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72<sup>nd</sup> General  
Meeting  
PRETORIA 2017



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Society  
Questionnaire  
(2017)  
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# SNTS NEWSLETTER

## Report on the Pretoria 2017 General Meeting

- The 72<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting of the Society took place at the University of Pretoria, the second time this city had hosted the Society. There were 134 registered participants. The Society is grateful to Prof. Gert Steyn and his colleagues in Pretoria for collaborating to ensure the success of the meeting.
- Prof. Michael Wolter (Germany) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address, entitled 'Ein exegetischer Blick auf Röm 11,25-32'. He is the Society's *President* until the next General Meeting in Athens.
- Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland) was elected *President* by the Society for the 2018 General Meeting in Athens, Greece. He now serves on the Committee as *President-Elect*.
- Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) was nominated by the Committee to become *President* of the Society at the 2019 General Meeting in Marburg, Germany.
- Main papers were delivered by Profs Josef Verheyden (Belgium), 'The Luke-Acts Conundrum: Method and Reason in Reflecting on the Composition of a Two-Volume Work'; Clare Rothschild (USA), 'The Muratorian Fragment as Fraud'; Matthias Konradt (Germany), "'Nehmt auf euch mein Joch und lernt von mir!" (Mt 11,29): Mt 11,28-30 und die christologische Dimension der matthäischen Ethik'; and Jean-Claude Loba Mkole (Kenya), 'Exégèse et traduction interculturelles du nouveau testament'.
- The *Quaestiones Disputatae* engaged three panellists – Profs Teresa Morgan (guest: UK), Mark Seifrid (USA) and Francis Watson (UK) – who addressed the question 'What was distinctive about early Christian "faith"?'
- Profs Christine Gerber (Germany) and Johan Thom (South Africa) retired from the Committee; and Profs Daniel Gerber (France) and Korinna Zamfir (Romania) were elected to replace them and serve on the Committee for a period of three years.
- 38 scholars were elected to membership of the Society: Dr Frantisek Ábel (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia); Dr Sean Adams (University of Glasgow, UK); Prof. Dr Grigory V. Alfeyev (Saints Cyril and Methodius School of Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies, Russian Orthodox Church, Russia); Dr Christian Blumenthal (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany); Dr Lincoln Blumell (Brigham Young University, USA); Prof. Ian Boxall (Catholic University of America, USA); Dr Jeannine Brown (Bethel Seminary and University, USA); Dr Lynn H. Cohick (Wheaton College, USA); Prof. Dr Pieter F. Craffert (University of South Africa, South Africa); Dr N. Clayton Croy (USA); Dr Priscille Djomhoue (Faculté Universitaire de Théologie Protestante de Bruxelles, Belgium); Prof. Dr Volker Gäckle (Internationale Hochschule Liebenzell, Germany); Dr Mark Goodacre (Duke University,

USA); Dr Nijay Gupta (Portland Seminary of George Fox University, USA); Dr Raimo Hakola (University of Helsinki, Finland); Dr Peter M. Head (Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, UK); Dr Alison Jack (University of Edinburgh, UK); PD Dr Torsten Jantsch (Ludwig Maximilian University, Germany); Dr Roy R. Jeal (Booth University College, Canada); Dr Simon J. Joseph (California Lutheran University, USA); Dr Jennifer Wright Knust (Boston University, USA); Dr Jan L.H. Krans (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, and Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Netherlands); Dr Outi Lehtipuu (University of Helsinki, Finland); Dr Michael R. Licon (Houston Baptist University, USA); Dr Darian Lockett (Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, USA); Dr Matthew V. Novenson (University of Edinburgh, UK); Dr Eric Ottenheijm (Utrecht University, Netherlands); Dr Stephen Pattemore (Bible Society New Zealand and United Bible Societies, New Zealand); Dr Cosmin Pricop (University of Bucharest, Romania); Dr Rikard Roitto (Stockholm School of Theology, Sweden); Prof. Mikhail Seleznev (Post-Graduate and Doctoral School of The Russian Orthodox Church, Russia); Dr Nathalie Siffer (Université de Strasbourg, France); Dr Janet Spittler (University of Virginia, USA); Prof. Dr Matthew Thiessen (McMaster University, Canada); Dr Franz Tóth (University of Zurich, Switzerland); Prof. Steve Walton (St Mary's University, Twickenham, UK); Dr Catrin Williams (University of Wales Trinity St David, UK); Dr William M. Wright (Duquesne University, USA).

