

IAMS Matters January-March 2016

Dear colleagues,

Greetings from Seoul where the executive committee met with the hosting committee in January! It was great to be able to meet with the hard working and competent Korean team and to see how practicalities are gradually falling in place. Not less pleasant was it to meet with the executive committee face to face for the first time in several years. We were able to deal with a great number of issues that we had felt would need more time and fuller communication than is possible through a conference call.

Constitution and byelaws

IAMS constitution and byelaws are a historically layered set of rules that contain some tensions, blind spots and grey areas. Due to this, the executive committee commissioned the Senior Advisory Group to work on them in order to clarify, streamline and update them. We are very grateful for the diligent work they did. In Seoul, the executive committee continued to work on the documents on the basis of the SAG proposal, still adding some clarifying points. The resulting proposed constitution and byelaws are attached in the end of this document interlineally with the existing ones. As you can see, for the most part the changes are clarifying additions, and tend to be of administrative and organizational character. PLEASE, HAVE A LOOK INTO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS AND SEND YOUR PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVAL TO MIKA BY THE END OF MAY.

Conference issues

The location of the conference in Seoul is on the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary campus. It is a compact campus on a beautiful hillside. The campus accommodation, dining and meeting premises are within a radius of a few hundred meters. The hotel accommodation is located about a kilometer from the campus and there will be transport between the hotel and the campus in the morning and after the end of the program in the evening. The campus accommodation is mostly in rooms shared by about three persons with communal toilet and shower facilities. There are some "Korean style" rooms (= a futon on the floor) which have toilet and shower in the room. In case you wish to be accommodated in such, please, let the secretariat know. The number of double rooms is very limited and we can provide double rooms to only a limited number of married couples attending the conference. Thus, if you prefer a double or a single room, book it via the secretariat by the end of May so that the hotel bookings can be made in good time. In case of hotel bookings, a deposit of the amount exceeding 500USD of the total conference fee must be paid in advance; and in case of accommodation on campus, the deposit amount to be paid in advance is 100USD; these advance payments will be counted as a part of the total conference fee. In case you do not wish to book accommodation through IAMS, separate fees for conference and meals apply.

The number of paper abstracts is great but we are still hoping to get some more Korean papers. Most of the paper proposers should have by now been contacted by the study group conveners who continue to take care of the process. A couple of papers are still pending because it still is unclear in which study group to place them.

Those who have applied for a full or a partial subsidy will soon be contacted. A good number will receive the happy news about having been granted the subsidy, some will need to remain

on the waiting list and for some we unfortunately cannot provide a subsidy. Both the hosting committee and IAMS are still working hard to secure additional subsidies in spite of the fact that we are about to reach the fundraising target.

Some literature hints on Korea to prepare your visit to the beautiful country of age-old culture and top notch high-tech:

Wonsuk Ma and Kyo Seong Ahn, eds, *Korean Church, God's Mission, Global Christianity*. Regnum Edinburgh Centenary Series (Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2015)

Sebastian Kim & Kirsteen Kim, *A History of Korean Christianity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014)

Yours,

Mika

NOTICES:

British and Irish Association for Practical Theology (Mission Studies Special Interest Group) and Leeds Trinity University

Whose reading is right? Conflicts of interpretation in world Christianity

Day Conference: 12 April 2016, 11.00am-3.30pm

Venue: Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5HD, www.leedstrinity.ac.uk

Guest speaker: Dr Joshua Broggi, University of Oxford

Theme: Why do readers from different cultures produce divergent readings of the Bible? In view of the global character of Christianity, this has become a prominent question. When Christians read scripture, traditions supply concepts that shape what counts as normal, good, and true. But what is the effect of Christian commitments on rationality? How have readers decided on a correct interpretation?

This day conference organised by the British and Irish Association for Practical Theology and Leeds Trinity University is an opportunity for a dialogue with Dr Joshua Broggi, University of Oxford. His book *Diversity in the Structure of Christian Reasoning* (Brill 2015) deals with just these issues, using illustrations from central Africa and southern India. Broggi offers a fresh strategy for relating tradition and reason that reconfigures the hermeneutical picture developed by Martin Heidegger and Hans-Georg Gadamer.

