

ICHTH Bureau meeting minutes
Saturday, 2 December 2017 at 12:30-16:00
Athens, Greece

Participants: Berber Bevernage, Ewa Domanska, Antonis Liakos, Chris Lorenz, Estevão de Rezende Martins, Marek Tamm, Edoardo Tortarolo, Victoria Tozzi, Q. Edward Wang (via Skype)

Were absent: Stefan Berger, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Sanjay Seth; Eiji Takemura.

1. Congress in Poznan / report from CISH meeting in Moscow

President of the ICHTH, Ewa Domanska informed the Bureau about the programming of the CISH conference in Poznan in 2020 and about the CISH General Assembly in Moscow.

It was decided that ICHTH (Veronica Tozzi) will re-submit the proposition for a major theme, entitled "Reassessing the Historical Methodology". First, Veronica will circulate the previous versions of the proposal among the Bureau members and then she will submit the revised version to CISH.

It was decided that a public call among the ICHTH members will be launched for the ICHTH conference in Poznan. Deadline for session proposals is 28 February 2018, the Bureau will decide on the proposals by the end of March 2018.

2. Bank account

Ewa Domanska informed about her discussions with Sacha Zala, the new treasurer of CISH (and a member of ICHTH), who suggested that ICHTH should be formally constituted as an association under Swiss law. For open the bank account, it should be enough to have the Constitution of ICHTH and the minutes of the founding assembly, where there is a clear statement on the elected members. However, this might require to have a Swiss member in the Bureau.

3. ICHTH anniversary in 2020

Ewa Domanska reminded the Bureau that in 2020 ICHTH will have its 40th anniversary. No decision was taken yet about how to celebrate this event.

4. Constitution

The Bureau discussed the draft version of the ICHTH new Constitution. After many smaller corrections and additions, the Bureau unanimously voted for accepting the new Constitution (see annexe 1). The text of the Constitution will yet demand a copy editing that Q. Edward Wang accepted to assume.

5. ICHTH Secretary position

Due to Stefan Berger's, the current ICHTH Secretary's overwhelmed obligations at his home university, Ewa Domanska proposed a new candidate for the position of the ICHTH Secretary – Edoardo Tortarolo. The Bureau unanimously voted for the candidacy of Edoardo Tortarolo as the new ICHTH Secretary.

6. Book/Dissertation prize for 2017

The Chair of the ICHTH Book/Dissertation prize for 2016, Chris Lorenz reported on the work of the prize committee. The prize was given to Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen's book *Postnarrativist Philosophy of History* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

At the proposition of Ewa Domanska, Chris Lorenz accepted to continue as the Chair of the ICHTH Book/Dissertation prize for 2017. The other members of the prize committee will be, at the unanimous vote of the Bureau, Estevão de Rezende Martins and Q. Edward Wang.

A new announcement for the ICHTH Book/Dissertation prize for 2017 was discussed and unanimously accepted (see annexe 2). The deadline for submissions to the prize is 31 March 2018. The announcements will be published on the website of ICHTH, in other relevant websites and in main journals in the field.

7. New ICHTH members

Ewa Domanska presented two new applications to become a member of ICHTH:

1) **Bruno Joseph Forand** who is currently a postgraduate researcher at the Université de Paris-Sorbonne, and has research interest in History and Theory of European Historiography during the Early Modern Era; History and Theory of Epistemology and Methodology). The recommendation came from the ICHTH member Fernando Sanchez-Marcos.

2) **Dr Branimir Jankovic** who is working at the University of Zagreb and teaches and studies the History of Historiography, Historiography of the French Revolution and Public History. The recommendation came from Ewa Domanska.

The Bureau adopted both candidates by majority to become new members ICHTH.

8. Next Bureau meeting

Marek Tamm proposed to host the next Bureau meeting (along with a workshop) in Tallinn University in late August or late September 2018. A Doodle poll will be organized to decide on the dates of the meeting and workshop.

The Bureau unanimously accepted the proposition.

9. Commemorating Georg G. Iggers.

Ewa Domanska proposed a discussion about the ways of commemorating the life and work of late George G. Iggers. A virtual memorial plaque was opened on the website of ICHTH (http://www.staff.amu.edu.pl/~ewa/freehtml5streets/index_a.html).

Edoardo Tortarolo presented the initiative to publish in 2018 a special issue of *Storia della Storiografia* dedicated to the work of Georg Iggers. It will consist about 6-7 contributions on various aspects of Iggers' scholarly interests.

10. Resignation of Qineng Chen from the Bureau.

The Bureau unanimously accepted the resignation letter from the Bureau of Qineng Chen.

Prepared by Marek Tamm