

75th General Meeting

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SNTS NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 2020

For all our academic institutions, this year has seen unprecedented challenges and precipitated many unwelcome changes. We have all been required to adapt and adopt new practices.

For the Society of New Testament Studies, this year has been no different. It was with great regret that the inevitable decision had to be made to cancel our warmly anticipated Rome 2020 General Meeting.

Accordingly, an online Business Meeting was instead held on 31 July 2020 (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aih4EMM6khw). A detailed report of the meeting was subsequently emailed to members by the *President*.

At this Business Meeting, the following announcements were made:

Prof. John Kloppenborg (Canada) would continue as *President* of the Society for one further year.

Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA) would continue serving as *President-Elect*, and become *President* instead at the 2021 General Meeting.

Prof. John Barclay (UK) would, in turn, become *President* of the Society at the 2022 General Meeting.

Prof. Todd Still was elected to serve as *Secretary* from 2021 and Prof Christina Kreinecker as *Assistant Secretary* – both for five years.

Profs Daniel Gerber (France) and Korinna Zamfir (Romania) retired from the Committee. Profs Régis Burnet (Belgium) and François Tolmie (South Africa) have been appointed to serve on the Committee for a period of three years.

27 scholars were elected to membership of the Society: Michael Daise (USA); Daniel Darko (USA); Peter Doble (UK); John Christopher Edwards (USA); Denis Fricker (France); Edmon Gallagher (USA); Angela Kim Harkins (USA); Thomas Hatina (Canada); Hisauyasu Ito (Japan); Esther Kobel (Germany); Roig Lanzillotta Lautaro (Netherlands); Grant Macaskill (UK); Heidrun Mader (Germany); Maksimilijan Matjaz (Slovenia); Andrew Mbuvi (USA); Robert Myles (Australia); Thomas O'Loughlin (UK); Eyal Regev (Israel); Randolph Richards (USA); Sarah Rollens Solevåg (Norway); David Starling (Australia); Jennifer Strawbridge (UK); Lourdes Garcia Urena (Spain); Meredith Warren (UK); Robyn Whitaker (Australia).

The Society received news of the deaths of the following former members: Franz Annen (Switzerland); Heinrich Baarlink (Netherlands); Norbert Baumert (Austria); Otto Böcher (Germany); Sándor Csérhati (Hungary); James Dunn (UK; President 2002); Rinaldo Fabris (Italy); Antonio García-Moreno (Spain); Paul Hammer (USA); Lars Hartman (Sweden); Anthony Harvey (UK); Larry Hurtado (UK); Rollin Kearns (Germany); Ulrich Luz (Switzerland);

VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Leuven: 28-31 July, 2021

Melbourne: 19-22 July, 2022

Rome: 2023

The Committee is keen to receive offers to host a General Meeting in 2024 or 2025

Details can be obtained from the *Secretary*

President 1997); John Mbiti (Switzerland); Felice Montagnini (Italy); Maria Neubrand (Paderborn); Petr Pokorný (Czech Republic; President 1994); Errol Rhodes (USA); Bernd Schaller (Germany); Lionel Swain (UK); John Turner (USA); Ugo Vanni (Italy); Antonio Vargas-Machuca (Spain); Arthur Wainwright (USA); Stephen Wilson (Canada); Christian Wolff (Germany).

Leuven 2021

The Society will meet next year at the KU Leuven University, Belgium, from 27-31 July.

The *Local Organising Committee*, led by Prof. Joseph Verheyden, very much hopes to be able to welcome members and guests to the University. The organisers are currently making preparations for three types of meeting: in-person, hybrid, and online-only. A decision about the format will be made in the early months of 2021 in consultation with the SNTS Committee. In case of a hybrid or online-only conference, the schedule will be adapted (only afternoon slots, starting on Tuesday and ending on Saturday afternoon), so as to allow as many members as possible to attend. A regularly updated website is available at www.snts2021.com.

