

74th General Meeting
MARBURG 2019



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Marburg 2019

The 74th General Meeting of the Society took place at the Philipps Universität Marburg, Germany (30 July – 2 August). About 263 academic delegates attended. The Society is grateful to Profs Lukas Bormann and Angela Standhartinger and their colleagues for collaborating to ensure the success of the meeting.

Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) was inducted as *President* of the Society and delivered his Presidential Address entitled, 'Social Networks in Early Christianity'.

Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA) was elected *President* for the 2020 General Meeting in Rome, Italy. She now serves on the Committee as *President-Elect*.

Prof. John Barclay (UK) was announced as the Committee's nominee to become *President* of the Society at the 2021 General Meeting in Melbourne, Australia. His nomination will be presented at the 2020 General Meeting.

Main papers were delivered by Profs Martin de Boer (Netherlands), 'Expulsion from the Synagogue: J.L. Martyn's *History and Theology in the Fourth Gospel* Revisited'; Alain Gignac (Canada), 'Lorsque le katechon permet de repenser le politique. Discussion critique d'une thèse de Giorgio Agamben en regard de la discursivité de 2 Th 2,1-12'; Laura Nasrallah (USA), 'A theology of *defixiones*? Roman Corinth, the Sanctuary of Demeter and Kore, and Christ-followers'; and Thomas Schmeller (Germany), '*Dissimulatio artis*? Paulus und die antike Rhetorik'.

A Presidential Plenary Panel Discussion explored the subject, 'Bultmann and Demythologizing – Then and Now', and included the following contributions: Lukas Bormann (Germany), 'Bultmann's "Mythology and New Testament" (1941) in Context' / 'Bultmanns Entmythologisierungprogramm im Kontext des Jahres 1941'; Stephen Patterson (USA), 'Demythologizing in America'; and Angela Standhartinger (Germany), 'The Legacy of Bultmann's Demythologizing'.

Profs Uta Poplutz (Germany) and Risto Uro (Finland) retired from the Committee. Profs Sandra Huebenthal (Germany) and Heike Omerzu (Denmark) were elected to replace them and serve on the Committee for a period of three years. In addition, Prof. Gosnell Yorke (Zambia) was elected to serve on the Committee until the end of the General Meeting in 2021.

A record number of 57 scholars were elected to membership of the Society (129 new members have been elected in the last three years): Prof. Dr Bartosz Adamczewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Poland); Dr Garrick Allen, Dublin City University (Ireland); Dr Eric D. Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary (USA); Dr Vemund Blomqvist, University of Oslo (Norway); Dr Sherri Brown, Creighton University (USA); Dr Tony Burke, York University (Canada); Dr Alan Cadwallader, Charles Sturt University (Australia); Dr Robert Calhoun, Texas Christian University (USA); Dr Stephen Carlson, Australian Catholic University (Australia); Prof. Ronald Charles, St. Francis Xavier University (Canada); Prof. Dr Carsten Claußen, Theologische Hochschule Elstal (Germany); Prof. L. Stephanie Cobb, University of Richmond (USA); Dr Matthew Crawford, Australian Catholic University

