

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ICLA
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The General Assembly was opened at 3:30 pm by the retiring ICLA President, Marc Maufort, the European secretary, announced the election results. Hans Bertens (the Netherlands) was elected President. ZHOU Xiaoyi (China) was the vice president who received the greatest number of votes, with the other three vice presidents being Marc Maufort (Belgium), Anders Pettersson (Sweden), and Monica Spiridon (Romania). John Burt Foster (United States) and Micéala Symington (France and Ireland) were elected as secretaries. The three treasurers who were chosen were Hans-Joachim Backe (Germany), KAMIGAITO Ken'ichi (Japan), and Kathleen Komar (United States). The election produced the following eighteen assessors to serve on the Executive Board: Christine Baron (France), Lisa Block de Behar (Uruguay), Lucia Boldrini (Great Britain), CHO Sung-won (Korea), Wiebke Denecke (United States), Massimo Fusillo (Italy), Isabel Capeloa Gil (Portugal), Peter Hajdu (Hungary), HASHIMOTO Yorimitsu (Japan), Ute Heidmann (Switzerland), Achim Hölter (Austria) ; OSHIMA Hitoshi (Japan), E.V. Ramakrishnan (India), Haun Saussy (United States), Márcio Silvermann-Silva (Brazil), Anne Tomiche (France), YANG Huilin (China), and ZHANG Longxi (Hong Kong). In the name of the ICLA Marc Maufort presented Anne Tomiche with a bouquet of flowers, in gratitude for the excellent work she had accomplished in organizing the Congress. The Assembly gave Anne Tomiche a warm round of applause, and she then gave thanks to her entire

Achim Hölter informed the Assembly of his plans for organizing the next ICLA Congress in Vienna at the end of July 2016. He outlined the general theme of the Congress, “Comparative Literature: Many Tongues/Many Languages” and also provided a great deal of information on practical matters. The General Assembly expressed itself unanimously in favor of this proposal. Sung-won CHO was invited to introduce the two volumes resulting from the Seoul Congress, which had just been published. The Assembly congratulated her. The work of several ICLA Research Committees was then introduced to the members of the General Assembly. Margaret Higonnet, Sandra Bermann, and YANG Huilin briefly summarized the activities of their respective committees.

Steven Sondrup presented his presidential address on “Poetry and the Possibility of Gifts.” Its full text will be published in the next issue of *Recherche littéraire / Literary Research*. The new president, Hans Bertens, proposed that Steven Sondrup be elected to the ICLA’s Honor Committee of Former Presidents. This proposal met with a hearty acclamation from the General Assembly. The General Assembly was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully,
Marc Maufort
General Secretary

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American Secretary