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MINUTES of IAMS Executive Committee Meeting, Selly Oak Colleges,
Birmingham, 7 - 10 July, 1983

Present : All members and special invitees : Prof. J. Pobee and Prof. A. Camps.

1. *Minutes* of the IAMS Ex. Ctee meeting in Ventnor, USA (June 1982) were approved and accepted.

2. *Financial matters* :

Mr. Williamson, IAMS accountant, attended this section of the meeting.

- a. The statement of Receipts and Payments of 1982 were received with appreciation.
- b. The revised Bangalore Conference account was presented for information.
- c. As regards the statement of Receipts and Payments in 1983 (up till May), the Treasurer had several points to make :
 - we cannot meet as Ex. Ctee in 1984 in the same size (= all members) because of the limited financial resources available for this purpose; we are forced to make use of the format of 'corresponding members' if conditions do not alter.
 - a proposal : to present to Cadbury Trust a request to meet expenses of Third World IAMS Ex. Ctee members, which would create some financial room for IAMS activities; in case Cadbury cannot give all, other agencies should be approached (Wi Jo Kang gives some suggestions for this).

d. *Fundraising* :

- A Brainstorming was held about the strategy and tactics of fundraising for IAMS. A distinction should be made between -
 1. Fundraising for the 1985 Conference
 2. Running costs of the Secretariat and Committee meetings (= known)
 3. Activities of DAB and BISAM
 4. Other items.
- A. Camps wants to find a structural solution on the basis of a budget for a period of e.g. 5 years; the idea is that 2 strong agencies would guarantee (part of) the budget for a certain period.
- H.-J. Becken sees as a difficulty that most groups will only respond to appeals for special occasions.
- Seb. Karotempel sees a possibility for Third World Ctee members to find financial assistance for travel expenses.
- Two conclusions :
 1. The motion (by Seb. Karotempel) that Third World Ctee members try to seek refunding in whole or in part from an organization/institution was seconded and adopted.
 2. The proposal (by A. Camps) to seek expert advice from well-known funding-agencies, and to start with consulting Missio-Aachen, was accepted.
(P. Clifford, A. Camps, and F.J. Verstraelen will make an appointment with Missio-Aachen later this year).

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3. *Membership:*

- There were 24 applications for membership, 21 individual (From Africa: 6; from Asia/Australia : 5; from Latin-America : 4; USA : 2; Europe : 4) and 3 corporate members.
- Four individual members were delayed in membership because their application forms were incomplete (sponsors).
- C.R. Padilla studied the application of the Centro Franciscano y Ecologico, Montevideo and recommended its acceptance (the Ctee did so under the condition that it pays membership fee through a sister-organization; it would be suggested to them to approach Missionzentrale der Franziskaner in Bonn) : accepted !
- The application by ISWEN - S. Africa was discussed and acceptance delayed or cancelled, depending consultations with members in S. Africa and at the Vancouver meeting.

4. *Meeting with John Ferguson, President S.O. Colleges :*

John Ferguson informed Ctee members on -

- aim and ongoing activities of Selly Oak Colleges (especially on the Department of Mission; joined in this by Sr. Dr. Marcella Hoesl);
 - involvement in BISAM-project : 5 persons (members of staff) were working on 'mission in the N.T.' according to Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans.
- NB. The Ctee visited also the Library and Harold Turner's Study Centre for New Religious Movements in Primal societies.

5. *Sixth IAMS Conference - Harare :*

a. Decision as regards location :

After discussing several aspects of Harare as the location for the next Conference (political instability; physical conditions at University; financial implications) the Ctee agreed that finally there was only one real problem : the costs (ZW\$20 per night and full board, but to be increased by January 1985; various additional costs for using rooms = ZW\$320.- per day). If the Department of Religious Studies says that it will be hosting the conference, the costs should be lowered.

Two decisions were taken :

1. The Gen Secretary will write to prof. A. Hastings asking him to stick to a fixed amount of ZW120 (6 days) and to allow free use of facilities.

2. If the reaction to these proposals would be negative, the Ctee should seriously consider another site in Africa for the meeting.

The following motion was adopted : The IAMS Ctee proceeds with its plan to hold the next IAMS Conference in Harare and leaves it to the General Secretary to negotiate for terms and rates per head and facilities. If this fails, the most economic solution should be sought in terms of time and money (which means going to Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, Zambia).

b. CONTENT.

