IAMS Toronto Meeting Minutes - April 2011

	Date Of Meeting: April 13-15, 2011	Present: Jonathan Bonk, Cathy Ross, Paul Kollman, Mariel Deluca Voth, George Sumner, Karen Baker- Bigauskas, Kevin Livingston, Charles Fensham, Ann Chow						
	Location: Toronto, Canada		egrets: Andrew Stirling, Mark MacDonald, Robert Cousins, Barry Parker, Jonathan Schmidt/Alice chuda, Wafik Whaba, Lori Ransom, Terry LeBlanc					
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	Icome & Introduct	ions						
2. Pro	gram Overview Shuffle the schedule plenary in the evenir around as it's just a Keep study groups 8 and not open to the 7 study groups. Wycliffe as a contrib space is easier than set up & technology Question for recordir o English, Fren o Ask for speak of time. Live feed? Depends Walking tours at lund The Annex, U of T. Toronto chosen with can be local and rein Talk to real immigran Nations. Films in the evening. evening. 2 plenaries in the evening Regional nomination Need Emcee for pler	around in order to have a ngs. Everything can be shifted draft program schedule. a business meetings 'in house' public. ution gift in kind. Contributing fundraising. Caretaking, room costs still apply. ng & providing translation. ch & Spanish ters to give written text ahead on cost to rent equipment. ch. First Nations, Chinatown, the understanding excursions force the conference theme. nts & refugees. Include First Possibly the Aug. 17 th ening, Aug. 15, 16, 18. 5 & response s (6) naries lenary speaker presenters – 2	< < <	Have the plenaries in the evening to facilitate the public to attend & charge admission. Open up evening plenaries to the public due to interest in the topic as well as additional funding. Accept with gratitude as Wycliffe's generosity as a facility for our conference as a gift in kind. Due to high cost of renting equipment & translators, decided not to provide simultaneous interpretation. Whisper groups were proposed instead, with language groups sitting together & sharing the responsibility of interpretation for each other.	George to give Ann cost breakdown for staff support. Host committee to find tour guides for areas close to the U of T.			

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•	Presenter from Asia? Working with immigrant groups, creating churches & advocacy. Ask Glenn Smith if he knows of anyone who works with immigrant peoples.			George to inquire.	
•	Women issues Olofunke Okome – she's the editor of journal of African migration, in Brooklyn + Dan Groody and can collaborate together on what to say. Hanciles & Emma Wild-Wood	~	Mojúbàolú Olúfúnké Okome, Daniel Groody, Jehu Hanciles, and Emma Wild-Wood to give joint plenary addresses.	Jon to follow up. Jon to follow up.	
:	Eugenia U – well known in Catholic circles Eugene – Nigerian, but should focus on Okome because she's Nigerian and focused on the topic. Bible Study – Daniel Carroll (American, part		They have been invited and have accepted.	← Executive is	
-	Guatemalan) Closing ceremony – executive committee to thank hosts, volunteers & commission new board. ← Migration faith story or personal testimony. Will need to be well managed. Practical response?	←	together – too much theology around this. Instead do something to symbolize unity, possibly an act of sacramental baptism? Bishop Nguyen identified as a powerful story of becoming a refugee to Canada. Something appropriate to local	 ► Executive is responsible for closing ceremony and host committee responsible for opening ceremony. ← George 	
•	Speaker gifts. Honoraria for non-IAMS members.		context. E.g. Wycliffe tie. Bishop Andrews has contact for maple syrup.	Sumner to invite.	
•	Host committee to provide worship from different ethnic groups, by local community & different traditions. Protestant, Catholic & Eastern Orthodox. Father Peshoy (Coptic). Worship (5 sessions)	~	Find a local worship leader who can lead an interdenominational, international group.	Host committee	
:	(Mike Jenzen, Jody Cross, Glen Soderlund) 15 minute at beginning of each plenary. Opening prayer at welcome plenary before presidential address. Need Bible study leader from an IAMS member.	←	Daniel Ruez Carroll has agreed to lead the plenary Bible studies.	 IAMS to organize opening prayer. IAMS exec will 	

