

MOTIONS FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES AT THE HONG KONG  
MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PHENOMENOLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN DECEMBER 2008.

Decisions about the operations and future of the Organization of Phenomenological Organizations are made by the vote of up to two delegates from each of the formal (dues paid) member organizations at the meetings every three years. The decisions made at the meeting in Lima in 2005 were reported on the O.P.O. website ([www.o-p-o.net](http://www.o-p-o.net)). In the three years between the meetings, decisions about implementation are made by the Executive Committee, which can also propose new decisions.

The present message includes some proposals from the Executive Committee, but to facilitate other proposals from the membership, two times for regional caucuses have been included in the conference schedule for Hong Kong, one for colleagues in a region to find out about one another and to raise any issues and the second for formulating motions to be made to the whole assembly at the end of the conference (presumably colleagues will speak informally with one another, including with colleagues in other regions, between the two caucus meetings).

The Executive Committee proposes the following changes:

- (1) *that OPO recognize the five regions in the world already used for the volumes of Phenomenology 2005, i.e., (i) Asia, (ii) the Euro-Mediterranean, (iii) Latin America, (iv) North America, and (v) Northern Europe.*

The Euro-Mediterranean region consists of countries bordering on the Black Sea as well as the Mediterranean, plus Portugal. There already exist regional organizations in most of these areas, e.g., the Phenomenology in East Asia Circle (PEACE), but this motion is not to incorporate them into OPO as such, although that is not precluded in the future. The possibilities of two more regional organizations, one for the Nordic countries and one for the Indo-Pacific area, have been raised, but the colleagues contacted did not believe things had developed in those areas sufficiently for this purpose.

- (2) *that for the next three years the Executive Committee have the following composition: (a) the previous organizers of the international meetings, i.e., Ivan Chvatik (Czech Republic), Rosemary Rizo Patron (Peru), CHEUNG Chan-Fai (People's Republic of China) and (b), from the five regions, (i) YU Chung-Chi (Republic of China), LEE Nam-In (South Korea), TANI Toru (Japan), (ii) Ion COPOERU (Romania), Pavlos KONTOS (Greece), and Augustin SERRANO (Spain), (iii) André DUARTE (Brazil), Rosemary Rizo Patron LERNER (Peru), and Antonio ZIRION (Mexico), (iv) Michael BARBER, Lester EMBREE, and Thomas NENON (all USA), and (v) Dermot Moran (IRELAND), Hans Rainer SEPP (Germany), Marcia Schuback Sá CAVALCANTE (Sweden), and Tatania SHCHYTTSOVA (Belarus).*

Colleagues from each region have been proposed to the current Executive Committee by those who led the editing of the five volumes of *Phenomenology 2005*. The chief responsibility of the teams of colleagues in each region is to edit the volumes of *Phenomenology 2008*. The 2005 publication had 140 contributions and the next one might well have 200. The current Executive Committee decided to approach Zetabooks in part because of inexpensive electronic publication and that has been quite a success. The product is handsome and the colleagues contributing are proud.

- (3) *that, concerning dues, (i) the annual dues for formal member organizations of OPO be raised from 30 euros to 35 euros or, since the two currencies are now widely divergent, the equivalent in dollars, and (ii) essays will only be published in Phenomenology 2008 from up to two representatives each from formal member organizations, i.e., from those that have paid up their dues through 2008.*

Hans Rainer Sepp will continue as treasurer, but is seeking a suitable replacement. Dues and also royalties on the volumes of essays are used to support the *Newsletter of Phenomenology*.

- (4) *that, concerning the so-called “official languages” of OPO, there henceforth will be no official languages, colleagues deciding for themselves which language to present and publish in, provided only that a 300 word summary in English is included and publication is limited to the scripts that standard wordprocessing programs can handle.*

Phenomenology is not only a multidisciplinary but also a multilingual tradition. Colleagues think and teach in over forty languages. When they meet, they find the best ways in which to communicate. Even though most phenomenologists can read English adequately, many cannot write or speak it well. “Official languages” tend then to be exclusionary.

- (5) *and that the next meeting of OPO will take place in ??? in 2011.*

These items and any that come from the five regional caucuses will be on the agenda for the assembly meeting at the end of OPO III.