

**International Standing Conference for the History of Education**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Geneva, Switzerland**  
**16 July, 2004**

1. Wayne Urban, Chair of the Executive Committee and President, introduced Executive Committee members, Augustin Escalano Benito, Daniel Lindmark, Christine Mayer, Michael Omolewa, Philippe Savoie and Frank Simon.
2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2003 in Sao Paolo, Brazil were agreed as a correct record.
3. A constitutional amendment, Article 4.1, paragraph g, eliminating the words "Supplementary Series," was approved for the second time and is now official.
4. Report of the Chair, Wayne Urban. The Chair thanked Charles Magnin and the organisers of ISCHE 26 for organising a wonderful conference. He stressed the importance of young researchers and graduate students to ISCHE and noted the potential for Asian researchers to attend ISCHE 27 in Sydney.
5. Elections to the Executive Committee. Daniel Lindmark had been nominated for a second three-year term of office. Wayne Urban explained that the Constitution allowed an individual to stand for a second three-year term. Daniel Lindmark was a well-known scholar who had done stalwart work with the Standing Working Groups. Wayne Urban asked whether there were any nominations from the floor. Daniel Lindmark was re-elected to the Executive.

6. Future Conferences

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ISCHE 27, Sydney, Australia (July 3-9 2005). Craig Campbell of the University of Sydney, from the organising committee of ISCHE 27, made a presentation about the conference. Also in attendance from the Sydney Committee were Kay Whitehead, President of the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society (ANZHES) and Margaret White. Craig Campbell acknowledged the assistance of the ANZHES committee in providing the finance to set up the website for the conference. ISCHE 27 would be held at the University of New South Wales and would be embedded in the Congress of Historical Sciences (CISH), to which ISCHE was affiliated. In addition, Jeroen Dekker and Antonio Novoa were running seminars as part of the main CISH conference on Children and War and Mechanisms of Inclusion and Exclusion, respectively. ISCHE 27 had been allotted 3 half days in the conference. There was a separate theme, Border and Boundaries in the History of Education. The period for the main CISH conference panels had closed but the deadline for proposals for ISCHE 27 is 31 March 2005. There will be parallel papers but no keynotes, a Reception, the General Assembly of ISCHE and the Standing Working Groups. The aim is for full engagement with the CISH conference. There

will be a separate registration for ISCHE and it will also be necessary to pay the CISH subscription, as CISH is providing the infrastructure for the conference.

Umeå, Sweden (16-19 August 2006). Daniel Lindmark of the University of Umeå from the organising committee of ISCHE 28, made a presentation about the conference. He outlined the facilities of Umeå and the campus. The topic was about teacher education, which was an important aspect of the work of Umeå. The conference leaflet will be circulated next year. Umeå was confirmed as the site for ISCHE 28.

Wayne Urban outlined the possibilities of future conferences. Italy had submitted a proposal for 2007/8. There is also the possibility of a conference in Hamburg. He will also have conversations in October about a possible conference with the Executive of the History of Education Society in Canada. There is also interest from Africa and a long standing interest from Israel.

7. Membership and Website. Philippe Savoie noted that an ISCHE member is one who has taken part in a conference during the last five years. After this conference there will be 900 members of ISCHE. The list that is being compiled will enable ISCHE to communicate more effectively with the members

The ISCHE website aimed to foster exchanges and to provide information about ISCHE, its Constitution, the ISCHE prize, Standing Working Groups etc. The aim is to forge links to conferences and national websites and to provide substantial information about the activities of national societies.

8. Another resource connected to ISCHE is the International Guide for research on the history of education. The guide provides information on institutions and scholars in history of education active in about 20 countries. Philippe Savoie requested members to urge their national societies to send information on individual scholars, about their works and activities.
9. Standing Working Groups. Daniel Lindmark reported that all the Standing Working Groups were represented at the conference by papers. He outlined the rationale for the Standing Working Groups: they are short term enterprises for 3-5 years for specific studies. He requested those interested in forming a standing working group to contact him. The moderators from the Standing Working Groups gave short reports: Cross Cultural Group; Teacher Union and Teachers Strikes Group; Gender Group.
10. ISCHE Publications. Frank Simon reported that the papers from ISCHE Paris had been published in Paedagogica Historica, Special Issue 1/2, 2004. The Papers from Sao Paulo will appear in 2005 and from Geneva in 2006.
11. The ISCHE Prize was awarded to Christian Muller for the paper entitled L'enseignement mutuel à Genève ou l'histoire de l'échec d'une innovation

pédagogique en contexte: l'école de Saint-Gervais, 1815-1850. The award comprises a certificate and a cash amount of 250 Euros.