The following decisions were taken on the basis of the report of the IAMS delegation to Harare, reactions by IAMS members (31) and especially the reaction of the Local Ctee in Harare :

I *Theme* : Christian Mission and Human Transformation

II *Key Lectures*

1. Mission, Church and State in Southern Africa

Lecturer : Prof. A. Hastings (45 à 50 minutes)

Respondent : Prof. E. Mveng, Cameroon (15 minutes)

2. Doing Theology for Human Transformation.

Lecturer : Dr. Allan Boesak, S. Africa or : Dr. Manas Buthelezi, S. Africa
or Sr. Virginia Fabella

B : The lecturer should make a paper of his address available 2 months before - so that the respondent can prepare him/herself.

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3. Presidential Address

III Workshops

1. Bible and Transformation :
Moderator : Prof John Pobee (Ghana)
Resource : Dr. C.R. Padilla (Argentine)
persons : Dr. A. Moyo (Zimbabwe)
Prof Proceso Udarbe (Philippines)
2. Mission and Human Rights :
Moderator : D. Reader Harris (U.K.)
Resource : Sr. Janice McLaughlin (Zimbabwe)
persons : Prof. Wi Jo Kang (Korea/USA)
3. Christian Involvement in the Struggle for a New Society :
Moderator : Francisco Vanderhoff (Mexico)
or : Prof. Norman Thomas
Resource : Prof. Murphy (Zimbabwe)
persons : Dr. Ignatius Pambe (Tanzania)
Rev. Shun Govender (S. Africa)
Dr. Fernandez/Wilmer (?)
4. Family Life and Social Change :
Moderator : Dr. Mercy Oduyoye (Nigeria)
Resource : Mr Jorge Maldonado (Ecuador)
persons : Mrs N.C. Kowo (Zimbabwe)
5. African Christian Independency :
Moderator : Dr. J.M. Chirenje (Zimbabwe)
Resource : Prof. M.L. Daneel (S. Africa)
persons : Prof. Dillon Mallone (Zambia)
6. The Church as a Healing Community :
Moderator : Dr. Hans J. Becker (GFR)
Resource : Prof. Hebga (Cameroon)
persons : Fiõ Mathias (India)
Norman Renshaw (?)
7. Moral Values in a Pluralistic Society :
Moderator : Bishop Francisco Claver, s.j. (Philippines)
or : prof. Charles West (USA)
Resource : Dr. Sebastian Karotemprel (India)
persons : Dr. Wolf-Dieter Just (GFR)
Sr. Ann (Kenya)
8. Gospel and Islam :
(Muslim and Christian Relations)
Moderator : Idarous (Tanzania/GFR)
Resource : Dr. David Kerr (U.K.)
persons : Mr Madrizenga (Zimbabwe)
9. Development of African Theologies :
Moderator : Dr. Allan Boesak (S. Africa) or Dr. Manas Buthulezi (S. Africa)
Resource : Prof. A. Ngindu Mushete (Zaire)
persons : Dr. Aylward Shorter (Kenya/UK)
Dr. John A. Kirk (UK)

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10. A workshop on 'development in writing histories of the Third Church' ?

NB. No separate workshop on 'Women and mission of the Church' has been planned. Leaders of the workshops should be instructed to be aware of specific concerns of women and to integrate them into each workshop.

IV *Colloquium with David B. Barrett*

on : Resources and Projections of Christianity in Africa.

V *Forum papers*

to be presented by participants and related to their study- and research projects.

VI. *Bible Study and Worship*

Proposal : to combine Worship - Bible Study and Cultural events, following Dinner (on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday), during one hour : 8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.)

If Hollenweger could come, this programme will succeed.

If not, another arrangement should be made, e.g. with Dr. Hans-Ruedi Weber.

NB : a booklet with songs should be available.

VII *Exposure Experiences* (preceding the Conference) :

-- in Zimbabwe (still to be organized by Local Committee), and possibly in Zambia, Tanzania and Burundi (+ South Africa?)

-- at the Conference : presentation of the findings.

Chairman of presentation session : Dr Mafico (Zimbabwe).

VIII *Excursion in Harare*

To be organized by Local Committee -

+ *Films* (through Sr. McLaughlin).

IX *Report*

There is an offer from the Mambo-Press (Zimbabwe) to publish the report of the Harare Conference in its Missiological Series.

X *Other aspects*

1. *Opening Session* :

- Word of welcome by the Vice-Chancellor

- Greetings : Bishop P. Hatendi, Representative of the Catholic Secretariat

- Formal address by Rev. Banana, President of Zimbabwe

NB. Invitation by letter to Bishop Hatendi via Ambrose Moyo.

2. *Study Papers* :

To participants Study papers on all Workshops will be sent beforehand, with 5 pages text and 2 pages bibliography.

