

IAMS "Rump" Executive Committee

Minutes of the Meeting from 24th to 26th November, 1995,
in Hamburg, Germany

Present: Michael Amaladoss (chair), Martin Conway, Christopher Grundmann, Horst Rzepkowski, Klaus Schaefer, Joachim Wietzke

Guests: Herbert Meissner, Director, EMW; Constanze Ennen, EMW, for the opening session;
Elisabeth Muessig-Heban, EMW, for dinner on Saturday.

Apologies: Ana Langerak, Andrew Kirk

1. Welcome

- Michael opens the meeting and welcomes the participants, especially Klaus Schaefer who has succeeded Joachim Wietzke as Study Secretary in EMW, and Joachim who has kindly joined the meeting.

- Herbert Meissner welcomes the members of the IAMS Executive on behalf of EMW; he offers devotion and prayer, and shares reflections on the situation of the churches in Germany; he especially focuses on the situation after the unification of Germany and the financial constraints which churches in Germany begin to feel.

- Michael expresses thanks and appreciation for the good cooperation between IAMS and EMW, particularly for hosting the Secretariate of IAMS in Hamburg. He warmly thanks Joachim for his tremendous efforts in caring for IAMS affairs and building IAMS up to its present stature. He wishes Joachim God's blessings and guidance in his new responsibility as director of the Mission Centre of the Lutheran Church in North-Elbia.

- Michael also thanks Constanze Ennen for her faithful work with the secretariate, and finally Klaus Schaefer for his willingness to take over the responsibility for IAMS as acting General Secretary.

2. Finalizing the agenda

The prepared agenda was approved. In addition, however, Klaus raised the need to discuss matters regarding the relation of IAMS and EMW. It was agreed to take this up right in the beginning of the meeting, as long as Herbert Meissner is present.

3. Minutes of the last Executive Meeting

The minutes are approved with one correction: In workshop IX (p.

10) it should read Sr. Miriam Terese Winter instead of Godelieve Prové.

4. Matters regarding the relationship of IAMS and EMW

Michael reported on the understanding of EMW and IAMS regarding Klaus' appointment as General Secretary of IAMS: When the Executive met last year in Washington, Klaus was not yet officially appointed by EMW as Joachims successor. Consequently he could not yet be appointed as General Secretary of IAMS at that time. However, EMW is happy to render the service of Klaus for the secretaryship of IAMS and continue to host the Secretariate. Klaus is going to serve for the time being as "Acting General Secretary"; the formal appointment of Klaus should be made by the full Executive when it meets in Buenos Aires; the Conference then may confirm this decision.

Herbert Meissner then explained the need of EMW to restructure responsibilities in the Hamburg office. Constanze Ennen, who has done the secretarial work for IAMS over the last two years, will not be able to continue this work beyond the conference; Constanze served IAMS while she was on a three-years maternal leave from her regular work which she will take up again in January. Constanze was working five hours a week and was paid the amount of DM 7.773,36 per year, that is the amount she was permitted to earn on a tax-free basis during her maternal leave. Since five hours of work was not sufficient to cope with the work load for IAMS, there was additional assistance by Elisabeth Muessig-Hebban who works as secretary in EMW with Herbert Meissner and Joachim Wietzke/Klaus Schaefer.

EMW would render the service of Doris Ganz, another secretary in EMW, to the IAMS secretariate. However, there is a necessity in EMW to designate 25 % of a full appointment for IAMS; the work load could then also be taken without the assistance of Elisabeth Muessig-Hebban. However, the costs for the 25 % of a full appointment (that is 10 hours a week) would amount to a salary share of DM 20.475,00 per year.

EMW is quite aware that IAMS will not be able to cover this amount, but EMW can not pay it either from its normal budget from which approximately DM 1.500,- to 1.800,- for postage, fax etc. for IAMS are covered. In order to bridge this financial gap, EMW would be able to offer a raise of the regular annual grant of EMW for the secretariate from DM 5.000,- to DM 15.000,-.

Michael expressed his appreciation to Herbert and the colleagues in EMW for the efforts to ensure the continuation of the good work of the Secretariate in Hamburg. Martin likewise expressed his gratitude and suggested that the Treasury would work out some proposal for covering the balance still to be made up by IAMS. This

suggestion will then be placed before the Executive in April.

