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## ICCJ Member Organization

### Notification by E-Mail

Heppenheim, May 30, 2018

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### ICCJ Annual General Meeting [AGM] 2018 – Invitation Letter

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the International Council of Christians and Jews, we invite you to attend the 2018 ICCJ Annual General Meeting [AGM]. Please find the agenda of the AGM attached.

The Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, 9.00 – 13.00 hrs. at the ICCJ conference venue, Danubius Hotel Flamenco, Budapest.

Each member organization may designate two representatives to attend the AGM, one of whom shall be entitled to vote on behalf of the organization. If no representative of your organization can attend the meeting, voting rights may be delegated by the Board of the member organization to any other person who will attend the AGM in person. The announcement of delegates and/or proxy of an ICCJ member organization has to be specified in writing before the AGM by using the accompanying authorization form.

As ICCJ functions under German law, we need to submit to the German authorities this signed document from each member organization taking part in the AGM.

Please, fill in the name of your organization, the name(s) of your (two) representative(s) **OR** the name of the person you delegate to vote on behalf of your organization in case no representatives of your organization attend the AGM. No digital signatures allowed.

If you need any help in finding a proxy for your organization entitled to vote at the AGM you are welcome to get in touch with ICCJ's General Secretary Anette Adelman ([adelmann@iccj.org](mailto:adelmann@iccj.org)).

This AGM will be a very important meeting because the ICCJ Executive Board worked on changes to the ICCJ constitution to be discussed and decided upon at the AGM. The suggested changes mostly apply to editorial emendations of the current constitution (art. 1, art. 2, art. 3, art. 4, and art. 5), and refer in

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Sir Sigmund Sternberg OStJ, KCSG (†r)

#### HONORARY PRESIDENTS:

The Rt Rev. and Rt Hon. Dr George Carey  
Dr John T. Pawlikowski, OSM  
Rabbi David Rosen, KSG CBE  
Dr Martin Stöhr

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

**President:**  
Rev. Dr Bo Sandahl

**Vice Presidents:**  
Liliane Apotheker  
Rev. Dr Pavol Bargár

**Treasurer:**  
Dr Abi Pitum

**Members:**  
Rabbi Samuel Szteinhendler  
Rev. Dr Michael Trainor  
Dr Willy Weisz

**General Secretary:**  
Dipl.-Theol. Anette Adelman

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some cases also to changes in form and content of the constitution (art. 3 and art. 4). Enclosed with this letter you will find a synopsis of the current version of the ICCJ constitution and its amended reading.

Apart from the documents that are attached to this invitation letter the delegated representatives will receive further materials in advance of the AGM in printed form in the AGM folder to be distributed in Budapest.

Please find on the accompanying pages important information about the AGM, the agenda of this year's AGM, a synopsis of the current version and an amended reading of the ICCJ constitution, the minutes of the AGM held in Bonn 2017, and the authorization form for the delegates and/or deputies of your organization to be sent back to the ICCJ headquarters by June 15 at the latest.

We look forward to meeting you in Budapest,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bo Sandahl'.

Rev. Dr Bo Sandahl  
ICCJ President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anette Adelman'.

Anette Adelman  
ICCJ General Secretary

**Enclosures:**

Appendix: Important information re the AGM procedures  
Agenda of the AGM 2018 in Budapest  
Synopsis of ICCJ's current constitution and its amended reading  
Minutes of ICCJ's AGM held in Bonn 2017  
Authorization form

## **Appendix: Important Information re the AGM Procedures**

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2. Every member organization may designate two representatives to attend the meetings, one of whom shall be entitled to vote on behalf of his/her organization.
3. A document, signed by the Board of an ICCJ member organization, has to be submitted before the AGM stating the name of the organization, the names of the two delegates or the name of the deputy designated to vote on behalf of the member organization.
4. The General Meeting will have a decision making quorum if at least one third of the membership is present or represented. Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. Abstentions will not be counted.
5. In case of changes of the organization's aims and purposes or the dissolution of the organization at least half of the membership must be present or represented. Delegation of voting right must be submitted in writing.
6. Changes of the Constitution by the General Meeting can only be effected by a two-third majority of members present provided every proposed change has previously been submitted in writing.

# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Budapest, Danubius Hotel Flamenco

June 28, 2018, 9.00 am

Welcome  
Present  
Apologies  
Confirmation of Quorum  
Confirmation that Meeting was Duly Convened  
Adoption of the Agenda Previously Circulated  
Agreed Changes of the Agenda

1. **Minutes of AGM Bonn, 6 July 2017**  
(previously circulated with the invitation letter)
2. **Matters Arising not Covered Under Present Agenda**
3. **President's Report**
4. **General Secretary's Report**
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Auditors report 2017 and Exoneration of the Board
  - Budget 2018/2019
  - International Martin-Buber-Foundation
  - Auditors 2018
6. **Changes to the ICCJ Constitution (art. 1, art. 2, art. 3, art. 4, art. 5)**  
(a synopsis of the current version of the ICCJ constitution and its amended reading has been circulated as part of the invitation letter)
7. **Amendments of ICCJ's By-Laws**
8. **Councils and Committees:**
  - International Abrahamic Forum (IAF)
  - Association "Friends and Sponsors of the Martin Buber House"
9. **Assessment of the preceding conference**
10. **Networking and Communications**
11. **Future ICCJ Conferences:**
  - 2019 conference: Lund, Sweden
  - 2020 conference
12. **Member Organizations:**
  - Suspensions of membership
  - Membership applications
  - Reports from member organizations
13. **Any other business**

## Synopsis: ICCJ Constitution Current Version – Amended Reading

Current Version (July 2007)	Amended Reading (vers. May 25, 2018)
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### Article 1: Nature of the Organisation

<p>The International Council of Christians and Jews (hereinafter referred to as the ICCJ) is a voluntary association of representative organisations with the common objective to promote Christian-Jewish cooperation.</p>	<p>The International Council of Christians and Jews (hereinafter referred to as the ICCJ) is a voluntary association of representative organisations with the common objective to promote Christian-Jewish dialogue and cooperation.</p>
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### Article 2: Purposes

<p>The ICCJ which has its headquarters in Heppenheim/Bergstraße, Werléstraße 2 (Martin Buber House), is founded as a charitable organisation which exclusively and directly pursues non-profit purposes according to § 51 AO. The foundation of the ICCJ is a consequence of the realization following the Shoah that fostering tolerance and respect as well as understanding between nations and peoples is a strong necessity.</p> <p>The ICCJ is established in order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. to support and promote the endeavours of its national member organisations in the international field and to contribute to solve problems in interfaith, interracial and international relations, taking into account the religious and moral principles that form the basis of the Jewish and Christian traditions.</li> <li>b. to undertake and promote activities in the field of Christian-Jewish as well as Christian-Jewish-Muslim cooperation that combat antisemitism, racism, discrimination, aggressive nationalism, theological and other prejudices, and their consequences.</li> <li>c. to foster religious liberty</li> </ol>	<p>The ICCJ was formed in the wake of the Shoah to foster tolerance and understanding between nations and peoples. It has its headquarters in 64646 Heppenheim, Werlestraße 2 (Martin Buber House), and it is a charitable organisation which exclusively and directly pursues non-profit purposes according to § 51 AO.</p> <p>The ICCJ:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. supports and promotes the endeavours of its national members at an international level. It offers insight about interfaith, interethnic, and international matters, in the light of the religious and moral principles that undergird Judaism and Christianity;</li> <li>b. promotes activities in Christian-Jewish and Christian-Jewish-Muslim dialogue and cooperation to combat antisemitism, racism, discrimination, aggressive nationalism, theological and other prejudices, and their consequences;</li> <li>c. fosters religious liberty.</li> </ol>
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### Article 3: Membership

<p>ICCJ membership shall be open to all organisations that pursue the purposes stated in Article 2. Application for membership has to be submitted in writing.</p>	<p>ICCJ membership is open to all organisations that pursue the purposes stated in Article 2. Application for membership must be submitted in writing.</p>
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Admission to membership shall be decided upon by a two-third majority of the Annual General Meeting.

