

NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS
THE 73rd GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES

MINUTES of the 73rd General Meeting of the Society held at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, during 7th – 10th August, 2018

TUESDAY 7th AUGUST, 2018

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING I

The FIRST BUSINESS MEETING was held at 17.00, on Tuesday 7th August, 2018, in the Titania Hotel, with 176 in attendance.

Prof. M. Wolter (*President*, in the Chair)

BM2018/01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- The *President* welcomed everyone present to the 73rd General Meeting, especially those who were guests of the Society, and officially declared the General Meeting open by striking the gavel.
- Former *Presidents* Morna Hooker and Adela Yarbrow Collins were unable to attend and sent their apologies and also their best wishes for a successful General Meeting.

BM2018/02 Deaths of (former) Members

- Members (or former members) whose deaths have come to the attention of the *Secretary* since the last General Meeting:
 - Tjitze Baarda (Aug 2017)
 - Dafydd Davies (Dec 2017)
 - Andrie du Toit (Jul 2018)
 - Joachim Gnilka (Jan 2018)
 - John Hinnells (May 2018)
 - Richard Jeska (Jul 2018)
 - Robert Morrice (Mar 2017)
 - David Peabody (June 2018)
 - James Perkin (June 2017)
 - Wolfgang Schrage (Oct 2017)
 - Gerhard Sellin (Sep 2017)
 - Douglas Templeton (Aug 2017)
 - Sandy Wedderburn (Mar 2018)
- Members were asked to stand and observe a moment's silence in memory of these deceased members.
- Members knowing of the deaths of other Members (or former members) were asked to alert the *Secretary* during the course of this General Meeting or afterwards, preferably by email. These deaths will be announced at the next General Meeting in Marburg (2019).
- All deaths are recorded in the minutes of the Society and reported in the April issue of *NTS*.

BM2018/03 Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting in Pretoria, South Africa, 2017

- The Minutes are available on the Society's website (snts.international) and were summarised for the April issue of *NTS*.
- The approved minutes were signed by the *President* and given to the *Secretary*. The *President* thanked the *Assistant Secretary* for preparing the minutes.

BM2018/04 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous General Meeting

- There were no Matters Arising, not otherwise dealt with in these Business Meetings.

BM2018/05 Arrangements for the 2018 General Meeting

- Prof. Christos Karakolis (Chair of the LOC) welcomed the Society to the City and University on behalf of the LOC and wished those present a successful meeting.

- The *Secretary* reported the number of registered participants (252), noting members (202) and guests (55); accompanying persons (61) – in all attending (323). He also indicated the number of seminars (17) and distribution of delegates (ranging from 8 to 28). Additionally, he noted that Prof. A. Yarbrow Collins, who was due to deliver a seminar paper, 'The Reception of 1 Corinthians 7 in the Second and Third Centuries', was not able to attend the meeting. She was also meant to participate in the *Quaestiones Disputatae* (Prof. Judith Lieu will take her place). Prof. John Collins also had to pull out (his paper will be read in his absence). Additionally, Prof. Richard Hays had to cancel (his paper will be read in his absence).

BM2018/06 Election of *President* for the 74th General Meeting in Marburg, Germany (2019)

- Last year the Committee nominated Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) to be the *President* of the Society at its 74th General Meeting of the Society in Marburg, Germany. The Society was asked to elect him in the usual way (by way of applause).
- Until the Marburg (2019) General Meeting, he will serve on the Committee as *President-Elect*

BM2018/07 Nomination of *President* for the 75th General Meeting in Rome, Italy (2020)

- The Committee nominated Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA) to be *President* of the Society at its 75th General Meeting in Rome, Italy. (She was asked to stand in order to be recognised.) The Society will vote on this nomination at the General Meeting in Marburg (2019). As the nominee of the Committee, Prof. Mitchell now becomes the *Presidential Nominee* for 2020.
- Prof. Carl Holladay (*Past President*) was warmly thanked for his services to the Society over the past 4 years

BM2018/08 Nomination of New Members

The *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still, reported that the Committee had approved 34 nominations of new members for the Society's consideration. He announced these names (and their countries), and confirmed that this list of names would be displayed on the Conference notice board. Members were asked to pass any comments on these nominations to the *Assistant Secretary* or other Committee members before the Second Committee meeting on Friday.