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 Need leaders to lead common prayer/worship. Check CCLI license Regis College? Why not worship here? 	 Decided against worshipping at Regis College or St. Basil's because their morning service is at 7:30am, which doesn't work with our schedule. Also, meeting in 2 locations would require renting equipment for both locations for the week or setting up and dismantling the same equipment each day in both locations. Keep worship within Wycliffe as well, for logistical reasons & build a sense of community & attachment to a place instead of 3-4 different buildings. 	 find bible study leader. Host committee to find leader to lead common prayer. 	
 4. Local Committee Responsibilities Funding – the idea is to receive funds from every participating country. Designated of Association of Christian Scholars in China – 3 subsidies Sponsorships are welcome too. E.g. sponsor a coffee break. Wycliffe bank? Local volunteers (see separate section), recruitment, training, management & orientation. Exposure trips – selection & execution. Airport welcome & shuttle arrangements. Conference office & information booth. Room set up Preaching in churches – matching delegates open to preaching or giving a welcome to appropriate churches according to their denomination, language & ethnic group. Theological Library access – Wycliffe, Knox, U of T. Welcome ceremonies – First Nations welcome Terry LeBlanc & Mark MacDonald 	 Charles to speak to Dorcas Gordon about donating photocopying. Crux Bookstore & Menno Travel for sponsorship? Churches to sponsor delegates coming to speak in their service. 	Host committee to approach.	

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 Toronto Schools of Theology representatives Politicians Canadian host committee Crux bookstore 	Consider hiring a student intern for	Knov College %	
 5. Volunteers Local committee responsible for recruitment, management, training & orientation of all volunteers. Practicum credit possible through Knox, Wycliffe or Tyndale Student get a free pass to the conference – how many hours to volunteer Free pass to all events Registration Airport Welcome Excursions Registration Photographer Volunteer coordinator Billeting Handbook coordinator & sponsorship Ann to write job descriptions & manage Committee will also need to be visible & helping out. 	Consider hiring a student intern for summer 2012 through Tyndale, Wycliffe or Knox.	Knox College & Ann can apply for a government grant to hire a student to be a volunteer coordinator, etc. Charles, Kevin & George to consider offering credit. Tyndale Knox College Wycliffe St. Paul's Bloor Knox Presbyterian Little Trinity Anglican	
 6. Visas Mauveen—Canada Border Services Agency representative: Immigration Specialist. She's employed to make things easierCanada Border Service Agency (CBSA), officer w/trade compliance. Looks at events. What's needed for goods/selves. Planning ahead is key to making things easier. George Sumner has spoken to his immigration lawyer, Peter Rekai. We may have immigration issues on layovers (UK, 	 ← Cathy to ask Anne about sending visa letters to delegates on behalf of IAMS. 	Delegates' responsibility to	

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 US). They will need to contact immigration services in those countries directly. The US has different levels of inadmissibility. E.g. DUIs are looked at differently in the US than in Canada. Membership list of IAMS. No need to talk to MP. CIC – post on Canadian embassies & consulates around the world. George to write a letter to them to request this action. www.cic.gc.ca Talk to customsget event on the list, to make better decision abroad. Interim stops (Europe/US)—some groups can get easy visas together if traveling together. Our gift of subsidies—does that change anything? Are we going to pay for the visa application fee? 4 letters: 1. from local organizers (Canadian) Wycliffe letter will be static. 2. IAMS that will show subsidy / sponsorship will need to change & include delegate passport information & address. 3. CBSA confirming the event (Mauveen). 4. Sponsoring institution / employer. Ensure that our letter is approved and acknowledged by customs with Mauveen. Letters will need to be translated into French. Also good to travel with these letters. There needs to be means of showing there is financial support during their stay in Canada – either on their own or from other sources (institution, IAMS). The subsidy letter will need to indicate what we're covering financially. 	← No	Responsibility obtain transit visas and visitor's visas to Canada. Ann Ann	Due Date
	Menno Travel	IAMS to approve each flight before issuing.	

