

To be decided upon by the ESITIS General meeting in Bilbao, 12 April 2013

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The European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS) is an international and interdisciplinary society for the scholarly study of Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Relations. It was established on 19 March 2005 at Amsterdam.

Aim

The society aims at stimulating and coordinating research and education in intercultural theology and interreligious studies **within the disciplines of** theology, **religious studies**, anthropology and philosophy at graduate and post-graduate level **across Europe**.

Membership

Members are scholars with a university position, **independent researchers** or Ph.D. candidates in the fields mentioned above, such at the discretion of the board of the society.

Language

The **main** language used in the society is English.

Affiliated **institutional members**

Affiliated **institutional** members are **academic institutions with study programs and research activities within the fields of intercultural theology and/or interreligious studies**.

General Meeting

The governing body of the Society is the General Meeting of members, which elects the Society's board.

Board

The board is composed of a maximum of ten members, serving for a term of four years. Members can be reelected for one term. Affiliated member institutions may propose new board members, which will be formally nominated to the General Meeting by the Board. Individual members can also propose new candidates, to be formally nominated to the General Meeting by the Board. At least eight members shall be proposed by the affiliated

institutions. A representative of the host institution for the next biannual conference may be co-opted to join the Board for one term.

Officers

The officers of the Society – a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer – are elected by the board.

Activities

Members organize biennial conferences **in different regions of Europe**.

Publications

The society stimulates exchange of academic publications **particularly** through *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*. Members will become subscribers automatically.