Oslo, 6 August 2000

The first of the two ICHS statutory general assemblies that meet during the quinquennial congress was held in the Aula of the University of Oslo, chaired by Prof. Ivan Berend, on 6 August 2000 at 3:30 p.m. just before the opening of the 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences.

Attendance:

* Bureau members: Ivan T. Berend, President; Natalie Zemon Davis, Alexander Tchoubarian, vice-presidents; François Bédarida, Secretary General; Pierre Ducrey, Treasurer; Jürgen Kocka, Hiroyuki Ninomiya, Jean-Claude Robert, Romila Thapar, Rosario Villari, Assessor Members; and also Even Lange, President of the Organising Committee of the 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences. (Apologies: Eva Österberg, Assessor Member; Theo Barker and Ernesto de La Torre Villar, Counsellors).

* representatives of the following National Committees, Affiliated International Organisations and Internal Commissions:

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29 - Israel    Michael Heyd
30 - Italy     Rosario Villari
31 - Japan     Yuzo Itagaki    Masao Nishikawa
32 - Latvia    Evalds Mugurevitsch
33 - Lithuania Absent
34 - Luxembourg Paul Spang
35 - Morocco   Absent
36 - Mexico    Absent
37 - Mongolia  Absent
38 - Norway    Ellen Schrumpf
39 - Netherlands Hans Blom
40 - Poland    Absent
41 - Portugal  Absent
42 - Romania   Dan Berindei
43 - Russia    Sergei L. Tikhvinski
44 - Slovakia (Republic of) Dusan Kovac
45 - Slovenia  Absent
46 - South Africa (Republic of) Absent
47 - Sweden    Rolf Torstendhal
48 - Switzerland Antoine Fleury
49 - Czech Republic Vilém Precan
50 - Tunisia   Absent
51 - Turkey    Bahaeddin Yediyildiz
52 - Ukrainia  Absent
53 - Uruguay   Absent
54 - Vatican (Holy See) Walter Brandmüller
55 - Venezuela Absent
56 - Viet-nam  Absent

**Affiliated International Organisations**

1 - International Association for the Study of Southeast Europe Absent
2 - International Association of Contemporary History of Europe
Jacques Bariéty

3 - International Association of History of Law and Institutions
Absent

4 - International Association of Economic History
Absent

5 - International Association for Byzantine Studies
Absent

6 - International Commission for the History of the Second World War
Absent

7 - International Commission for the History of Historiography
Absent

8 - International Commission on the History of Social Movements and Structures
Absent

9 - International Commission on Comparative Ecclesiastic History
Absent

10 - International Commission on Maritime History
Absent

11 - International Commission on Comparative Military History
Cornelius Schulten

12 - Comm. on the History of International Relations
Giovanni Scirocco

13 - International Numismatic Commission
Absent

14 - International Commission of Slavic Studies
Absent

15 - International Commission on the History of State Assemblies
Absent

16 - International Commission on the History of Universities
Absent

17 - International Commission on the History of Cities
Absent

18 - International Fed. of Societies and Institutes for Renaissance Studies
Absent

19 - International Fed. for Research on the History of Women
Absent

20 - Instituto Panamerico de Geografía e Historia
Absent

21 - International Association of Historical Societies for the Study of Jewish History
Absent

22 - International Society on the Didactics of History
Absent

23 - Union of Arab Historians
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24 - Unione internaz. degli Istituti di Archeologia, Storia, e Storia dell'Arte in Roma
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**Observers (applied for admission):**

1 - Academia Chilena de la Historia  
Sña. Elena Bornand (Chilean Committee for Historical Sciences)

2 - International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport  
Thierry Terret (Affiliated International Organisation)

3 - Study group on “the Cold War”  
Alexander O. Tchoubarian (Internal Commission)

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**Agenda**

1. Secretary General’s Activities Report
2. Treasurer’s Financial Report and appointment of two auditors
3. Report from the Nominating Committee: proposals for the 2000-2005 ICHS Bureau
4. Transformation of Internal Commissions into Affiliated International Organisations
5. New members. Vote on candidates’ applications
6. Choice of venue for 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences in 2005
   Studies of proposals
7. Other matters
The President, Ivan Berend, after welcoming all the members in attendance, gave the floor to the Secretary General who first verified the delegates’ mandates.

1. Report by the Secretary General

François Bédarida reminded the meeting that ICHS members are to vote on the important decisions to be taken on the eve of the new quinquennium at the second General Assembly. Then he presented his 1990-2000 General Report. Because of its length and detail, it was not read at the meeting; the full text is appended to this report.

He expanded on certain important points and expressed special pleasure at receiving four new applications for membership: Chile and Peru are applying as national committees, the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport as an Affiliated International Organisation, a study group on the “cold war”, chaired by Alexandre Tchoubarian, as an Internal Commission (for a limited amount of time).

Further, in compliance with decisions taken in Prague in 1992 concerning the change of status of the Internal Commissions, the following three of them have completed the procedures required to become Affiliated International Organisations: the International Commission on the History of the French Revolution, the International Standing Conference on the History of Education and the Society for the Study of Crusades and the Latin East.

Last, as concerns the ICHS Web site, Pierre Ducrey, the Treasurer, has completed the preparations and indicated that the site has been on line since 5 July 2000 at the following address: <http://www.cish.org>. The new ICHS logo, created for the occasion, will henceforth appear on the letterhead and on the cover of the next issues of the Bulletin d’information.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Pierre Ducrey drew attention to some points of his report which is appended hereto. After reminding the participants that the main part of the Committee’s income comes from membership dues, he drew attention to the arrears (details are set out in the table of arrears for the past five years, appended hereto). Three cases are especially alarming; they include Andorra which has not given any sign of life since 1986 and has been removed from the ICHS registers as of this session.