Booking: Please register your attendance by email to admin@biapt.org.uk.

Cost: £10.00. Includes refreshments and sandwich lunch. Payable on the day.

Refreshments served from 10.30am and available after 3.30pm.

University of Helsinki: Lecturer in Urban Theology

Deadline: 24th February 2016

The Faculty of Theology at the University of Helsinki provides an excellent environment for research and teaching of a high international standard in theology and religion. The presence of two Centres of Excellences in Research as well as several other research groups in different fields creates an intriguing environment for the best scholars in the field of theology and religious studies.

We are seeking enthusiastic and experienced candidates for a fixed-term position of UNIVERSITY LECTURER to supervise a five-year research and teaching project IN URBAN THEOLOGY (1.8.2016–31.7.2021). The project will seek theologically grounded solutions to social problems arising from urbanization and will involve inclusive collaborative projects carried out in urban communities in Finland.

Further information about the project and the position:
http://www.helsinki.fi/teol/tdk/urban_theology

IAMS CONSTITUTION (2012)		PROPOSED IAMS CONSTITUTION (2016)	
1.	<p>NAME</p> <p>The name of the Association shall be „The International Association for Mission Studies“ (hereafter referred to as the Association).</p>	1.	<p>NAME</p> <p>1.1 The name of the Association is “The International Association for Mission Studies” (hereafter referred to as the Association).</p>
2.	<p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>The Association is an international, interdenominational and intercultural body committed to the scholarly study of issues related to Christian mission.</p> <p>The main objectives of the Association shall be:</p> <p>(a) to promote the scholarly study of theological, historical and practical questions relating to the mission of the Church;</p> <p>(b) to disseminate information concerning mission among all those engaged in such studies and among the general public;</p> <p>(c) to relate studies in mission to studies in theological and other disciplines, through the encouragement of interdisciplinary research programmes and other appropriate means;</p> <p>(d) to promote fellowship, cooperation and mutual assistance in mission studies, especially among national, regional and denominational mission study associations and equivalents.</p>	2.	<p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>2.1 The Association is an international, interdenominational and intercultural body committed to the scholarly study of issues related to Christian mission.</p> <p>2.2 The main objectives of the Association shall be:</p> <p>a) to promote the scholarly study of theological, historical and practical questions relating to the mission of the Church;</p> <p>b) to disseminate information concerning mission among all those engaged in such studies and among the general public;</p> <p>c) to relate studies in mission to studies in theological and other disciplines, through the encouragement of interdisciplinary research programmes and other appropriate means;</p> <p>d) to promote fellowship, cooperation</p>

	<p>(e) to organize international conferences of missiologists;</p> <p>(f) to encourage the creation of centres of research;</p> <p>(g) to stimulate publications in the area of the Association's interest, including an international journal and bibliography.</p>		<p>and mutual assistance in mission studies, especially among national, regional and denominational mission study associations and equivalents.</p> <p>e) to organize international conferences of missiologists;</p> <p>f) to encourage the creation of centres of research;</p> <p>g) to stimulate publications in the area of the Association's interest, including an international journal and bibliography.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Individuals, institutions and likeminded associations and networks wishing to further the aims of the association may be admitted to the Association by vote of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>3.</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>3.1 Individuals may be admitted to the Association by vote of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>3.2 Corporate bodies such as religious orders, institutions and likeminded associations and networks wishing to further the aims of the association may be admitted to the Association as Corporate Members by vote of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>3.3 Honorary Life Members may be appointed by decision of the General Meeting on the nomination of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>3.4 The Executive Committee may remove the membership of person or corporate member if it believes it is in the best interests of the Association to do so.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>The resources of the Association consist of:</p> <p>(a) Subscriptions from members,</p> <p>(b) Subsidies and donations.</p> <p>Every member shall pay an annual subscription determined from time to time by a General Meeting of the Association.</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>4.1 The financial resources of the Association consist of funds raised by subscriptions from members, donations and subsidies from supporters, and income from investments.</p> <p>4.2 Every member shall pay an annual subscription as determined from time to time by the General Meeting of the Association.</p> <p>4.3 Funds must only be used for the purposes of the Association.</p>