5. Buenos Aires Conference

5.1. Report from the Local Committee in Buenos Aires

Klaus distributed copies of the latest report from Buenos Aires (Appendix 1). For accomodation there are two hotels booked in down town Buenos Aires; the main meeting place will be the house of the Swiss community in B.A. where also lunch and dinner will be served; workshops etc. are going to be held in classrooms of Catholics schools in the area etc.

The Executive expressed its gratitude to the Local Committee for their great efforts in providing alternative arrangements for the conference. Not quite clear from the letter is the question of distance and also the possibility or necessity of transport between the various places.

The Executive also discussed the suggestions of the Local Committee as to the timing of the meals etc. It was decided to complete the daily conference work before dinner. The time-table for the Conference was reframed accordingly (cf. Appendix 2).

5.2. Trip of General Secretary to Buenos Aires prior to the conference

After discussing briefly the Executive recommended strongly a trip of the General Secretary to Buenos Aires for further preparation of the conference. There should be a meeting with the Local Committee and also a look at the sides etc. After his trip there should be a short report sent to the Executive members.

5.3. Bible Studies

Klaus reported on problems in finding a second person for the Bible studies besides René Padilla. Ivonne Gebara, who first did not respond to various letters, finally had to decline our invitation. Elza Tamez regretfully declined, too; Milton Schwantes, who was in Germany in June and September, would be willing to take the Bible studies, but we were searching for a woman, preferably from the Catholic Church. Two sisters from Central America, whose addresses were provided by Ana, did not respond.

After some discussion it was resolved to invite Sr. Miriam Terese Winter to take the three Bible studies. Alternatives would be Sr. Keum Ok Park or Sr. Godelieve Prové.

5.4. Workshops

Klaus distributed sheets with the names of moderators and resource

persons of the eleven workshops (cf. Appendix 3).

Moderators and resource persons have agreed to their tasks, but not many preparatory papers have reached the Hamburg office or Horst in St. Augustin yet. Klaus is requested to send another reminder and ask that the statements be sent before Christmas.

5.5. Preliminary look at the Conference Budget

Martin reports that the Treasury has so far received only 21 deposits in British currency, and 13 in USD. The Secretary should mention the issue of payment of the deposit to those people who should pay their deposit. If necessary, there should be other letters as to this matter sent again later in February by the Treasury.

According to the budget Martin explains that expenses per person for tea/coffee and two meals a day should not exceed USD 170,-; less would be much better. The estimated expenses are already higher than in Hawaii and Rome, and there is little financial scope. We should also set aside some amount for xerox copies etc. The rent for the rooms in the Swiss centre, in schools etc. are not known yet.

5.6. Registrations and applications for travel grants

Klaus distributed a lists with the names of those who have registered for the conference (Appendix 4) and a list with the names of applicants for travel grants (Appendix 5).

5.7. Workshop choices

A list containing the workshop choices was distributed (Appendix 6). - There should be no more than 20 people in one workshop. The distribution of participants to the workshops may still change, for it is expected that some people may drop from their participation when they don't get travel subsidy. There should, on the other hand, be a minimum of six people attending a workshop; regional mixing should be ensured.

Since there is little participation in workshop IX it was resolved to drop this workshop. Ana Langerak, Sr. Celestine Maitri and Sr. Miriam Therese Winter will be given alternative tasks (conference chair, worship committee, Bible studies); Richard E. Waldrop will be requested to join a different workshop.

5.8. Forum papers

A list with the names of people who offered to present a Forum Paper was distributed (cf. Appendix 7). - The following rules as to

Forum Papers were adopted: 1) People running a workshop - as moderator or resource persons - should not give a Forum Paper; 2) the papers should reach the Hamburg office four weeks prior to the conference in order to be accepted as Forum Papers; 3) the papers should offer a fresh and original contribution of the author; 4) there should be a strict moderator for the Forum Paper sessions.

Christopher Grundmann was requested to organize these sessions and appoint the moderators.