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 Does having a return ticket already purchased help? Yes 		
help? Yes.Anticipate issues with Nigeria, Northern African		
countries, India.		
 Visa decisions are made at embassies (only). Age & 		
local issues matter. Showing financial support a		
good idea. Regular attendance, too. Past visits,		
returns home.		
 Different categories on inadmissibility. 		
 Age is a factor. Younger are less established or settled. 		
 Financial ability to support themselves while they're 		
here.		
 They need to prove ties to their country, ensure 		
their return.		
 How many IAMS conferences have you attended 		
previously?Include the conference website in the visa letter for		
reference & confirmation of information. Include a		
blurb.		
 Include that they are members of an international 		
professional organization. We get together for		
business meetings.		
 MOI: Mitigation Officers of Immigration. They 		
educate Mauveen about the current situation in		
these countries.		
 Embassies make their own decisions based on demographics and surrent events in their countries 		
demographics and current events in their countries at that time.		
 Denial may not have to do with individual, but 		
what's going on in the country at the time.		
 Mauveen will look into finding someone we can talk 		
to about embassies – perhaps a conference		
speaker?		
 Could the theme of the conference work against us 		
on human migration? Best not to hide anything.		
 What is the goal of the conference – IAMS 13th 		

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 assembly, members of an international organization of scholars, professional that promote discussion on various themes at the conference and ongoing discussions and a business meeting. Need to declare if travelling with \$10,000 in cash. No need for vaccines. Nexus status for American delegates. \$50 for 5 years. Medical insurance. Food – needs to be inspected by Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Federal tax rebate program for specific IAMS expenses. Half of federal tax refunded. 7. Exposure Trips Local committee asked to bring up list: local and 2 distant That day, evening free. Walking neighborhood tour? If subway, need to make sure people know that. Certain facets of program need to be decided by local committee. Can't micromanage from a distance. May 9 @ noon - Propose a variety of options, include in registration process with short description online. Propose with cost & busses. Include length of tour. 6-7 options (2 distance options & rest local). 	 St. Jacob's and Mennonite history – 2 hrs St Mary among Hurons/ Huronia – Bus trip 2-3 hrs. Two local ones: Asian Latino First Nations Vulnerable women & children Sex trafficking? 		
 8. Local Attractions Museums, CN Tower, Shopping, Toronto Islands 	 Include in handbook for free times. 		
 9. Church Guest Preaching Host Committee will arrange with local churches. Ann to send a list to host committee with those who are willing to preach or give a greeting. 	 ← Possible to just give a greeting if they can't preach in that language. ← Look for ethnic churches in the 	Host committee	

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 Issue / Discussion Churches take responsibility to drive them to and from St. Michael's and provide lunch. 10. Facilities Knox: \$4000 instead of \$8000. Issue: chapel not wheelchair accessible. Wycliffe: Offered as An in kind gift. 2 large plus 6 smaller places. Wheelchair accessible. Wycliffe's rooms (Sheraton and Leonard halls) very satisfactory. In principle we like it. St. Michael's: where we'll sleep, where we'll eat. Lunch a pickup and carry away? Gives more time to eat & go on a walking tour and not need to walk to and from St. Mike's all of the time. Knox College is excellent, but Trinity is closer and may have space available. For smaller study group meetings: How many classrooms at Wycliffe? 7 rooms, including chapel, reading room, Cody library, dining hall. Knox?—biggest classroom is booked for that week. Could make several classrooms available, too. Check with Wycliffe dining hall availability – we may need to share with ESL group. Need rooms for 7 study groups 	 Decision ← Possible they would provide subsidies for their speaker. ● Decided to not sign the contract at this time as too many variables had changed from the original arrangement. ● May need 1-2 rooms at Trinity College. ● Boxed lunches are available through St. Michael's and can be dropped off at Wycliffe. 	 Responsibility Ann to revise contract & have Jon/Cathy to sign & pay \$2000 deposit. Ann to meet with Trinity College to see about cost. 	Due Date
 DABOH will need a dedicated room. It's a bigger group of 30-40 people. Need a room for a conference office. 			
 Parking: 70 parking spots @ St. Mike's. Long term parking for delegates & short-term for volunteers ~10 parking spots @ Wycliffe Knox & St. Vlad's 			
 11. Meals Breakfast and evening meal at St. Michael's Receptions at St. Mike's after evening plenaries to 			

