshops (who will compose a selective bibliography concerned with the topic), will put books and documentation at the disposal of the participants
- d) A Bookstall will be organized where participants can buy books. Cl. Engler will study the possibility of involving the Bookstores of Princeton and Union Seminary in this, while it is understood that Orbis books will be on sale. All participants are invited to bring their own or other publications along for showing or selling.  
It was suggested that the coordinators would send through IAMS Secretary 3 titles of books they consider to be important and relevant. These books should be on sale in the bookstall.

e) Time-table

Saturday, August 19: arrival of executive committee (will have a committee meeting on Sunday)

Sunday, August 22 : participants from outside USA are advised to arrive on this day; participants of USA are advised to arrive on Monday before 16.00 hours)

Session of APM

Monday, August 21

16.00

: Welcoming Session, in which a representation of M.M., ASM and IAMS will address the Conference, followed by ORBIS-reception (with a surprise for each participant)

18.00

: Supper

20.00

: Opening key-lecture (politician)

Tuesday, August 22

16.00 - 18.00

: Open Forum

20.00

: ASM-business meeting for members only (rest free)

Wednesday, August 23

16.00 - 18.00

: Open Forum

20.00

: Second Key-lecture (scientist)

Thursday, August 24

13.30 - 17.00

: IAMS General (business) meeting

18.00

: ASM cook-out for IAMS

Friday, August 25

10.00 - 12.00

: harvesting

14.00 - 16.00

: harvesting

20.00

: Third Key-lecture (churchman)

Saturday, August 26

9.00 - 11.30

: Summary, integration of findings and liturgical celebration

12.00

: closing lunch

General points

Breakfast : 7.00 - 8.30

Meditation/prayer session: 9.00 - 9.45

Workshop session (5): 10.00 - 12.00

14.00 - 16.00

Lunch : 12.00 - 13.00

Supper : 18.00

Social evenings : after key-lectures or after 20.00

f) Outings

The Preparatory Committee will collect information about sight-seeing and missionary projects in the region. A Tourist Agency could be approached for detailed information.

Ventnor (OMSC) is ready to host half a dozen delegates before and after the Conference, in the first place executive committee members and spouses).

Some Seminars could be asked to host a few delegates before or after the Conference (also as a base for sightseeing: e.g. New York, the Hudson-river); idem for Stoney Point, etc.

Information about this will be sent in time through IAMS Secretariat to all participants. However, the idea is to give information, not to arrange things. Arrangements have to be made directly by interested participants themselves.

- g) 'How to reach Maryknoll' should be indicated as clearly as possible. Information about it will be sent to all participants through IAMS Secretariat.
- h) The coordinator of each Workshop sends the preparatory study material (status questionaris, bibliography, texts) to IAMS Secretariat before May 31st.  
The IAMS Secretariat sends the material for all Workshops to the local Committee - Maryknoll for processing it, before June 20th. The material will be ready before the beginning of the Conference, where it will be handed to each participant (one set of 8 Workshops will count about 400 pages). Total number of sets: 225, because some will be sold to non-participants at their request).
- i) The possibility should be considered to provide to participants certain aspects (highlights) of the Conference on cassette-copies.

The executive committee feels very much encouraged by the effective presence of the Preparatory Committee during this meeting and the coming Conference.

#### 5.5. Other organizational aspects

- a) Workshops: as already stated, the coordinator of each Workshop should recommend 3 books for the bookstall. As regards the bibliography it is recommended to make a selective rather than a 'complete' bibliography (about 25 titles).
- b) Harvesting: in order to create an opportunity for getting to know as much as possible the results of the various Workshops, the following scheme was adopted. On Friday, August 25, day of harvesting Workshop I-IV will report twice in the morning (A: 10.00-11.00, B: 11.00-12.00), in four different rooms. The presentation will be made by the 'triangle' and some coopted participants. In the afternoon, Workshops V-VIII will also report twice (A: 14.00-15.00, B: 15.00-16.00) in the very same way.  
So each participant has a chance to get first-hand information about at least 4 Workshops.
- c) Closing session: two 'rovers' should be designated who at the closing session will give expression to their reflections which are fed by a participatory observation in various activities (Workshops, etc.) during the Conference. People mentioned for this task are: Sam. Rayan, Desmond Tutu, Koyama, Hollenweger, Simon Smith S.J. and H.R. Weber. Together with the organizers of the Meditation/prayer sessions (Bieder/A. Aagaard) the two rovers will be responsible for organizing and shaping the closing session, in which also a Eucharistic celebration will be integrated.
- d) General business meeting IAMS: Reports will be given by Treasurer, Secretary and President. (P. Clifford will take care of having with him 200 copies of the old and revised Constitution and 200 copies of the By-laws, the text of which will be provided by F. Verstraelen).  
The nomination of new officers will be an important aspect. The following persons will be invited to serve on the nominating committee: Prof. Forman, Dr. Pobee and Rev. Levesque. Some guidelines: some continuity should be guaranteed e.g. by keeping the Secretariat in Leiden; P. Clifford is prepared to serve another term, unless practical problems arise (created eventually by his probable move from Birmingham to London); A. Camps because of his financial connections, should be considered to remain as member ....

- e) An evaluation-form should be prepared to be filled in by the Conference participants (at the end of the Conference) requesting suggestions about
- future activities
  - contents of Newsletters
  - names/addresses of prospective IAMS members, besides their evaluation of the Conference.

6. Other questions

- 6.1. The executive committee felt that the following persons (founding fathers and/or important members) should be present: Gensichen, Samartha, Sundkler, Myklebust.

An invitation will therefore be extended to them.

6.2. Suggestions for IAMS Newsletter

The Gen. Secretary (and Editor) mentions the following items for no. 12: Further information on Conference; Information on religious situation in USA and the missionary outreach of the USA; a Maryknoll kaleidoscope (about 6 pages).

Other suggestions made: article by J. Chao about his Institute (3 pp.) and an article by F. Clark about the Pastoral Institute, Manila (3 pp.); Information about New Religious Movements Seminar, Aarhus, December 1978; A summary of 'The Gospel and Culture' from 'Gospel in Context'; and an article by James Wong on Leadership Conference (?).

- 6.3. The 'Islam-in-Europe' Seminar as planned to take place immediately following the Maryknoll Conference at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, U.K. will be postponed. Besides Dr. Kerr being over-worked, there was also an overlapping because of a similar consultation taking place at Salzburg, organized by the Conference of European Churches. It turned out that there was also a difference in interpreting the role of the IAMS as regards the preparation of the Seminar. The Secretary (F.V.) considered the IAMS' task merely as one of making the Seminar known to the IAMS members without a direct involvement in the organization. P. Clifford considered this Seminar to be an IAMS-affair and as such also a direct responsibility of the Secretariat. At any rate, this Seminar has been postponed.

7. Next meeting of executive committee: the next meeting will take place on Sunday, August 20 at Maryknoll. Committee members are expected to arrive on Saturday 19 at Maryknoll, N.Y.

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General Secretary IAMS