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NOTES of IAMS executive committee meeting (Maryknoll, 20-25 August 1978)

The committee met several times in order to review the programme of the IAMS Conference (21-26 August) and to discuss several ad hoc and policy problems.

Present: A. Camps (chairman), J. Aagaard, P.R. Clifford, C. Engler, M.J. Gaxiola-Gaxiola, G.O.M. Tasie, F.J. Verstraelen (secretary).

1. The minutes of the Committee's meeting (Maryknoll, February 9-11, 1978) were passed.
2. The Islam-inEurope Conference (Selly Oak Colleges) has been postponed and has to be considered anew by the next committee.
3. As regards finances:
 - it is commended that members pay subscription, etc. in their own currency;
 - gratefulness was expressed to Arnulf Camps for collecting a very substantial amount of money for IAMS (especially the Maryknoll Conference) and to the Maryknoll Fathers for providing 10.000 US\$;
 - the treasurer will settle the accounts with Maryknoll (Fr. C. Engler) after the Conference by sending a cheque.
4. Correspondence:
 - The committee took note of the answers received from some 'IAMS-fathers' specially invited, but not able to attend the Conference.
 - A letter by Kenneth Cragg announcing his withdrawal from IAMS occasioned the decision that 'when a IAMS member retires the exec. committee will decide whether he has to continue paying subscription or not'.
5. New IAMS members:

All 19 applicants were accepted as new members either because of their own qualifications and/or because of a collective recommendation by Gerald H. Anderson and Lawrence Egan.

Taking into account the discussion re. criteria for IAMS membership (Minutes, Febr. 9-11, 1978, point 3) it was decided that as from now on:

 - more careful attention will be paid to one's scholarly training and active involvement in mission studies (publications, etc.);
 - the new application form will therefore:
 - a) ask to state from which institution the applicant got his/her degree(s);
 - b) specify that the sponsors should recommend an applicant from personal knowledge.
6. ASM proposals for cooperation with IAMS in publishing:

The chairman and editor of Missiology, following a suggestion made at the ASM annual meeting approached IAMS exec. committee with two proposals:

 - a) to publish the IVth IAMS Conference report in Missiology (January 1979);
 - b) that one issue of Missiology each year be particularly oriented to IAMS activities, interests and papers.

The exec. committee gladly accepted proposal a), but left the decision regarding proposal b) to the next committee.

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As regards IAMS subsidy in publishing the report it was decided that IAMS could afford a subsidy of 500 à 1000 US\$.

It was also stipulated that IAMS Newsletter should continue as a vehicle for exchange and information between IAMS individual and corporate members.

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After the Business-meeting during which the new executive committee was elected a brief meeting took place of new and out-going committee-members. Words of heartfelt thanks were expressed to the outgoing committee-members: Dr. G.O.M. Tasie, Rev. Manuel Gaxiola-Gaxiola, Rev. Jonathan Chao (who was prevented to attend this Conference) and especially Rev. Clarence Engler MM, who - with his colleagues and MM-sisters - contributed so much to the successful organization of the IVth IAMS Conference. The new members (Dr. Gerald H. Anderson, Dr. Preman Niles, Dr. Ade Adegbola, Dr. René Padilla and Sr. Joan Chatfield) were warmly welcomed and invited to support and develop the good work(s) of the IAMS

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