5.9. Appointments

- Chairpersons

The following names were suggested as possible chair persons for chairing conference days:

- Johannes Althausen,
- Gerald H. Anderson,
- Teresa Okure,
- José Miguez Bonino,
- Ana Langerak,
- Willem Adriaan Saayman,
- Frans J. Verstraelen.

However, decisions were not made as yet. We also want to involve local people after talking with Nestor Miguez. Final decisions will be taken only after arrival in B.A. in April.

- Panel Participants

The panel discussion has the purpose to reflect from various perspectives on the key note address of the conference. The panel should involve local people who should be invited by IAMS to participate in the panel discussion by an official letter. The following categories respectively names of participants were suggested:

- one person from Argentina (question to Nestor Miguez),
- one person from Latin America, other than Argentina (Latin American perspective),
- one person from North America (Mary M. Motte),
- one person from Africa (J. N. K. Mugambi),
- the key note speaker (Ulrich Duchrow, European perspective),
- the President of IAMS (M. Amaladoss, Asian perspective).

- Drafting Committee/cum Reflectors

After some discussion it was decided to combine the responsibilities of drafting committee and reflectors in spite of slightly different tasks. The task of the reflectors is to raise issues which the conference did not properly deal with.

The following names were suggested to serve on the drafting committee and as reflectors:

- R. J. Schreiter (U.S.A.) (chair),
- J. N. K. Mugambi (Kenya),
- Edith Bernard (France),
- José Sarraco (Argentina),
- (Frans Verstraelen).

The people suggested here should be informed well in advance of the conference.

- Moderators of Regional Meetings

It was decided to have four or five regional groupings; members of the Executive Committee should serve as conveners for the meetings until a moderator is being appointed from among themselves:

- North American regional meeting (Peggy Loftus),
- Latin American regional meeting (Ana Langerak),
- African regional meeting (Teresa Okure),
- Asian regional meeting (Michael Amaladoss);

Since there is little participation from the Pacific it should be left open at this stage whether there should be a Pacific regional meeting; conveener would then be John Roxborough.

- Worship Committee

The worship committee is responsible for the opening and closing worship as well as for the morning devotion and the evening prayers. Pable Soza from B.A. has been interested with the responsibility to chair the committee and invite local people of his choice. It was resolved to invite other people from among the participants to serve on this committee:

- Sr. Celestine Maitri (India),
- Sr. Keum-Ok Park (Korea),
- Ft. Jerome Rosaria (India),
- Phillip Mazambara (Tansania).

- Celebrant and preacher in closing worship

The matter of the concluding worship as Eucharistic service was raised again. IAMS tradition was always to have an Anglican celebrant, but concern was expressed about the feelings of the Catholic community in B.A., particularly if the worship is going to be conducted in a Catholic church. One should perhaps rather think of a Catholic priest presiding the Eucharist. It was suggested to request the Indian Catholic bishop Thomas Menamparampil to be the celebrant, and Michael is going to ask him. As an alternative one could think of the Argentinean Catholic bishop Novak, SVD, or Juan

Scannone from San Miquel.

- Opening Celebration

The opening celebration ought to consist of two parts: An opening worship and a get together with a cultural programme. The sermon in the opening service can perhaps be given by J. Scannone; the moderator of the get together, which should us all make feel at home, could possibly be Nestor Miquez, the chair-man of the local preparation committee. But these matters have to be discussed with the local committee itself.

Before the opening ceremony there could be a light dinner, approximately from 17.00 - 18.00 hours. The opening evening should not have too many technical announcements etc.

- Nomination Committee

The nomination committee should keep in mind the family aspect of IAMS as well as the idea of bringing new people to share responsibility within the IAMS community. From the regional meetings at the beginning of the conference there should start some thinking who could represent the region on the nomination committee and on the Executive Committee (they should not be the same).

Chair-person of the Committee, which is to be formed in B.A., should be Ed Schroeder.

5.10. Conference Organization

- Stewards

According to experiences with earlier conferences there will be a need of about three to four young people from the local community serving as stewards for the conference. The local committee should be requested to state the exact need for stewards and invite suitable persons for the job. Free meals should be provided for them.