<p>There is no right to membership.</p>	<p>There is no entitlement to membership.</p>
<p>Membership is terminated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. by dissolution of the member</li> <li>b. by withdrawal</li> <li>c. by exclusion from the ICCJ</li> </ol>	<p>An organisation's membership ceases when</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the member no longer exists;</li> <li>b. the organisation withdraws from ICCJ membership;</li> <li>c. the ICCJ excludes an organisation from membership.</li> </ol>

<p>Withdrawal by a member organisation can be carried out by written information to the ICCJ General Secretary; to become effective three months later.</p>	<p>Notification of withdrawal by a member must be in writing to the ICCJ General Secretary. Termination of membership occurs three months later.</p>
<p>A member can be excluded from the association if it grievously offended against the interests of the ICCJ.</p>	<p>A member can be excluded from the association if it has grievously offended against the interests of the ICCJ or if it has acted in a way that seriously contradicts the objectives of the ICCJ as outlined in Article 2.</p>
<p>At the request of the ICCJ Executive Board the decision about the exclusion will be decided by a two-third majority of the Annual General Meeting.</p>	
<p>The Executive Board has to submit to the member concerned a copy of the request with grounds for the exclusion at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>Within two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Board has to present to the member concerned the grounds for membership exclusion in writing.</p>
<p>A written statement by the member concerned has to be brought to the attention of the Annual General Meeting. The Board must inform the member in writing about the exclusion decision which becomes effective upon receipt. With termination of the membership, irrespective of the reasons, all rights deriving from membership will expire.</p>	
<p>Refund of fees, donations or other subsidies is principally impossible.</p>	<p>There shall be no refund of fees, donations or other subsidies.</p>
<p>Participation in the ICCJ shall in no way affect the autonomy of the member organisations.</p>	<p>Provided that their respective missions are compatible, membership in the ICCJ does not interfere with the autonomy of members.</p>

#### **Article 4: General Meetings of the ICCJ**

The General Meeting determines the directives of the work of the association and decides on matters of principal importance.

<p>The tasks of the Annual General Meeting are in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Election and voting out of office of the Board</li> <li>b. Approval of the budget and investment plans submitted by the Board</li> <li>c. Resolution of the annual financial statement</li> <li>d. Reception of the Executive Board's report</li> <li>e. Resolution concerning discharge of the Board</li> <li>f. Issue of a by-law for the Board</li> <li>g. Resolution of new tasks or of withdrawal from tasks of the organisation</li> <li>h. Decisions concerning changes of the Constitution and dissolution of the organisation.</li> </ol>	<p>The tasks of the Annual General Meeting are particularly concerned with the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Decisions concerning changes to the Constitution and dissolution of the organisation.</li> </ol>
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The ICCJ shall hold ordinary General Meetings annually.

Upon request of the President or of three member organisations the Board may for important reasons call an extraordinary General Meeting of the ICCJ at another time.

Such meeting must be held if 20% of the membership request in writing and by stating their reasons that the Board shall call a meeting. The General Meeting will be convoked by the President or one of the Vice-Presidents no later than four weeks prior to the meeting by written invitation including the agenda.

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The Board is entitled to issue changes to the Constitution as long as they are solely related to editorial aspects (as for example: orthography, grammar, punctuation, addition of missing words, omission of redundant words). Such changes can only be effected by an unanimously decision of the Board and the members have to be acquainted at the General Meeting.

Members of the Board are to be elected as follows:

- a. the President individually
- b. the Treasurer individually
- c. the other five members of the Board jointly.  
From among those the Jewish and the Christian candidate who will receive most of the votes will be elected as first and second Vice-President. The number of votes received by each candidate will determine who is the first and who the second Vice-President. This means there will always be one Jewish and one Christian Vice-President.

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Regarding the individual election of President and Treasurer, the candidate receiving more than half of the votes cast will be elected. If this number of votes has not been reached, there will be a second round of election between the two candidates who received most of the votes. In case of a tie the person chairing the meeting will cast the deciding additional vote.

The General Meeting may by simple majority decide on by-laws allowing additional means of voting and communication (particularly decision making procedures by way of circulation, postal vote, telecommunication) as well as other regulations.

