

# Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland 20 August 2009

## 1. Opening

The Meeting began at 14:10 and adjourned at 16:00

- Present: Catherine Clifford, President and Jan Jans, Vice-President
- Absent due to illness: Afonso Soares, Vice-President

## 2. Reception of Minutes Network Council Meeting, Chicago June 2008

- Text to be provided by the President and
- to be completed by a list of all in attendance (based on list Brad mailed after the Meeting) – publish on website

## 3. President's Report

- The new and improved website is up & running. URL: <http://theo.kuleuven.be/insect/>
- Management of finances had been investigated
- Thomas Fliethmann offered to continue serving as treasurer, for which the Steering Committee is very grateful
- Catherine offered a seminar on INSeCT in Leuven for the doctoral students: important for further dissemination

## 4. Report Jan Verkoyen (new webmaster, based at KULeuven)

- 'Old website' has been transferred successfully, does still exist and needs a 'forward' link
- Update needed for the links, connections to members and report of last year's Network Council Meeting [basically the report drafted by Brad]
- History page needs update
- New webmaster has been payed; former webmaster Oliver Dyma is to be thanked for his years of work
- Investigate if simple updates can be done by members of Steering Committee by having remote access to the website

## 5. Financial Report (Thomas Fliethmann)

- Thomas stays on as treasurer, also because a German citizen is mandatory according to the Statutes
- Need to investigate the continuing commitment of Tübingen: Thomas himself or an other person?
- Need to investigate the options for having another member of the Steering Committee acquire co-signature
- Sheets with income and situation of bank account are presented

## 6. Old Business

- The files from the Chicago Meeting have been transferred by Brad to Catherine
- The account for the Chicago Meeting has been closed

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 INSeCT's tax-exempt status in Germany and management of financial accounts: cf. remarks at Financial Report +

- Table fees, currency, second signing officer at next Network Council Meeting
- New letter with regard to the payment of current fees is needed

### 7.2 Future collaboration with DePaul University, Chicago

- Contacts with Peter Casarella at DePaul: Centre for Catholic Studies will support 2011 Network Council Meeting
- Effort to have 2011 meeting coincide with ACHTUS
- Start fund-raising in Fall 2009; goal is 30.000 \$; need for USA bank account

### 7.3 Orientations for next Network Council Meeting (2011 Chicago)

- consult presidents on "Who, What, Where" is catholic theology practiced and what issues and challenges are there in teaching and research in theology?
- Plan INSeCT session at CTSA 2010

### 7.4 Broadening of membership

- reach out to those not yet represented, for example the Roman faculties (via COCTI?), the Philippines, Mexico...

### 7.5 Future use of Website

- Allow for the posting of jobs ads, news about what members organize themselves (include in letter to presidents)
- Project Regional Report: check dates of material available and look for updates + expand the scope by asking for new contributions in two waves: first wave Brazil, Philippines and Europe; second wave Mexico, India and USA, preceded by Africa/Nigeria

Recorded by Jan Jans, Vice President