To invite stewards from other countries and pay their expenses is not conference tradition and can not be afforded.

- Secretarial Assistance

Thanks was expressed to a young American woman of the Presbyterian Church in B.A. who was asked by the local committee to help with the conference organization. Her services will be most welcome to IAMS.

In addition there should be secretarial assistance from the side of IAMS for registration, flight reservations, etc. It was resolved to

invite Elisabeth Muessig-Hebban of the EMW office in Hamburg to join the conference as conference secretary.

- Conference Office

It is necessary to have a room as conference office in the Swiss centre where most of the activities are taking place. There should also be two or three electric typewriters for the typing of statements etc. Participants of the conference are expected to type their papers themselves.

It is also desirable to have a safe in the conference office.

- Translation Equipment

The issue of translation - from Spanish to English and vice versa, and perhaps also from English to Spanish - needs to be taken up with the Local Committee. During the sessions we should invite people to speak in Spanish. Questions: Does the Swiss Centre have a translation equipment (wire arrangement with earphones)? Can the Local Committee organize interpreters and handle the translation? What are the costs involved? To hire a wireless equipment may be too expensive.

- Participation of women in the Local Committee

When Executive members visited B.A. last year, they met also women serving on the local preparation committee. In the letter-head of the local committee there is no mentioning of women. The Executive expressed the desire of participation and cooperation of women; we need, in many ways, their need their wisdom and assistance before and during the conference.

6. IAMS Projects

Lists concerning the project choices of participants were distributed (cf. Appendix 8 a-c).

Moderators of the projects are to give a report on the project work and also give some fresh perspective for the work of the next three years. The reports in the plenary are meant to invite people to reflect on the project areas. The reports should be submitted prior to the conference, so that they can be published later in MISSION STUDIES.

It was strongly suggested to redefine the ideas of project work. Is the constituency really pushing for project work? Perhaps one should launch projects on rather short terms and initiate new project ideas; for example could A. Noggler be requested to start a project on Latin American Indians, and other participants may also be mobilized to reflect on projects already ahead begin of the

conference.

Raised was also the issue of termination to the moderators of the projects. The moderatorship should be for a period; whether re-appointment is possible has to be discussed further, even in the plenary.

The present moderators are strongly requested to make proposals as to the perspectives of the individual projects. While Christopher reported that the Healing project is doing quite well, there is little information on the other projects. Christopher (Healing), John Roxborough (DAB) and Teresa Okure (BISAM) are requested to prepare their reports and proposals. Klaus expressed interest to get involved also in BISAM.

7. Finances

Report from the Treasury / General Budget

Martin presented the estimated receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31st December 1995 and the draft budget for 1996 (cf. Appendix 9 a.b).

Some additional comments were made:

- 70 out of 76 corporate members have paid their membership fee in 1994, 60 in 1995, and already 6 for 1996. 330 individual members paid their fees in 1994, 275 in 1995; this is slightly over a half of the entire membership. After Buenos Aires the list has to be checked again.
- The income from membership is similar as in earlier years, but it should be better. IAMS needs to have a new membership fee in order to be able to cover the normal bills. Perhaps there should be a raise in the corporate membership fee. In any case, IAMS needs some extra income.
- To give subsidy to the projects from the Treasury is presently not really possible.
- Since the Executive Committee is going to meet in connection with the conference, it was not necessary to budget a separate Executive meeting for 1996.

Buenos Aires Conference Budget

According to Martin there is a need for having at least GBP 75.000,- available for the conference. We can count on following contributions respectively funds still left from the Hawaii conference:

GBP 13.500,- + additional pledges of GBP 5.500,-,
that is GBP 19.000,-
USD 5.799,- + additional pledges of USD 11.750,-
(USD 10.000,- limited to South
East Asia), that is USD 17.450,-
DEM 30.000,- from EMW + another DEM 60.000
in 1995 end, that is DEM 90.000,-

In addition there is an left-over from the Hawai
conference of GBP 40.000,-

Some agencies and churches offered grants for certain people, for
example Catholic agencies for Catholic participants, the Lutheran
Church of Bavaria in Germany, the North Elbian Mission Centre in
Germany for persons from their partner churches etc.

