

# Research Committee on Sociology of Religion – RC22

## Past Officers and Board Members

Founded: 1959

*List revised 29-Jun-18*

### **Board 1959-1970**

**President** Gabriel LEBRAS, France  
**Secretary** Norman BIRNBAUM, USA

### **Board 1970-1974**

**President & Delegate RC** Norman BIRNBAUM, USA  
**Vice-Presidents** Dimitri UGRINOVITSH, USSR  
Ivan VARGA, Hungary  
**Alternate RC** Hans MOL, Canada  
**Board Members** François HOUTART, Belgium  
Jacques VERSCHEURE, France  
Bryan WILSON, United Kingdom

Board 1974-1978

**President & Delegate RC** Hans MOL, Canada  
**Vice-Presidents** Kiyomi MORIOKA, Japan  
Dimitri UGRINOVITCH, USSR  
**Secretary** Karel DOBBELAERE, Belgium  
**Board Members** Norman BIRNBAUM, USA  
Olof KLOHR, GDR  
David MOBERG, USA  
Viktor TIMOFEEV, USSR  
Ivan VARGA, Canada  
Jacques VERSCHEURE, France  
Bryan WILSON, United Kingdom

**Board 1978-1982**

<b>President &amp; Delegate RC</b>	Karel DOBBELAERE, Belgium
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Taufik ABDULLAH, Indonesia Miklos TOMKA, Hungary
<b>Alternate RC</b>	James A. BECKFORD, United Kingdom
<b>Board Members</b>	Otto MADURO, Venezuela Meredith MCGUIRE, USA Dimitri UGRINOVITSH, USA Ivan VARGA, Canada
<b>CISR Liaison</b>	David A. MARTIN, United Kingdom Jacques VERSCHEURE, France
<b>ASR Liaison</b>	David O. MOBERG, USA

**Board 1982-1986**

<b>President &amp; Delegate RC</b>	James A. BECKFORD, United Kingdom
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Brai SINHA, India Miklos TOMKA, Hungary
<b>Secretary</b>	Nikos KOKOSALAKIS, United Kingdom
<b>Board Members</b>	Gustavo GUIZZARDI, Italy Adrianus KOSTER, Netherlands James T. RICHARDSON, USA Dimitri UGRINOVITSH, USSR
<b>CISR Liaison</b>	David A. MARTIN, United Kingdom Jacques VERSCHEURE, France
<b>ASR Liaison</b>	Meredith MCGUIRE, USA

**Board 1986-1990**

<b>Chairman</b>	Nikos KOKOSALAKIS, United Kingdom
<b>Vice-Chairpersons</b>	Eileen BARKER, United Kingdom Karol BOROWSKI, USA Ivan VARGA, Canada
<b>Secretary</b>	Roberto CIPRIANI, Italy
<b>Board Members</b>	K. GOPAL, India Gustavo GUIZZARDI, Italy Henna GOONATILATE, Sri Lanka Adrianus KOSTER, Netherlands

## RC-22 Officers and Board Members, 1959-2022

**CISR Liaison**  
**ASR-SSSR Liaison**

Jakob K. OLUPONA, Nigeria  
James T. RICHARDSON, USA  
Roland J. CAMPICHE, Switzerland  
Meredith MCGUIRE, USA

### **Board 1990-1994**

**President**  
**Vice-Presidents**

Roberto CIPRIANI, Italy  
Thara BHAI L., India  
Karol H. BOROWSKI, USA  
Jan SWYNGEDOUW, Japan

**Secretary**  
**Board Members**

Raymond LEMIEUX, Canada  
Miquel BARBARA I ANGLES, Spain  
Grace DAVIE, United Kingdom  
Yves LAMBERT, France  
Remir A. LOPATKIN, USSR  
Luis Amós NASCIMENTO, Brazil  
Jakob K. OLUPONA, Nigeria  
Miklós TOMKA, Hungary  
Ivan VARGA, Canada

**ASR Liaison**  
**ISSR Liaison**  
**SSSR Liaison**

William H. SWATOS Jr., USA  
Enzo PACE, Italy  
Eileen BARKER, United Kingdom

### **Board 1994-1998**

**President**  
**Honorary President**  
**Vice-Presidents**

Raymond LEMIEUX, Canada  
Ivan VARGA, Canada  
Roberto BLANCARTE, Mexico  
Tahar LABIB, Tunisia

**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Board Members**

Willian E. BIERNATZKI, USA  
Thara BHAI L., India  
Alan W. BLACK, Australia  
Yahya DIALLO, Senegal  
Emmanuel GUTMANN, Israel  
Yves LAMBERT, France  
Luis Amós NASCIMENTO, Brazil  
Arnaldo NESTI, Italy  
José A. PRADES, Canada  
Joseph THARAMANGALAM, Canada