BM2018/09 International Initiatives

- The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bill Loader, spoke to his circulated report covering the year to June 2018. The *President* thanked Prof. Loader and his colleagues for their work.
- Prof. Loader was to come to the end of his term as *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* on 31st December, 2018. Last year in Pretoria, the Committee nominated Prof. Loader to continue as *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives* for a further period of 5 years from 1st January, 2019. Members were invited to express their approval by way of applause.

BM2018/10 Treasurer's Report

- The *Treasurer*, Prof. Kathy Ehrensperger, spoke to her circulated report and draft Financial Statements of the Society Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2018.
- Prof. Ehrensperger was to come to the end of her term as *Treasurer* at the end of 2018. The *President* and the Society thanked Kathy for her work on behalf of the Society for these past 5 years.
- The Committee nominated Prof. Paul Foster (UK) to succeed Prof. Ehrensperger for a period of 5 years from 1st January, 2019. Prof. Foster was asked to stand as his nomination was presented to the Members for their approval by way of applause.

BM2018/11 The Shape and Future of the Society

- The *Past President*, Prof. Carl Holladay, was invited to summarize the results of the Working Group's report together with some of the responses at the Committee Meeting. Subsequent to Prof. Holladay's presentation, members were invited to offer immediate feedback via

questions and comments. President Wolter concluded this item by encouraging any delegate to offer further feedback to members of the Working Group or Committee before Friday's Committee meeting.

BM2018/12 Any Other Business

- The *President* closed the meeting by thanking the *Secretary* and by inviting all present to the Welcome Reception to be held in The Olive Garden roof top Restaurant at 8.00pm.

WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST, 2018

08.00 Morning Prayers in German (Prof. Knut Backhaus) were held in the Titania Hotel in the Socratis Room.

08.50 Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled 'Mémoire, histoire et fiction dans la littérature johannique' at a plenary session of the Society held at the University of Athens – Panepistimiou 30.

10.15 A photograph of Conference participants was taken at the University of Athens – Panepistimiou 30.

11.15 The first session of the Seminar Groups was held

The Seminar Groups at the General Meeting included the following chairs, themes and papers (papers 'a' were presented at the first session of Seminar Groups; papers 'b' at the second session on Thursday; and papers 'c' at the third session of Friday):

1. Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity (Conveners: Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild). Terminates in **2020**.

Wed: Adela Yarbro Collins (USA), 'The Reception of 1 Corinthians 7 in the Second and Third Centuries' – respondent: Christiane Zimmermann (Germany); Thu: Cilliers Breytenbach (Germany), 'Athenagoras and the Early History of Attic Christianity' – respondent: James Kelhoffer (Sweden); Fri: Francis Watson (UK), 'An Ambiguous Legacy: The Epistula Apostolorum and its Editors' – respondent: Simon Gathercole (UK)

2. The Greek of the New Testament (Conveners: James Voelz, Jesús Peláez and Paul Danove). Terminates in **2019**.

Wed: Paul Danove (USA), 'The Grammaticalization of Communication by New Testament Verbs and Nouns'; Thu: Bradley McLean (Canada), 'The Semiology of Louw and Nida's Greek-English Lexicon and the Semiotic Theory of Louis Hjelmslev'; Fri: Kyriakoula Papademetriou (Greece), 'On the New Testament Use of ἴνα as a

Conjunction Introducing Substantive Clauses: a Possible Latinism'

3. Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie (Conveners: Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid). Terminates in **2019**.

Wed: Richard Hays (USA), "'The Redeemer of Israel': Scriptural Reception as Key to Luke's Christology'; Thu: Dieter Sänger (Germany), 'Dialogische Kanonizität. Altes Testament und Neues Testament – eine kontrastive kanonische Einheit'; Fri: Mark Seifrid (USA), 'Listening to the Law: Hagar, Sarah, and the Story of Scripture'

4. The Johannine Writings (Conveners: Jörg Frey, Margareta Gruber and Christos Karakolis). Terminates in **2020**.

Wed: Michael Labahn (Germany), 'Zeichen, Glaube und Unglaube nach Joh 12,37ff.' – respondent: Cosmin Prikop (Romania); Thu: Andréas Dettwiler (Switzerland), 'Bedeutung und Funktion des Semeia-Begriffs im JohEv anhand von Joh 20,30-31' – respondent: Laura Tack (guest, Belgium); Fri: R. Alan Culpepper (USA), 'Ecclesiastical Imagery in John 21:1-14 and the Johannine Semeia' – respondent: Christine Jacobi (guest, Germany)

5. The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts (Conveners: Matthias Konradt and William Loader). Terminates in **2020**.

