


2024_GA_M	GENERAL ASSEMBLY		
Meeting	General Assembly at the University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), in Natal		
	Minutes	Date	2024-08-20
Created by	Angelo Van Gorp	Start	4:05 pm Brazilian time (9:00 pm CET)
	Secretary	End	5:30 pm Brazilian time (10:30 pm CET)
EC Members present	EC members: Felicitas Acosta (FA), Luis Grosso Correia (LGC), Inés Dussel (ID), Juri Meda (JM, online), Christine Ogren (CO), Lisa Rosén Rasmussen (LRR), Lajos Somogyvári (LS), Angelo Van Gorp (AVG)		
Not present	Matilda Keynes (MK)		
Participants	Participants at the GA: 155, consisting of Participants present on site (incl. EC): 121 Online participants: 34		

This General Assembly takes place both in person and in Zoom. ID welcomes the attendees, thanks the LOC and explains the 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, Budapest, July 20, 2023

The GA took place both in person and online and voting was conducted exclusively online making use of the voting system aDoodle. Frederik Herman passes the motion to approve the minutes. Ethan Ris seconds the motion. The minutes are approved. (One correction: the name of Marc Van Overbeke was misspelled.)

3. President's report

ID thanks the members, the EC and the office in Berlin. She adds to this a special thanks to the LOC in Natal, particularly to Olívia Medeiros Neta, from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, who worked tirelessly to organize this conference. For this year's conference, we have a total of 414 accepted papers, 6 symposia, 8 research workshops and 17 preformed panels, numbers that are similar to last year's conference. The submitting authors are 535, but the registered participants are 417. Approximately a third of these participants are based in Brazil. The percentage of early career researchers (ECRs) who have registered for the conference is 41% of the total. This is the highest proportion of ECRs since counting started. This development is something to be proud of, as it consolidates ISCHE as an intergenerational society. However, it also demands attention in terms of the financial sustainability of our conferences, because of the reduced fee for ECRs.

ISCHE still offers two formats for participation in the annual conference: in person and online. This year there was a significant increase in the participation in the online conference, which has gone up from 27% of the total number of participants in 2023 to 38% in 2024. This year there are more standard members participating online. ID wants to highlight that this year's participants come from 39 countries, slightly less diverse than last year but still confirming that ISCHE is a truly international organization. It is significant that in 2024 the percentage of submitting authors who work in Latin-American institutions is 56% (compared to 21% last year). Those colleagues who work in Western Europe account for 28% of the total, down from 45% last year. In Budapest 16% of the submitting authors were from Eastern Europe, this year this has dropped to 3%. This year there is a remarkable increase in scholars coming from the US (28 submitting authors), as well as from Chile (15) and Uruguay (20).

ID emphasises that the decision to change locations and conference dates, while not always be comfortable for everybody, but is important as it allows ISCHE to get closer to different scholarly communities. Each ISCHE conference is different, and this may be one important key to keep our community open and alive, and truly inter- and trans-national for the sake of pluralism, diversity, and for the academic dialogue and enrichment coming with this.

Since 2018, ISCHE receives administrative support in Berlin through an office shared with the European Educational Research Association (EERA). This allows ISCHE to manage membership, run the conferences through Conftool, and achieve a formal recognition as a society. Conftool makes ISCHE independent for conference management and financial transactions, reducing overhead costs and providing LOCs with better procedures for managing and reviewing submissions and registrations. Since 2023, ISCHE stopped running membership management through Taylor and Francis (T&F). ISCHE has kept an agreement with T&F so that members receive a special discount for *Paedagogica Historica*, a feature that is highly valued as there are close ties between the journal and ISCHE's history. Related to this, in 2024 ISCHE signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Stichting *Paedagogica Historica*, in which we have agreed to mutually support each other in promoting research and capacity building in the history of education and advancing global networks in our field. *Paedagogica Historica* will devote an annual (if possible, double) special issue with a selection of papers presented at the annual conference, all going through the blind peer-review of the journal. This publication gives the conference visibility and presence in one of the most prestigious journals in our field. The new MoU will be valid for five years.