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 encourage mingling & close to residences for when they want to sleep. Bagged Lunch Reduce the need to move around. Possible catering options for lunch Inquire with St. Mike's about having available after breakfast or deliver the lunches to Wycliffe. Inquire with Anne-Marie to have catered & renting dishes. 	← Determine catering options for lunch.	Ann	
 Dining: Wycliffe's is closed for summer, so may be possible to use the dining hal. 1 classroom to be used (ESL), so may need to share dining hall with ESL class. 			
 12. Technical Paul Patterson @ Wycliffe to see about what equipment is available to us. Get quotes for technical companies, including U of T. Video recording? Overflow costs? 			
 13. Transportation Airport Shuttles Dart vans for disabilities – research into this for those unable to walk to and from St. Mike's & Wycliffe. Dedicated volunteers to drive people with limited mobility. 	 School busses instead of coaches for airport shuttles. Schedule: In a continuous loop every 2 hours or depending on flight itineraries. Coaches for longer day trips. Decided that the walking distance between St. Mike's & Wycliffe is quite reasonable and through a nice park. Communicate walking in groups at night for increased safety (quite safe normally). 		
14. ScheduleMove 3 plenaries to evening, take advantage of			

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 Plenaries How to le those who 	of opening up to the public. (charge fee). to 7:30pm t schedule of prayer reflect dislocations of om we want to prioritize? In DABOH study how memories are being here?			
Thursday				
Thursday 7:00-8:15 8:30-9:30 9:45-10:45 10:45-11:15 11:15-12:15 12:15-2:30 2:30-4:00 4-4:30 4:30-6 6-7:15 7:30-9 9		Evening plenaries open to public, depending on registration numbers & space in halls. This will increase awareness of IAMS and generate		
		income.		
Saturday 7:00-8:15 8:30-9:30 9:45-10:45 10:45-11:15 11:15-12:15 12:15-2:30 2:30-4:00 4-5:30 6-7:15 7:30-9 9	Breakfast Worship & Bible Study Study Groups Break Study Groups Lunch / Walking Tours Free Business Meeting Dinner Plenary Reception			
Sunday executive	Breakfast – meeting of the new & old		← Charles to look into a historian.	
3-4:30	Conference evaluation & summation	\leftarrow Cruise is too expensive.	\leftarrow EFC has a	

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4:30-5 5-6 6-7 7-9 9-10	Break (Drop off laptops & bags) Closing Plenary & Worship Travel to Dinner Out Dinner Travel from Dinner	←	Dim sum in Chinatown (can walk). Invite a historian to speak to group about Toronto.	statistician about ethnic groups & poverty in Toronto. ← Kevin to look into a restaurant.	
 Biblia Docu Histo Ask I Inclu dead exce Ask i hanc Assu Colle stayi 	ration Process cal Studies and Mission umentation, Archives, Bibliography & Oral bry Karen about mailing money orders to Wycliffe. ude the disclaimer regarding registration fline. Before June 1, reimburse everything pt deposit. After June 1, no refund. if we can publish their information in the flook – name, country & email address ume that everyone will stay at St. Michael's ege, but will take a case by case basis. Those ing off-site will be responsible for their own sportation.	< <	Decided not to make the \$200 deposit mandatory in hopes that people will pay it unless they are applying for a subsidy. This is in order to not create a hurdle for those applying for subsidies.		
 What Register locat 	t to do with unexpected onsite registrations? stration begins on Wednesday, timing & tion TBD. The registration with credit card, through		We will have extra rooms available at St. Michael's. There are also rooms at Knox College in an emergency. Rooms at Knox College @ \$30/night.	Ann to reserve rooms at St. Michael's.	
to ge Peop entit Ethic inter	ies chood to assume need for subsidies according eography. ole from particular areas feel a sense of lement to subsidies. cal question if you use giving subsidies to mational delegates to do fundraising, and then give it to the internationals who need it.		 \$2000 per person for budget purposes. Flight cost + conference cost rather than a set amount (eg: \$2000/pp). 30 total subsidies awarded First come, first served (limited) 	Jon to write subsidy letter. Ann to ask Menno Travel flight costs from these countries for budgeting.	