Minutes shall be taken of all General Meetings and be signed by a member of the Board.

#### **Article 5: Board, Daily Business**

The Board of the ICCJ shall consist of the President, the first Vice-President, the second Vice-President as well as the Treasurer and three further members (the full Board)

The Board (paragraph 1) shall represent the organisation in as well as out of court. It shall hold the position of legal representative in the meaning of paragraph 26 BGB, each member of the Board being entitled to individually represent (the organisation) together with the General Secretary.

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Each member of the Board individually represents the ICCJ before the Register Court.

The Board shall be elected by the ordinary General Meeting for a period of three years. The members of the Board shall remain in their respective offices until new elections have taken place.

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Should a Board member retire in the course of the period of office, a replacement member shall be elected by the General Meeting for the remaining period of office.

In order to fulfil the aims and purposes of the organisation

- a. the Board shall be authorised to employ a General Secretary, as well as other necessary staff, under due legal conditions required by law in the jurisdiction concerned;
- b. the Board authorizes the General Secretary to represent it in as well as out of court;
- c. the Executive Board may authorize the General Secretary to effect financial transactions and enter commitments up to a maximum value which it shall from time to time determine; beyond that value the countersignature of the Treasurer shall be required.

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- c. may authorise the General Secretary to effect financial transactions and enter commitments up to a maximum value which it shall from time to time determine; beyond that value the countersignature of the Treasurer shall be required.

#### **Article 6: Finances**

The income of the ICCJ shall consist of the annual membership fees of the member organisations and of voluntary contributions from these organisations and from other sources.

The membership fee shall be fixed by the Board.

The organisation acts selflessly, it does not in the first place serve its own financial interests.

All income shall be used exclusively for the purposes laid down in Article 2. Members shall have no share in its income and shall not draw any financial benefit from it. Nobody shall profit from expenditure alien to the aims and purposes of the organisation, or draw benefit from disproportionately high repayments of expenses.

In the event of dissolution of the organisation or the annulment of its declared purposes, the total asset of the organisation exceeding the capital contribution paid by the members or the current value of other assets contributed by the members shall be handed over to a charitable organisation or organisations with similar aims in accordance with the decision of members at the dissolution meeting. Decisions concerning the future use of the assets shall only be carried out after the consent of the competent financial authority has been obtained.

#### **Article 7: Registration of the organisation**

The organisation has been registered with the Amtsgericht Darmstadt under registration number VR 20482.

This new version of the constitution becomes effective upon its registration in the register of associations.

Date: July 2007  
Place: Heppenheim

Date:  
Place:



# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gustav Stresemann Institut, Bonn

July 6, 2017, 9.00 a.m.

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9.00 a.m. by Dr Philip A. Cunningham, ICCJ President, who welcomed all delegates and guests to the meeting.

### Present

ICCJ's General Secretary Anette Adelman briefly reviewed the role of national member organizations, and their respective voting rights. Entitled to vote were the delegated representatives of the following member organizations:

<b>Argentina</b>	Confraternidad Argentina Judeo Cristiana	Samuel Szteinhendler
<b>Australia:</b>	Australian Council of Christians and Jews	Ron Hoenig
<b>Austria:</b>	Coordinating Committee for Christian-Jewish Cooperation	Willy Weisz
<b>Belgium:</b>	Organe de Consultation entre Chrétiens et Juifs Belgique	Lutgarde Verbouwe
<b>Brazil:</b>	Conselho de Fraternidade Cristao-Judaico	Maria Cristiane dos Santos
<b>Chile:</b>	Confraternidad Judeo-Cristiana de Chile	Samuel Szteinhendler
<b>Costa Rica:</b>	Confraternidad Judeo-Cristiana de Costa Rica	Samuel Szteinhendler
<b>Czech Republic:</b>	Spolecnost krestanu a Zidu	Pavol Bargár
<b>France:</b>	Amitié Judéo-Chrétienne de France	Michel Sternberg
<b>Germany:</b>	Deutscher Koordinierungsrat e.V.	Friedhelm Pieper
<b>Great Britain:</b>	The Council of Christians and Jews	Elizabeth Harris-Sawczenko
<b>Hungary:</b>	The Hungarian Council of Christians and Jews	Tamás Róna
<b>Ireland:</b>	Irish Council of Christians and Jews	Eva M. Molloy
<b>Italy:</b>	Federazione delle Amicizie Ebraico-Cristiane d'Italia	Marie Grindel
<b>Netherlands:</b>	Overlegorgaan van Joden en Christenen in Nederland	Elja L. Schwarz
<b>New Zealand:</b>	Abrahamic Council of New Zealand	Jenny Chalmers
<b>Peru:</b>	Confraternidad Judeo-Cristiana del Peru	Samuel Szteinhendler
<b>Poland:</b>	Polska Rada Chrzcscijan i Zydow	Stanislaw Krajewski
<b>Russia:</b>	Litzkom K Litzu	Rafail Fainberg
<b>Spain:</b>	Centro de Estudios Judeo-Cristianos	Samuel Szteinhendler
<b>Sweden:</b>	Samarbetsrådet för Judar och Kristna	Kaj Engelhart
<b>Switzerland:</b>	Christl.-Jüd. Arbeitsgemeinschaft in der Schweiz	Urs Urech
<b>Uruguay:</b>	Confraternidad Judeo-Cristiana del Uruguay	Jerónimo José Granados
<b>United States:</b>	Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations	Heather Miller-Rubens

### Apologies

Rabbi Ehud Bandel (Board member and delegate entitled to vote for Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations)

### Confirmation of Quorum

The President Phil Cunningham stated that a quorum was present.

### **Confirmation that Meeting was Duly Convened**

The President confirmed that with a letter of invitation dated June 1, 2017 the meeting had been duly convened.

### **Adoption of the Agenda Previously Circulated**

The President asked the meeting to review the agenda previously circulated with the invitation letter to the AGM. The agenda was unanimously accepted.

### **Agreed changes of the Agenda**

There are no changes of the agenda.

### **1. Minutes of AGM Philadelphia, 14 July 2016**

The meeting unanimously approved the minutes from the 2016 AGM in Philadelphia, as circulated by the letter of invitation.

### **2. Matters Arising not Covered Under Present Agenda**

The following will be discussed under topic 12 "Any other business": Report on associate membership by the ICCJ Treasurer Abi Pitum.

### **3. President's Report**

President Phil Cunningham briefly summarized his report and added that he has further tasks for the new board, namely, the reorganization of the YLC and IAF, which are high priority items.

### **4. General Secretary's Report**

Anette Adelman summarized her report, adding that the planning of the Bonn conference took most of her working time during the last nine months. She reported that she met with ICCJ's Swiss organization, but other than that she had to reduce travel to a minimum due to the conference planning. In preparation for the Bonn conference she arranged many meetings with representatives of organizations and institutions in Germany to promote the conference.

She further added that here in Bonn fruitful talks with the Hungarian delegation started and that thereby first steps in preparation for the Budapest conference 2018 had been taken. Anette thanked the Hungarian member organizations for sending such a large delegation.

Friedhelm Pieper asked about the Seelisberg anniversary and Anette shared her plan for a Seelisberg retreat of the then newly elected ICCJ board to take place in the autumn. A visit to Seelisberg and meetings with Swiss organizations fostering Jewish-Christian relations are going to be planned. The ICCJ board members will then travel around Switzerland to give talks about the Seelisberg conference. The ICCJ asks member organizations to schedule Seelisberg events during the same time; dates are, however, not fixed yet.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Abi Pitum provided an overview of his report, concluding that the ICCJ's financial situation is satisfactory. ICCJ has proper fundraising and properly sends all the required reports to the German authorities, which is much appreciated. Almost all our funding comes from Germany. Abi Pitum read from the auditor's report, which indicated that a mere 4% of our income is membership fees. Abi asked delegates to help with fundraising in the future.

### **Auditor's report 2016:**

Abi presented the PriceWaterhouseCoopers audit and informed the AGM that the ICCJ again has received the highest possible rating from PWC. Abi thanked Phil and Anette for their help.

The auditors' report for 2016 was unanimously adopted.