(Australia); Prof. Dr Matteo Crimella, Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale – Milano (Italy); Prof. Chris De Wet, University of South Africa (South Africa); Dr Susan Eastman, Duke University Divinity School (USA); Dr Benjamin Edsall, Australian Catholic University (Australia); Dr Samuel Fernández, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile); Dr Christopher Frilingos, Michigan State University (USA); Prof. Joshua Garroway, Hebrew Union College (USA); Prof. Kirsten Marie Hartvigsen, University of Oslo (Norway); Dr Meghan Henning, University of Dayton (USA); Prof. Dr Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Universität Bern (Switzerland); Dr Annette Bourland Huizenga, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (USA); Prof. Steven Hunt, Gordon College (USA); Dr Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University Theological School (USA); Dr David Joy, Kerala United Theological Seminary (India); Prof. Dr Ursula Ulrike Kaiser, University of Braunschweig (Germany); Prof. Jacobus Kok, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit Leuven (Belgium); Dr Maia Kotrosits, Denison University (USA); Dr Kasper P. Larsen, Aarhus University (Denmark); Prof. Louise Lawrence, University of Exeter (UK); Prof. Nicola Denzey Lewis, Claremont Graduate University (USA); Dr M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University (Australia); Dr Davina Lopez, Eckerd College (USA); Prof. Elizabeth Mburu, Pan Africa Christian University (Kenya); Dr Robert Moses, High Point University (USA); Dr Alicia Myers, Campbell University (USA); Dr David Nienhuis, Seattle Pacific University (USA); Dr Wilfrid Guillaume Okambawa, Institut de Théologie de la Compagnie de Jésus (Ivory Coast); Prof. Jeremy Punt, Stellenbosch University (South Africa); Prof. Rafael Rodríguez, Johnson University (USA); Prof. Dieter Roth, Boston College (USA); Dr

Hildegard Scherer, Theologische Hochschule Chur (Switzerland); Dr Eckart Schmidt, Mainz University (Germany); Prof. Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary (USA); Dr Alan Streett, Criswell College (USA); Prof. Ladislav Tichý, Palacký-University of Olomouc (Czech Republic); Dr Michael Trainor, Australian Catholic University (Australia); Prof. J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary (USA); Prof. Ernest Van Eck, University of Pretoria (South Africa); Dr Jermo Van Nes, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit Leuven (Belgium); Prof. Dr Tor Vegge, University of Agder (Norway); Prof. Lily Vuong, Central Washington University (USA); Dr James Wallace, Christian Brothers University (USA); Dr Joel White, Freie Theologische Hochschule Giessen (Germany); Dr Travis B. Williams, Tusculum University (USA).

The Society received news of the deaths of the following former members: William Baird (USA; Life Member; Jan 2018); Frederick Borsch (USA; Apr 2017); John Court (UK; Mar 2019); Margaret Davies (UK; Mar 2019); Paul Ellingworth (UK; Life Member; Nov 2018); Owen Evans (UK; Oct 2018); Robert Fortna (USA; Feb 2017); Corrado Marrucci (Italy; Jun 2016); Gail O'Day (USA; Sep 2018)

The *Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives*, Prof. Bill Loader (Australia), reported on the work of the four Liaison Committees (Eastern European; African; Asia/Pacific; Latin America/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. One innovation at this General Meeting was for 9 members and guests from Nigeria, Ghana, Lesoto, India, the Czech republic, Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania to display research posters.

The *Treasurer*, Prof. Paul Foster (UK), presented the statement of accounts.

The *Editor of New Testament Studies*, Dr Simon Gathercole (UK), reported that 111 articles had been submitted to the Journal over the past year. 20 of these had been accepted for publication. Peter Arzt-Grabner (Austria), Helen Bond (UK), Hugh Houghton (UK), Konrad Huber (Germany), James Kelhoffer (Sweden), Candida Moss (UK)

VACANCIES and SUGGESTIONS

The Committee is keen to receive suggestions for the following positions:

- Presidential nominee (one each year)
- Committee membership (two each year)
- Main Paper presenters (6 each year)

Applications may also be submitted before 31 December 2019 for the 5-year posts of Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary, to begin in January 2021. Job Descriptions and expressions of interest for these posts can be obtained from the Secretary.

and Joseph Verheyden (Belgium) are due to retire from the Board at the end of 2019. To replace these members, the Editorial Board nominated the following members to serve (2020-22): Nathan Eubank (USA), Mark Goodacre (USA), Holger Strutwolf (Germany), Matthew Thiessen (Canada), Gregor Wurst (Germany) and Christiane Zimmermann (Germany).

A report from the *Editor of the Monograph Series*, Prof. Eddie Adams (UK), noted that three monographs had been published in the previous 12 months, four volumes were in production, and contracts had been prepared for one further project.

Rome 2020

The Society will meet next year at the Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, Italy, from 28-31 July, with optional excursions on 1 August.