Wed: David Downs (USA), 'Physical Weakness, Illness, and Death in 1 Corinthians

- 11:30: The Ethics of Overeating and Deprivation in Pauline and Early Christianity' – respondent: Matthias Konradt (Germany); Thu: Richard Burridge (UK), 'Poverty and Wealth in Luke-Acts' – respondent: David Moessner (USA); Fri: John Collins (USA), 'Social Ethics in Apocalyptic Perspective: The Case of the Epistle of Enoch' – respondent: Markus Bockmuehl (UK)
6. The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity (Conveners: Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) Terminates in **2018**.
Wed: Peter-Ben Smit (Netherlands), 'Marginal Masculinities and Early Christian Mission'
Thu: Terence L. Donaldson (Canada), 'Ethnē ("Gentiles") as an Ascribed Identity: What Did Non-Jewish Christ-Believers Make of It?' – respondent: Gosnell Yorke (Zambia); Fri: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand), 'Salvation, Gift and Mission in 1 John: Unconditioned, but not Unconditional'
 7. Hebrews (Conveners: Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) Terminates in **2020**.
Wed: James Thompson (USA), 'Eschatology in Hebrews' – respondent: Gert Steyn (Germany); Thu: Gabriella Gelardini (Switzerland), 'Eschatologie im Hebräerbrief – Arbeitstitel' – respondent: Edwin Broadhead (USA); Fri: Elena Belenkaja (guest, Germany), 'Räumliche und zeitliche Aspekte der Eschatologie im Hebräerbrief' – respondent: John Ekem (Ghana)
 8. Social History and the New Testament (Conveners: Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) Terminates in **2022**.
Wed: Anders Runesson (Norway), 'Space, Ritual, and Politics in (the Reconstruction of) the Ancient Synagogue: An Exploration of the Historical Archive'; Thu: Laura Nasrallah (USA), 'Letter-Writing as Technology: New Testament, Epigraphy, and Empire'; Fri: John Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Social Networks and the Diffusion of Ancient Elective Cults' (Joint session with seminar 11)
 9. Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament (Conveners: Jens Herzer and Gerbern Oegema) Terminates in **2019**.
Wed: Gerbern Oegema (Canada), 'Some Considerations about Comparing Ethics in Early Judaism and in the New Testament'; Thu: William Loader (Australia), 'The Inter-marriage Issue in Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament'; Fri: Lutz Doering (Germany), '"And Who is My Neighbour?" Revisiting the Love Commandment and the Golden Rule in Ancient Judaism'
 10. Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation (Conveners: Eve-Marie Becker and Reimund Bieringer). Terminates in **2018**.
Wed: Peter Arzt-Grabner (Austria), 'Der Kompilationsprozess aus Sicht der Dokumentarischen Papyrologie'; Thu: Paul Duff (USA), 'Tracking Titus and Chronicling the Collection: 2 Corinthians 8 and 9'; Fri: Paul Holloway (USA), 'Verum gaudium res severa est. Reflections on the Hermeneutics of Literarkritik'
 11. Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament (Conveners: Peter Arzt-Grabner and John Kloppenborg) Terminates in **2018**.
Wed: Lincoln Blumell (USA), 'The New Testament Text of Didymus the Blind: A Reconsideration of the Tura Papyri and their Text-Critical Value' – respondent: Giovanni Bazzana (USA); Thu: Alanna Nobbs (Australia), 'What's in a Name? Papyrus Evidence for Christian Female Onomastic Practice in Egypt to the Sixth Century' – respondent: Angela Standhartinger (Germany); Fri: John Kloppenborg (Canada), 'Social Networks and the Diffusion of Ancient Elective Cults' (Joint session with seminar 8)
 12. Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches (Conveners: William Campbell and Judith Gundry) Terminates in **2021**.
Wed: Christopher Stanley (USA), 'Paul the Cosmopolitan: A Post-Colonial Analysis'; Thu: Kathy Ehrensperger (UK), 'The Politeuma in the Heavens and the Construction of Collective Identity in Philippians'; Fri: Robert Brawley, Anders Runesson and Ekkehard