### **Exoneration of the Board**

The exoneration of the Board was unanimously adopted.

### **Budget 2017/2018**

Abi informed the AGM that the next annual budget is set, adding that it will be up to the new Executive Board to manage and implement it. The drafted budget 2017/2018 was unanimously accepted by the AGM.

### **International Martin-Buber-Foundation**

Abi explained the purpose and work of the International Martin-Buber-Foundation to the AGM. The foundation has provided some funding and its investments are successful. Friedhelm Pieper, Vice-Chairman, thanked Abi Pitum and the board of the foundation for all their efforts and hard work.

The AGM decided unanimously to delegate Abi Pitum as ICCJ representative to the board of the International Martin-Buber-Foundation and nominates him as candidate for the next board elections of the Foundation.

### **Auditors 2017**

Abi expressed ICCJ's gratitude to Mr Stefan Sigmann and Ms Kerstin Riewe from PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The AGM unanimously agreed to commission PWC to perform the audit for the year 2017.

## **6. Elections to the Executive Board**

- Elections of
- a. President
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Five members of the Executive Board

President Cunningham handed over the election procedure to the General Secretary Anette Adelman, who explained the procedure in accordance with Article 4 of the ICCJ's Constitution and its relevant by-laws for elections of the Board (Article 5). She read out the names of the individual member organizations and their respective representatives who were entitled to vote. CV's of the candidates had been circulated among the member organizations and the voting members prior to the meeting. Ferenc Simon (Austria), Brigitte Wielheesen (Netherlands), and Petra Grünewald-Stangl (Germany) agreed to serve as ballot counters.

Twenty-four delegates with voting rights were present, with thirteen votes constituting a simple majority. The ballots were distributed to the voters. The President and the Treasurer were to be elected

individually, however for the election of the members of the Executive Board each delegate entitled to vote could cast their ballots for a maximum of 5 people.

The election committee first counted the votes for the President, then for the Treasurer, and finally for the members of the Executive Board.

### **The results were the following:**

#### President

Rev. Dr Bo Sandahl (Christian), Sweden **23** votes

#### Treasurer

Dr Abi Pitum (Jew), Germany **24** votes

#### Board Members

Liliane Apotheker (Jew), France votes: **22**

Rabbi Ehud Bandel (Jew), Israel votes: **8**

Rev. Dr Pavol Bargár (Christian), Czech Republic votes: **21**

Rev. Jennifer Chalmers (Christian), New Zealand votes: **2**

Eduard Dolinsky (Jew), Ukraine votes: **1**

Dr Steven Innes (Christian), United Kingdom votes: **2**

Rabbi Dr Ruth Langer (Jew), USA votes: **6**

Rabbi Samuel Sztainhendler (Jew), Chile votes: **22**

Rev. Dr Michael Trainor (Christian), Australia votes: **20**

Dr Willy Weisz (Jew), Austria votes: **11**

Rabbi Samuel Sztainhendler withdrew from a runoff election for the position as Jewish Vice-President.

### **The new ICCJ Executive Board is composed of**

**Bo Sandahl** (President),

**Liliane Apotheker** (First Vice-President),

**Pavol Bargár** (Second Vice-President),

**Abi Pitum** (Treasurer),

**Samuel Sztainhendler** (Member),

**Michael Trainor** (Member),

**Willy Weisz** (Member)

In accordance with the terms of the constitution Liliane Apotheker was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President (Jewish) and Rev. Dr Pavol Bargár as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (Christian).

The General Secretary Anette Adelman thanked the election committee.

The elected candidates accepted individually the election by public approval, and outgoing president Phil Cunningham congratulated the newly elected ICCJ President and the other board members and expressed the hope that the organization will always benefit from the service of all the nominees for office.

## **7. Councils and Committees**

### **Young Leadership Council (YLC)**

Phil invited YLC representatives to comment on the YLC report submitted by Brad Seligman. Sarah Marks informed the AGM that a YLC report on the Bonn conference will be made available late August.

### **International Abrahamic Forum (IAF)**

An IAF report was submitted by Ehud Bandel. There were no additions, remarks or questions re the report.