- The Society received with regret news of the deaths of the following 33 (former) members: Profs Gonzala Arando Perez (Apr 2016); Kenneth E. Bailey (May 2016); Günther Baumbach (2007); Michel Bouttier (Aug 2015); Jerzy Chmiel (Aug 2016); Carsten Colpe (2009); Marinus de Jonge (Dec 2016); Joseph Fitzmyer (Dec 2016); Josephine Ford (May 2015); Heinz Giesen (Jul 2016); Erich Grässer (Jun 2017); Marie Isaacs (Aug 2016); Gert Jeremias (Aug 2016); M.D. Johnson (2011); Thomas Kraabel (Nov 2016); Kikuo Matsunaga (Oct 2015); Ulrich Mauser (Aug 2015); Paul-Gerhard Müller (Oct 2016); Franz Mußner (Mar 2016); Richard Pervo (May 2017); Walter Radl (Jul 2012); Matthias Rissi (Mar 2006); James Robinson (Mar 2016); Gérard Rochais (Aug

2016); Alexander Sand (Mar 2013); Zdeněk Sázava (Jan 2017); Wolfgang Schenk (Dec 2015); Siegfried Schulz (Jan 2010); Benedikt Schwank (Oct 2016); Turid Karlsen Seim (Nov 2016); Graydon Snyder (May 2016); Hans-Friedrich Weiss (Jun 2016); G. Minette de Tillesse (Aug 2016).

- The *Treasurer*, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger (UK), presented the statement of accounts.
- The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. William Loader (Australia), reported on the work of the four Liaison Committees (Eastern European; African; Asia/Pacific; Latin American/Caribbean). The Society's international initiatives include promoting New Testament scholarship in areas beyond those where such research has traditionally been well represented within the Society, and to identify potential new members. Sponsorships had enabled members from Kenya (2), Ghana, Lesotho, DR Congo, Zambia, Nigeria, and for invited guests from Kenya (2), Nigeria (2), China and Taiwan, to attend the Pretoria General Meeting. Members were reminded of the importance of making contributions to the International Fund to assist with these initiatives; and of the responsibility to nominate new members especially from under-represented regions. While continuing to maintain high standards, the nominating guidelines include a measure of flexibility. Proposers are urged to make a clear and detailed case for the high quality of a nominee's research publications. Applications for access to the Electronic Library at Stellenbosch University need to be sent directly to Prof. Loader.

## VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Athens: 7-10 August, 2018  
 Marburg: 30 July – 2 August, 2019  
 Rome: 28-31 July, 2020

The Committee is keen to receive offers to host a General Meeting in 2021 or 2022

Details can be obtained from the *Secretary*

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- The *Editor of New Testament Studies*, Prof. Francis Watson (UK), reported that 115 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year; of which, 24 had been accepted for publication. Edward Adams (UK), Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), Lukas Bormann (Germany), Claire Clivaz (Switzerland), Philip Esler (UK), Jan-Willem van Henten (Netherlands) and Moisés Mayordomo (Switzerland) are due to retire from the Board at the end of 2017. To replace these members, the Society elected the following members to serve in their place, for the period January 2018 – December 2020: Sandra Huebenthal (Germany), Peter Oakes (UK), Markus Öhler (Austria), Uta Poplutz (Germany), Joan Taylor (UK) and Oda Wischmeyer (Germany).
- The *Editor of the Monograph Series*, Prof. Paul Trebilco (New Zealand), reported that three monographs had been published since the previous General Meeting, two volumes were in production, and two further projects had been, or were about to be, contracted. The Society was reminded that Prof. Edward Adams (UK) had been elected to succeed Prof. Trebilco as *Editor of the Monograph Series*, from January 2018. Prof. Trebilco was warmly thanked for his service to the Society over the past 5 years.