ISCHE membership continues growing. From 303 members in 2022, ISCHE grew to 342 members in 2023, and to 464 members in 2024. ID reminds members, as per constitution, that membership shall end upon voluntary resignation from the association, and this must be submitted in writing. It implies that a resignation letter should be sent to the Berlin office to end one's membership. The next renewal term will start in January 2025. Institutional membership has also grown to 22, a 60% increase since 2023, thanks to the work done by two EC members, JM and CO, who have been in close contact with national associations. The 2024 institutional membership list contains the following national associations:

- ANZHES – Australian & New Zealand History of Education Society
- ATRHE – Association Transdisciplinaire pour les Recherches Historiques sur l'Éducation
- BENGGOO – Belgisch-Nederlandse Vereniging voor de Geschiedenis van Opvoeding en Onderwijs
- CHEA/ACHÉ – Canadian History of Education Association
- CIRSE – Centro Italiano per la Ricerca Storico Educativa
- DGfE – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft – Sektion Historische Bildungsforschung
- GSEH – Greek Society of Education Historians
- HES, UK – History of Education Society
- HES, US – History of Education Society
- HISTEDUP – Associação de História da Educação de Portugal
- IARHE – The Israeli Association for the Research of the History of Education (R.A)
- JSHSE – Japan Society for Historical Studies of Education
- SAIEHE – Sociedad Argentina de Investigación y Enseñanza en Historia de la Educación
- SBHE – Sociedade Brasileira de História da Educação
- SCHHE – Sociedad Chilena de Historia de la Educación
- SEDHE – Sociedad Española de Historia de la Educación
- SEPHE – Sociedad Española para el Estudio del Patrimonio Histórico-Educativo
- SGfB – Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Bildungsforschung – Arbeitsgruppe Historische Bildungsforschung
- SHEPLC – Societat d'Història de l'Educació dels Països de Llengua Catalana
- SIPSE – Società Italiana per lo studio del Patrimonio Storico-Educativo
- SOMEHIDE – Sociedad Mexicana de Historia de la Educación
- SUHE – Sociedad Uruguaya de Historia de la Educación

The participation of ECRs is growing at a steady pace. From 2022 to 2023, ECR membership doubled from 54 to 108. As of July 2024, ISCHE has 171 ECR members. Since 2022, the EC has installed an ECR Advisory Group, which includes 12 members, coordinated by MK (University of Melbourne), who is the ECR representative on the EC. The ECR Advisory Group has developed a survey and is preparing an ECR strategy that will be discussed with the EC.

Such a strong engagement of ECRs with ISCHE's conferences and community life is the result of previous decisions: the presence of an ECR representative on the EC, the organization of specific activities to enhance their presence as well as a budget devoted to supporting it by means of travel Grants for ECRs attending ISCHE conferences and the HEDSS Summer School, and mostly the fee structure that strongly subsidizes ECRs' participation in ISCHE conferences. As the participation of ECRs continues to grow, the EC has started to realize that this gap between costs and fees will need to be revised, as it might make the conference unsustainable in the future. Another reason to reconsider the current fee structure is the demand raised by some members to provide a differentiated fee for low-GDP countries, similar to what other academic institutions offer. The EC wants the association to remain international and diverse as well as to be grounded on intergenerational solidarity. The EC will continue thinking about the best ways to do so without compromising the budget and by trying to keep fees as low as possible.

The *ISCHE book series Global Histories of Education* continues to grow, with two more books published this year, one on intersectionality and history and the other on Torsten Husén and the rise of transnational educational research in the second half of the twentieth century, and more are under contract.

ID emphasizes the activity developed by ISCHE's *Standing Working Groups* (SWGs). There are currently four SWGs on diverse topics, and this year the GA will vote on three more (see below). One of the current ones will end this year. A meeting took place with all active SWGs, and their work is expected to be enhanced further through webinars and increased presence on ISCHE's website.

On July 9, 2024, there was an open meeting to discuss the future of the annual conferences. This topic has been on the agenda for some years now but was sparked by a formal request from the German Association of Historians of Education in September 2021, attended by 33 members. There was time to listen to all those who wanted to express their opinion, which is not always possible in the GA. The EC will explore options related to biannual onsite or bimodal conferences and interim online conferences with different formats, but the consensus is that one should not rush to a decision. In the meantime, the EC has started to prepare for two more conferences, which will keep the current format of an annual conference. In 2025, the annual conference will be held in Lille, France (see below). In 2026, the conference will be held in Athens, very likely from July 15 to 18. The conference theme will be ready before the conference in Lille.

ID concludes by stressing that the institutional balance is good, both in terms of capacity building and management, and in the important ongoing conversations about what ISCHE stands for as a society and what it wants to become. ID thanks the EC and specially the EC members who are ending their term: AVG, who has served for two periods in the EC and is thus stepping down from it, and FA, who has served for one period and is seeking to renew her term.