Main Papers: the Presidential Address will be delivered by Prof. Margaret Mitchell (USA), and six Main Papers are expected, including from Profs Bernadette Brooten (USA), Christos Karakolis (Greece) and Lutz Doering (Germany).

Seminars: there will be 18 seminars. Conveners of seminars are reminded that this programme has to be submitted to the *Secretary* by the beginning of February, 2021, so that it can be published in the February-March Newsletter. Members who would like to present a paper in one of the seminars should contact the appropriate conveners (see below: Current Seminars).

Offered Short Papers: it is expected that 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 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, in the new year, to the *Assistant Secretary*. The invitation will come formally from the *President*. **An individual may be invited up to three times in any five year period.** However, 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. 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 attending the 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, in recent years the Society has made 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 opportunity has been open to all who are not otherwise presenting or responding to papers and is offered both as a way of their possibly eliciting external travel 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 **2021**
2. 'Mapping "New Testament Studies": History, Status and Prospects' (Eve-Marie Becker, Michael Cover and Francis Watson) – terminates in 2023
3. 'Inhalte und Probleme einer neutestamentlichen Theologie' (Christof Landmesser and Mark Seifrid) – terminates in 2023
4. 'The Johannine Writings' (Jörg Frey, Christina Hoegen-Rohls and Catrin Williams) – terminates in **2021**
5. 'The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts' (Matthias Konradt and William Loader) – terminates in **2021**
6. 'The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity' (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke) – terminates in 2022
7. 'Hebrews' (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus) – terminates in **2021**
8. 'Social History and the New Testament' (Hermut Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson) – terminates in 2023
9. 'The Phenomenon of Pseudepigraphy' (Christine Gerber and Adela Yarbro Collins) – terminates in 2022
10. 'Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Reassessment and Roads Forward' (Simon Buttica, Jens Schröter and Janet Spittler) – terminates in 2024
11. 'Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament' (Peter Arzt-Grabner and James Harrison) – terminates in 2024
12. 'Reading Paul's Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches' (William Campbell and Judith Gundry) – terminates in 2022
13. 'New Testament Textual Criticism' (Claire Clivaz, Hugh Houghton and Tommy Wasserman) – terminates in 2024

14. 'Memory, Narrative and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels' (Samuel Byrskog, David du Toit and Stephen Hultgren) – terminates in 2022
15. 'Philo and Early Christianity' (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling) – terminates in 2023
16. 'Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire' (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat) – terminates in 2022
17. 'Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches' (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith) – terminates in **2021**
18. 'Reading Galatians in New Perspectives. Methods and Approaches' (Martin Meiser, Dieter Sanger and Korinna Zamfir) – terminates in 2022

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 (2021) (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.

Maintaining your Membership

Members are receiving this Newsletter because: (1) they have provided explicit consent for the Society to continue to hold their contact details (in accordance with European Union General Data Protection Regulations); and (2) they have paid annual subscriptions in recent years.

In accordance with the Society's Constitution, where annual subscriptions have not been paid for two consecutive years, membership for those individuals has lapsed, and their email addresses have been deleted from Society records. Members carry their own responsibility for ensuring that their annual subscriptions are paid.

Payment of 2021 subscriptions can now be made online (see below).

Members who have any questions about this process are invited to email the Secretary for clarification, assistance and reassurance.

Annual Membership Subscriptions

Members should now pay their annual subscriptions for 2021 online at:
journals.cambridge.org/action/membershipServices/memServHome?name=SNTSHome

For assistance, please contact the Cambridge University Press membership services team at:
memberservices@cambridge.org
 or call either 1-845-353-7500 (US, Canada, Mexico);
 or +44 (0)1223 326070 (Rest of World)

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.'*

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:

2018-21	Prof. Knut Backhaus (Germany)	Prof. Gosnell Yorke (Zambia)
2019-22	Prof. Sandra Huebenthal (Germany)	Prof. Heike Omerzu (Denmark)
2020-23	Prof. Régis Burnet (Belgium)	Prof. François Tolmie (South Africa)

The *Presidential Nominee* for 2022/23 is Prof. John Barclay (UK)

Officers

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