## Nomination of New Members

Members are encouraged to nominate candidates for membership of the Society. Any scholars who meet the criteria for membership are welcome.

The document '[Nominations Criteria \(2018\)](#)' (available on the Society website) outlines the criteria for membership and the procedure that is used. Nominations do need to be accompanied by a statement which makes a clear and detailed case for membership. All nominations must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> March. (Please ensure that your annual subscription is paid before submitting a nomination.) Those wishing to nominate candidates may first contact the *Assistant Secretary*, [Prof. Todd Still](#), who is responsible for guiding the process.

## Athens 2018

The Society will meet next year in Athens, Greece, from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August, with optional excursions on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August. I have just returned from visiting the venue – the rich and accessible historic environment of Athens 2018 promises a memorable academic and cultural experience.

Provisional information is already available at [snts2018.org](http://snts2018.org), including details about practical arrangements (hotels, transportation, excursions). Online registration will be possible

## Annual Membership Subscriptions

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Members benefit from free online access to the entire digital archive of *New Testament Studies*.

Members are reminded that :

*'A member whose subscription is more than two years overdue shall be deemed to have resigned membership.'*

The Committee has also decided that members may only nominate new members, or propose guests or new seminars, or present papers, or attend General Meetings if their subscription for the current year has been paid.

from the beginning of February 2018. The General Meeting will be held in the Titania Hotel, where block reservations for accommodation have been made at preferential rates. Athens is a favoured holiday destination in August, and *delegates are advised that it will be important to book flights as early as possible in 2018*. Additional details will be included in the February-March newsletter.

The *Local Organising Committee* is led by Prof. Christos Karakolis, supported by an experienced conference organising team. They are keen to ensure our stay is smooth and enjoyable. Queries about the academic programme (main papers, offered short papers, seminar programs, and the like) may be addressed to the Secretary.

*Plenary Papers*: the Presidential Address will be given by Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland). Invited Main Papers will be given by Profs Harold Attridge (USA), Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), Helen Bond (UK), and Daniel Gerber (France).

*Quaestiones Disputatae*: The topic of the session and selection of the panellists are the responsibility of the *President-Elect*, Prof. Jean Zumstein, in consultation with the current and past *Presidents*.

*Seminars*: there will be 17 seminars, including two new seminars (see the complete list below). The seminar programme will be finalised in February 2018, in time for the February-March newsletter. Conveners of seminars are reminded that this programme has to be submitted to the Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. While it is normally the case that the conveners take the initiative in approaching members to present papers, members who would like to present a paper in one of the seminars should feel free to contact the appropriate convener.

*Offered Short Papers*: there will be 18 slots for Offered Short Papers. Members wishing to offer a short paper of 25 minutes should send a proposal to the Secretary. Papers may be offered in English, German, or French. Proposals received before the 1<sup>st</sup> February will receive preference. The proposal should be accompanied by a one-page outline. New members are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to present their research. *Please note that members may as a rule deliver only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting*.

