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Dear ISCHE member,
Cher membre d'ISCHE,
Liebes ISCHE-Mitglied,
Estimado miembro de ISCHE,

I was deeply honoured to be elected ISCHE president at our annual conference in Berlin. Indeed, it is my great pleasure to serve as ISCHE president and I am very grateful for the outstanding support received. Before addressing upcoming events and providing information on recent developments of ISCHE, I would like to briefly introduce myself because not all of you were able to attend our last ISCHE conference in Berlin.

I attended my first ISCHE conference in Hamburg in 2007 and soon after joined the University of Luxembourg, a highly international and multilingual university. In 2017, I became a member of the multidisciplinary Research Centre for Contemporary and Digital History where I currently also act as head of a research unit. This new environment offers me much opportunity to dive into the field of digital history, which in turn offers much inspiration for my research in History of Education, and it is my experience and expertise in both these areas that I want to share with our community. Being a member of the University of Luxembourg also means that I am representing one of the smallest countries within ISCHE. I see this as a very positive thing, as it offers much space and incentive for international collaborations. Over the last years, ISCHE has become more and more my point of reference, not only professionally but also in terms of wonderful friendships, and it was three years ago, in 2015, that I became a member of the ISCHE Executive Committee. As ISCHE Secretary and now as ISCHE President I have since enjoyed working in excellent and productive teams. It is not least this collaborative spirit that has helped ISCHE grow, and ISCHE has reached a point where it needs to be managed in an increasingly professional manner, continue to take good care of its memory and archives, and make sure to also appeal to and attract the younger generation.

I would like to continue organizing ISCHE along professional lines while maintaining its spontaneous spirit and refreshing atmosphere. It is my aim to keep the growing organization closely connected to its members and grounded in a trusting and enthusiastic atmosphere.

The spirit of ISCHE is also what our organization can offer to young scholars. Particularly in view of our younger members, I would like to encourage historians of education to reflect more on how our discipline should respond to the digital turn in archives and in historical research. How does this shift change our work as historians of education? How do we deal with the tools and data available in the digital age? How do we analyze digital sources? These are some of the questions that I would like to move to the focus of the debate by organizing a winter school on digital history and digital source criticism for our younger

members. Another important issue is new forms of publication. I plan to ask for collaboration on a “100 and more voices” paper on the world history of education. This means composing a text that includes as many and as heterogeneous voices as possible in terms of generational, geographical, and methodological variety, making it also possible to experiment with new styles of academic writing.

How you can support ISCHE

ISCHE needs the energy, creativity and support of each of you, and I would like to encourage you to renew your annual membership. Your membership in ISCHE will expire at the end of 2018 and you should be thinking of renewing it shortly. Your contributions will allow us, among other things, to offer travel stipends to students to attend ISCHE 41 as well as to support travel to the History of Education Doctoral Summer School for students from low GDP countries. On an individual level, your membership allows you to register at a reduced rate for our next conference in Porto (July 17–20, 2019) and offers you the benefit of reduced rates when subscribing to *Paedagogica Historica*. In 2019 it will also allow you to have members-only access to the ISCHE conference database which we are in the process of developing. Please respond immediately to Taylor & Francis’s renewal request or go to our website: <https://www.ische.org/join-ische/>. I also would like to encourage national societies to renew or start ISCHE memberships. Please also help young scholars to attend ISCHE by donating to our ISCHE travel fund: <https://www.ische.org/join-ische/donate/>.

ISCHE 40 in Berlin

ISCHE 40 in Berlin on “Education and Nature” was well attended and, again, I want to thank the local organizers for providing such a wonderful and stimulating atmosphere for academic exchange. For those who were unable to attend, the plenary lectures are available here: https://1drv.ms/f/s!AutfjInun_cbgYttEqzIe4eHeuijAA. In Berlin we also celebrated ISCHE’s 40th anniversary and honoured four ISCHE members for their contributions to the spirit of our community: Jeroen Dekker, Marc Depaepe, Joyce Goodman and Frank Simon (see the relevant link at <https://www.ische.org/about-ische/history/>). Those of you who would like to share photographs of ISCHE Berlin are welcome to get in touch with Inês Felix and ask for the link to our photo-cloud.

ISCHE 41, Pre-Conference Workshops, and a new submission procedure for Standing Working Groups

The call for papers for ISCHE 41 in Porto, Portugal, on 17–20 July 2019, is now available at <https://www.fpce.up.pt/ische2019/>. The deadline for submission is 31 January 2019.

Please note that we have established a new procedure for submitting papers for Standing Working Groups (https://www.fpce.up.pt/ische2019/working_groups.html). All paper submissions for Standing Working Groups from now on must be submitted through the conference electronic system by selecting the respective SWG in the Abstracts area. Submitted papers will be redirected to the convenors. The deadline for submitting papers to any SWG is 31 January 2019. The call for papers for Standing Working Groups will soon be published on the ISCHE 41 conference website.

I would like to encourage you to think about organizing Pre-Conference Workshops. For further advice and information, please get in touch with ISCHE Secretary Inés Dussel (idussel@gmail.com). Pre-Conference Workshop proposals should be submitted by 31 January 2019 to ische-office@ische.org with the words "ISCHE PCW" in the subject heading. Pre-Conference Workshops will take place on 16 July 2019.

ISCHE Executive Committee

During the General Assembly in Berlin, we elected two new Executive Committee members: Inés Dussel (Department of Educational Research, CINVESTAV, Mexico City, Mexico), who also agreed to serve as ISCHE Secretary; and Marc VanOverbeke (College of Education, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA). Diana Vidal (University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil) agreed to serve as ISCHE Treasurer.

I also would like to inform you that ISCHE has established an office in Berlin (ische-office@ische.org), which is run in collaboration with the EERA office. I recently signed the contract and see this as a sign of growth and go-ahead development.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our past ISCHE President Rebecca Rogers and past ISCHE Treasurer Noah Sobe for their great work. The ISCHE Salon Initiative, the ISCHE Tertulia, the ISCHE Database and providing outstanding support for young scholars were major steps in the development of ISCHE.

I very much look forward to keeping ISCHE moving forward with your continuous support and ideas and wish all of you a happy and healthy start into 2019.

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Priem', written in a cursive style.

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