Travel grants

It was decided to give travel grants to the following persons (with
estimation of the possible air fares and the registration fee):

Executive members

1. M. Amaladoss,	GBP 850 +	300
2. A. Langerak,	850	300
3. K. Schaefer,	850	300
4. M. Conway,	650	300
5. A. Kirk,	650	300
6. J. Roxborough,	1.000	300
7. E. David,	750	300
8. Chr. Grundmann,	850	300
9. Th. Okure,	1.000	300
10. H. Rzepkwski,	850	300
11. E. Müssig-Heban (Sekretariat)	850	300
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	9.150	3.300

Speakers and Workshop Leaders/Resource Persons

1. A. Ayrookuzhiel	1.200 +	300	
2. D. M. Balia	(500) +	300	() = if necessary
3. St. Bevans		(300)	
4. Chun Chae Ok	1.500 +	300	
5. M. L. Daneel	(1.000)	300	
6. U. Duchrow	850	300	
7. S. Escobar	(850)	(300)	
8. R. Gerloff	650	-	
9. A. Guzman	350	300	

10. P. Heldt	1.100	300
11. S. McDonough	750	300
12. M. Motte	(1.000)	(300)
13. G. Prime	750	300
14. G. Prové	(500)	300
15. J. Sahi	1.200	300
16. C. Samuel	650	300
17. L. Sanneh	1.000	300
18. J. de Santa Ana	(500)	300
19. R. Schreiter		(300)
20. Sr. Celestne	1.200	300
21. Chr. Wright		(300)
22. Th. Winter	1.000	300

12.200	4.800
(4.350)	(1.500)

Applicants

1. G. Khoury	1.100	300
2. Grzyborski	350	300
3. J. Sebastian	850	300
4. Bp. Menampambil	1.000	300
5. I. Selvanayagam	1.400	300
6. S. Gyan	1.300	
7. Nominee of the Syrian Orth. Church, India	1.500	300
8. J. Rosaria, S.J.	1.400	300
9. P. S. Mascarenhas	1.400	300
10. J. Thomas	1.400	300
11. J. Mattam, S.J.	1.400	300
12. T. Paredes	350	300
13. V. Steuernagel	350	300
14. Nominee from Malaysia		
15. Nominee from Burma/Myanmar		
16. Nominee from China		
17. Nominee from China		
18. C. O. Oshun	1.000	300
19. U.-O. E. Umoren	1.200	300
20. E. de Rosny		
21. C. H. Janda	1.200	300
22. K. Bediako	1.200	300
23. L. Ramabasson	1.650	150
24. P. Mazambara	850	300

25.	F. Verstraelen		300
26.	Bishop Ladigbolu	1.000	300
27.	B. Knighton		300
28.	O. J. Haramäki		300
29.	P. Sookhdeo		300
30.	J. Ruiz	(part of air fare)	
31.	S. Bakare	"	

7. Applications for membership

The following are accepted as new members of IAMS:

a) individual

1. Rev. Abraham M. Ayrookuzhiel, India
2. Prof. Dieter Becker, Germany
3. Dr. Edith L. Blumhofer, USA
4. Rev. John Bradley, UK
5. Dr. Brian Castle, UK
6. Dr. Angelyn Dries, USA
7. Rev. Petra Heldt, Israel
8. Dr. Dale Thomas Irvin, USA
9. Prof. Jack A. Johnson-Hill, South Africa
10. Dr. Hans-Joachim Kosmahl, Germany
11. Prof. Paul Liu, China
12. Dr. James Massey, India
13. Dr. Francis T. McGourn, Bolivia
14. Bishop O. Moses Mdegella, Tanzania
15. Dr. Tito Paredes, Peru
16. Dr. John Prior, Indonesia
17. Prof. Karl Rennstich, Germany
18. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, Germany
19. Prof. Olaf H. Schumann, Germany
20. Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, UK
221. Dr. Christian Tauchner, SVD, Ecuador
22. Dr. Kevin Ward, UK

b) institutional

1. Mission and Evangelism Desk, CCA, Hongkong

Not accepted due to lack of academic qualifications are:

