

***THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSIC***  
**(ISOCM)**  
**THE ANNUAL REPORT**  
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**I THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY**

**1. The Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Society took place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference organized in Joensuu. The meeting was attended by 23 registered members and it was chaired by Professor Petri Piironen. At the meeting, the Society's annual report, accounts, plan of action and budget were approved by the annual meeting and the Board of 2005-2009 was discharged. The meeting included the election of a new Board, which was voted from six suggested members.

**2. The Board**

The Board of 2005-2009 met on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

The new Board for years 2009-2013 consists of **Fr Ivan Moody** (UK/Portugal), who was elected to continue as the chairman of the Society; **Petri Nykänen** (Vice-chairman, Finland); **Ardian Ahmedaja** (Austria); **Yuliya Artamonova** (Russia), and **David Lucs** (USA), who was elected in absentia. The Board invited **Maria Takala-Roszczenko** (Finland) to continue as the secretary of the Society.

**3. The Accountant**

The chartered accountant was **Heikki Hartikainen** (Tietokate oy, Joensuu, Finland).

**II ECONOMY**

The Society's financial transactions multiplied during the year 2009 due to the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference. During the Conference, 14 new members registered to the Society and publications were purchased. The participation fee for the Conference ranged from 250 e (full package for non-members) to 150 e (full package for members), 100 e (full package / low income), 50 e (board members) and 20 e (local students without accommodation).

For the organization of the Conference, the Society received funding from the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (1500 e), the Foundation of Orthodox Culture (1000 e) and the Foundation for the Promotion of Carelian Culture (1000 e).

The Theological Faculty of the University of Joensuu also had a special project account for the conference organization, which received the funding from the Orthodox Church of Finland (6000 e) and from which the conference meals, accommodation and advertisements were paid.

In June 2009, a PayPal payment system was set up on the Society's website, enabling online transactions (in 2009, for the purchases of publications). This clearly increased

the number of purchases. The online payment possibility of the membership fee was prepared towards the end of 2009.

The accounts and transactions of the Society were taken care of by **Maria Takala-Roszczenko**.

### **III MEMBERS**

By the end of 2009, the Society had 59 registered members. 34 of them had paid the membership fee for year 2009.

The membership fee was 50€ / 75\$ (full member, West) or 20€ / 30\$ (full member or low income / student member).

### **IV SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. Conferences**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference “Church, State and Nation in Orthodox Church Music” was held at the University of Joensuu on 8 – 14 June 2009. There were 40 participants from 15 countries. The programme consisted of 24 conference papers. The evenings were hosted by the Orthodox Church of Finland (the reception was attended by Archbishop Leo), the Faculty of Theology of the Joensuu University, and the Town of Joensuu. The excursion at the end of the conference was made to Ilomantsi, where the delegates visited, for instance, the Parppeinvaara Rune-singers’ cabin and the Wine Tower, and participated in Vespers at the church of St Elijah. The conference concluded with a Divine Liturgy at the church of St Nicholas in Joensuu and a lunch hosted by the Orthodox parish of Joensuu.

#### **2. Publications**

The Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of 2007, *Composing and Chanting in the Orthodox Church* was published and launched during the Conference in June 2009. It was the second publication of the Society and was also included in the series of publications on Orthodox theology at the University of Joensuu.

During the year 2009, the publications of the Society were purchased directly from the Society (either via the website or in person from the secretary) as follows:

Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference (2005) – 6 copies

Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference (2007) – 14 copies

In October 2009, the University of Joensuu purchased 100 copies, which became later available for purchase at the University Library.

All members who had paid their membership fee were given a copy of the Proceedings of 2007.

#### **3. Website**

The official website of the Society, [www.isocm.com](http://www.isocm.com), continued to be developed and updated by **David Lucs**. Apart from the basic information about the Society, the website contains, for instance, photos, audio and video files from the three conferences, online registration form and payment possibility for the members, and the publication sale via PayPal.

#### **4. Other**

A group page has been set-up on Facebook to announce events, conferences, ISOCM news.

Press releases were prepared and distributed before and after the '09 conference to national Orthodox churches. Resulting coverage in Poland, Serbia, Finland, and Russia.