

# Approved 26 June 2015, Istanbul

## Minutes

### International Standing Conference for the History of Education

#### General Assembly

London, England 24 July 2014

Executive Committee Members Present: Eckhardt Fuchs (President), Gary McCulloch (Treasurer), Noah W. Sobe (Secretary), Ian Grosvenor (PH), Lottie Hoare (Student Member), Adelina Arredondo, Barnita Bagchi, Iveta Kestere, Joaquim Pintassilgo. In addition, 173 other ISCHE members were present.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

ISCHE President Eckhardt Fuchs called the meeting to order at 11:35am and welcomed ISCHE 36 attendees to the General Assembly. He opened up the proposed meeting agenda for discussion. Fabio Pruneri moved to accept the pre-distributed agenda. Kate Rousmaniere seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

#### 2. Approval of 2013 General Assembly Minutes

One change was proposed to the 2013 to indicate that Richard Aldrich not Jeroen Dekkar had proposed one of the amendments during the discussion of the new ISCHE Constitution. Kate Rousmaniere moved that the minutes be approved as amended. James Albisetti seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

#### 3. President's Report

Eckhardt Fuchs updated members on the registration of the new ISCHE Constitution which is in the last stages. He noted that the next step in the legal process is for ISCHE to adopt new Byelaws which appears later on the meeting agenda.

Fuchs also reported that going forward, and beginning with ISCHE 37 Istanbul, ISCHE will be signing contracts with local convenors. By the time of the 2016 Conference in Chicago all the new provisions regarding ISCHE membership will be in place. Additionally he reported that ISCHE had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stichting Paedagogica Historica that lays out a future plan for collaboration as well as includes generous funding from the Stichting PH for the cataloging and indexing of the ISCHE and PH records that are now on deposit at the Bibliothek für Bildungsgeschichtliche Forschung (BBF)/Research Library for the History of Education in Berlin, Germany.

Under the heading of communication and website Fuchs noted that a renewed website had been launched and was seeing a steady increase in the number of postings. He invited any members with announcements to post to use the [information@ische.org](mailto:information@ische.org) email address. Fuchs also reported that he and other members of the Executive Committee had had meetings with former ISCHE presidents and with the representatives of affiliated organizations. In May Fuchs attended the XI Congreso Iberoamericano de Historia de la Educación Latinoamericana in Toluca, Mexico as the ISCHE President.

Fuchs then discussed several capacity building initiatives underway. A third ISCHE Regional Workshop is being planned for Beijing in August 2015 under the title "Transnational Entanglements in Education: East Asia and the "West" since the 18th century". An edited volume from the first ISCHE Regional Workshop in Kolkata, India has just been published. A volume arising out of the second

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ISCHE Regional Workshop held in Cape Town, South Africa will be published in 2015. At the CISH conference in Jinan, China in August 2015, ISCHE will be sponsoring two sessions on “Histories of Education in East Asia: Indigenous Developments and Transnational Entanglements” and co-sponsoring a joint session on “Sports and Education”.

Fuchs also discussed the Mapping the Disciplines project which ran a pre-conference in London and will be presented to the ISCHE membership for approval as a new Standing Working Group later this meeting. He mentioned that ISCHE is intending to initiate a Global History of the History of Education book project and that ISCHE had offered its endorsement to the international symposium “La memoria escolar. Nuevas tendencias en a investigación histórico-educativa a nivel internacional: perspectivas heurísticas y cuestiones metodológicas” that is being organized by the Universidad de Sevilla 22-23 September 2015. ISCHE also plans to launch an edited book series, likely to be published by Palgrave with the series title “Global Educational Histories: Networks, Circulations and Actors” and with the initial series editors being: Tim Allender, Eckhardt Fuchs, Noah Sobe, and Diana Vidal.

Also under the theme capacity he noted several initiatives related to Students and Early Career Scholars including the History of Education Summer School, of which ISCHE is one of the partners. The 2014 summer school took place in Umeå, Sweden, and since 2010 140 students have participated in this initiative. The 2015 Summer School is planned for Luxembourg with a Call for Proposals forthcoming in September. The ISCHE London conference included two sessions specifically geared for students and early career researchers. As usual, students pay a lower conference registration fee and this year the local ISCHE organizers were able to offer 5 bursaries for Early Career Researchers. The London conference also included the annual lunch for students where an ISCHE dissertation prize as well as the creation of a special section on the website were discussed.

Fuchs also noted that the ISCHE Standing Working Groups had been particularly active with the two existing SWGs (Gender and Education and Teachers’ Critical Thinking) running multiple panels at the London conference and two new SWGs to be presented for approval.

