

General Meeting
International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS)
Seoul 2022
August 19th, 2022, The La Ville, Seoul

Minutes

Chairs: Juhyung Rhi (President, in person) and Christoph Emmrich (General Secretary, online)

In Attendance: 160 members

(1) Deceased Colleagues:

The Members of the Association noted the death of the following peers:

Steven Collins (1951-2018), University of Chicago
Hubert Decler (1940-2021), School of International Training, Kathmandu
Carmen Dragonetti (1937-2018), Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima
Duan Qing (1953-2022), Beijing University
Hubert Durt (1936-2018), École française d'Extrême Orient and International College for
Postgraduate Buddhist Studies
Gérard Fussman (1940-2022), Collège de France
Jacques Gernet (1921-2018), Université de Paris (Sorbonne) and Collège de France
Luis Gómez (1943-2017), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Steven Goodman (1945-2020), California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco
Minoru Hara (1930-1921), University of Tokyo
C.W. (Sandy) Huntington Jr. (1949-2020), Hartwick College, Oneonta
John Huntington (1937-2021), Ohio State University
Inagaki Hisao (1929-2021), Ryukoku University
Padmanabh Srivarma Jaini (1923-1921), University of California, Berkeley
Jan Yün-hua (1923-2018), McMaster University
Seishi Karashima (1957-2019), Soka University
Alexander McDonald (1923-2018), Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS),
former IABS General Secretary
Jacques May (1927-2018), École française d'Extrême Orient and Université de Lausanne
Kenneth Roy Norman (1925-2020), University of Cambridge
Ole Holten Pind (1945–2018), University of Copenhagen
Karl H. Potter (1927-2022), University of Washington
Tissa Rajapatirana (1942-2019), Australian National University
Frank Reynolds (1930-2019), University of Chicago
David Seyfort Rugg (1931-2021), Leiden University, University of Hamburg, and former IABS
President
Kyoko Tokuno (1944-2021), University of Washington
Margarita Vorobyova-Desyatovskaya (1933-2021), Institute of Oriental Studies, Saint Petersburg
Stanley Weinstein (1929-2017), Yale University
Akira Yuyama (1934-2019), Sōka University
Stefano Zacchetti (1968-2020), University of Oxford

(2) *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*

The General Secretary announced the forthcoming Open Access status of the journal based on a new agreement with the publisher Peeters. The journal will be Open Access starting with No. 44.

(3) New Membership structure

Reduced membership fee
for members with a lower or irregular income
for one year: US\$ 20

Regular membership fee
for one year: US\$ 75
for three years: US\$ 65 x 3 = US\$ 195

Sponsoring membership fee
for one year: US\$ 100
for three years: US\$ 90 x 3 = US\$ 270

Lifetime membership fee
one-off payment: US\$ 1,800

Votes in favour of approving the New Membership Structure: 95

Votes against approving the New Membership Structure: 0

Abstentions: 65

The motion was carried by a majority of 95 votes. The new fee structure will be applied for 2023 onward.

(4) Accounts

The General Secretary introduced the Association's accounts, covering a period of five years (2017-2022)

Statement of Accounts

Total Assets as of December 31, 2021: CHF 73,659.23 (US\$ 75,500)

Total Balance of Capital in July 2022 (rounded up): CHF 76,700 (US\$ 80,800)

2021 Operational Deficit: CHF 3056.41 (US\$ 3,221)

2020 Operational Deficit: CHF 1367.69 (US\$ 1,444)

2019 Operational Deficit: CHF 905.85 (US\$ 954)

2018 Operational Deficit: CHF 2445.37 (US\$ 2,577)

2017 Operational Surplus: CHF 8739.34 (US\$ 9,210)

Votes in favour of approving the Accounts (2017-2021): 96

Votes against approving the Accounts (2017-2021): 0

Abstentions: 64

The motion was carried by a majority of 96 votes.

(5) 2019 Election

The General Secretary asked the members to note the outcome of the June 2015 Election of the new Association's Officers, and actual list.

Principal Office Holders:

President: Juhung Rhi

Vice-President: Birgit Kellner

Treasurer: Pascale Hugon

General Secretary: Christoph Emmrich

Regional Representatives:

North America: Jinhua Chen

East Asia: Toru Funayama

South/Southeast Asia: Mahesh Deokar

Europe: Francesco Sferra

Directors at Large:

Mark Allon

Anne Blackburn

Collett Cox

Paul Harrison

Jens-Uwe Hartmann

Sara McClintock

Ulrich Pagel

Michael Radich

Cristina Scherrer-Schaub

Jonathan Silk

Vincent Tournier

(6) Confirmation of Principal IABS Office Holders (2019-2023)

The General Secretary invited the members to confirm the following principal office holders of the Association (2019-2023)

Principal Office Holders:

President: Juhung Rhi

Vice-President: Birgit Kellner

Treasurer, current: Pascale Hugon

Treasurer, to succeed Pascale Hugon: Ingo Strauch

General Secretary: Christoph Emmrich

Votes in favour: 102

Votes against: 0

Abstentions: 58

The motion was carried by a majority of 102 votes.

(7) 20th IABS Conference

The General Secretary announced that the IABS Board, after careful deliberations, proposed to nominate the University of Leipzig, Germany, for the 20th Conference to be held in 2025.

Votes in favour of appointing the University of Leipzig as host of the 20th IABS Conference: 102

Votes against appointing the University of Leipzig as host of the 20th IABS Conference: 0

Abstentions: 58

The motion was carried by a majority of 102 votes.

(8) Presidential Closing Address

Professor Juhyung Rhi (Seoul National University)

The President and the General Secretary thanked all members for their contributions and adjourned the General Assembly at 6:30 pm.

Juhyung Rhi
IABS President

Christoph Emmrich
IABS General Secretary