

Meeting	General Assembly at the University of Lille, France		
	Minutes	Date	2025-08-20
Created by	Lisa Rosén Rasmussen (LRR)	Start	14:00 pm CET
	Secretary	End	15:30 pm CET
Participants	EC members: Felicitas Acosta (FA), Luis Grosso Correia (LGC), Inés Dussel (ID), Juri Meda (JM), Christine Ogren (CO), Lajos Somogyvári (LS). Sjaak Braster (SB), Lisa Rosén Rasmussen (LRR) ISCHE members including EC members onsite: 170; online: 87		
Guests			
Not present	Veronica Fonte (VF), Chelsea Rodriguez (CR)		

*Based on the highest participation rate in the voting results.

This General Assembly takes place both in person and in Zoom. ID welcomes the 257 participants and thanks the LOC. She confirms that there is a quorum and explains the voting system. Voting takes place exclusively online using the 'Choice Voting' system.

1. Approval of the agenda

ID introduces the agenda. Rebecca Rogers motions to accept the agenda. Geert Thyssen seconds the motion. The agenda is approved. No one opposes the motion.

2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly in Natal, Brazil on August 20, 2024

The GA took place both in person and online and voting was conducted exclusively online making use of the voting system Choice Voting. Daniel Töpper passes the motion to approve the minutes. Clémence Cardon-Quint seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

3. President's report

ID thanks ISCHE. This is her last year as president. She thanks the EC, the Berlin office and this year's LOC. This year's conference is much bigger than expected. The number of participants changes as we move around, as does the percentage of people participating from each country/region.

	Milan	Budapest	Natal	Lille
Total registrations	527	474	410	698
Western Europe	62%	45%	32%	53%
Eastern Europe	9%	16%	3%	7%
Latin America	17%	21%	51%	22%
North America	5%	4%	6%	6%
Asia	5%	10%	6%	9%
Australia	1%	3%	1%	1%
Africa	1%	1%	1%	2%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

Similarly, the percentage of participants online changes depending on the location and the stage of the pandemic cycle and its ending. In Lille in 2025, for example, 148 participants will be online, accounting for 21% of the total number of participants (698). The online percentages were 25% in Milan, 27% in Budapest and 40% in Natal.

Over the past few years, the number of ECRs participating has been on a steep rise. Now it seems to have stabilised. The percentages were as follows: Milan: 28%; Budapest: 37%; Natal: 41%; and

this year: Lille: 36% (with 247 ECR participants). The numbers also show that ECRs and countries with low GDP participation rates have a higher percentage of attendees at the online conference. This is a reason to keep the online conference, although the EC is aware that the format needs to be updated.

The number of members is also increasing. There are currently 633 members in total (with 16 more still pending, as their payments are being processed). ECR membership is also very high at 258 members. Compared to 2022, ECR membership has increased fivefold. Normal membership has doubled. Ian Grosvenor, Karin Priem and Inés Felix have been very important for this focus on the engagement of ECRs, and this is now evident in the statistics.

The institutional membership for 2025 has also increased to 24 members, with representatives from Turkey and China having now joined.[not sure they have already joined. In the case of China they expressed interest]

When it comes to management, perhaps there is a need to raise the fees, as we are crossing the border in terms of when to pay tax on work carried out by the Berlin office.

We are currently discussing the constitution and the bylaws. We are doing this in two rounds. The first round is mainly an update, which will be put to the vote at the 2025 GA. The second round involves more in-depth discussions on election processes for the president and ECR positions.

ID also thanks the book series editorial group led by Linda Chisholm, the committees of the First Book Award and the Early Career Researcher Paper Award. She extends ISCHE's gratefulness to the SWGs.

The modality and frequency of the conferences are being discussed, but the next meeting will be in Athens. Then it will be in Braga, Portugal. One final point is that we are working on updating the homepage. This will involve updating both the aesthetics and its security. A Portuguese design bureau, SuperTiny, is working with us on this. Hopefully it will be ready in one or two months.

4. Treasurer's Report 1 January-31 December 2024

LS says that this is his first time as treasurer. He thanks ID, the Berlin office and LRR.

He starts his report for 2024 by emphasising the success of the 2024 Natal Conference and its positive impact on the final budget. The starting balance for 2024 was €74,506.49, rising to €94,913.76 by the end of the year. This means there was a total surplus of €20,407.27.

This year, we are introducing differentiated fees for countries with low and high GDPs. The prospects for 2025 are positive, with the possibility of a small surplus. Currently, we are spending money from our savings on an essential update and reconstruction of the homepage.