<p>5. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Editor of the journal of the Association. The President and Vice President shall be elected, and the General Secretary, Treasurer and Editor shall be approved by a General Meeting of the Association for a period of four years or until the General Meeting next after the expiry of that period.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers with five other members elected by a General Meeting of the Association to represent continental regions for a period of four years or until the General Meeting next after the expiry of that period.</p> <p>The Executive shall normally meet once a year. Officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The elections shall be governed by byelaws.</p>	<p>5. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>5.1 The Officers of the Association are the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer and the Editor of the Journal of the Association.</p> <p>5.2 The Executive Committee constitutes the Trustees of the Association and comprises the Officers of the Association together with six other members representing regions, one of whom is the Vice President.</p> <p>5.3 Each Executive Committee serves for a period of four years and takes office immediately after the end of the fiscal year in which the General Meeting takes place, or other date as may be determined by the General Meeting.</p> <p>5.4 The Executive Committee meets at least once a year. Meetings may be conducted by telephone or video conference.</p> <p>5.6 The Executive Committee has power to raise funds, receive grants, donations and subscriptions, to apply funds to carry out the purposes of the Association, and to act in a manner which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes of the Association.</p> <p>5.7 The Executive Committee is responsible for oversight of the finances of the Association, for ensuring that a summary of the most recent annual accounts can be seen by members on request, and that an appropriate financial report is made to each General Meeting of the Association.</p> <p>5.8 Officers and members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election. The elections shall be governed by the Byelaws.</p> <p>5.9 In the event that an Officer or Member of the Executive Committee is unable or unwilling to continue to the end of the term, they may be replaced by a vote of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>5.10 The Officers of the Association have</p>
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		<p>the authority to invite former executive members or other suitable members of the Association to attend a meeting of the Executive in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>5.11 The Executive Committee appoints Trustees for the Association</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall convene a General Meeting of the Association about every four years.</p> <p>All individual members, and one representative of each corporate member, shall have the right to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Association.</p> <p>At each ordinary General Meeting the Executive Committee shall submit for the approval of the Meeting a report of its activities since the last ordinary General Meeting and its proposals for advancing the objects of the Association.</p>	<p>6. INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLIES AND GENERAL MEETINGS</p> <p>6.1 International Assemblies are convened from time to time in different global locations and are normally held every four years as determined by the Executive Committee. International Assemblies are open to members and others supportive of the objectives of the Association on the authority of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>6.2 The Executive Committee has the authority to appoint a Local Arrangements Committee which includes the General Secretary and the President of IAMS as ex-officio members, to determine the allocation of designated funds for travel or fee subsidies, and to determine the programme and speakers for the Assembly.</p> <p>6.3 A General Meeting of the Association is normally held every four years in conjunction with an International Assembly of the Association.</p> <p>6.4 Each individual member, and one representative of each corporate member, has the right to attend and to vote at the General Meeting. By leave of the General Meeting, others present may be permitted to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>6.5 At each General Meeting the Executive Committee shall submit for consideration a report of its activities since the last General Meeting, including</p>

			a financial report and proposals for advancing the objectives of the Association during the next four years.
7.	HEADQUARTERS The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine the location of the Headquarters of the Association. Usually, the location of the General Secretariat is regarded as the Headquarters of the Association.	7.	HEADQUARTERS 7.1 The Executive Committee has the power to determine the location of the Headquarters of the Association. Usually, the location of the General Secretariat is regarded as the Headquarters of the Association.
8.	FUNDS The funds of the Association shall be held in the United Kingdom but if at any time the members resolve at a General Meeting that the funds should not be so held the Executive Committee shall inform the Charity Commissioners of the terms of the resolution.	8.	FUNDS 8.1 The funds of the Association shall be held in the United Kingdom but if at any time the members resolve at a General Meeting that the funds should not be so held the Executive Committee shall inform the UK Charity Commissioners of the terms of the resolution. 8.2 In the event of the winding up of the Association any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to an organization whose purposes and values are consistent with those of the Association to be determined by the Trustees.
9.	BYELAWS Byelaws may be approved by a majority of members present and voting at any duly constituted General Meeting of the Association.	9.	BYELAWS 9.1 Byelaws must be approved by a majority of members present and voting at a duly constituted General Meeting of the Association. 9.2 Byelaws may be provisionally amended and adopted by majority vote of the Executive Committee pending presentation to the next General Meeting of the Association.
10.	ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION Additions and alterations to the Constitution shall be made only by resolution of the General Meeting, carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of those voting. No amendment may be made which shall cause the Association to cease to be a charity in law.	10.	ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION 10.1 Additions and alterations to the Constitution shall be made only by resolution of the General Meeting, carried by a majority of not less than two thirds of those voting.

