

Minutes of General Assembly, Buenos Aires 2017
International Standing conference for the History of Education
General Assembly
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 20 July 2017

Executive Committee Members Present: Rebecca Rogers (President), Noah Sobe (Treasurer), Karin Priem (Secretary), Ian Grosvenor (PH), Grace Akanbi (GA), Inês Félix (IF), Simonetta Polenghi (SP), Myriam Southwell (MS), Diana Vidal (DV). In addition, 56 other ISCHE members were present at the beginning of the GA.

Minutes: Karin Priem

ISCHE President Rebecca Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and welcomed ISCHE members to the ISCHE General Assembly.

1 Approval of the Agenda

Rebecca Rogers indicated that the presentation of ISCHE 41 Porto 2019 should be added to item 8. No further changes to the agenda were proposed. Elsie Rockwell moved to accept the agenda. Kate Rousmaniere seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

2 Approval of the 2016 General Assembly Minutes

No changes were proposed to the 2016 General Assembly minutes. Hannah Okediji moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Marc Depaepe seconded. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

3 President's Report

Rebecca Rogers began by thanking EC members for their hard work. Before speaking about the novelties of the year since the meeting in Chicago in 2016, she addressed her condolences to two national communities for their respective loss: Ana Waleska Pollo Mendonça, who was the Vice President of the Brazilian History of Education Society and a member of the scientific committee for ISCHE 39; and Erwin Johanningmeier, from the US History of Education Society, who served as both secretary and treasurer of ISCHE. She wrote to both societies upon hearing of the passing of these two important members of our community.

This past year was an important one in consolidating a series of new initiatives in ISCHE: the launching of the History of Education Salon, the awarding of the first ISCHE First Book prize, the obtaining of funds for the creation of an ISCHE Conference abstracts data base initiative, and the organization of an EC panel—or Tertulia—on “The history of education and the rise of new populisms”.

Institutional Issues: As announced last year, ISCHE is officially recognized as a non-profit organization in Germany and we now have our own bank account. Many thanks to Karin Priem for her perseverance dealing with our lawyer, German bank establishments, and the complexities of German tax law. We are hoping in the future to find administrative help for these matters which are very time consuming and which we would be able to fund thanks to

membership fees. The figures from our membership campaign in 2017 (until July 17) give us some concern, however, as we make this transition to a membership-based association. We currently have 169 members, down from 230 in August 2016. This significant decline can probably be explained by the location of the conference, which represented a costly trip for many of our members; in addition there was no corresponding rise in Latin American memberships compared to Chicago. ISCHE members come from 35 different countries with a few minor changes since 2016. Newcomers from Ireland, Slovakia and South Africa registered as members while we lost members from Russia, Hong Kong and China. The EC is aware that there is still progress to be made in the renewal process with Taylor and Francis who handle our membership base. President Rogers notes that early career researchers pay only 10€ (compared to 25€ for regular members) as an incentive for them to join. An additional incentive was the decision to create an “Early career travel fund” to support graduate students who were close to defending their PhD to present their results at ISCHE. We distributed travel funds to 9 people to come to Buenos Aires. Allocations were based both on need and merit. People with tenure-track or permanent jobs were not a priority. Finally ISCHE also contributed travel funds for early career researchers to attend the History of Education Doctoral Summer School, which was organized in Italy this year. In 2018, a special 40th anniversary travel fund has been created and we hope members will contribute to it.

National associations are also involved in the membership campaign. By mid-July seven associations had paid their annual fee or indicated the fee would be paid by the end of the year (the same number as in 2016). This institutional support is important for the international recognition of our society.

Communication, Website, Historical Memory: President Rogers continues the practice of sending out presidential newsletters between our conferences, both to individual members and the presidents of national associations, but the website remains the most important way to keep abreast of news. Inês Félix in particular attends to the website and is developing special features for early career researchers. In the proposals for developments, a project associated with the website will be described.

While the website is an important repository for the memory of ISCHE, President Rogers reminds her audience of the existence of the ISCHE archive lodged in the Bibliothek für Bildungsgeschichtliche Forschung (BBF) in Berlin, which has received support in the past from the Stitching PH. Additional funds will be needed to pursue the archiving of ISCHE records and to address the needs of an increasingly digital archive.

