

Minutes
International Standing Conference for the History of Education
General Assembly
Istanbul, Turkey 26 June 2015

Executive Committee Members Present: Eckhardt Fuchs (President), Gary McCulloch (Treasurer), Noah W. Sobe (Secretary), Ian Grosvenor (PH), Grace Akanbi, Adelina Arredondo, Diana Vidal, Rebeca Rogers, Joaquim Pintassilgo. In addition, 156 other ISCHE members were present.

ISCHE President Eckhardt Fuchs called the meeting to order at 11:04am and welcomed ISCHE 37 attendees to the ISCHE General Assembly. He noted that ISCHE Secretary Noah Sobe would run the assembly.

1. Approval of Agenda

Sobe noted the addition of the approval of an agenda item prior to Other Business to consider a proposal for a new Standing Working Group. No further changes to the agenda were proposed. Craig Campbell moved to accept the agenda as amended. Kate Rousmaniere seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

2. Approval of 2014 General Assembly Minutes

No changes were proposed to the 2014 General Assembly minutes. Ruth Watts moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Sian Roberts seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

3. Commemoration of Richard Aldrich

Wayne Urban offered words on the passing of former ISCHE President Richard Aldrich, noting his many and varied contributions to ISCHE and to the field.

4. President's Report

Eckhardt Fuchs presented a report structured in four parts. He began by describing the activities of the executive committee as well as those he has undertaken as President. Since the conference in London (2014), the EC met twice, once in Berlin to brainstorm about projects for the future, and a second time in Istanbul to prepare the conference and continue the discussions about the institutional changes ISCHE is undergoing. As President, he has had the opportunity to meet with a number of affiliated societies: In France, Greece, and the U.S. where he participated in the conferences of the National Societies of History of Education, and in China and in Japan where he met with the presidents of the societies of these countries. In particular, he has continued to develop a dialogue with the Presidents of affiliated associations, scheduling a meeting with them during the annual conference. In addition, he presented ISCHE at the event in honor of Richard Aldrich in London in February of 2015.

A second issue that has taken up considerable time has involved institutional matters. To begin with the submission of ISCHE's constitution to the German authorities has taken far longer than expected and is not yet finalized. We are required to make minor changes to the constitution; these changes will be discussed later in the meeting. Official registration should then happen quickly. The new President will be in touch over the next year about the membership regulations for ISCHE. Meanwhile, the EC continues to work on by-laws some of which, such as the establishment of contracts between ISCHE and local convenors of ISCHE conferences, endorsements, conference paper price, language issues

and accessibility policy, will be discussed and submitted for approval later in the meeting. A second aspect in our institution building has involved the historical memory of the association through the development of the ISCHE archive in Berlin. As noted in London, the Stichting Paedagogica Historica (PH) has generously funded the cataloguing and indexing of ISCHE and PH records. EC members were able to appreciate these efforts during their meeting that took place in the Bibliothek für Bildungsgeschichtliche Forschung (BBF) where the archive is held. The development of a visual archive is an important next step and President Fuchs urged ISCHE members to contact the EC about records they may have of early ISCHE conferences.

Communication and the website constitute a third aspect of ISCHE's priorities especially as we move to becoming a member-based association. Fuchs has sought throughout his presidency to develop a dialogue with history of education associations around the world, as well as to ensure that the Presidents of these associations turn to ISCHE to communicate about their activities. The remodeled ISCHE website which has been relaunched lately as well as the opening of a Twitter account, the usage of a general ISCHE mailing address (information@ische.org) and the development of an ISCHE flyer in all four official ISCHE languages play an important role in our efforts to communicate.

