

General Assembly  
of the International Dostoevsky Society  
Budapest, 3-8 July 2007  
President's Report

1. The XIIIth International Dostoevsky Society General Assembly Meeting opened with remarks by the IDS President, Professor Ulrich Schmid. Professor Schmid announced his resignation, gave an update on the IDS journal, *Dostoevsky Studies*, reported on the creation of *Dostoevsky Monographs*, a new series that will supplement the journal, and reported that the Executive Committee was proposing some revisions to the IDS Constitution, which has not been amended since its adoption in 1971.
2. The outgoing Executive Secretary, Professor Susan McReynolds Oddo, then reported on IDS activities in the past three years, including the proposals for constitution revision and the establishment of an IDS panel at the Modern Language Association Convention.
3. Professor Schmid introduced a proposal to reduce the number of regional coordinators to three – North America, Europe and Russia. This generated a lively discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of having individual country representatives. The Assembly voted to keep the current number and possibly to add new members as other countries develop regional Dostoevsky societies.
4. Professor Schmid opened a discussion of new member countries forming their own societies. He proposed that each country form its own society, create its own by-laws, and then propose candidacy to the Executive Council of the IDS. The Assembly approved his proposal.

5. Professor Schmid announced that the XIVth IDS symposium will be in Napoli, Italy. He reported that Professor Michaela Bohmig had agreed to be the IDS contact at the Istituto italiano per gli studii filosofici, where the symposium will be held in 2010.

6. Professor Schmid announced the election of new officers. Professor Deborah Martinsen was elected President, Professor Stefano Aloe Executive Secretary, and Professor Nel Grillaert Treasurer. Professor Martinsen then appointed Professor Schmid as Honorary IDS President and member of the Organizing Committee for the next symposium. After thanking the membership by promising to do her best to be as good a servant to the IDS as our founding mother, Professor Nadine Natov, Professor Martinsen invoked a moment of silent remembrance for all the members IDS had lost in the preceding three years, particularly our founding mother Nadine Natov, the President of the Russian Dostoevsky Society Vladimir Tunimanov, our member of the Honorary Board and Vice-President of the IDS Victor Terras, and our faithful servants Vladimir Svitel'skii and Vladimir Vladimirtsev.

Following the General Assembly, the Executive Committee established an organizing committee for the Napoli conference in 2010. Members include the Italian regional committee Stefano Aloe, Michaela Bohmig, Rosanna Casari, and Marco Cartozzolo as well as Ulrich Schmid and Deborah Martinsen. In September, the conference proposal developed by the Committee was accepted by the Istituto italiano per gli studii filosofici.

At the request of Professor Nina Kaucisvili, Deborah Martinsen spoke with our Russian colleagues to explore the possibility of holding the XVth IDS Symposium in St. Petersburg and Moscow in the summer of 2013.

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