LRR congratulations to the EC for all the hard work done.

4. Treasurer's Report 1 January - 31 December 2023

LRR thank Jenny Berger and Angelika Wegscheider at the ISCHE Office to always help keeping track on the ISCHE finances.

2023: LRR is thankful to the LOC in Budapest as they worked hard to keep the conference expenses within budget despite global inflation, which hit Hungary particularly hard in 2023. All in all, the balance ended in a good place with a surplus of € 1728. Taking the savings already in the account, it means that the financial situation of ISCHE is healthy.

NB: In the budget for 2023 the payment of the 2022 conference is included because it only took place in 2023. There is a net income in the budget showing the balance with the 2022 payment excluded.

2024: The prospects for 2024 look good when looking at the recently updated budget for the ongoing year. It looks like ISCHE will have a small surplus.

The ISCHE Office is now fully in charge of collecting membership fees. A good surprise was that T&F earlier in charge of this discovered they owed us some membership fees from years back. It was recently transferred to the ISCHE account.

ID thanks LRR.

5. Approval of the 2023 budget and Exculpation of the EC for the year 2023

Diana Vidal moves to approve the budget. Emma Perrone seconds the motion. The budget has been approved.

6. Election of EC members

All elections were held electronically. The electronic ballot papers were sent to all members during the General Meeting and were open for a specific time window.

Sjaak Braster and Felicitas Acosta present themselves. The vote is conducted making use of the voting system aDoodle. Both Felicitas Acosta and Sjaak Braster have been elected with a majority of votes casted. AVG receives a plaque as a token of thanks for the work done on the EC.

Voting results:

Felicitas Acosta: On a total number of 464 possible voters (i.e., members) 115 casted a vote. The results: 109 yes, 2 no, 4 abstain.

Sjaak Braster: On a total number of 464 possible voters (i.e., members) 121 casted a vote. The results: 111 yes, 4 no, 6 abstain.

7. Discussion and approval of three new SWGs

FA introduces three new proposals:

- 1) Crises and educational renewal in a complex world, 1870-1950 presented by Fabienne Serina-Karsky
- 2) Teacher education and written culture: History of libraries, books, and practices presented by Ana Laura Lima
- 3) History of Education in African societies presented by Pierre Guidi

Voting results:

(1) On a total number of 464 possible voters (i.e., members) 109 casted a vote. The results: 103 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain.

(2) On a total number of 464 possible voters (i.e., members) 111 casted a vote. The results: 104 yes, 2 no, 5 abstain.

(3) On a total number of 464 possible voters (i.e., members) 112 casted a vote. The results: 104 yes, 3 no, 5 abstain.

8. ISCHE 2024 First Book Award

This year's prize is awarded to Ethan Ris (University of Nevada, Reno) for his book: *Other People's Colleges. The origins of American Higher Education Reform* (The University of Chicago Press, 2022). ID reads the laudation. The prize winner attends in Zoom and thanks the committee and presents briefly his book.

9. Early Career Conference Paper Award 2023

This year's prize is awarded to Sabrina González and Ana Cristina Rocha for their paper entitled: "Give Me a Laboratory and I will Raise Children's Education: Teachers' Experiments and School Reforms in Argentina and Brazil (1900s-1930s)". ID reads the laudation. The prize winners are not there but will receive their certificate by post.

10. ISCHE 46 Lille 2025, and Athens 2026

Rebecca Rogers introduces the theme and venue of the next conference, which will take place in Lille, France, July 8-11, 2025. The cfp is already in the package.

11. Additional recommendations from membership

Rebecca Rogers noticed that there were less book submissions than usual (4 compared to 13 the year before). ID agrees that the EC must promote it better, particularly taking into account such a large ECR community.

Rebecca Rogers asks again about the status of the ISCHE archive (RR still has a small archive and wonders what happens with the digital-born files). ID answers that there is no follow-up on this at the moment.

Toni Canales refers to the statement ISCHE made on the war in Ukraine and wonders why ISCHE does not something similar regarding the war Israel/Palestine. This is followed by a discussion with contributions from several members, with the conclusion that it is important to express a sense of grief and support to colleagues there (as ID did in her report) but that one should avoid being bogged down in political action.

AVG announces the vote results for the EC candidates and informs that all three SWGs are accepted.

Closing 5:30

ID thanks Europeans being up that late.