*Nomination of Guests*: members wishing to nominate a scholar to be a guest at a General Meeting must submit the name to the *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still. The invitation will come formally from the *President*, not from the member nominating the guest. No individual may be invited more than once in any four consecutive years; and, candidates for membership of the Society may not attend a General Meeting while they are being nominated for membership of the Society. (In order to avoid embarrassment, please ensure that your annual subscription is paid before proposing a guest invitation.) Guests are of two kinds:

1. *Personal guests* (as distinct from 'accompanying persons' such as partners or children). Any member attending a General Meeting may nominate a non-member to be invited to attend as a personal guest. This guest may participate fully in the academic programme, although not as a presenter. Members must indicate briefly to the *Assistant Secretary* how their guest would contribute to the proceedings. It is recommended that requests be submitted to the *Assistant Secretary* by 1<sup>st</sup> April, although later requests may be considered if there is additional capacity. These guests will be asked to pay an additional registration charge of ca. €15 in lieu of Membership subscriptions.
2. *Seminar guests*. Seminar conveners may nominate a non-member either to present a seminar paper or give a formal response to one. Only one guest is normally allowed to present a paper per seminar each year, which means that two of the three papers should be presented by members. Additional guests may, however, be nominated to give a response to one or more of the papers. Seminar leaders must indicate briefly the reasons for nominating the seminar guest to present or to respond to a paper. Requests to invite a seminar guest must be received by the *Assistant Secretary* no later than 1<sup>st</sup> February.

*Financial Support for Members and Guests at the Athens General Meeting*: members from the regions of the Society's international initiatives (Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia/Pacific, and Latin America/Caribbean) may be eligible for sponsorship (financial support) from the

International Fund to attend the next General Meeting. Applications for sponsorship to attend the General Meeting are based on need and are to be made to the chair of the appropriate Liaison Committee with an accompanying rationale which makes the case for sponsorship. The chair then submits the applications to the *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. William Loader, for approval. Guests from these regions may also under certain circumstances be eligible for sponsorship. Such guests must be nominated by members (or the Liaison Committees) and are subject to the same procedure for acquiring an invitation that applies to other guests (see above). If an invitation is extended, the guest may apply for sponsorship in the manner outlined in the previous paragraph. The Society normally sponsors up to twelve scholars per year. Application for funding should be made by 1<sup>st</sup> December if possible. Requests received by this date should allow applicants to book cheaper flights and to deal with possible visa issues in a timely manner.

## Current Seminars

1. 'Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity' (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in 2020
2. 'The Greek of the New Testament' (James Voelz, Jesús Peláez and Paul Danove) – terminates in 2019
3. 'Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie' (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2019
4. 'The Johannine Writings' (Jörg Frey, Margareta Gruber and Christos Karakolis) – terminates in 2020
5. 'The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts' (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in 2020
6. 'The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity' (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2018
7. 'Hebrews' (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in 2020
8. 'Social History and the New Testament' (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2022
9. 'Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament' (Jens Herzer and Gerbern Oegema) – terminates in 2019
10. 'Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation' (Eve-Maria Becker and Reimund Bieringer) – terminates in 2018
11. 'Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament' (Peter Arzt-Grabner and John Kloppenborg) – terminates in 2018
12. 'Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches' (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2021
13. 'New Testament Textual Criticism' (Claire Clivaz, Ulrich Schmid and Tommy Wasserman) – terminates in 2018
14. 'Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels' (Samuel Byrskog, Jens Schröter and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2018
15. 'Philo and Early Christianity' (Greg Sterling and Per Jarle Bekken) – terminates in 2022
16. 'Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire' (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2021
17. 'Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches' (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in 2020

## President's Remarks

At the close of the Pretoria 2017 General Meeting, Prof. Carl Holiday summarised key findings from the 2017 Survey of members, and highlighted some next steps. His enclosed letter explains this further.

## Committee Members

*President and Committee Chair:* Prof. Michael Wolter (Germany)

*Past President:* Prof. Carl Holladay (USA)

*President-Elect:* Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland)

*Additional Members:*

2015-18	Dr Judith Gundry (USA)	Prof. Tobias Nicklas (Germany)
2016-19	Prof. Dr Uta Poplutz (Germany)	Dr Risto Uro (Finland)
2017-20	Prof. Daniel Gerber (France)	Dr Korinna Zamfir (Romania)

The *Presidential Nominee* for 2019/20 is Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada).

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