- Stegemann, Panel review of W.S. Campbell, Paul and the Nations in the Divine Economy (Lexington Fortress, 2018)
13. New Testament Textual Criticism (Conveners: Claire Clivaz, Ulrich Schmid and Tommy Wasserman) Terminates in **2018**.
- Wed: Jennifer Knust (USA), 'New Testament Textual Criticism as Exegesis: Test Cases from the Gospel of John' – respondent: Claire Clivaz (Switzerland); Thu: Klaus Wachtel (Germany), 'An Interactive Textual Commentary on Acts' –respondent: Michael Holmes (USA); Fri: Juan Hernández (USA), 'The Exegesis and Textual History of the Apocalypse in Light of Recent Advances' – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden)
14. Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels (Conveners: Samuel Byrskog, Jens Schröter and Stephen Hultgren) Terminates in **2018**.
- Wed: Alan Kirk (USA), 'Bios Elements in the Double Tradition'; Thu: Torsten Jantsch (Germany), 'Jerusalem as "Realm of Memory" (lieu de mémoire) in Luke-Acts'; Fri: Samuel Byrskog (Sweden), 'A Hermeneutics of Memory: Some Suggestions for Future Research'
15. Philo and Early Christianity (Conveners: Gregory Sterling and Per Jarle Bekken) Terminates in **2022**.
- Wed: Per Jarle Bekken (Norway), 'Philo and Paul in Jewish Negotiations on Abraham: Fresh Observations on Common Exegetical Traditions and Motifs' – respondent: A. Andrew Das (USA); Thu: Iliaria Ramelli (USA): 'Philo and Paul on Soteriology and Eschatology' – respondent: Gregory E. Sterling (USA); Fri: Volker Rabens (Germany): 'Philo and Paul: A Comparison of their Respective Pneumatologies' – respondent: Per Jarle Bekken (Norway)
16. Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire (Conveners: Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) Terminate in **2021**.
- Wed: Loveday Alexander (UK), 'Ekklesia and Empire: Social Networks and the Shape of the Church in Acts' – respondent: Carl Holladay (USA); Thu: Daniel Marguerat (Switzerland), 'Les Actes, construction d'une mémoire sociale/Acts as a Construction of Social Memory' – respondent: Knut Backhaus (Germany); Fri: Lukas Bormann (Germany), 'From Center to Periphery: Jerusalem in Luke-Acts /Vom Zentrum zur Peripherie: Jerusalem im lukanischen Schrifttum' – respondent: Peter-Ben Smit (Netherlands)
17. Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches (Conveners: Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) Terminates in **2020**.
- Wed: Outi Lehtipuu (Finland), 'Resurrection, Polemics and Identity' – respondent: Judith Lieu (UK); Thu: Shelly Matthews (USA), 'Resurrection, Politics and Justice' – respondent: Yii-Jan Lin (guest, USA); Fri: Daniel Smith (Canada), 'The Resurrection of Jesus: Questions, Comparators, Approaches' – respondent: Lidija Novakovic (USA)
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel by Prof. Helen Bond (UK), 'A Fitting End? Self-Denial and a Slave's Death in Mark's Life of Jesus'
- 16.15 *Quaestiones Disputatae* were presented in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel - 'Does Study of Memory Contribute to a Better Understanding of the Jesus Tradition?'; Prof. Jean Zumstein (President and Chair); panelists: Profs. Paul Foster (UK), Sandra Huebenthal (Germany), Alan Kirk (USA) and Judith Lieu (UK); Moderator: William Loader (Australia)

THURSDAY 9th AUGUST, 2018

- 08.00 Morning Prayers in French (Prof. Claire Clivaz) were held in the Titania Hotel in the Socratis Room.
- 09.00 A Main Paper was given in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel by Prof. Daniel Gerber (France), 'Écouter la première lettre de Paul aux Corinthiens aujourd'hui: quelques impressions, questions et hypothèses'
- 11.15 The second session of Seminar Groups was held.
- 14.15 A Main Paper was given in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel by Prof. Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), 'Das introspektive Ich des Paulus nach Philipper 1-3: Ein Entwurf'

