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Rev. J. Andrew Kirk, Birmingham, UK.



»Mission thinkers and practitioners in the Indian setting of religious pluralism and poverty face acute situations and demands. We live constantly with “People pressure”.

The opportunity that IAMS membership provides to be in touch with those who reflect on mission theory and mission practice in the many contexts of the world is a refreshing and welcome joy for us. IAMS membership and participation in its conferences opens the prospect for fresh thinking, creative reflection and dynamic involvement.«

Dr. Siga Arles, West Bengal, India.



»Being a member of IAMS allows you to network with people interested in mission studies and missiology from all over the world. It affords a marvellous opportunity to gain a variety of perspectives – both global and ecclesiastical – and to form new friendships. The conferences are a great occasion to put names to faces, catch up on the latest research and publications and return home with a wealth of new material.«

Catherine Rae Ross, Auckland, New Zealand.

»Mission takes place in a complex framework of cultures, ideologies and religions. It requires open study and at the same time a clear affirmation of faith without extreme fanaticism or liberalism. It requires a theological and ecclesiological framework that should come from the experience, reflection and knowledge generated in the mission field. This is what brought me to IAMS. Here missionaries and theologians from all over the world can



meet and discuss – being faithful to the mission in the midst of the religious and ideological battlefield, where the search for an united testimony and an ecumenical theology is urgently needed.«

Rev. Emilio N. Monti, Argentina



»Beyond the desire of impressing with figures and beyond confessional barriers, IAMS connects a global ecumenical network of mission scholars for the scientific study of the qualities of the missionary mandate “to announce the Good News to the poor”.«

Dr. Paulo Suess, Sao Paulo, Brazil.



»The International Association for Mission Studies is a particularly valuable organization for North Americans and members of the American Society of Missiology. In IAMS one will meet and interact with mission scholars

and practitioners from around the globe.

This global perspective on God’s mission in the world is especially critical for North Americans to understand since the center of gravity of the world Christian movement has moved South and East. The IAMS scholarly journal *Mission Studies* will introduce

members to European missiologists and to insights from non-Western scholars. I heartily endorse membership in IAMS as a lively, stimulating, and refreshing international community of mission scholars.«

Darrell Whiteman, Editor, *Missiology*, Dean E. Stanley Jones, School of World Mission and Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary.



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DE ESTUDIOS DE LA MISIÓN

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HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES

The International Association for Mission Studies is an international, interconfessional and interdisciplinary professional society for the scholarly study of Christian witness and its impact in the world. After preliminary meetings of European and North American missiologists at Birmingham, England, in 1968, and Oslo, Norway, in 1970, the IAMS was inaugurated in 1972 at Driebergen, The Netherlands. Since then ten international conferences have been held on five continents. The number of members raised quickly and by 2000 includes more than 500 individual and 75 corporate members.

The objectives of the association are:

- to promote the scholarly study of theological, historical and practical questions relating to mission;
- to disseminate information concerning mission among all those engaged in such studies and among the general public;
- to relate studies in mission to studies in theological and other disciplines;
- to promote fellowship, cooperation and mutual assistance in mission studies;
- to organize international conferences of missiologists;
- to encourage the creation of centres of research;
- and to stimulate publications in missiology.

MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS

Within IAMS a number of Interest Groups have emerged:

- Project for Archives, Documentation, and Oral History (formerly DAB)
- Biblical Studies and Mission
- Healing
- Women in Mission

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Executive Committee arranges a general meeting of the association every four years in different parts of the world. These meetings are designed for intensive study and discussion of a particular missiological theme, with maximum participation in forums, discussion groups, bible study, workshops and exposure experiences.

JOURNAL

The IAMS journal, *Mission Studies*, is sent without charge to all IAMS members twice each year. It contains scholarly articles and information about the association and the activities of its members, along with news and notes on missiological conferences, research projects, and publications. Articles for *Mission Studies* can be submitted in English, German, Spanish or French. But as an international scholarly association the general lingua franca of IAMS is English.

WEB-SITE

IAMS has got its own website which you are most welcome to visit and explore. Here you will find relevant missiological material and a concise history of IAMS. The address for the site is www.missionstudies.org

The logo for IAMS (International Association of Mission Studies) is displayed in a light purple color. It consists of the letters 'IA' stacked above a plus sign '+', followed by the letters 'MMS' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

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Both individual scholars and institutions desiring to advance the cause of missiology in keeping with the aims of the association may apply for membership. Associate membership for doctoral students is open for not longer than four years. Applications for membership are considered by the Executive Committee, which is empowered to act on behalf of the Association.

The annual membership fee for individuals is UK£ 18/US\$ 30; for associate members the fee is UK£ 9/US\$ 15; for institutions as corporate members a minimum of UK£ 65/US\$ 100 is expected. Since membership fees have been set as low as possible, in view of the widely varying resources of our international membership, additional contributions from those with the ability to pay will be gratefully received. Any members who have difficulty in payment or transfer of funds for membership fees should inform the Treasury.

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