

Minutes

International Standing Conference for the History of Education

General Assembly

Riga, Latvia 23 August 2013

1. Report by the President

ISCHE President Eckhardt Fuchs (EF) called the meeting to order and welcomed ISCHE 35 attendees to the General Assembly. EF presented a revised meeting agenda and invited members to suggest additional agenda items; no agenda items were suggested.

EF presented his presidential report highlighting the organizational changes proposed that will be discussed later in the GA meeting. He also discussed initiatives to improve ISCHE communication with members (including the presidential newsletter; institutionalizing an annual meeting with former presidents, with affiliated organizations during the annual conference; as well as an upgraded ISCHE website). He invited any ISCHE members interested in assisting with website design to contact him and noted that key objectives are to make the ISCHE website more interactive and more informative. EF also mentioned the ISCHE Survey and thanked members for their input and participation.

EF also discussed the transfer of the ISCHE historical archives from Paris to Braunschweig, Germany for temporary storage before final transfer to the Research Library for the History of Education in Berlin, Germany where records will be cataloged and made available to researchers in accordance to an access policy to be negotiated between ISCHE and the Research Library.

Other key ISCHE activities of the past year and ongoing include Regional Workshops, one of which was held in Cape Town at the beginning of July, with others planned for the years ahead. ISCHE members interested in becoming involved with Regional Workshops are invited to contact EF. As part of extending ISCHE activities, ISCHE has started pre-conference workshops, one of which – on the theme of the League of Nations – took place in Riga prior to the start of ISCHE 35. Guidelines for those interested in organizing pre-conference workshops at future ISCHE meetings will be sent out to members.

Under the heading of capacity building EF discussed ISCHE's commitment to supporting the Summer School which took place successfully with 30 participants in Hamburg this past June under the leadership of Christine Mayer and with financial support from Paedagogica Historica, the UK History of Education Society and the European Educational Research Association (EERA). EF also mentioned that ISCHE was sponsoring a panel on "Education and Sport" at the 2015 CISH meeting taking place in China. Additional ISCHE activities on the horizon include the potential launching of an ISCHE Book Series.

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2. Treasurer's Report

ISCHE Treasurer Gary McCulloch (GM) presented a Treasurer's Report (attached). The report was accepted nem. con. by the General Assembly.

3. ISCHE Prize / Publications Report

Ian Grosvenor (IG) announced the awarding of the ISCHE 2012 Prize to Nguyen Thuy Phuong (Université Paris Descartes), for her paper "La rivalité des missions éducatives française et américaine pendant la guerre du Vietnam 1955-1975". The laudation for the award reads as follows: "In a well-structured and well written paper Nguyen explores the 'educational' missions of the French and American governments in South Vietnam during the Vietnam war between 1955 and 1975. Using a wide range of source material she effectively documents the differences between French and American education programmes and describes how the Americans, building on the French colonial model, introduced a new democratic-anti-communist mission in South Vietnam. Her paper also identifies the ambiguities and contradictions of both education missions."

IG reported that the journal Paedagogica Historica was in a healthy position with a good flow of submissions and an increased impact factor. He noted that the Special Issue from the Geneva conference was on track for publication.

4. ISCHE London 2014

GM reported on preparations for ISCHE 36, to take place in London July 23-26 on the theme of "Education, War and Peace."

5. ISCHE Istanbul 2015

Filiz Meseci Giorgetti from the University of Istanbul reported on preparations to host ISCHE 37 in Istanbul in June 2015 with the theme of "Education and Culture".

6. 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 existing ISCHE Constitution three nominations had been received. Nelleke Bakker, Joaquim Pintassilgo and Adelina Arredondo, from the Netherlands, Portugal and Mexico respectively, were invited to come to the podium and gave brief statements regarding their interest in serving on the EC. General Assembly members were invited to vote on the ballot slips distributed with the agenda materials. Ballots were then counted and results certified by EC members Marta Carvalho and Barnita Bagchi. NS announced the election results at end of the meeting, congratulating Joaquim Pintassiglio and Adelina Aredondo on their election to serve three year terms on the EC beginning at the conclusion of the 2013 GA.

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7. Proposed New Constitution

Ian Grosvenor, EC member, presented the rationale for adopting a new ISCHE Constitution which will enable ISCHE to become officially registered as a legal entity and charitable/not-for-profit organization. IG explained the pragmatic reasons for incorporating ISCHE in Germany and the model of adopting a Constitution that will clearly lay out the organization's governance structures but will place the specifics of the procedures and policies by which the organization operates in a set of By-Laws to be drawn up over the coming year and presented to the ISCHE GA in London in 2014. He noted that to the greatest extent possible the new ISCHE Constitution had replicated our existing structure.