The *Local Organising Committee* is led by Prof. Bernardo Estrada. Further details will be included in the February-March Newsletter.

Main Papers: the Presidential Address will be delivered by Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA), and Main Papers by Profs Bernadette Brooten (USA), Jean-Bosco Matand Bulembat (Congo), Christos Karakolis (Greece) and Lutz Doering (Germany).

Seminars: there will be 18 seminars, including one new seminar (listed below). The seminar programme will be finalised in February 2020, and published in the February-March Newsletter. Conveners of seminars are reminded that this programme has to be submitted to the *Secretary* by the beginning of February, 2020. Members who would like to present a paper in one of the seminars should contact the appropriate conveners.

Offered Short Papers: there will be 18 slots for Short Papers. Members wishing to offer a Short Paper of 25 minutes should send a proposal to the *Secretary*. Short Papers may be offered in English, German or French. Proposals received before 1st February will receive preference. The proposal should be accompanied by a short abstract or outline. New members are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to present their research.

Please note that members may deliver only one paper (of any kind) at a General Meeting.

Nomination of Guests: members may now invite up to **two** guests and are strongly encouraged to keep the Society's commitment to diversity in mind when doing so. Those wishing to nominate a scholar to be a guest at this General Meeting should submit the name to the *Assistant Secretary*, Prof. Todd Still. The invitation will come formally from the *President*. **An individual may now be invited up to three times in any five year period**; although, 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, members should ensure that their 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 up to two non-members to be invited to attend as a personal guest. These guests may participate fully in the academic programme, although not as a presenter. Members should indicate briefly to the *Assistant Secretary* how their guest would contribute to the proceedings. It is recommended that requests be submitted by 1st 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*. Seminars may make application through the *Assistant Secretary* to extend an invitation to a seminar guest whose expertise is germane to the work of the seminar. Such guests can be invited for one, two, or three consecutive years, and not necessarily to present a paper each year.

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Rome: 28-31 July, 2020

Melbourne: July, 2021

The Committee is keen to receive offers to host a General Meeting in 2022 or 2023

Details can be obtained from the *Secretary*

Only one guest may present a paper, but there is no restriction on guest respondents or guest participants. Thus a seminar might have multiple guests at a seminar, but only one guest presenter. Seminar conveners should provide a clear and strong rationale for the invitation, including the expertise that the seminar guest has to offer, and the intended outcomes of the seminar. Requests to invite a seminar guest must be received by the *Assistant Secretary* by 1st February.

Financial Support for Members and Guests at the Rome 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 General Meeting. Applications for sponsorship to attend are based on need and are to be submitted 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. Bill Loader, for approval.

Guests from these regions may also be eligible for sponsorship. Members (or the Liaison Committees) may request guest invitations, following the procedure detailed above. If an invitation is offered, the guest may then apply for sponsorship.

The Society normally sponsors up to twelve scholars per year. Applications for funding should be submitted by 1st February if possible. Requests received by this date should allow

applicants to book cheaper flights and deal with possible visa issues in a timely manner.

Additionally, the Society is making it possible for members and guests from regions covered by its International Initiatives Programme to present research posters highlighting their own research and research in their particular region. This is open to all who are not otherwise presenting or responding to papers and is offered both as a way of their possibly eliciting funding and as an opportunity to help Society members appreciate the research being undertaken in their regions. The regions covered by the Liaison Committees of the International Initiatives Program are: Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, and Eastern Europe. Further details are available from Prof. Bill Loader, and applications should be submitted by 1st April.