### **ICCJ research project “Promise, Land, Hope” (PLH project)**

Phil introduced the report as project coordinator. The project has been running for 5 years and will produce a book co-edited by Phil Cunningham, Ruth Langer and Jesper Svartvik, entitled *Enabling Dialogue about the Land: A Resource Book for Jews and Christians*. Its first part will be a collection of informative essays and the second part will be a curriculum for small group interreligious dialogue about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The idea is that when a group has worked through the curriculum, they can use the collected essays as basis for further discussions. Phil hoped that the book will be presented to a publisher at the end of the summer. He expressed gratitude for the support from the ICCJ and the academic institutions supporting the project.

### **Association “Friends and Sponsors of the Martin-Buber-House”**

The association's President Eva Schulz-Jander informed the AGM that the association now has 109 members, including 2 new members from this conference. As of Sunday, 2 July 2017, Peter Pettit is the newly elected Vice-President. The Friends and Sponsors of the Martin-Buber-House is an option for individual people to contribute to the ICCJ and new members are always welcome.

An online bulletin in English and German is published by the Friends and Sponsors 3 times per year, with the next one due in the autumn. The Friends and Sponsors also support the YLC. Next year they intend to sponsor one Eastern European candidate to the Budapest conference. The Friends and Sponsors has a website; it appears under "Buber House" on the ICCJ website. They are aiming at being more visible at ICCJ conferences in the future.

## **8. Report of the “Language Committee”**

Phil Cunningham introduced the background of the report. The committee consisted of Debbie Weissman and Samuel Sztainhendler. Phil stressed the importance of professional translators with some theological knowledge, as we have witnessed during the past conference days. The advice of the committee is to keep the current strategy and plan for a conference in Madrid as soon as possible.

The AGM unanimously approved the advice of the committee.

## **9. Assessment of the preceding conference**

The 2017 conference in Bonn was a success in all points, and participants not only highly appreciated the program itself but also the organization and the general atmosphere among the attendees.

Phil thanked the planning committee and the conference staff for their hard work in advance of and during the conference.

## **10. Future ICCJ Conferences**

Anette informed the AGM that she is to travel to Hungary soon regarding the 2018 annual conference. The venue will be in Budapest and the final day will be spent in Kecskemet. ICCJ board member Pavol Bargár will help as Co-Chair of the planning committee in organizing the conference. The date of the conference is not yet fixed but it will be at the end of June / the beginning of July in 2018.

There are no fixed plans for a potential 2019 conference in Israel yet. Anette is to travel there in November together with Michael Trainor and Abi Pitum.

## **11. Member Organizations**

### **Suspension of membership**

Suspensions of membership are to be announced for the coming year: 3FF will withdraw in 2018; the Sternberg Foundation had sponsored them for 2017.

### **Membership applications**

The new Cuban Council of Christians and Jews has applied for membership as a national member organization of the ICCJ. Samuel Szeinhendler gave a short account of the background of the application: The Cuban CCJ is co-chaired by one Jew and one Christian, and the government has supported and accepted the establishment of the organization. Anette stated that all criteria are met in regard to the composition of its board, its mission statement and programs.

The AGM unanimously accepted the Cuban's application.

Another organization, Centre d'initiatives pour les relations et le dialogue entre le peuple juif et les chrétiens (CIRDIC), has also applied for membership as a second national member organization from France. At Anette's request, Liliane Apotheker provided the AGM with some detailed information. The organization evolved from the principles of the Sisters of Zion. The existing French organization, the Amitié Judéo-Chrétienne de France confirmed that, as far as their opinion is concerned, there is no obstacle in regard to ICCJ membership for a second French organization and recommended the acceptance of the application of "Cirdic". Anette stated that all criteria were met in regard to the composition of its board, mission statement and programs, and that it is an independent organization according to French law.

The AGM unanimously accepted the application of "CIRDIC".

### **Reports from member organizations**

Phil Cunningham opened the floor to any reports from present member organizations.