No other study material will be made available.

3. *Time* :

The Conference will run from Tuesday 8th January until Monday 14th January 1985.

The Opening Session starts on 8th Jan. after dinner (6.00P.M.) at 7.30 P.M.

4. *General IAMS Meeting* to elect a new Ex. Ctee and to evaluate the work done and plan activities for the future.

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6. *BISAM-project*

- At the IAMS Conference in Bangalore in January 1982 it was agreed that Marc Spindler would prepare a paper on 'Common Witness' and send it to the participants of Workshop I and some other scholars. Unfortunately, this paper is not yet ready.
- However, various activities are going on which (could) have a bearing on the project.
 1. Bible and ^{/n}engagement in society (UK, with Dan Beeby and Newbiggin) plus the Selly Oak Colleges group.
 2. Biblical Foundations for Mission (USA, Donald Senior and Carrol StuhlmueLLer; published by Orbis Books 1983).
 3. Conference on 'Charisma und Institution' in Zürich, September 1984. (Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie; O.T. and N.T. perspectives).
 4. Biblical Association of India (3).
 5. Fashole-Luke in Sierra Leone etc.

-- General remarks and suggestions :

1. BISAM lacks a tradition of cooperation as we find with DAB.
2. There should be created a network in which regional organizations take part, together with stimulating Biblical scholars to change their focus of concern in the direction of mission.
3. The Bibliography 'Bible and Mission' (IIMO Research Pamphlets No 4, Leiden 1981) should be revised = sent to various scholars in different regions for additions and suggestions.
4. A Planning Committee should be set up in order to support the process of the project.

7. *DAB-committee*

- The Ctee discussed a Memorandum from Stephen Peterson and David Bosch, reporting on a visit to the offices of the Religion Index of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) in order to investigate the possibility for developing a Missiology data base with the Religion Index.
The Ctee encourages further investigation and accepted the following recommendations :
 - The DAB Ctee should plan to make a full presentation about these proposals at the IAMS Meeting in Harare.
 - The IAMS provides a budget of \$800 to facilitate the first steps of this exploration.
 - While a working party will be needed in the foreseeable future to discuss (and start implementing ?) the development of a Missiology data base with the Religion Index, a DAB-meeting similar to the one held in Bangalore should be convened after the IAMS Conference, but this time concentrating on DAB-issues and problems in (Southern) Africa. This should last two days.
(Involvement : Kenya Archdiocesan Archives; Walter Walpole, new librarian at Selly Oak Colleges; Kotie, Botswana - Dept. of Library Studies; UNESCO -- ?, etc).

8. *MISSION STUDIES (Journal of IAMS)*

The Ctee decided that this year (1983) one more issue of the *Newsletter* - old style - would be published. The *Journal* - new style - will start with its premier issue in the beginning of 1984.

The premier issue will concentrate on Workshop-issues of the forthcoming Harare Conference.

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- Contributions/articles :

1. Paul R. Clifford : Christian Involvement in the Political Struggle for a New Society (= Workshop 3);
2. Sebastian Karotemprel : Gospel and Social Transformation : a case-study (= Workshop 7 ?);
3. Joan Chatfield : Women and Mission;
4. John Pobee : Moral Values in a Pluralistic Society (= Workshop 7);
5. C. René Padilla : Bible and Transformation (Workshop 1);
6. H.-J. Becken : The Church as a Healing Community (= Workshop 6) ?;
7. Wi Jo Kang : Christian Mission and Human Rights (= Workshop 2).

At least a firm commitment was given by Paul, Sebastian, John Pobee and Joan that they would send their contribution/article before the end of December 1983 !

(a max. of 3000 words!)

Another item will be a short article on the 'History of IAMS' (its roots, antecedents, people involved; aims, achievements). Prof H.W. Gensichen will be asked to do it, in consultation with the honorary President, prof. Olav Myklebust (NB. this article should be enlarged into a monograph at a later stage).

9. *Next meeting* :

In 1984 there will be only one meeting of the planning Ctee, consisting of the officers of the Ex. Ctee (Anderson, Chatfield, Verstraelen, Clifford) and H.-J. Becken and Pobee. The meeting will take place in April (when Joan will be in France) and the place : either Amsterdam or Geneva.

The next full Ex. Ctee meeting will take place during the Harare Conference, January 1985.

At the end of the meeting thanks were expressed to Fircroft College for its hospitality; a special word of thanks should be conveyed to the Local Committee in Harare for the work done so far and an anticipated continued cooperation.

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F.J. Verstraelen