

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSIC
(ISOCM)
THE ANNUAL REPORT
1st January – 31st December 2007

I THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY

1. The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society took place on 8th June 2007 at 3 p.m. at the University of Joensuu during the Second International Conference on Orthodox Church Music. The chairperson of the meeting was **Seija Lappalainen** and the secretary was **Theodora Margetis**. 34 members were present at the meeting.

The Society's annual report, accounts, plan of action and budget were approved by the annual meeting and the Board was discharged.

The two Board members in rotation (**Svetlana Poliakova** and **Alexander Lingas**) were re-elected.

2. The Board

Ivan Moody (UK/Portugal) continued as the Chairman of the Society. Other Board members include **Petri Nykänen** (Vice-chairman, Finland), **Bogdan Djakovic** (Serbia), **Svetlana Poliakova** (Portugal) and **Alexander Lingas** (USA/UK). **Maria Takala-Roszczenko** (Finland) continued as the Secretary of the Society.

The Board met on 3rd and 10th June 2007.

3. The Accountants

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

II ECONOMY

The Society received 3541,11 e from the University of Joensuu for the travel expenses of the international participants of the Conference. No other financial assistance was received by the Society. However, the organization of the Conference was assisted by the University of Joensuu, the Orthodox Church of Finland and the Finnish Academy (via the Department of Orthodox Theology at the University of Joensuu).

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

III MEMBERS

By the end of 2007, the Society had 38 registered members (who had paid for the membership during 2006-2007). A new count of the paid members will be made at the end of June 2008.

The membership fee was 50€ / 60\$ (full member, West) or 20€ / 25\$ (full member, Eastern Europe, low income or student member).

IV SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

1. Conferences

The Second International Conference on Orthodox Church Music, "Composing and Chanting in the Orthodox Church" was organized on 4-10 June 2007 in Joensuu, Finland. There were 55 participants from 15 different countries.

The Conference was organized by ISOCM in cooperation with the Faculty of Theology at the University of Joensuu. The organizing committee (**Ivan Moody**, **Hilkka Seppälä**, **Petri Nykänen**, **Petri Piironen**, **Maria Takala-Roszczenko**, **Anneli Pietarinen** and **Tuomas Kallonen**) was assisted by a number of volunteers.

The annual meeting of the Society took place during the Conference, on 8th June 2007.

The publication of the Proceedings of the First International Conference on Orthodox Church Music, organized on 13-19 June 2005, was launched during the Conference.

The Conference included a concert of contemporary Orthodox church music performed by the choir of the Department of Orthodox theology at the University of Joensuu, conducted by **Petri Nykänen** and **Ivan Moody**, on 8th June 2007. The Conference participants also visited the monasteries of Lintula and Valamo on 9th June 2007.

2. Publications

The first publication of the Society was launched during the Conference in 2007. *The Traditions of Orthodox Music. Proceedings of the First International Conference on Orthodox Church Music, University of Joensuu, Finland 13-19 June 2005* was published by ISOCM and the Department of Orthodox Theology, both in their own series of publications.

By the end of 2007, all members of the Society and several others had been given their copies of the publication, and 9 copies had been purchased directly from the Society (price 25 €).

The publication of the Proceedings of the Conference in 2007 was initiated after June 2007.

The planning of the bi-lingual publication of a collection of articles on Old-Believer Znamenny singing tradition continued.

3. Website

The official website of the Society, www.isocm.com, continued to spread information about the Society. The sale of the Proceedings 2005 was also promoted on the website.

This annual report has been approved by the Board of ISOCM at its meeting on 9th May 2008 in Joensuu.

Ivan Moody
Chairman

Petri Nykänen
Vice-chairman

Maria Takala-Roszczenko
Secretary