ISCHE's financial situation is generally healthy. However, we are in a time of economic and political uncertainty. This involves growing costs relating to inflation, travel and accommodation. In this context, we will discuss how to best conduct our future conferences (online vs. offline). Our community has a responsibility to maintain the possibility of cooperation and involve more scholars from all over the world.

5. Approval of the 2024 budget and Exculpation of the EC for the year 2025

Diana Vidal moves to approve the budget. Karin Priem seconds the motion. The budget has been approved and the EC has been exculpated.

6. Election of EC president and EC members

Lisa Rosén Rasmussen has been proposed as the next president. ID introduces LRR. LRR then gives a statement about her motivation and approach to becoming the next ISCHE president.

Helen Proctor (University of Sydney, Australia) and Panagiotis G. Kimourtzis (University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece) are both standing for election. They briefly introduce themselves.

The vote is conducted making use of the voting system Choice Voting. Both Helen Proctor and Panagiotis G. KIMOURTZIS have been elected with a majority of votes casted.

Voting results:

Lisa Rosén Rasmussen: 257 members cast their votes. The result: 236 votes in favour, 5 votes against, 16 abstentions.

Helen Proctor: 257 members cast their votes. The result: 231 votes in favour, 5 votes against, 21 abstentions.

Panagiotis G. Kimourtzis: 257 members cast their votes. The result: 230 votes in favour, 8 votes against, 19 abstentions.

Thanks to Juri Meda and Chris Ogren for their work in the EC and especially with the national organizations. Juri is ending his working in the EC. CO will continue as a co-opted member. JM receives a plaque as a token of thanks for the work done in the EC.

7. ISCHE 2024 First Book Award

The award is granted to Matthew Gardner Kelly (University of Washington) for his book: *Dividing the Public: School Finance and the Creation of Structural Inequity* (Cornell University Press, 2023). ID reads a short abstract from the First Book Award Committee's review. The prize winner thanks the committee and pays his respect to the community of ISCHE.

8. Early Career Conference paper Award 2023

The prize for this year is awarded to ArCasia D. James-Gallaway, PhD, of Texas A&M University for her paper: 'I'm Black, and I Can Do This': Black Girls Expanding Femininity in the 1970s U.S." and Dayana Murguía Méndez (Instituto de Historia de Cuba, La Habana) for her paper, " 'Cuba en su Tercer Mundo: becas Sur-Sur y ayuda educativa para "la autosuficiencia" (1977-2012)'. ID reads the laudations aloud. One paper will be published as an article, and the other will be included in a book. The prize winners are not present but will receive their certificates by post.

9. Discussion and approval of one new SWGs

ID introduces one new proposal: "Histories of Education Beyond the Human: Debates and Quandaries". Convenors: Karin Priem, Inés Dussel and Matthew R. Keynes. Karin Priem is presenting the idea and aim of the new SWG and asks for it to be accepted.

Voting results:

On a total number of 633 possible voters (i.e., members) 259 casted a vote. The results: 218 yes, 13 no, 28 abstain.

10. and 11. Amendment of the Constitution and Byelaws [I think we need to discuss this with Angelika and Jenny and see how to report it following German regulations]

ID introduces the proposed changes, already circulated in the package for the GA. They aim to update and simplify the constitution and the byelaws and to ensure the two are aligned. Changes are related to membership, ECRs, SWG, counting of votes, the EC and members of the EC, ISCHE endorsements, fees, and first book award.

[perhaps we need to list them and say they were voted one by one. and we should separate Constitution and Byelaws]

The floor is open to questions and comments. There are no comments or questions.

Julie McLeod passes the motion to approve the changes. Myriam Southwell seconds the motion. The changes of the Constitution and the Byelaws are approved.

12. Call for Papers for ISCHE 47 Athens (Greece), July 15-18, 2026

Panagiotis G. Kimourtzis announces the call for ISCHE 47 in Athens, Greece 2026. "SOURCES AND RESEARCH PRACTICES IN THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION: Challenges and Perspectives". Kimourtzis also introduces the University of Athens and the venue (The School of Philosophy Building) for the conference in Athens, Greece.

ID tells about the invitation from Braga, Portugal to host ISCHE 48 in 2027. The conversation on this will be taken up in September 2025.

13. Other matters arising

ID tells about the panel to honour and remember Joyce Goodman. This will take place after the General Assembly.

Rebecca Rogers draws attention to the fact that 2029 will mark the 50th anniversary of ISCHE. The first conference took place in Leuven, Belgium, in 1989. Rogers suggests holding the anniversary conference in the same place. Karin Priem suggests that the anniversary should be marked in some way.

Closing time: 15:30