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	<p>Adopted 29 August 1972</p> <p>Amended 31 July 1974</p> <p>Amended 24 August 1978</p> <p>Amended 28 January 2000</p> <p><i>Amended by the XIth Quadrennial General Assembly, 3. August 2004</i></p>		

	EXISTING IAMS BYELAWS	PROPOSED IAMS BYELAWS (2016)
		<p>1. Membership</p> <p>1.1 Individual Members</p> <p>1.1.1 Criteria for <i>Individual Membership</i> are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of the objectives of the Association • Academic qualifications, normally doctorate or equivalent Research active (publications within the last 5 years) or enrolment in a doctoral level research program • Recognition by peers (recommendations by two sponsors required, who are IAMS members.) <p>1.2 Corporate Members</p> <p>1.2.1 Corporate Members are institutions <i>engaged in or who wish to support the development of mission studies</i>. Included in this category are libraries, schools, national associations for mission studies, mission councils, mission agencies, etc.</p> <p>1.3 Honorary Life Members</p> <p>1.3.1 The executive committee may appoint IAMS Honorary Life Members on the basis of their exceptional services to IAMS and to</p>

			<p>mission studies. They should be retired from official posts. A unanimous decision of the Executive is required.</p> <p>1.3.2 Honorary Life Members are entitled to free membership of IAMS and free subscription to <i>Mission Studies</i>. Any two members of IAMS can nominate a person for Honorary Life Membership. A nomination shall be submitted in writing to the Executive with a motivation for the nomination.</p>
	<p>§1 <i>“The Executive Committee (of the International Association for Mission Studies) shall consist of the officers with five other members elected by a General Meeting of the Association for a period of four years or until the General Meeting next after the expiry of that period” (Const. § 5).</i></p> <p>§2 The duties of the Executive Committee are: a. To approve the membership applications of individuals and institutions to IAMS (§ 3). b. To determine the date and convene a General Meeting of the Association about every four years (§ 6). c. To determine the location of the Headquarters of the Association (§ 7). d. Between General Meetings to be responsible for furthering the objects of the Association as listed in § 2 of the Constitution of the Association. e. To obtain financing through subsidies and donations and to set up a permanent system of financing the work of the Association. f. Between General Meetings to be the Executive group which has the power to determine all things except those expressly reserved to the General Meeting.</p> <p>§3 The presence of at least four members of the Executive Committee is necessary for a legal meeting. The President or Vice-President must always be among the four.</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>Executive Committee Byelaws</p> <p>2.1 In addition to the provisions of the IAMS Constitution clauses 5.2 to 5.9 the Executive Committee is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining the location and arrangements for the next international assembly of the Association. • Ensuring there is adequate support and oversight for the Officers of the Association. • Considering membership applications following the guidelines of the membership byelaws. • Deciding and notifying the date and convening a General Meeting of the Association normally every four years in conjunction with an international assembly of the Association. • Ensuring the continuity of the secretariat and determining the location of the headquarters of the Association • Acting on behalf of the Association in all matters except those expressly reserved to the General Meeting. • The Executive Committee may appoint an academic committee to maintain high academic standards. <p>2.2 Quorum: The presence of at least four members of the Executive Committee is necessary for a legal meeting. The President or Vice-President must always be among the four.</p> <p>2.3 Voting: A simple majority vote of those present and voting is required for the</p>