Capacity building: As in the past, President Rogers reminds ISCHE membership of the numerous activities that serve to strengthen our professional community in terms of intellectual development and training. The first of these initiatives is the creation in 2016 of a Palgrave Macmillan *ISCHE book series “Global Histories of Education”*. The chair of the committee, Diana Vidal, reported two recent submissions for collective volumes had been received. These proposals are in the initial stages of review, first within the book series committee then by Palgrave. Members are strongly urged to consider submitting their manuscripts to the series.

As announced in a newsletter in the spring, the winner of the *2017 ISCHE First Book Award* was Damiano Matasci for his book, *L'école républicaine et l'étranger. Une histoire internationale des réformes scolaires en France, 1870-1914*, ENS Editions, 2015. President Rogers addressed special thanks to the Book committee and reminded membership that submissions for the 2018 First Book award should be sent before September 1, 2017.

Since 2014, ISCHE members have had the opportunity to propose *Pre-conference workshops* (PCWs). Three such workshops were organized in Buenos Aires: 1) The Visual and History Practice in the Digital Age 2) Archives and Museums about the History of Education with a view to Emancipatory Processes 3) Education, Aesthetics and Visual Culture: Images in the production of sensitivity. All three were well attended and testify to the interest these workshops generate. One of the PCWs from the conference in Chicago in 2016 has become a Standing working group: Migrants, Migration and Education

Six *Standing Work Groups* (SWGs) continue to provide intellectual nourishment for many ISCHE members: 1) Mapping the Discipline History of Education 2) Objects, Senses and the Material World of Schooling 3) Touching Bodies 4) Migrants, Migration and Education 5) Réformisme(s), Progressisme(s), Conservatisme (s) en éducation : quelles argumentations critiques ? 6) History of Laic Education: concepts, policies and practices in the world. Another SWG will be presented later during the AG: Growing up in out-of-home care: Histories of children and youths in foster families and residential homes.

Support for Early Career Researchers has been a priority for the past few years as funding initiatives to support travel to the annual conference and the History of Education Doctoral Summer School testify. This year Fabio Pruneri organized the summer school at the Università di Sassari. It was the most international of summer schools so far with 30 participating students from all over Europe (Italy, Switzerland, Spain, UK, Belgium, Portugal, Lithuania, Austria, Finland, Germany, France, Sweden, The Netherlands) and no less than one third (!) from beyond (Canada, US, Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria, India, China, Japan, and Australia). Next year the summer school will be organized in Riga (Latvia) from 7-10 June 2018.

Proposals for development: President Rogers concluded her report by noting the new projects ISCHE has sponsored. To begin with, she noted the launch of the first *History of Education Salon* that was organized around the theme “Education and the Body”. Videos of four international scholars are available on the website, all subtitled in English and one in sign language. The scholars concerned are Georges Vigarello; Mona Gleason; Inés Dussel; Pieter Verstraete. A blog also exists for members to comment on the videos. Colleagues interested in developing a similar project are warmly encouraged to address proposals to the EC. A second project was the decision to organize an EC session described as a “*Tertulia*” (or informal gathering) to provoke debate. This first tertulia was on the “History of education and the rise of new populisms.” Finally, the EC is moving forward with the project of making abstracts of all the talks given at ISCHE available on-line in a database open to members only. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Stichting Foundation, this *ISCHE conference abstracts database* should be up and running by August 2018. This project will allow scholars to see who is working on what, will help members find panelists on specific topics, and allow historiographers to “map” the changing contours of our profession and our interests.

President Rogers concluded by thanking the local organizers, the EC and all ISCHE members present for their contributions to the vitality of our community.

4 Treasurer’s Report 2016

ISCHE Treasurer Noah Sobe presented a report (attached) (January 1-31 December 2016).

5 Proposed Budget 2017 and 2018

ISCHE Treasurer Noah Sobe proposed a budget for 2018 (attached). Kate Roumaniere moved to approve the proposed budget. Inés Dussel seconded. The motion carried by 40 votes in favor and 0 abstention.

