

Minutes

International Standing Conference for the History of Education
General Assembly

Geneva, Switzerland 28 June, 2012

1. Kate Rousmaniere, President of ISCHE, opened the meeting and welcomed the assembled members of ISCHE. She called to order the General Assembly of ISCHE XXXIV “Internationalization in education, held in conjunction with the Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY) and the Disability History Association (DHA) in Geneva, Switzerland, 27-30 June, 2012.

She warmly thanked the members of the Local Organizing Committee of ISCHE XXXIV, Rita Hofstetter, présidente / President; Nora Natchkova, vice-présidente / Vice President; Joëlle Droux, vice-présidente / Vice President; Valérie Lussi Borer; Bernard Schneuwly; and Béatrice Haenggeli-Jenni, secrétaire scientifique / scientific secretary.

2. The Minutes for the 2011 General Assembly of ISCHE XXXIII (San Luis Potosi, Mexico) were approved.
3. Report of the President to the General Assembly

President Kate Rousmaniere reported on activities of the previous year. KR was especially pleased to help prepare for this joint conference, and she noted the significance of the conference coordination with the Disability History Association and the society for the History of Children and Youth, who are co-sponsors of this year’s ISCHE meeting. She explained that this partnership was originally conceived by President Frank Simon in 2009 and that it represents the expansion of ISCHE into new professional and intellectual partnerships. The goal of this year’s conference is to focus on the inclusion of different areas of education-related research (youth and disabilities) and to continue those emphases in later years, either with the creation of Special Working Groups or regular attention of the membership.

KR reported that her third year as President was complete at this meeting and that she had enjoyed her term and continued to be impressed by the intellectual and professional caliber of ISCHE members.

KR noted the exceptional work of the organisation in fostering the work of new and junior scholars, expanding its on-line presence, and hosting a series of small workshops on the history of education in Kolkata, India, February 2010—with papers to be published in a forthcoming book, Connecting Histories of Education, and a workshop to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in July 2013.

She warmly thanked the Executive Committee, the editors of Paedagogica Historica, and the Local Organising Committees of the annual meetings for their good work in supporting all of these ventures.

KR reported on activities of the EC in the previous year:

In February 2012 the EC met in Geneva to meet with the Planning Committee for the upcoming Conference. The International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS) or le Comité International des Sciences Historiques (CISH) will meet again in Jinana China in 2015. As is our practice, ISCHE will propose two sessions for CISH, with the deadline for initial proposals January 2012. The EC was deliberating the possibilities of holding the ISCHE conference in Jinan, elsewhere in China directly before or after CISH but decided to accept a proposal from Istanbul instead.

4. Elections

- a. Election of President of ISCHE

The nomination from the Executive Committee of Eckhardt Fuchs as the next President of ISCHE was communicated to the General Assembly by the President. The nomination had been received and posted on the website in line with the requirements of the Constitution. According to the Constitution, the new

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President would assume office immediately after the close of the General Assembly and would serve for a term of three years.

Eckhardt Fuchs paid tribute to the importance of ISCHE and introduced his vision for his term. His nomination was approved by the General Assembly.

b. There are two vacancies on the Executive Committee resulting from the expiration of the term of office of Maria del Mar del Pozo Andrés and Kevin Myers.

In accordance with the Constitution, we announced the positions on the ISCHE website, received nomination letters from national societies and posted candidate statements and curriculum vitae on the ISCHE website one month in advance. Two candidates were nominated; Gary McCullough and Noah Sobe. Each candidate spoke briefly to the Assembly.

Ballots were distributed and both candidates were duly elected.

5. Presentations and Progress Reports on Forthcoming ISCHE conferences

a. ISCHE 35, Riga, Latvia – Iveta Kestere spoke about plans and preparations under way for the 2013 ISCHE conference.

b. ISCHE 36, London, UK July, 2014 – Gary McCulloch discussed preparations.

6. Reports from Standing Working Groups

Thérèse Hamel gave an update on the activities of the three currently existing working groups.

7. Report on ISCHE Publications

Ian Grosvenor reported that the journal Paedagogica Historica was in a healthy position with a good flow of copy and that the Special Issue from the Amsterdam conference was on track for publication.

8. ISCHE Paper Award

Ian Grosvenor announced that the winner of the ISCHE Prize for 2012 was Katharina Schembs (Humboldt University Berlin) for the paper she presented at ISCHE 33, San Luis Potosí, México, in July 2011. The paper is entitled: “Education through Images: Peronist visual Propaganda between Innovation and Tradition (Argentina 1946-1955).”

This paper is a study of visual propaganda of the Peronist regime in Argentina, with a focus on the appropriations and reformulations of local discursive and iconographic traditions. The study deepens with a comparative analysis of the propagandistic production of other welfare regimes of the interwar period; thus the paper is both national and transnational in scope in the broader study of the visual expression of redefined relationship between state and citizens in new welfare states. Schembs argues that propaganda served an active educative purpose to diffuse and inculcate the Peronist doctrine, and that this visual propaganda was directed towards a wider and more varied group of recipients than the one frequenting primary and secondary schools or universities. Propaganda was not only used to promote and celebrate past accomplishments, but also as a popular educational agenda for the New Argentina. By drawing on visual as well as narrative text sources, the author explores how visual modes were used in the development of nationalist ideologies and policies. She sees visual history not merely as passive reflections of historic events or social orders, but as active educational agents in the creation of national identity. The paper thus explores the use of visual imagery in the creation of national identity and emerging trans-national discourses.

9. Treasurer’s Report

See attachment.

10. Report on ISCHE work with students

Marta Carvalho reported that the goal established a few years ago was to provide supports and opportunities for students to network and to be mentored into the field. The first great example of this was in Mexico last year and then after a brief planning meeting Damiano Matashi, who is the student representative on the ISCHE Executive Committee, began to work. The main results of his work are (1) to communicate with all students and young researchers about the conference and especially about the special meeting established for them in Geneva. In addition, (2) a special student space on the conference website was set up: http://www.unige.ch/ische34-shcy-dha/etudiants_en.html And, (3) a special activity was organized specifically for post-graduate students and early career scholars at the conference in Geneva (a lunch-reunion on June 28th at 13-14.30 hrs, Unimail, room 2193).

11. European Summer School

Ian Grosvenor reported that ISCHE supported the organisation of the third European Summer School held in Lisbon in June 2012. A fourth summer school has been planned for June 2013 in Hamburg, Germany. PH would once again be supporting the event. But, like the previous year, the event will no longer be restricted just to Europeans.

12. Other Business

There was no additional business and the meeting was adjourned.

**INTERNATIONAL STANDING CONFERENCE FOR THE HISTORY OF
EDUCATION**

Financial Report July 2011 – June 2012

OPENING BALANCE

Cash on Hand 07/07/2011 8.066,10 €

INCOME

Interest 11,32 €

Conference San Luis de Potosí 6.230,45 €

Total income 6.241,77 €

EXPENSES

Membership CISH 2010 553,70 €

Membership CISH 2011 553,43 €

ISCHE Prize 2010 209,68 €

ISCHE Prize 2009 200,00 €

ISCHE Prize 2011 200,00 €

ISCHE Web Page 406,41 €

Bank Costs 29,12 €

Bank Costs Extraordinary 19,77 €

Total expenses 2.172,11 €

CLOSING BALANCE

Cash on Hand 18/06/2012 12.135,76 €

EXPECTED EXPENSES

Membership CISH 2012 553,43 €

ISCHE Conference Fees of ISCHE

Prize 2011 200,00 €

PH Special Issue 4.080,45 €

18/06/2012

Treasurer, María del Mar del Pozo Andrés