16.30 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

1. Bärbel Bosenius (Germany), 'Aussage gegen Aussage: "... ἡ θυγάτηρ σου πέθανεν" (Mk 5,35b), versus " ... τὸ παιδίον οὐκ πέθανεν ἀλλὰ καθεύδει" (Mk 5,39c), – Überlegungen zur Perspek" venstruktur der Episode'
2. Clifton Black (USA), 'Mark: John's Photographic Negative'
3. Bernadette Brooten (USA), 'Conflicting New Testament Interpretations: The Synod of Gangra (ca. 343), vs. the Eustathians'
4. Ann Jervis (Canada), 'Did Paul Think in terms of Two Ages?'
5. Margaret Mitchell (USA), 'Origen on Christ, the Law and the Jewish People: Evidence from the Newly Discovered Greek Homilies on the Psalms'
6. Lars Rydbeck (Sweden), 'Philosophical Conversion: Experiences of Being Re-born in Pre-Christian Greek Times'

FRIDAY 10th AUGUST, 2018

08.00 Morning Prayers in English (Prof. Demetrios Bathrellos) were held in the Titania Hotel in the Socratis Room.

09.00 A Main Paper was given in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel by Prof. Harold Attridge (USA), 'Ambiguous Signs, An Anonymous Character; Unanswerable Riddles: The Role of the Unknown in Johannine Epistemology'

11.15 The third session of Seminar Groups was held.

14.15 Six Short Papers were presented in simultaneous sessions:

1. Paul Anderson (USA), 'The John, Jesus, and History Project and a Fourth Quest for Jesus'
2. James Kelhoffer (Sweden), 'How did Second Clement Originally End? A Study of 2 Clement 19-20'
3. Dennis MacDonald (USA), 'Imitation of Greek Poetry in Judith and its Significance for the Gospels and Acts'
4. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon (USA), 'Placing Bethsaida – From Mark to Matthew and Luke to John'
5. Petr Mareček (Czech Republic), 'Stephen and Saul of Tarsus in Acts 7:54-8:3'
6. Larry Welborn (USA), 'How "democratic" was the Pauline ekklēsia? With special reference to the Christ groups in Roman Corinth'

16.00 A Short Plenary Paper was given in Europe Hall of the Titanium Hotel by Daniel Wallace (USA), 'Bringing out Treasures New and Old: Digitizing New Testament Manuscripts at the National Library of Greece'.

17.00 BUSINESS MEETING II

Prof. J. Zumstein (*President*, in the Chair)

The *President* called the meeting to order.

BM2018/13 Nomination and Election of New Committee Members

- The *Secretary* announced that Profs Judith Gundry and Tobias Nicklas were to complete their terms of service at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The *President* thanked them for their service to the Society over the past 3 years.
- The *Secretary* also reported that the Committee had nominated Prof. Knut Backhaus to take their place for the period 2018-21. Another Committee member will be identified in the following weeks. The membership was asked to show its approval in the usual way (by way of applause).

BM2018/14 Election of New Members

- Prof. Todd Still (*Assistant Secretary*) announced the names of those scholars whose nominations had been approved by the Committee and published on the noticeboard for comment by members during the course of the General Meeting. The *Assistant Secretary* confirmed that, according to the Constitution, their membership was now approved.

BM2018/15 Editors' Reports

- Prof. Francis Watson (*Secretary to the Board and Journal Editor*) presented a report. Prof. Watson was due to retire from his office as *Journal Editor* at the end of 2018. Last year in Pretoria, the Society elected Dr. Simon Gathercole (UK) to succeed Prof. Watson from 2019, for 5 years. Prof. Watson welcomed Dr. Gathercole into this role. The *President* thanked Prof. Watson for his service.
- Prof. Eddie Adams (*General Editor of the Monograph Series*) presented his report, thanking his predecessor Prof. Paul Trebilco.

BM2018/16 Future General Meetings

- 2019 Marburg: Profs Lukas Bormann and Angela Standhartinger made a presentation.
- 2020 Rome (nothing further to add)
- 2021 – The Society has received a formal invitation from the Vice-Chancellor and President of Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia, to host its General Meeting in 2021. Prof. David Sim addressed the Meeting, extending this invitation. The *President* invited the Society to accept the invitation, and it readily did.
- The *President* also encouraged members to consider hosting the General Meeting in 2022 or 2023, which can be an excellent opportunity to showcase a University's international profile. Informal enquiries can be made to the *Secretary*, who can outline what is required.

