

## 6 Relations with Soviet Armenia

The AIEA will try to establish contacts with the official scholarly organizations of Soviet Armenia (Acad. of Sciences, Linguistic Institute, Historical Institute, Matenadaran etc.). To this end, these institutions will be informed about the existence and aims of the AIEA and development of its activities.

One of the main aims of the AIEA will be to establish as close relations as possible with the scholarly world of Soviet Armenia.

## 7 Finance

The Gulbenkian Foundation gave a grant to cover initial costs. Means will be sought for further founding. A membership fee of Hfl. 10,- or its equivalent is proposed.

## 8 Constitution

To draw up a constitution, a subcommittee will be formed, consisting of Prof. Dr. J. Mahe, Dr. A. Hultgaard and the secretary of the AIEA.

The draft of this constitution will be subjected to approval of the Acting Committee.

It is felt that a short constitution would do for the moment. A regular Board can expand this constitution after its election, if needed.

## 9 Officers

The participants of the Wassenaar meeting propose the following persons as members of the Acting Committee.

Chairman: Prof. Dr. M. Stone  
Secretary: Dr. F. Mawet/J.J.S. Weitenberg  
Treasurer: this function will be left vacant for the moment  
Members at Large: Prof. Dr. G. Lafontaine, Dr. V. Nersessian, Dr. A. Hultgaard, Prof. Dr. V. Burchard, Prof. Dr. J. Mahe, Dr. B. Zekiyan

## 10 Proposed Meeting

A general two day meeting of the members of the Society is proposed for the end of August 1983, to be held in Leiden/Wassenaar (and as it is hoped under the conjoint aegis of NIAS and the Leiden University).

At that meeting the constitution of the AIEA will be offered for the members' approval. An official Board will then be elected.

The AIEA proposes to back two kinds of meetings: a general one, much like traditional congresses: and workshops, where a small group of persons interested in the same field will be invited to discuss their topics among each other, having previously read their respective papers.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- Included you will find a questionnaire. Please fill it out and send it back to the secretary.
- The secretarial address of the AIEA is:  
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- Members are kindly requested to send their membership fee (Hfl. 10,- or its equivalent) for 1983 to Account-number 44.19.58.524 at AMRO-Bank, Rapenburg, Leiden (postgiro of the Bank No. 9200). Make your cheque payable to: **Association for Armenian Studies.**
- A list of members will be given in the next Newsletter.
- Suggestions from members on all aspects of the AIEA are most welcome. If you have announcements which should appear in the Newsletter, please send them to the secretary of the AIEA.

## MEETING

The first general meeting of the AIEA will be held in August 1983, probably on August 30-31. Further information will be sent as soon as possible.

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## REPORT ON THE FOUNDING MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDES ARMENIENNES, held at Wassenaar, on October 18, 1982.

### The meeting was attended by:

Dr. A. Hultgaard (Uppsala); Dr. F. Mawet (Bruxelles);  
Dr. V. Nersessian (London); Prof. Dr. M.E. Stone (Jerusalem); J.J.S. Weitenberg (Leiden).

### The subjects discussed included:

#### 1 steps taken so far

In order to solicit response and interest from persons engaged fully or partially in Armenian studies a form was sent out to about 160 people, mainly in Europe who were supposed to be interested. So far about 80 persons responded favourably, often adding suggestions as to the activities of the Society. From this response it was felt that the proposed Society meets an actual need among scholars and that the actual founding of such a Society is justified. A certain number of persons were invited to participate in a preliminary committee. Funds were raised for the initiation of the Society, especially the present meeting.

#### 2 Name, Range, Language and Geographical Distribution

It was felt that the exact definitions of these subjects should be delegated to a small committee whose general task will be the drafting of a Constitution. In the meantime the following broad outline was formulated at the Wassenaar meeting:

**Name:** The name Association Internationale des Etudes Arméniennes (AIEA) was felt to be appropriate. The Committee on Constitution will solve the problem of how this name will appear in official publications, letter-head etc.

**Range:** The aim of the Society will be the promotion of Armenian studies in all its aspects. It is understood that popularization of the results of scientific study will be among the tasks of the AIEA, nonetheless, the character of the AIEA will be that of a learned Society.

**Language:** the Society will have no official language. Information and contributions by members will be written or printed in the language in which they were received. It is to be taken into account that English, French, German and Armenian will be most widely understood by the members of the Society. Official announcements by the secretary of the Society will be in English and French as need arises.

**Geographical Distribution:** The AIEA intends to unite scholars from all over the world with exception of the territory covered by the North American sister-organization SAS.

#### 3 Proposed Activities of the Society

**a. Information pool.** The most urgent need is the establishing of an information pool. To this end a questionnaire will be sent to those who expressed their interest in the AIEA.

**b. Bulletin.** Information of this kind could be published in a Newsletter, to appear as need arises. The Newsletter would include official announcements of the AIEA and such information as is by its nature not suitable for publication in regular scholarly journals.

**c. Articles on status of various aspects of Armenian Studies.** The AIEA should invite members to report in a condensed form on recent development in their particular field. Such reports might have the form of a *bibliographie raisonnée* and by their nature would be more fit to publish in a journal like the REArm. under the aegis of the AIEA.

**d. Computer assisted Armenian Studies and wordprocessing.** In a general sense, the AIEA should use its weight to promote the interests of Armenian studies in the development of new computer techniques. In practice, this would mean that means would be sought to promote the development of Armenian script word processing (facilitating the task of publishing Armenological studies), and other computer assisted aspects.

#### 4 Members

Individual scholars can become members of the AIEA on invitation or application.

The question of whether various categories of membership should be envisaged ("regular members" as against "associated members" or the like) will be considered at a later stage, when a more complete insight is reached on the number and interest of prospective members.

**Corporate membership** may be developed at a later stage. In the meantime, official institutions will be kept informed on the activities of the AIEA.

#### 5 Relations with SAS, REArm:

The AIEA will avoid situations of competition with the SAS, REArm, or any other institution.

It is hoped that fraternal relations can be established with the SAS, leading to the exchange of information.

It is hoped that the REArm will provide a platform for the AIEA where publications of interest, such as are not suitable for publication in the AIEA Newsletter, could appear under the aegis of the AIEA.