Since there were no questions about the Treasurer’s report, two auditors were appointed: Prof. Kathleen Burk (Deputy Delegate, British National Committee) and Prof. Gregory Kealey (Delegate, Historical Society of Canada).

3. Nominating Committee
In keeping with the tradition, the Nominating Committee was composed of three Bureau members (Prof. Natalie Davis, Prof. Ivan Berend and Prof. François Bédarida) and four non-Bureau members (Prof. Shulamit Volkov from Israel, Prof. Manuel Espadas Burgos from Spain, Prof. Takeshi Kido from Japan and Prof. Wolfgang J. Mommsen from Germany).

Since the Nominating Committee was not able at its meeting in Moscow on 30 August 1999, to draw up a full list of proposals for the 2000-2005 Bureau, the Secretary General had to work by mail with the Committee members in order to complete the list. The final list which had been presented by the outgoing Bureau had been unanimously adopted. It is to be submitted to the approval of the General Assembly on 10 August.

Natalie Davis read then the list, adding some remarks about the newcomers.

— President: Prof. Jürgen Kocka (Berlin, Germany), Assessor Member up to now
— First Vice President: Prof. Eva Österberg (Lund, Sweden), Assessor Member up to now
— Second Vice President: Prof. Romila Thapar (New Delhi, India), interim Assessor Member up to now
— Secretary General: Prof. Jean-Claude Robert (Montreal, Canada) Assessor Member up to now
— Treasurer: Prof. Pierre Ducrey (Lausanne, Switzerland)
— Assessor Members: Prof. Gregory Bongard-Levin (Russia)
                     Prof. Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch (France)
                     Prof. Michael Heyd (Israel)
                     Prof. William Chester Jordan (United-States)
                     Prof. Koichi Kabayama (Japan)
                     Prof. José-Luis Peset (Spain)
— Counsellors: Prof. Ivan Berend (Hungary/United States) ICHS President from 1995 to 2000

Natalie Davis, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, said the curriculum vitae of the six people who were being nominated to the Bureau for the first time were available between 7 and 10 August at the ICHS Secretariat (Room 326, Building C) for consultation by members of the General Assembly.

Natalie Davis also mentioned Article 5 of the ICHS Constitution which states that “[the Nominating Committee] shall present its proposals at the first of the two General Assemblies which take place at each quinquennial Congress. Counter-proposals may be
submitted to the Bureau between the first and the second Assembly. To be admissible, a
counter-proposal has to be signed by the representatives of five National Committees or
Affiliated International Organisations. The Bureau shall be elected at the second of the
two General Assemblies held at the quinquennial Congress.” If a counter-proposal is
submitted, the curriculum vitae of the candidate being proposed shall be made available
to the members of the General Assembly.

4. Transformation of three Internal Commissions into Affiliated International
Organisations

Referring back to information explained in his report, François Bédarida briefly presented
the three Internal Commissions that have asked for a change of status in order to comply
with the decisions taken at the Montreal General Assembly in 1995.

1. the International Commission on the History of the French Revolution, presided over
by Prof. Michel Vovelle;

2. the International Standing Conference for the History of Education, presided over by
Prof. Jeroen Dekker;

3. the Society for the Study of Crusades and the Latin East, presided over by Prof.
Benjamin Z. Keddar.

Since Pres. Ivan Berend received the unanimous approval of the General Assembly, the
three candidates were admitted “by applause” as Affiliated International Organisations
and thus were eligible to vote on August 10, at the second General Assembly.

5. Admission of new members

François Bédarida took the floor again to present the four requests for membership in
ICHS:

1. the Chilean Committee for Historical Sciences, presided over by Prof. J. Gonzales
Echenique (President of the Chilean Academy of History);

2. the Peruvian Committee for Historical Sciences, presided over by Dr. Guillermo
Lohmann Villena, with Prof. Miguel Maticorena Estrada, of the N.M.University of San
Marcos at Lima as Secretary General;

3. the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport, presided over
by Prof. Dr. Gertrud Pfister (Freie Universität, Berlin) with Prof. Thierry Terret (Université
de Lyon 1) as Vice President, applying as an Affiliated International Organisation;

4. an International Commission, that brings together research centres and study groups
on “The Cold War”, supervised by Prof. Alexandre Tchoubarian, and is applying as an
Internal Commission for a limit of five years.

Since Pres. Ivan Berend received the unanimous approval of the General Assembly, the
four candidates were admitted “by applause” as members of ICHS and invited to start
participating in the General Assembly immediately.
6. Australian candidacy for the 20th Congress in 2005

After the withdrawal of another proposal, the only candidate offering to host the congress in 2005 was the National Committee of Australia.

Prof. Jill Roe (Macquarie University, Sydney), President of the Australian Historical Association and her colleague, Prof. Martin Lyons (University of New South Wales, Sydney) presented the Australian candidacy to the General Assembly. Their presentation was well prepared and included numerous slides. It was designed to respond in advance to the objections that potential participants might have concerning the distance and the travel cost. The suggested dates, 4-10 July, fall between two university semesters; this means 400 to 500 congress participants could be housed on campus under excellent conditions and at a very reasonable price. Hotels in the city are also very reasonable compared to the rates charged in most countries.

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There being no other questions, Pres. Ivan Berend thanked the Assembly members for their attention and adjourned the meeting.