**ASR Liaison**

William H. SWATOS Jr., USA

RC-22 Officers and Board Members, 1959-2022

**ISSR Liaison** Grace Davie, United Kingdom  
**SSSR Liaison** Eileen BARKER, United Kingdom

**Board 1998-2002**

**President** Alan W. BLACK Australia  
**Honorary President** Ivan VARGA, Canada  
**Secretary** Luigi TOMASI, Italy

**Board Members**

**Africa** Tahar LABIB, Tunisia  
Yahya DIALLO, Senegal  
**Asia/Australia/Pacific** Alan W. BLACK, Australia  
T.K. OOMMEN, India  
**Europe** Irena BOROWIK, Poland  
Karel DOBBELAERE, Belgium  
**Latin America** Roberto MOTTA, Brazil  
Roberto BLANCARTE, Mexico  
**North America** Helen RALSTON, Canada  
James T. RICHARDSON, USA

**Board 2002-2006**

**President** Grace DAVIE UK  
**Honorary President** Ivan VARGA, Canada  
**Secretary/Treasurer** Roberto BLANCARTE PIMENTEL Mexico  
**Vice President** Adam POSSAMAI Australia

**Board Members**

**Africa** vacant  
**Asia/Australia/Pacific** Masayuki ITO Japan  
Adam POSSAMAI Australia  
**Europe** Patrick MICHEL France  
Thorleif PETTERSSON Sweden  
**Latin America** Roberto MOTTA, Brazil  
Olga ODGERS ORTIZ USA  
**North America** Anthony BLASI USA  
Joseph THARAMANGALAM Canada

**Board 2006-2010**

<b>President</b>	Roberto BLANCARTE PIMENTEL Mexico
<b>Honorary President</b>	Ivan VARGA, Canada
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Sinisa ZRINSCAK, Croatia
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Adam POSSAMAI, Australia
<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	
<b>Africa</b>	Afe ADOGAME, UK Pratap Kumar PENUMALA, South Africa
<b>Asia/Australia/Pacific</b>	Adam POSSAMAI Australia Esmeralda SANCHEZ, Philippines
<b>Europe</b>	Sinisa ZRINSCAK, Croatia Inger FURSETH, Norway Claude PROESCHEL, France
<b>Latin America</b>	Olga ODGERS-ORTIZ, USA Daniel GUTIERREZ-MARTINEZ, Mexico
<b>North America</b>	Otto MADURO, USA Lowell LIVESEY, USA († 2007) replaced by James SPICKARD, USA

**Board 2010-2014**

<b>President</b>	Adam POSSAMAI, Australia
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Sinisa ZRINSCAK, Croatia Inger FURSETH, Norway
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Afe ADOGAME, UK
<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	
<b>Africa</b>	Afe ADOGAME, UK Pratap Kumar PENUMALA, South Africa
<b>Asia/Australia/Pacific</b>	Esmeralda SANCHEZ, Philippines Seyed Hossein SERAJZADEH, Iran
<b>Europe</b>	Per PETTERSSON, Sweden Claude PROESCHEL, France
<b>Latin America</b>	Eloísa MARTIN, Argentina/Brazil Daniel GUTIERREZ-MARTINEZ, Mexico
<b>North America</b>	Ephraim SHAPIRO, USA James SPICKARD, USA
<b>Honorary President</b>	Ivan VARGA , Canada

**Board 2014-2018**

<b>President</b>	James SPICKARD, USA
<b>Vice-President(s)</b>	Per PETERSSON, Sweden
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Eloísa MARTIN, Argentina/Brazil
<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	
<b>Africa</b>	Lovemore NDLOVU, Zimbabwe Michael OKYEREFO, Ghana
<b>Asia/Australia/Pacific</b>	Yoshihide SAKURAI, Japan Seyed Hossein SERAJZADEH, Iran
<b>Europe</b>	Olga BRESKAYA, Lithuania Miroљjub JEVTIC, Serbia
<b>Latin America</b>	Eloísa MARTIN, Argentina/Brazil Hugo José SUAREZ, Mexico
<b>North America</b>	Jualynne DODSON, USA Ephraim SHAPIRO, USA
<b>ASR Liaison</b>	<i>vacant</i>
<b>ISSR Liaison</b>	Yoshihide SAKURAI
<b>SSSR Liaison</b>	<i>vacant</i>

**Board 2018-2022**

<b>President</b>	Afe ADOGAME, Nigeria
<b>Vice-President(s)</b>	<i>To be appointed</i>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Anna HALAFOFF, Australia
<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	
<b>Africa</b>	Lovemore NDLOVU, Zimbabwe Michael OKYEREFO, Ghana
<b>Asia/Australia/Pacific</b>	Yoshihide SAKURAI, Japan Hossein GODAZGAR, Iran
<b>Europe</b>	Olga BRESKAYA, Belarus Milda ALIŠAUSKIENĖ, Lithuania
<b>Latin America</b>	Juan CRUZ ESQUIVEL, Argentina Roberta BIVAR CAMPOS, Brazil
<b>North America</b>	Jualynne DODSON, USA Conrad HACKETT, USA
<b>ASR Liaison</b>	<i>To be appointed</i>
<b>ISSR Liaison</b>	<i>To be appointed</i>
<b>SSSR Liaison</b>	<i>To be appointed</i>