BM2018/17 Programme of the 74th General Meeting in Marburg, Germany (2019)

The *Secretary* made the following report:

- Presidential Address and Invited Main Papers:
 - The presidential address will be given by Prof. John Kloppenborg
 - Main papers will be presented by Profs Martin de Boer (Netherlands); Alain Gignac (Canada); Laura Nasrallah (USA); Thomas Schmeller (Germany)
- 17 Current Seminars (potential maximum of 18):
 1. *Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity* (C. Breytenbach, C. Rothschild) – terminates in 2020
 2. *The Greek of the New Testament* (J.W. Voelz, J. Peláez, P. Danove) – terminates in 2019
 3. *Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie* (C. Landmesser, M. Seifrid) – terminates in 2019
 4. *The Johannine Writings* (J. Frey, M. Gruber, Ch. Karakolis) – terminates in 2020
 5. *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (M. Konradt, W. Loader) – terminates in 2020
 6. *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (E.E.C. Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke) – terminates in **2018**
 7. *Hebrews* (C.A. Eberhart, W. Kraus) – terminates in 2020
 8. *Social History and the New Testament* (H. Löhr, M. Öhler, A. Runesson) – terminates in 2022
 9. *Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament* (J. Herzer, G. Oegema) – terminates in 2019
 10. *Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impacts on their Interpretation* (E-M. Becker, R. Bieringer) – terminates in **2018**
 11. *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.S. Kloppenborg) – terminates in **2018**
 12. *Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (W.S. Campbell, J. Gundry) – terminates in 2021

13. *New Testament Textual Criticism* (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, T. Wasserman) – terminates in **2018**
 14. *Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (S. Byrskog, J. Schröter, S. Hultgren) – terminates in **2018**
 15. *Philo and Early Christianity* (P.J. Bekken, G. Sterling) – terminates in 2022
 16. *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Profs K. Backhaus, C. Holladay, D. Marguerat) – terminates in 2021
 17. *Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches* (S. Matthews, D. Smith) – terminates in 2020
- Seminars scheduled to terminate in 2018 that have applied for a continuation:
 - *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (E.E-C. Park, P. Trebilco, G. Yorke) – for 3 years, to terminate in 2021
 - *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (P. Arzt-Grabner, J.R. Harrison) – for 5 years, to terminate in 2023
 - *New Testament Textual Criticism* (C. Clivaz, U. Schmid, T. Wasserman) – new title: *Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity* – for 5 years, to terminate in 2023
 - *Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels* (S. Byrskog, D. du Toit, S. Hultgren) – for 3 years, to terminate in 2021
 - New Seminars approved to start in 2019
 - *Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward* (J. Schröter, J. Spittler, S. Buttica), for 5 years, to terminate in 2023
 - *Reading Galatians in New Perspectives. Methods and Approaches* (M. Meiser, D. Sängler, K. Zamfir), for 3 years, to terminate in 2021

There, then, will be 18 Seminars in Marburg (2019). There will also be 18 slots for simultaneous short papers. The *Secretary* encouraged members to submit a proposal for short papers.

BM2018/18 The Shape and Future of the Society

Prof. Carl Holladay presented the current state of the consultation on the Shape and Future of the Society. The *President* warmly invited members to contribute to the conversation. In the autumn mailing the current state of consultation will also be communicated to all members of the Society, who will be warmly invited to contribute to the consultation, and that the consultation will be finalised during the General Meeting in Marburg (2019)

BM2018/19 Any Other Business

- The *President* thanked all those who presented Main Papers, Short Papers, and Seminar Papers, as well as the conveners of the Seminars
 - The *President* also expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to the Committee, Officers and Editors of the Society
 - Gratitude was also expressed to the local conference organisers, stewards and volunteers for a very successful General Meeting. The following were called forward to be thanked: NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS – Profs Christos Karakolis, Sotirios Despotis, Georgios Galitis, Dr Athanasios Antonopoulos; HIMALAYA TRAVEL SA – Mr George Dimopoulos, Mrs Markella Dimopoulou, Mr Alexandros Narlian, Mrs Bessie Mousoulea, Mr Dimitris Konistis, Mrs Niki Pentaliou; VOLUNTEERS – Mrs Marilena Maragkaki, Mr Dimitris Alexopoulos, Mrs Garyfallia Pappa, Mrs Paraskevi Demerouti, Mrs Xenia Gavala, Mrs Lydia Kornaraki, Mrs Rodi Georgiadou, Mr Leonidas Roumpas, Mr Nikos Stamoulis, Mrs Tatiana Ntompridou
 - The *President* declared the 73rd General Meeting of the Society formally concluded.
- 18.15 There was a closing reception for participants at the “Zafeiro Experience” Restaurant.