Finally President Fuchs discussed the variety of capacity-building initiatives that are underway. These involve the organizing of Regional Workshops to develop networks within regions where colleagues do not have the opportunity to convene regularly. The third such workshop will take place in Beijing under the title "Transnational Entanglements in Education: East Asia and the 'West' since the 18th century". A fourth is in the planning stages in Barranquilla in Columbia (planned for February 2016). The organization of pre-conference workshops is another capacity-building initiative that has developed recently. Following the "Mapping the Disciplines" initiative in London, the latter has become a Standing Working Group, which will meet in Istanbul for the first time. In Istanbul, the conference was preceded by a pre-conference workshop on the topic of Transnational history. The President encourages members to use this new format to explore emerging topics or methods in the history of education. Discussions to launch an ISCHE book series have moved forward and a proposal for a series on "Global Educational Histories" has been submitted to Palgrave. The initial series editors are Tim Allender, Eckhardt Fuchs, Noah Sobe and Diana Vidal. ISCHE will also participate with two sessions on "Histories of Education in East Asia: Indigenous Developments and Transnational Entanglements" and a Joint Session on "Sports and Education" at the international congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, which takes place every five years and is the biggest world meeting of the international community of the historians. ISCHE has been a long time member of this organization.

Standing Working groups continue, as well, to demonstrate the dynamism of our community. Four such groups are running multiple panels during the Istanbul conference: Gender, Teacher's Critical Thinking, Mapping the Disciplines, and Touching Bodies in Schools. A proposal for a new Standing Working group will be submitted for approval to the general assembly later: Objects, Senses and the Material World of Schooling.

Initiatives with respect to early career scholars also continue. A successful summer school just took place in Luxembourg, sponsored by ISCHE, the Stichting PH and the British History of Education Society. Next year the conference will be hosted by Groningen University. During the conference two sessions are specifically geared for students and early career scholars. The ISCHE early career conference paper award will be announced later in the meeting, a prize that recognizes the best paper presented by an early career scholar in the previous ISCHE conference.

In conclusion Eckhardt Fuchs noted how rewarding his three years as President have been. He has greatly appreciated working with the EC and getting to know better ISCHE members throughout the world. He reminds the audience that the 2017 will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina and that ISCHE's 40th annual conference will be held in Berlin in 2018 (convenors: Humboldt Universit, Berlin and Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Braunschweig). A 40th anniversary travel fund will be established to enable early career scholars to attend this meeting. For ISCHE 2019 discussions are underway with the Greek national society to hold the conference in Athens.

Upon completion of his speech Fuchs received sustained applause and a standing ovation from the General Assembly.

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 presented by Craig Campbell and seconded by Jeroen Dekker to accept the reports presented and exculpate the officers of ISCHE. The motion passed by a vote of 86 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

7. ISCHE Prize / Publications Report

Ian Grosvenor announced the awarding of the ISCHE 2013 Prize awarded to Tina van der Vlies, "Multidirectional War Narratives in History Textbooks". He noted that her work examined textbooks written between 1920 and 1960, and in particular focusing on the defeat of the Armada in 1588 and the Second World War. She demonstrated how textbook authors generated continuity and meaning by providing narrative links between past, present and future. Her approach contributes to textbook research by showing how focusing on the structure of textbook narratives and it is possible to examine how past experiences and future expectations are organized. van der Vlies was unable to be present to receive her prize in person.

8. ISCHE Istanbul 2016

Noah Sobe and Kate Rousmaniere reported on preparations for ISCHE 38, to take place in Chicago 17-20 August on the theme of "Education and the Body."

9. ISCHE Buenos Aires 2017

Luis Garcés reported on and showed a short video on ISCHE 39 which will take place in Buenos Aires 18-21 July 2017.

10. Election of New EC Members

Gary McCulloch, ISCHE Treasurer, took over the moderation of the meeting and 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 two nominations had been received. Karin Priem (Luxembourg) and Noah W. Sobe (USA) were invited to come to the podium and gave statements regarding their interest in serving on the EC. Given that there were two candidates for two positions the General Assembly accepted by voice vote McCulloch's proposal that the two be elected by acclamation.