	<p>§4 A simple majority vote of those present and voting will be required for the passage of any act of the Executive Committee while in session.</p> <p>§5 These bylaws may be amended by the ordinary voting procedures explained in § 4 above. Changes take effect immediately. They must be presented to the General Meeting of the Association at its next gathering for subsequent approval according to §9 in the constitution.</p> <p><i>Approved at the IAMS General Meeting 24. August 1978.</i></p> <p><i>Amended by the executive committee 28. January 2001 according to the Hammanskraal constitutional changes.</i></p>	<p>passage of any act of the Executive Committee while in session.</p>
		<p>3. International Assembly Byelaws</p> <p>3.1 The Executive Committee is to determine the timing and location of the next International Assembly of the Association taking into account the location of previous Assemblies, the existence of any invitations from credible local groups which include members of the Association, the cost and safety of travel and of a proposed venue, the significance of an historical or missiological anniversary near the time of the Assembly, and the ability of the Association to raise funds for the purpose.</p> <p>3.2 The programme of the Assembly will be designed to facilitate the objectives of the Association and provide for the orderly election of a new Executive Committee. It is expected to encourage fellowship, interdisciplinary and inter-confessional interaction among attendees, exposure to the mission dynamics of local churches, and the support of documentation and scholarship in the region. It will provide for regional meetings and meetings of interest groups as well as for occasional ad-hoc gatherings.</p> <p>3.3 The Assembly will in particular seek to</p>

			<p>leave a modest but positive footprint as guests of the host country, facilitating understanding of their needs and perspectives, and giving space to emerging scholars in mission studies and related disciplines.</p>
	<p>General Meeting of the Association</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>General Meeting Byelaws</p> <p>4.1 A General Meeting of the Association is normally held every four years in conjunction with an International Assembly of the Association. Its business includes the reception of reports from the Executive and Officers of the Association and the election of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>4.2 The Procedure for the election of the General Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Association Journal is as follows.</p> <p>4.2.1 The election is carried out by voting on persons nominated for the roles of General Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Association Journal by the outgoing Executive Committee.</p> <p>4.2.2 For the purposes of nomination a candidate must be an individual member of the Association, or a member of a corporate body which is a member of the Association.</p> <p>4.2.3 The General Meeting may elect the persons nominated for the roles of General Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Association Journal, or it may request the Executive Committee to consider other names for particular positions.</p> <p>4.3 Procedure for the election of President, Vice President, and other members of the Executive Committee</p> <p>4.3.1 The election is carried out by voting on a slate of candidates prepared by a Nomination Committee in accordance with the criteria and procedure below.</p> <p>4.3.2 The General Meeting may elect the slate of candidates prepared by the Nomination Committee, or it may request the Nomination Committee to consider</p>

			<p>other names for particular positions.</p> <p>4.3.3 For the purposes of nomination a candidate must be and remain an individual Member of the Association, or a Member of a Corporate Body which is a member of the Association, for the tenure of Executive service.</p>
	<p>A. Procedure for the election of President, Vice President, and other members of the Executive Committee</p> <p>1. Setting up of a Nomination Committee</p> <p>The election process will be guided by an Nomination Committee comprising the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the outgoing President of IAMS together with one representative from each of the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America and Oceania, nominated by Regional Meetings in their first session. <p>The Nomination Committee will constitute itself after the first regional meeting. It will elect its own chair. It may, if deemed necessary, seek the advice of the previous Executive Committee.</p> <p>2. Preparation of Slate for the Election of President, Vice President and Executive Committee</p> <p>The Nomination Committee will from names proposed by the Regional Meetings plus the current Vice-President prepare one slate of candidates for consideration by the General Meeting for the positions of President, Vice-President, and five Executive Committee members.</p> <p>The current Vice-President will normally be nominated for President. However the General Meeting may request the Nomination Committee to propose an alternative.</p> <p>The six regional areas are represented by the Vice-President and five Executive Committee members.</p> <p>2.1. Proposals from Regional Meetings</p> <p>Regional Meetings are required to nominate three persons to be considered</p>	<p>5.</p>	<p>Nomination Committee</p> <p>5.1.1 As early as convenient in the Assembly, Regional Meetings are held for the purpose of appointing one representative from each of the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America and Oceania who will not be eligible to serve in the Executive Committee.</p> <p>5.1.2 The Nomination Committee comprises the regional representatives together with the outgoing President. The regional representatives are chosen at the Regional meetings (see 4.1). The out-going Vice-President is not eligible to serve on the Nomination Committee.</p> <p>5.1.3 The Nomination Committee constitutes itself as soon as possible during the Assembly. It elects its own chair. It will provide guidance to the Assembly on the election processes. It may seek the advice of the outgoing Executive Committee.</p> <p>5.2 Preparation of the slate of candidates for the Election of President, Vice President and Executive Committee.</p> <p>5.2.1 Regional Meetings are invited to propose three persons and an alternate to be considered for nomination to the Executive Committee, taking into account the criteria in clause 6 below.</p> <p>5.2.2 Regional Meetings must obtain the consent of persons they propose for nomination.</p> <p>5.2.3 The Nomination Committee has the right to return to all the Regional Meetings to request an additional person be proposed by each region.</p>