6 Exculpation of the Executive Committee

The General Assembly voted on a motion presented by Inés Dussel and seconded by Jeroen Dekker to accept the reports presented and exculpate the officers of ISCHE. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

7 Early Career Conference Paper Award

Rebecca Rogers announced the awarding of the ISCHE 2015 Prize to Kristen Chmielewski (University of Iowa), “‘Hopelessly Insane, Some Almost Maniacs:’ New York City’s War on ‘Unfit’ Teachers”. Karin Priem read the award committees’ assessment: “The article presents an engaging and well written narrative of the various ways school administrators in New York tried to remove teachers who were judged either physically or mentally unfit to work. Empirically driven and using disability analysis the paper offers a detailed reading of the public discourse about New York teachers. The paper was adjudged to capture issues at the heart of the ISCHE 38 conference in an elegant and persuasive fashion”. The revised paper will be included in an issue of *Paedagogica Historica*.

8 ISCHE 40 Berlin 2018 and ISCHE 41 Porto 2019

Marcelo Caruso presented the framework and thematic scopes of ISCHE 40 on Education and Nature in Berlin. This was followed by a presentation of Joaquim Pintassilgo and Luís Grosso Correia on first plans and ideas for ISCHE 2019 in Porto (Portugal).

9 Election of new EC Members

Rebecca Rogers, who moderated the meeting, noted that the General Assembly needed to fill two vacant positions on the Executive Committee and that in accordance with the procedures established in ISCHE’s Constitution two nominations had been received: Angelo Van Gorp (University of Landau, Germany), and Diana Vidal (University of São Paulo, Brazil). Angelo Van Gorp and Diana Vidal were invited to come to the podium and give statements regarding their interest in serving on the EC. Because the ISCHE constitution specifies that election for ISCHE EC members take place by vote, Rebecca Rogers noted that ballots were being distributed. The ballots were collected and counted by three ISCHE members (Frank Simon, Ian Grosvenor and Felicitas Acosta). Later in the meeting, once the ballots had been counted, President Rebecca Rogers announced that Diana Vidal and Angelo Van Gorp had been elected and the assembly congratulated them on their election to the ISCHE EC committee.

10 Discussion of revised articles of the Constitution

Rebecca Rogers explained that the EC recommends changes to the ISCHE constitution. The change concerns article 6.1 and 6.10 and will allow for co-opting an early career researcher appointed by the EC committee for a period of three years. The EC also recommended that article 6.10 will stipulate that co-opting of the same student/early career researcher to a further term of office is not permitted.

11 Discussion of revised Byelaws

Rebecca Rogers explained that ISCHE byelaws (article 1.4) require the approval of the GA and that the EC was recommending approval of byelaws changes and specifications with regard to the changes made in the constitution (co-opted early career researcher for a period of three years).

12 Approval of revised Constitution and Byelaws

On a motion proposed by Tim Allender and seconded by Ruth Watts, the constitution and byelaw revisions were accepted by a vote 40 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions.

13 Discussion and Approval of New SWGs

One proposal for the establishment of a new Standing Working Group entitled “Growing up in the out of home care: Histories of children and youths in foster families and residential homes” was unanimously accepted.

14 Additional recommendations from membership

A question about multilingual panels offered the opportunity to specify that multilingual panels should include two languages; ISCHE members should make mutual efforts to accept a multilingual community.

A member raised the issue of allowing free entrance for students to the ISCHE conference as was done in Buenos Aires. The President responded that local organizers have a responsibility to ensure the conference is not run at a loss. The conference fee includes lunch and coffee breaks and most local organizers do not have the funding to provide such a free service, unless the registration fee is raised for all non-student participants. Traditionally ISCHE offers reduced rates for students.