Current Seminars

1. 'Constructions of the Histories of Early Christianity' (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare Rothschild) – terminates in **2020**
2. 'Mapping "New Testament Studies": History, Status and Prospects' (Eve-Marie Becker, Michael Cover and Francis Watson) – terminates in 2022
3. 'Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie' (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2022
4. 'The Johannine Writings' (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in **2020**

Annual Membership Subscriptions

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journals.cambridge.org/action/membershipServices/memServHome?name=SNTSHome

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memberservices@cambridge.org

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

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

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

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 2021
7. 'Hebrews' (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in **2020**
8. 'Social History and the New Testament' (Hermet Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2022
9. 'The Phenomenon of Pseudepigraphy' (Christine Gerber and Adela Yarbro Collins) – terminates in 2021
10. 'Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward' (Simon Buttica, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2023
11. 'Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament' (Peter Arzt-Grabner and James Harrison) – terminates in 2023
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, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman) – terminates in 2023
14. 'Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels' (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2021
15. 'Philo and Early Christianity' (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – 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**
18. 'Reading Galatians in New Perspectives. Methods and Approaches' (Martin Meiser,

Dieter Sängler and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2021

Members may apply to organise a new seminar. Details are available from the [Secretary](#).

Nomination of New Members

Members are warmly encouraged to nominate new candidates for membership of the Society. *The nomination of younger scholars (including colleagues or former students) and those of diverse backgrounds is especially encouraged.*

The document '[Nominations Application \(2020\)](#)' (available on the Society website) outlines both the criteria and procedure for nominating members. Nominations do need to be accompanied by a statement which makes a clear and detailed case for membership. All nominations must be received by 1st March. (Nominations will only be considered where both proposers have paid their annual subscription.) Those wishing to nominate scholars may first contact the *Assistant Secretary*, [Prof. Todd Still](#).

The Shape and Future of the Society

Following extensive review, feedback and discussion over the last three years, the Committee is implementing a number of changes to its practices. Some of these are already reflected in this Newsletter.

From the Rome 2020 General Meeting, the frequency of an individual attending as a personal guest is being increased to three times within a five-year period, which can be repeated. This will be reviewed by the Committee at regular intervals to ensure that it continues both to widen access, but still incentivise nominations for membership. Additionally, members will be allowed to invite up to two guests and are strongly encouraged to keep the Society's commitment to diversity in mind when doing so.

From the Melbourne 2021 General Meeting, there will be 6 Main Papers, instead of 4. It is intended that this will broaden the range of contributors to the Academic Programme.

The Committee will also prepare a resolution regarding Associate Membership for the membership to consider at its meeting in Rome.

Important Information regarding your Personal Details

Many members will be aware that General Data Protection Regulations now apply across the European Union, and therefore to the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas*.

Early in 2020, the *Secretary* will send members an email asking them to complete a short online form. This will confirm the limited personal data that the Society needs to hold (title, name, academic institution, email address) and give explicit consent for the Society to use this data, but only for its own approved purposes. (This process has been successfully completed by all 57 scholars recently elected members.)

Members will also confirm their commitment to pay annual subscriptions (until their 85th year) and to inform the *Secretary* of any changes to their personal details.

The Society, for its part, will commit to delete those members' email addresses where they either (1) do not pay their subscriptions for two consecutive years (unless they are Life Members), or (2) do not complete the online form, by which they grant the Society permission to hold and use their contact details.

It follows that, without a member's explicit consent to keep and use their email address, the Society will not be able to send these bi-annual Newsletters, and CUP Membership Services will be informed that the individual has, by default, resigned their membership.

If this deemed resignation is in error or by oversight, it will be possible for an individual's membership to be reinstated by contacting the *Secretary* (who will still hold details of the former member's name, but not their email address.)

This process is intended to protect each member's data and the Society. If members have any questions about this process, they are invited to email the *Secretary* for clarification, assistance and reassurance.

Committee Members

Trustees

President and Committee Chair: Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada)

Past President: Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland)

President-Elect: Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA)

Additional Members:

2017-20	Prof. Daniel Gerber (France)	Dr Korinna Zamfir (Romania)
2018-21	Prof. Knut Backhaus (Germany)	Prof. Gosnell Yorke (Zambia)
2019-22	Prof. Sandra Huebenthal (Germany)	Prof. Heike Omerzu (Denmark)

The *Presidential Nominee* for 2021/22 is Prof. John Barclay (UK)

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