11. Election of New ISCHE President

Current ISCHE President, Eckhardt Fuchs, noted that the ISCHE Constitution stipulates that to be eligible for election as ISCHE President an individual has to have been serving on the Executive Committee for at least one year at the time of her/his election. He noted that in accordance with ISCHE tradition, the EC was proposing a candidate to the General Assembly and that the EC recommended Rebecca Rogers. Because the ISCHE Constitution specifies that election for ISCHE President take place by vote, Fuchs noted that ballots were being distributed and that Rogers would need to achieve a majority of votes cast in order to be elected to the position. The ballots were collected and counted by two current members of the EC (Arredondo and Akanbi) together with three former ISCHE Presidents (Rousmaniere, Dekkar and Depaepe). Later in the meeting, once the ballots had been counted, Secretary Noah Sobe announced that Rebecca Rogers had achieved a majority of votes cast and the assembly congratulated her on her election to the ISCHE Presidency.

12. Discussion and Approval of ISCHE Constitution

Noah Sobe returned to chair the meeting and introduced three changes to the ISCHE Constitution that had been previously approved at the ISCHE General Assembly in Riga. These three changes were required by the German authorities and involved: indicating that individual resignation from the association needed to be expressed in writing (§4,3), removing the stipulation that the EC could inform members of an upcoming General Assembly meeting etc. via a website announcement (§5, 3 u. 4), stipulating that the General Assembly shall be deemed quorate when at least twenty five per cent individual members are present (§5,9), and stipulating that a special General Assembly meeting could be called by 25% of ISCHE membership instead of a static figure of 30 members (§5,11). Kate Rousmaniere proposed, and Craig Campbell seconded, a motion to adopt the ISCHE Constitution as amended. The motion passed by a 96 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

13. Discussion and Approval of revisions to ISCHE Byelaws

Noah Sobe explained that ISCHE byelaws require the approval of the GA and that the EC was recommending approval of byelaws changes with regard to sponsorship and ISCHE Prizes (to rename the “ISCHE Prize” to be the “ISCHE Early Career Conference Paper Award”). He also noted that the EC was recommending adoption of an ISCHE Accessibility Policy. On a motion proposed by Joyce Goodman and seconded by Marc Depaepe, the byelaw revisions were accepted by a vote of 103 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

13. Discussion and Approval of new SWG

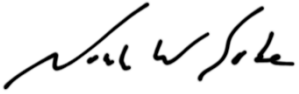
A proposal for the establishment of a new Standing Working Groups titled “Objects, Senses and the Material World of Schooling” was discussed. A motion to approve the proposed SWG was made by Ines Dussel and seconded by Ruth Watts. It passed by a voice vote.

14. Other Business

Newly elected ISCHE President Rebecca Rogers came to the podium and discussed her vision for ISCHE’s development over the next several years. In particular, she emphasized her concern to ensure that ISCHE pursue its efforts to be a truly inclusive community of scholars, attentive to the needs of early career scholars, and dynamic in its efforts to reach out to historians of education around the world. She seeks in this fashion to pursue the initiatives of her predecessors with the support of the EC. She also thanked and presented gifts to Eckhardt Fuchs and Gary McCulloch to recognize their services to and leadership of ISCHE.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noah W. Sobe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Noah" and last name "Sobe" being clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

Noah W. Sobe, ISCHE Secretary

Chicago IL, June 30, 2015

Appendix: Treasurer's Report 2015

ISCHE FINANCIAL REPORT 2014-2015

OPENING BALANCE

Cash in hand 01/07/2014 14,641.41 Euros

INCOME

2014 London ISCHE conference fee 10,220.00 Euros

Total income 10,220.00 Euros

EXPENDITURE

ISCHE prize 2014 400.00 Euros

ISCHE president - Istanbul meeting (2 people) 1,293.57 Euros

CISH subscription 541.10 Euros

Web hosting 127.00 Euros

ISCHE president – London memorial event 160.15 Euros

Bank charges (estimated) 71.50 Euros

Total expenditure 2,593.32 Euros

CLOSING BALANCE

Cash in hand 15/06/2015 22,268.10 Euros

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE 2015-2016

ISCHE prize

CISH subscriptions

Lawyers' fees

Member services

EXPECTED INCOME 2015-2016

2015 Istanbul ISCHE conference fee

Professor Gary McCulloch, ISCHE Treasurer

15 June 2015