Respectfully submitted,



Karin Priem, ISCHE Secretary
Luxembourg, August 2017



Rebecca Rogers, ISCHE President
Paris, February 2018

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report, 1 January-31 December 2016

ISCHE			
2017 BUDGET versus ACTUAL EXPENSES			
	Budget	Actual (June30)	Difference
INCOME			
Donations to Endowment	€ 3,000.00	€ -	€ (3,000.00)
Grants		€ 7,500.00	€ 7,500.00
Conference Income	€ 8,000.00	€ 0.00	€ (8,000.00)
Membership Fees - Individuals	€ 6,500.00	€ -	€ (6,500.00)
Membership Fees - Associations	€ 2,000.00	€ 300.00	€ (1,700.00)
Book Series Royalties	€ 500.00	€ 0.00	€ (500.00)
Sponsorship and Advertising	€ 200.00	€ 0.00	€ (200.00)
Endowment Interest Income	€ 400.00	€ 0.00	€ (400.00)
Total Income	€ 20,600.00	€ 7,800.00	€ (12,800.00)
EXPENSES			
Programmatic Expenses			
Online Abstract Database	€ 500.00	€ 0.00	€ (500.00)
ISCHE HistEd Web Salon Projects	€ 4,000.00	€ 3,189.00	€ (811.00)
Travel Stipends (SummerSch2017 lowGDP)	€ 2,000.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Travel Stipends (Students ISCHE 39)	€ 4,800.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Transfer Income to Endowment Fund	€ 3,000.00	€ 0.00	€ (3,000.00)
Association Outreach	€ 2,000.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Operational Expenses			
EC Meeting Accommodation & Meals	€ 0.00	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Website Maintenance Expenses	€ 300.00	€ 0.00	€ (300.00)
Legal Fees	€ 300.00	€ (1,469.65)	€ (1,769.65)
Bank Fees	€ 100.00	€ 27.01	€ (72.99)
Miscellaneous	€ 100.00	€ 130.14	€ 30.14
Total Expenses	€ 17,100.00	€ 1,876.50	€ (15,223.50)
Net Operating Income	€ 3,500.00	€ 5,923.50	€ 2,423.50
Net Income	€ 3,500.00	€ 5,923.50	€ 2,423.50

Appendix 2: 2017 Budget and Proposed Budget 2018

ISCHE 2017 BUDGET	
	Budget
INCOME	
Donations to Endowment	€ 3,000.00
Grants	
Conference Income	€ 8,000.00
Membership Fees - Individuals	€ 6,500.00
Membership Fees - Associations	€ 2,000.00
Book Series Royalties	€ 500.00
Sponsorship and Advertising	€ 200.00
Endowment Interest Income	€ 400.00
Total Income	€ 20,600.00
EXPENSES	
Programmatic Expenses	
Online Abstract Database	€ 500.00
ISCHE HistEd Web Salon Projects	€ 4,000.00
Travel Stipends (SummerSch2017 lowGDP)	€ 2,000.00
Travel Stipends (Students ISCHE 39)	€ 4,800.00
Transfer Income to Endowment Fund	€ 3,000.00
Association Outreach	€ 2,000.00
Operational Expenses	
EC Meeting Accommodation & Meals	€ 0.00
Website Maintenance Expenses	€ 300.00
Legal Fees	€ 300.00
Bank Fees	€ 100.00
Miscellaneous	€ 100.00
Total Expenses	€ 17,100.00
Net Operating Income	€ 3,500.00
Net Income	€ 3,500.00

ISCHE PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET	
	Budget
INCOME	
Donations to Endowment	€ 3,000.00
Grants	€ -
Conference Income	€ 12,900.00
Membership Fees - Individuals	€ 3,500.00
Membership Fees - Associations	€ 1,000.00
Book Series Royalties	€ 500.00
Sponsorship and Advertising	€ 200.00
Endowment Interest Income	€ 400.00
Total Income	€ 21,500.00
EXPENSES	
Programmatic Expenses	
Online Abstract Database	€ 2,500.00
ISCHE HistEd Web Salon Projects	€ 3,000.00
Travel Stipends (Summer Sch 2018 lowGDP)	€ 2,500.00
Travel Stipends (Students ISCHE 40)	€ 4,800.00
Transfer Income to Endowment Fund	€ 3,000.00
Association Outreach	€ 2,000.00
Archives Cataloging & Conservation	€ 2,000.00
Operational Expenses	
EC Meeting Accommodation & Meals	€ -
Website Maintenance Expenses	€ 1,000.00
Legal Fees	€ 500.00
Bank Fees	€ 100.00
Miscellaneous	€ 100.00
Total Expenses	€ 21,500.00
Net Operating Income	€ -
Net Income	€ -