1. Dr. Stephen Adeniyi, Nigeria
2. Rev. Ludwig S. Hausiku, Namibia
3. Rev. Th. Sinnathamby, USA

The following applications are pending because of a missing recommendation:

1. Prof. Ramon M. Burgos Solis, Ecuador

2. Rev. Manuel B. Gunsí, Philippines
3. Dr. John Nelson Jennings, Japan
4. Dr. Karl-Heinz Kuhlmann, Germany
5. Rev. Lucien-Pierre Legrand, India
6. Dr. Adolphine Makuiza-Kubula, Congo

8. MISSION STUDIES

- Evaluation of No. 22 and 23

In looking back at No. 22 and 23 of MISSION STUDIES there was much appreciation expressed for the publications.

- Planning of next issues

Horst reports on the planning for the next two issues of MISSION STUDIES. No. 24 will come out in January and contain material in preparation of the conference. There are included three major articles on the general topic of the conference, one article on folk religion in Argentina, the workshop papers as well as other articles and book reviews.

The second issue of 1996 should be a double issue (No. 25/26) with all the documents from Buenos Aires, to be published in the middle of the year.

The report and suggestions by Horst were received with much appreciation and thanks for his efforts.

Martin reported in addition that SPCK in London might be interested to publish the conference materials in a book form. This would then bring also subsidy for the publication of MISSION STUDIES. Klaus added that EMW would perhaps be interested to bring out a selection of the Buenos Aires material in German translation as an EMW publication. The Catholic journal "Spiritus" might be interested to do the same in French and Spanish.

After a short discussion it was decided not to include the reports from the Agra Conference on "Christian Faith and Economics", conducted by the INFEMIT network, as preparatory material in MISSION STUDIES nor to make it available through IAMS to all participants of the conference.

10. Matters regarding elections

Klaus reported that Ana Langerak as Director of Unit II of the WCC is presently extremely busy with the preparation of the World Mission Conference which is going to take place in November/December 1996 in Brazil. Due to this temporary constraints she might not even be in a position to take part in the conference in Buenos Aires. - The Executive members quite understand these

constraints; on the other hand, they would like to request Ana to join the conference at least for a few days towards the end of the meeting, take the chair for a session and be present during the elections.

11. Executive Meeting Buenos Aires

There will be an Executive meeting just prior to the conference in Buenos Aires. Executive members are requested to arrive in B.A. on April 9th. The Executive meeting is going to take place on April 10th in the morning. The Local Committee shall be invited for the meeting.

The newly elected Executive Committee is going to constitute itself in between the project meetings towards the end of the conference.

The moderators of the workshops, resource persons etc. will have a meeting for orientation on Thursday, April 11th, during lunch time.

12. Miscellaneous: Venue of X. IAMS Conference in the year 2000

In the past there were already suggestions of having a IAMS Conference in Eastern Europe or in the Middle East. In discussing the issue now, there were several considerations voiced: One has to take into account that the future will probably bring a further strain on the finances of IAMS; one has to think of the hosts in a certain region etc. The feeling for Jerusalem was not too enthusiastic due to a very small IAMS membership in this region, the peace and security problem and the uncertainty about the further development of the situation in and around Jerusalem; the symbolic meaning of the year 2000 as well as of the city of Jerusalem was mentioned. There was some consensus to keep the Middle East as a desired region for a conference without naming the place as yet.

Having the Conference in Eastern Europe does not seem to be realistic. IAMS does not have as yet a constituency there.

Christopher suggested additionally to think of the Scandinavian countries as possible places for the next conference.

Finally it was decided to keep this question open for the time being. The participants should be informed that we are looking for the place for the next conference and should be invited to reflect along with friends in their region about a possible invitation for the next IAMS conference.

Martin suggested still another way for identifying a venue: Instead to start thinking from the regions of the world, one could begin to reflect on a possible theme or cluster of issues to be dealt with and then think of a suitable region or city for that topic. If, for

example, one begins to reflect on interfaith issues as topic for the next conference, Jerusalem would be the most suitable place in the world.

In conclusion Christopher proposed a word of thanks to Joachim for spending the whole weekend with the Executive.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Hamburg, 4. February 1996

Klaus Schaefer