

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE AIEB INTER-CONGRES MEETING

Andros, 31st May 2003

The Inter-Congrès of the International Association for Byzantine Studies was hosted by the Caireios Library in Andros, on the 31st May 2003.

Present there were

the members of the Bureau: Hélène Ahrweiler, Ihor Sevcenko, Cyril Mango (honorary presidents), Peter Schreiner (president), Nancy Sevcenko, Maria Pelekidou, Ljubomir Makimovic, Karsten Fledelius, Emilian Popescu, (vice-presidents), Evangelos Chrysos (general secretary), Cécile Morrisson (treasurer).

As representatives of the National Committees: Roderich Reinsch, Rainer Warland (Germany), Wolfram Hörandner, Werner Seibt (Austria), Patricia Karlin-Heyter, Anne Tihon (Belgium), Vassil Gjuzelev, Vassilka Tapkova-Zaimova (Bulgaria), Franziska Shlosser, A.R. Littlewood (Canada), Dimitris Triantafyllopoulos, George Christodoulou (Cyprus), Markus Bogisch, Karsten Fledelius (Denmark), Pedro Badenas (Spain), Michael Bibikov (Estonia), Robert Ousterhout, Elizabeth Fisher (United States), Michel Kaplan, Marie-Hélène Congourdeau (France), Erekle Jordania (Georgia), Robin Cormack, Anthony Bryer, Elisabeth Jeffreys (Great Britain), Taxiarchis Koliass, Triantafyllitsa Maniati (Greece), Torstein Tollefsen (Norway), Emilian Popescu, Tudor Teoteoi (Rumania), I. Medvedev (Russia), Johan Heldt (Sweden), Vladimir Vavrinek (Czech Republic), Nevra Necipoglu (Turkey), Paul Canart (Vatican) and Ljubomir Maksimovic (Yugoslavia).

AGENDA

1. Welcome address
2. Speech of the president
3. Commemoration of the members departed since the 2001 Paris Congress
4. Report of the General Secretary
5. Report of the treasurer and discussion of the new fee
6. XXI^{er} Congrès International, proposals of the British Committee

7. Discussion and study of the new statute (president's project)
8. Various issues

After the official opening of the meeting and the welcoming speech delivered by Mrs. Pelekidou, Chairperson of the Greek National Committee, the president, Professor Peter Schreiner, referred to the agenda of the meeting that focuses on the preparation of the London Congress as well as the prospect change of the statute. In his report the General Secretary, Professor Chrysos, referred to the day as a memorable occasion and started with the *Liste des Defunts* since the Paris meeting of the AIEB in Paris in 2001 (see attached page).

Following the discussion of few practical matters the Secretary proposed AIEB to have, as substitute of the *Bulletin d' information et de coordination*, a website that for the first years will be supported financially by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. Professor Chrysos presented a pilot form of the site under the address www.aiebnet.gr and asked for suggestions and remarks. There was a positive respond on behalf of the Bureau and the representatives who gave him the authorization to proceed with this task. The Secretary announced that by the 15th September the site will be ready to operate and urged the participants to spread the message and send to him information on their activities since the site will be updated twice a year. President Schreiner suggested – and it was agreed - that it will be useful if there were a print-out option in the site; the Secretary informed.

Cécile Morrisson, the reasurer, submitted the treasurer's report and asked for the approval of the figures that was unanimously given. She referred to the critical issue of unpaid subscriptions and to her effort to find a bank that would enable AIEB to lose less money from the necessary change of currency in the payment of subscriptions. The president proposed that subscriptions should rise to 200 euro for all members of the Association starting from 2004. His proposal was accepted.

Discussion over the organization of the XXIer Congrès International – London 2006, occupied a substantial part of the time of the meeting. Discussion moved around the organization of the panels and the committee called for suggestions that would be

discussed before the formulation of the final programme of the conference, planned to be ready by the 31st October.

Robin Cormack informed the representatives that the official website of the Congress will be ready in mid-2004 and its address will be www.byzantium.ac.uk

Peter Schreiner moved on to the next point of the agenda, namely the discussion on the new statute as the project of the president. The various issues involved in the project were raised and many items were discussed in detail. On the president's suggestion it was decided that an ad hoc Committee will finalize the draft before it will be resubmitted and discussed by the International Committee at the London Congress in 2006.

Next issue was the candidature of the country that will undertake the organization of the Congress after 2006. Bulgaria and Turkey were proposed. In addition a call for papers and book reviews for the periodical *Byzantinoslavica* was made. Furthermore it was decided to authorize the Australian National Association for Byzantine Studies to organize a "Byzantine Day" at the next Congress of Historical Studies to be held in Sydney in 2005.

President Schreiner closed the meeting of the Inter-Congrès saying that it was sure that discussion could not be exhausted in such limited time. However, the message of this Inter-Congrès is the need to create sub-committees and reactivate the existing ones and to circulate suggestions, proposals and ideas as far as the various matters of the AIEB are concerned.

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ANDROS

30 May– 1 June 2003

Les participants

1. Bureau International

Présidents d'honneur: Hélène Ahrweiler, Cyril Mango, Ihor Sevcenko

Président: Peter Schreiner

Vice-Présidents: Nancy Sevcenko, Marie Nystazopoulou-Pélékidou

Secrétaire Général: Evangelos Chrysos

Trésorier: Cécile Morrison

2. Comités Nationaux

ALLEMAGNE	Roderich Reinsch, Rainer Warland
AUTRICHE	Wolfram Hörandner, Werner Seibt
BELGIQUE	Karlin Hayter, Anne Tihon
BULGARIE	Vassil Gjuzelev, Vassilka Tapkova-Zaimova
CANADA	Franziska Shlosser, A. R. Littlewood
CHYPRE	D. Triantaphyllopoulos, G. Christodoulou
DANEMARK	Markus Bogisch, Karsten Fledelius
ESPAGNE	P. Badenas
ESTHONIE	Michael Bibikov
ÉTATS-UNIS	Robert Ousterhout, Elizabeth Fisher
FRANCE	Michel Kaplan, Marie-Hélène Congourdeau
GEORGIE	Erekle Jordania
GRANDE BRETAGNE	Roben Cormack, Antony Bryer, Elizabeth Jeffreys
GRÈCE	T. Kolias, Tr. Maniati
NORVÈGE	Torstein Tollefsen
ROUMANIE	Emilian Popescu, Tudor Teoteoi
RUSSIE	I. Medvedev
SUÈDE	Johan Heldt
TCHÈQUE RÉPUBLIQUE	Vladimir Vavrinek
TURKEY	Nevra Necipoglu
VATICAN	Paul Canart
YOUGOSLAVIE	Lj. Maksimoviç

3. Antony Bryer: *Convenor 2006 of the London Congress*