United Kingdom (CCJUK) – Liz Harris who is the new director of the organization reported on their work in conflict resolution, trips to the Middle East and educational programs. One focus of its initiatives is on training students/youth in 10 campuses and training 20 leaders in the coming years. Clergy visits to Yad Vashem are organized, social actions projects moving forward, and some 200 people are alumni. The CCJ-UK has 2000 members across the UK and celebrates their 75th anniversary in the end of October.

Australia (ACCJ) – Ron Hoenig informed the AGM about a project called "Problematic Christian Hymns" that is being developed. Ron asked the AGM participants to consider how it can be used in their contexts.

Germany (DKR) – Friedhelm Pieper reported that the Reformation anniversary has been the focal point the past year and more theological work is to be done.

Sweden – Kaj Engelhart reported that the Swedish CCJ consists of 3 local branches with activities in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Lund/Malmö. A new Jewish center is being inaugurated in Stockholm and the Paideia institute remains successful.

Brazil – Cristiane Dos Santos read a report on Jewish-Christian dialogue in Brazil. The 10 Berlin points are being translated into Portuguese. Round table discussions with clergy and laypeople are conducted, as well as a "Kristallnacht" commemoration with survivors residing in the Sao Paulo area. Joint celebrations of Christian and Jewish holidays such as Christmas/Chanukka are scheduled for the end of the year.

Uruguay – Jeronimo José Granadas described activities such as interreligious meetings in Montevideo. Uruguay was represented at the ICCJ January/February meeting in Santiago de Chile by Tamara Ihle and Sonia Kirchheimer.

Czech Republic – Pavol Bargár informed the AGM of an anniversary event and plans to initiate activities outside of Prague. The festival "Sukkot Shalom" will be arranged for the 4th consecutive year. There will be a book launch for a book on the traditions of Elijah within Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A new bulletin has recently been published.

Chile – Samuel Sztainhendler informed the AGM about the scheduled Chilean 9th of November (Reichspogromnacht) commemoration. He summarized the ICCJ consultations in January/February of 2017 and mentioned a celebration of an interfaith seder with 220 participants, though unfortunately no Muslims attended. There is also an art project for children.

Austria – Willy Weisz provided a report, informing the AGM that Sara Egger (General Secretary) was awarded the prize of Cardinal König as one of 5 young theologians. A local committee has been established in Vienna to support the umbrella organization. A book aimed at correcting misconceptions about Judaism has been written by 34 Christian and Jewish writers and is being sold for a very low price in order to spread the book to schools and grassroots.

Poland – Stanislaw Krajewski reported on the traditional interfaith celebrations of Simchat Torah.

## **12. Any other business**

Last year the former Israeli member organization ICCI asked about associate membership, Abi consulted a lawyer with the result that due to the ICCJ constitution and by-laws such a membership is not possible. A written statement by the lawyer is on hand and was read to the AGM.

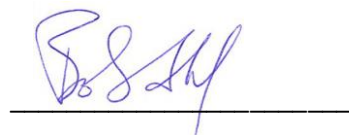
Phil elaborated on the ICCJ policy regarding statements and articles, for example, on the ICCJ website. An important part of the working procedure is to consult with the local / national organization involved or affected. Phil invited members to get in touch with the ICCJ headquarters if there is something to report about. Liliane added that member organizations are, of course, always welcome to send a short report and pictures of their activities to be published on the ICCJ website.

Michael Trainor thanked Phil Cunningham for all his work as ICCJ President, and Phil thereafter handed over the gavel to newly elected President Bo Sandahl.

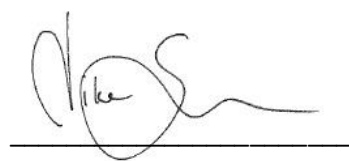
Bo Sandahl thanked the AGM and complimented the conference, stating that "every conclusion brings a new beginning". He thanked past presidents Phil Cunningham and Debbie Weissman for what he has learned from them through the years, adding that Debbie Weissman will assume advisory consultative role for the Executive Board in the future.

Bo looks forward to a meaningful and fruitful cooperation with the Executive Board, the ICCJ General Secretary, and the ICCJ team. He extends his admiration to the member organizations for all their work.

The new President Sandahl closed the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and wished everybody a safe trip home.



Bo Sandahl  
ICCJ President



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Minutes Secretary





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