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 Letter – state that we have a certain number of subsidies & within deadline List of questions to answer for a point system. Ask about arrival & departure from particular countries for subsidy recipients. Tally up the number of people per country that may require subsidies. We can pinpoint who these people are, which denominations they come from & countries they come from & approach these churches (by denomination & ethnicity). They can also preach in these churches on Sunday. Food: \$40/day x 5 days = \$200 Room: \$60/day x 5 days = \$300 Currently \$1200 per person in budget. 	 Executive committee makes final decision. Perhaps find a Nigerian who can advocate for everyone to be able to find partial funding. 15 Latin America, 49 African, 35 in Asia total from these areas. 5 Latin America, 15 African, 10 Asian = 30 total x \$2000 = \$60,000 	Canadian host committee to find ethnic churches to sponsor specific delegates & invite to speak.	
 Registration information. \$250 registration & \$800 for room & board. Update on report of state of IAMS finances. Update on conference planning. Will be an option to donate to the costs of the conference on the registration website. If everyone else gave \$300 one time donation, we'll cover the \$60,000. Actively paid up members in each country. Number of subsidies allocated to a percentage of these countries. Need to be an active member. Draft a letter with hypothetical cost of the conference. Include a cost comparison of last conference in Hungary and AAR. Include number of people who received subsidies in Balaton. State the cost of the conference. Amount of subsidy from each country to then give 		letter. The letter will come from the Secretariat's office.	

 to the delegates from these countries. Local host committee, pro bono. How much work the executive committee has worked on this & meet by teleconference to reduce costs. How much work will be done to generate funds. 18. Subsidy Criteria Cathy to email Mika to talk about 2012 conference at Swedish conference. What is your annual budget of your department, number of employees. Is there any support from your institution? How much, between you and your institution are you able to contribute to the total cost. 	ono. //e committee has //e comference to reduce e to generate funds.
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 All subsidized people will need to make a certain contribution. \$200 non-refundable deposit as a minimum contribution in order to cover cost. This covers the 	ere any support from d your institution are t total cost. ed to make a certain t as a minimum
 cost of food per person. All visa fees, including travel are at your expense. If accepted, we will provide the travel ticket and you will work through Menno Travel to arrange. This is non-negotiable. We will only reimburse flights booked through Menno Travel. Menno Travel, the conference designated travel agent will book the most direct and reasonable flight. Any additional flight costs will your responsibility. Early applicants will have priority, as there are limited funds. Your financial contribution will be reimbursed if your subsidy or visa is denied. You will be housed in shared accommodation. Once accepted, send Menno Travel contact details. 19. Menno Travel Post online Inquire into handbook ad 	the travel ticket and o Travel to arrange. will only reimburse no Travel. Menno nated travel agent will asonable flight. Any ur responsibility. ority, as there are vill be reimbursed if d. I accommodation.