12. Treasurer Frank Simon reported the year's financial activities. He noted that ISCHE continues to maintain a small balance of a little over 3000 Euros.

13. UNESCO relations. Michael Omolewa reported on the moves to affiliate ISCHE formally with UNESCO. An application is currently being prepared, which will be evaluated by UNESCO.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Goodman, Secretary

**DRAFT Minutes  
Executive Meeting  
International Standing Conference for the History of Education  
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14 & 17 July 2004**

**14 July 2004**

1. Present: Wayne Urban (chair), Augustin Escalano Benito, Daniel Lindmark, Christine Mayer, Michael Omolewa, Philippe Savoie and Frank Simon. Charles Magnin was in attendance for the item on ISCHE 26. Craig Campbell was in attendance for the item on ISCHE 27.
2. Apologies were received for the 14<sup>th</sup> July from Joyce Goodman, whose departure from England had been delayed by family circumstances.
3. The minutes of the meeting of the Executive on the 27 and 28 February 2004 were agreed as a correct record.
4. Charles Magnin, organiser of ISCHE 26 gave information about the conference (opening session, Reception, speeches, exhibition, abstract book, cultural activities). 210 people will be attending the conference, of whom 10 had not yet paid. 135 people will be attending the banquet. The committee expressed their thanks to Charles' wife (*need to ascertain her name*) for her translation work.
5. Chairs Report and Discussion

Venezuela: The chair reported that Morel Garcia from The History of Education Research Group in Venezuela had indicated that the group wished to affiliate with ISCHE. The current situation was that only national societies affiliate to ISCHE. It was **agreed** that Wayne Urban (???) would keep in contact with Morel Garcia and inform him that it is preferable for the Research Group to found a national society. It was also **agreed** that research groups would be mentioned on the website, including the Venezuela Research Group. Philippe Savoie would action this.

6. Nominations to fill vacancies on the executive

There was only one nomination to fill one vacancy on the Executive: Daniel Lindmark had been nominated.

7. Report on Forthcoming Conference

2005 Sydney, Australia

Craig Campbell reported on the preparations for ISCHE 27 (July 3-9 2005) to be held at the University of New South Wales. The main aim was to merge with the Congress of Historical Sciences. ISCHE 27 will be embedded in the whole Congress of Historical Sciences and will run what will be basically an academic conference. In addition, Jeroen Dekker and Antonio Novoa will run seminars in CISH each with a selection of 10 papers, made from approximately 40 submitted.

It is anticipated that ISCHE will have approximately 105 parallel papers and there will be room for Standing Working Groups, a Reception and a meeting of the Executive Committee. The maximum time block for ISCHE is only 3 and a half days, starting on 6 July. The deadline for proposals is 31 March 2005. The aim had been to keep the cost of the ISCHE registration as low as possible. It will not be possible for delegates to register for ISCHE only. They will have to register for both CISH and ISCHE. This will be stressed by Craig Campbell at the AGM, when he will distribute leaflets about ISCHE 27. The question of a banquet was discussed. **Agreed** that Wayne Urban will discuss the possibility of a banquet with Jeroen Dekker and Antonio Novoa.

2006 Umeå<sup>a</sup>, Sweden

The date for ISCHE 28 in Umeå<sup>a</sup> is 16-19 August 2006. A venue will be found, possibly the Convention Centre, close to restaurants, or on campus. Planning will start in the Autumn. By the February Executive meeting, it is expected that the programme will be in an advanced state of preparation.

Canada. **Agreed** that Wayne Urban will talk with the organisers.