<p>for election to the Executive Committee. These are to be listed and take into account the criteria listed in 2.2.</p> <p>Regional Meetings must obtain the consent of persons they propose for election.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee has the right to return to all the Regional Meetings to request an additional person be proposed by each region.</p> <p>2.2. Criteria</p> <p>Regional Meetings and the Nominating Committee are required to ensure that those proposed for election and included in the final slate of candidates represent a good mix and balance of persons, taking into account considerations relating to continuity, geographical and denominational representation, gender, skills, regional leadership and availability to participate in the work of IAMS.</p> <p>3. Voting process</p> <p>The Nomination Committee will present its nominated slate at a General Meeting of IAMS.</p> <p>3.1. Right to vote</p> <p>Only full IAMS members present at the conference are eligible to vote and to stand as candidates for election.</p> <p>Corporate member of IAMS, represented in the Conference, have one vote.</p> <p>Each individual person has only one vote, either as individual member of IAMS or as representative of a corporate member.</p> <p>3.2. Secret ballot</p> <p>The voting will be conducted by means of a secret ballot.</p> <p>3.3. Majority</p> <p>The IAMS General Meeting is entitled, by simple majority vote of members present at the meeting, to accept or reject the slate proposed by the Nomination Committee. The meeting may also make suggestions and require the Nomination Committee to present an amended slate.</p> <p><i>Adopted by the XI Quadrennial Assembly, Malaysia, 3. August 2004</i></p>	<p>5.2.4 The Nomination Committee will, from names proposed by the Regional Meetings, prepare one slate of candidates for consideration by the General Meeting for the positions of Vice-President, and five Executive Committee members.</p> <p>5.2.5 The nominee for President will be the current Vice-President or other suitable candidate.</p> <p>5.2.6 The six regional areas of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America and Oceania, are to be represented by the Vice-President and five Executive Committee members.</p> <p>5.3 Criteria</p> <p>Regional Meetings and the Nomination Committee are required to ensure that those proposed for nomination for election and included in the final slate of candidates represent a good mix and balance of persons, taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuity, • geographical and denominational representation, • gender, • skills, • regional leadership • availability to participate in the work of the Association. <p>5.4 Voting</p> <p>5.4.1 Right to vote: Only paid-up IAMS members, (either individuals or the designated representative of a corporate member) present at the General Meeting are eligible to vote. Each eligible person has only one vote.</p> <p>5.4.2 Voting for elections is conducted by means of a secret ballot.</p> <p>5.4.3 The IAMS General Meeting is entitled, by simple majority vote of members present at the meeting, to accept or reject the slate proposed by the Nomination Committee.</p> <p>5.4.4 The meeting may require the Nomination Committee to present an amended slate and suggest alternative</p>
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			nominees for the Nomination Committee to consider.
		6.	<p>Study Groups</p> <p>6.1 Study Groups exist to foster the academic life of the Association. Each study group is expected to function as a track or subject during an International Assembly.</p> <p>6.2 Each IAMS Study Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have its role approved by the Executive Committee. • Has a convenor or convenors whose position is confirmed by the Executive Committee • Reports annually to the Executive Committee and the Assembly • Provides information which may be communicated to the IAMS membership • Is subject to review by the General Meeting of the Association.