Secretary Noah Sobe then served as moderator for a debate on the question adopting a new ISCHE Constitution. Discussion began with a general discussion of and Q&A on the proposed new Constitution. He then invited members to propose amendments to the proposed Constitution, the full text of which (in German and English) had been distributed to membership as part of the agenda package.

Richard Aldrich introduced an amendment pertaining to the term of the ISCHE President, specifically to delete the following sentence from 6.(5) "He or she may be re-elected once for an immediately consecutive second term of office by the General Assembly." The motion was seconded by Frank Simon. After discussion on the proposed amendment, NS called for a vote by show of hands and the amendment was passed.

Craig Campbell introduced an amendment related to the expulsion of members, specifically to delete the line "- expulsion from the association;" from 4.(3) and also delete the entire 4.(6) paragraph "Any member may be expelled from the association with immediate effect by Executive Committee resolution if he/she/it has acted in gross breach of the association's interests. Prior to such a resolution being made, the member concerned shall be given the opportunity to explain the circumstances of the breach to the Executive Committee in person or in writing within an appropriate timeframe. Any written statement from the member shall be read out at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Once it has resolved to expel a member from the association, the Executive Committee shall inform the member concerned in writing and give reasons for its decision." The amendment was seconded by Manfred Heinemann. After discussion on the proposed amendment, NS called for a vote by show of hands and the amendment was passed.

Kate Rousmaniere then introduced an amendment to change clause 1.(1) so that the name of the association would become the "International Society for the History of Education (ISHE)", the amendment was seconded by Gary McCulloch. After discussion on the proposed amendment, NS called for a vote by show of hands and the amendment was rejected.

Elsie Rockwell then introduced an amendment to create a one year ex-officio position for past presidents, specifically to add an additional sentence to clause 6.(5) that would read "When finishing the term past presidents will continue to serve ex-officio on the Executive Committee during one year." The motion was seconded by Gary McCulloch. After discussion on the proposed amendment, NS called for a vote by show of hands and the amendment was accepted.

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There being no further amendments proposed, NS called for a vote to approve the proposed new ISCHE Constitution as amended. Delegates to the General Assembly voted by a show of hands and the motion passed 86 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

8. Miscellaneous Other Business

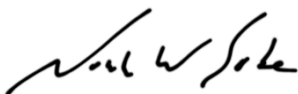
The Executive Committee then presented the following motion to the ISCHE General Assembly, explaining that the motion would allow the EC to make minor changes to the Constitution just adopted in case changes were dictated by the German courts as a requirement of registration. “The General Assembly empowers the members of the Executive Committee to change and amend the statutes so as to meet the conditions imposed by the register court as a prerequisite for entering the amended statutes adopted on 23 August 2013 in the register of associations, except for amendments relating to the provisions concerning the purpose of the association, concerning the majorities required for elections and resolutions, concerning the expulsion of members, and concerning the accrual of the association’s assets upon its dissolution.” The motion was proposed by Eckhardt Fuchs and seconded by Gary McCulloch. After discussion, NS called for a vote by show of hands and the motion was passed.

EF then asked for a vote by the assembly to approve the minutes of the 2012 ISCHE General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland which had been distributed to members as part of the agenda package. No amendments to the minutes were proposed and the minutes were approved by voice vote of the assembly.

EF thanked the assembled delegates and noted his wish for ISCHE members to stay closely involved with the activities of the association across the coming year. Key agenda items for the 2014 ISCHE GA will include discussion of changing ISCHE membership fees and, assuming the new Constitution is successfully registered, discussing and adopting new ISCHE By-Laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Noah W. Sobe, ISCHE Secretary

Chicago IL, September 8, 2013

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Appendix: Treasurer's Report 2013

INTERNATIONAL STANDING CONFERENCE FOR THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION – ISCHE FINANCIAL REPORT 2012-2013

OPENING BALANCE

Cash in hand 18/06/2012 12,135.76 Euros

(Change in bank account from Ghent final statement for Ghent account 5/02/13:
11,620.28 Euros)

INCOME

Miscellaneous income 17.61 Euros

EXPENDITURE

2012 Conference prize 200.00 Euros

2013 ISCHE conference support loan 1.805.00 Euros

Paedagogica Historica Stichting

(2011 Mexico ISCHE conference) 3,920.00 Euros

Lawyer advice on constitution 240.45 Euros

Total expenditure 6,165.45 Euros

CLOSING BALANCE

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

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE

2013 Conference prize

CISH 2013

EXPECTED INCOME

2012 Conference ISCHE fee

2013 Conference support loan

2013 Conference ISCHE fee

Gary McCulloch

ISCHE Treasurer

31 July 2013