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 For countries requiring a purchase of flight, you may need to bump up to the higher cost level in order to purchase flight cancellation. Cancellation insurance price range \$54-152 How late can we purchase & cancel without penalty. Executive committee – arrive 3 days earlier. To be oriented, make decisions & help with registration. Leave on Tuesday, August 21st in order to help clean up, settle finances & read evaluations. 20. Regional Nominations 	 Executive committee – arrive 3 days early to Toronto to help set up, pitch in & make decisions. Executive to not book preaching engagements, as we will be cleaning up Sunday morning. 		
 In our constitution – run by regional reps, 6 regions. Put nominations forward at the end of regional nomination gathering. 			
 21. Business meeting First item on agenda is the elections of the new executive. Ask for volunteers to count from the membership (2-3 people). General Secretary chairs. Report from journal editor and election of new editor. Finance report President's report. Announcement of the new executive. Be introduced & say something. Presentation of IAMS history book. Acknowledge deceased members & appoint honorary lifetime members. Thank yous to planning team, Canadian host committee. Question & answer. Sunday morning breakfast – meeting of old & new executive members 			
 22. Study Groups IAMS members are responsible for each one. Study groups need leadership & guidelines. 		IAMS members responsible for each study group.	

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 Abstracts by January 31st deadline. Abstracts reviewed & selected Feb. 28th. Papers June 1st deadline – to be included in the zip drive. Executive to review & disperse abstracts. June 1st 			
deadline			
 23. Speakers Flight, registration (accommodation & meals), gift if IAMS members If not IAMS members, honoraria to be considered. 			
24. Communication	← Create a PowerPoint template to		
 Please bring copies of papers with you, post online, post on PowerPoint screen. No handouts. PowerPoint summary points of their paper. All papers on USB key, and can see via their laptop. Due to budget & environment. Anyone want to become the conference photographer? Design a banner to be used in the future for IAMS? Could hang it outside of Wycliffe or on the stage 	 ← Create a rowerroint template to be used by speakers, worship lyrics & announcements. ← Create a conference look through a graphic designer to be reflected in the handbook, signage. ← No. 		
 25. Conference Handbook Include schedule, speaker bios & photos, material for business meetings, evaluations, local churches, local restaurants, sightseeing options, excursion summaries, maps, host committee members, executive members, theological libraries, note paper, ads, list of participants. Volunteer to be the coordinator & sells ads. Possible to cover costs for printing handbook through selling ads. Need letters from IAMS for fundraising efforts. A general letter outlining conference theme, IAMS, who attends, who speaking. 26. Conference Evaluation & Summation 		Jon & Charles to draft letter together.	

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 Not helpful in Balaton, but include a written evaluation in the handbook. 4-6 PM – closing plenary & worship. 26.Crux Bookstore Partnership – Ed & Cindy Hayley Danny Caroll, Emma Wild-Wood, Jehu Hanciles, Okome, Dan Groody) 5 plenary speakers, all published will need to have their books available for purchase. Bible study leader may be published. Jon has contacts with Orbis for discounts as well as other publishing houses. Groody is Catholic from Notre Dame, who specializes in Hispanic pressures and has written documentaries. Ask each speaker to recommend 1-2 titles on the topic to have on hand ahead of time. Study Group topics explained. Theological reader available on CD and free from a professor from Calvin College. A nice giveaway May want to give a welcome during the welcome plenary. Provide a conference delegate discount. Consider putting ads on the dining room tables at St. Mike's so they can go the store before the evening plenary session. This will also encourage people to walk over early for session. 	←	Decision Decision	ResponsibilityEd Hayley as main contact.Jon/Cathy to keep them informed on all 	Due Date
 Opening up evening sessions to the public depending on registration numbers which means increased customers. 			Crux to help publicize.	
28. Registration Packs				
 Fan Flash drive with papers uploaded Provide hard copies of papers if needed for translation purposes. 				

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29. Website			
 Post papers 			
 Papers on a zip drive – try to find cheap ones with 			
the IAMS logo printed.			
30. Conference Insurance		Ann	
 Mandatory for IAMS 2012. 			