Proposal for a conference in Ferrara, Italy. After discussion it was **agreed** to request a revised proposal and to suggest that Politics and Education: a Necessary and Complex Relation might be a suitable title. The organisers are to be advised to produce one or two pages of text following the ISCHE guidelines and to concentrate on developing the title and what is meant by the education and politics to introduce the field, rather than producing a list of sub-titles. The ISCHE guidelines will be scrutinised at the next Executive meeting.

#### 8. Report on Website

ISCHE news will be added to the website, as well as links with conferences (forthcoming conferences, deadlines etc.) and with national societies. The aim is to develop permanent connections with national societies. The ISCHE website is the place to make links.

There is now a mailing list of 750 people who have attended the conferences. This has been compiled from Ruth Watts' list from Birmingham 1997<sup>5</sup>, Alcalá, Paris, Sao Paulo and Geneva. The possibility of using PAED-HIST list in an international way was discussed. There will be a meeting with Klaus Peter Horn, the list manager.

#### 9. Report on Standing Working Groups

All the Standing Working Groups are represented in Geneva (see programme). A proposal has been made for a New Education Standing Working Group. This was not a substantial proposal. There will be further talks during the conference, with the possibility of a firmer proposal after the conference.

All the Standing Working Groups plan to attend the ISCHE meeting in Sydney.

## 10. Report on ISCHE publications

ISCHE book series. There had been no more contacts with Antonio after the February meeting. Antonio's view is that publishing companies were not interested because they saw it as an uneconomic proposal. Symposium books were interested in comparative education books. One view was that for academic reasons it is better to publish in journals. Another was that it will be good to have a series linked with ISCHE. Two key issues are editing and dissemination. Dissemination is difficult and it is difficult to have to edit in English. The series will demand a considerable commitment on the part of ISCHE and national societies. It will need good teams, editors and good content. It was agreed that this item will be further discussed at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. UNESCO update

The <sup>official</sup> UNESCO representative at the Conference is Professor Braslowsky <sup>a</sup> (???). An application form will be filled in to affiliate ISCHE to UNESCO. Michael Omolewa will stimulate possible funding (???) for ISCHE.

## 12. ISCHE Paper Prize

The ISCHE Paper Prize from the Sao Paulo conference will be awarded to Christian Muller.

## 13. Treasurer's Report

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~~There were no notes for this. Please will Wayne or Frank add something, or advise me to delete the item.~~

## 17 July 2004

*Joyce Goodman*  
 14. Present: Wayne Urban (chair), Daniel Lindmark, Christine Mayer, Philippe Savoie and Frank Simon. Klaus Peter Horn attended for the item on the mailing list.

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 15. Standing Working Group on Gender. It was **agreed** that Daniel Lindmark will write to Mineke van Essen over the call for papers for the Gender Group. People are to be free to choose whether to present their paper as part of the Gender Group or as part of the general programme. It is the place of the organiser of the SWG to decide if a paper is to be in the SWG and the place of the conference organiser to decide if a paper should be in the general programme.

16. Publications: A series of publications could be sustained, including new work on method and the state of the art, rejuvenating themes and methods. Different editors are possible but we will need an editor for a series. It was **agreed** to let the issue lie for a year.

17. Membership list and mailing list. The question of whether the subscription to the edition of Paedagogica Historica from the conference could be seen as a

membership subscription to ISCHE was discussed. A range of issues, pertaining to the merging of an ISCHE mailing list and PAED-H List, including the question of how to separate out international from national information, and to prevent the messages being treated as SPAM. One suggestion was for 4 or 5 persons to manage the list in different countries, to receive the emails and put into their own list only what was relevant. The question of the Ibero-American world was raised. A meeting was suggested between Agusin Escolano, Klaus Peter Horn and ISCHE. From the ISCHE side, it will require someone to run and moderate it. Currently the aim is for national societies to send material for ISCHE to Philippe Savoie for him to spread the information, rather than individual messages.

18. Date and Venue of the next meeting of the Executive Committee. There was a proposal to meet in April during AERA in Montreal, given the distance of Sydney for the majority of members of the Executive

Joyce Goodman  
February 2004