In closing Fuchs reminded the audience of the upcoming 2015 conference in Istanbul, the 2016 conference in Chicago, and the 2017 conference in Buenos Aires. The Executive Committee has received proposals to hold the 2018 conference in Berlin (convenors: Humboldt University/Berlin and Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research/Braunschweig and the 2019 conference in Beijing.

#### 4. Commemoration of Jurgen Herbst

Wayne Urban offered words on the passing of former ISCHE President Jurgen Herbst, noting his many contributions to ISCHE and to the field. Urban noted the friendships and collegiality that Jurgen brought to our society.

#### 5. Treasurer’s Report 2014

ISCHE Treasurer Gary McCulloch (GM) presented a Treasurer’s Report (attached).

#### 6. Exculpation of the Executive Committee

The General Assembly voted on a motion to accept the reports presented and exculpate the officers of ISCHE. The motion passed by a vote of 107 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions.

#### 7. ISCHE Prize / Publications Report

Ian Grosvenor announced the awarding of the ISCHE 2013 Prize awarded to Flavian Imlig and Thomas Ruoss (University of Zurich, Switzerland) for their paper "Evidence as source of power in school reforms". He noted that the paper is clearly written and structured with a strong theoretical

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base. It offers an exact and rigorous analysis about the uses of “evidence” as a descriptive and persuasive tool in school reforms and in doing so the authors reveal important aspects of the relationship between knowledge and power in education. Both Imlig and Ruoss were present to receive their award and expressed their gratitude for the support.

### 8. ISCHE Istanbul 2015

Betül Batir reported on preparations for ISCHE 37, to take place in Istanbul June 24-27 on the theme of “Education and Culture.”

### 9. ISCHE Chicago 2016

Noah W. Sobe and Kate Rousmaniere reported on preparations to host ISCHE 38 in Chicago August 17-20, 2015 with the theme of “Education and the Body”.

### 10. Election of New EC Members

Noah Sobe (NS), ISCHE Secretary noted that the General Assembly needed to fill two vacant positions on the Executive Committee and that in accordance with the procedures established in the ISCHE Constitution six nominations had been received. Grace Oluremilekun Akanbi (Nigeria), Iveta Kestere (Latvia), Fabio Pruneri (Italy), Rebecca Rogers (France), Myriam Southwell (Argentina), and Kay Whitehead (Australia) were invited to come to the podium and gave statements regarding their interest in serving on the EC. General Assembly members were invited to vote on ballot slips. Ballots were then counted and results certified by EC members Joaquim Pintassilgo and Adelina Arredondo alongside former Presidents Kate Rousmaniere and Frank Simon. NS announced the election results at end of the meeting, congratulating Grace Akanbi and Rebecca Rogers on their election to serve three year terms on the EC beginning at the conclusion of the 2014 GA.

### 11. Discussion of Byelaws

Members discussed the byelaws presented by the Executive Committee for approval. ISCHE Secretary Noah W. Sobe noted that the Executive Committee envisions these byelaws as a living document that will grow, be supplemented, and be revised over time.

### 12. Approval of Byelaws

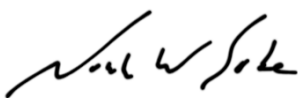
By a vote of 133 in favor, 0 opposed, and 7 abstentions the byelaws were approved as proposed.

### 13. Discussion and Approval of new SWGs

Proposals for the establishment of two new Standing Working Groups, one titled “Mapping the Discipline History of Education” and a second titled “Touching Bodies in School” were discussed. Both proposed SWGs were approved unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Noah W. Sobe, ISCHE Secretary

Chicago IL, November 23, 2014

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### Appendix: Treasurer's Report 2014

#### INTERNATIONAL STANDING CONFERENCE FOR THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT 2013-2014

##### OPENING BALANCE

Cash in hand 31/07/2013 5,987.92 Euros

##### INCOME

2012 Geneva ISCHE conference fee 3210.00 Euros

2013 Riga ISCHE conference fee 6124.62 Euros

Miscellaneous 50.87 Euros

Total income 9385.49 Euros

##### EXPENDITURE

Lawyer 681.00 Euros

CISH 2013 532.00 Euros

2013 ISCHE prize 200.00 Euros

Total expenditure 1413.00 Euros

##### CLOSING BALANCE

Cash in hand 31/06/2014 13,960.41 Euros

##### EXPECTED EXPENDITURE 2014-2015

2014 ISCHE prize

CISH 2014

##### EXPECTED INCOME 2014-2015

2014 London ISCHE conference fee (estimated) 10,000 Euros

Professor Gary McCulloch,

ISCHE Treasurer

1 July 2014