



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:

National Committees	Delegates	Deputy Delegates
1 - Albania	Absent	
2 - Germany	Heinz Duchhardt	
3 - Andorra	Absent	
4 - Argentina	Absent	
5 - Australia	Jill Roe	Martin Lyons
6 - Austria	Absent	
7 - Belgium	Absent	
8 - Belarus	Absent	
9 - Brazil	Estevao de Rezende Martins	
10 - Bulgaria	Milem Semkov	
11 - Canada	Greg Kealey	
12 - China	Chongji, Jin	
13 - Cyprus	Absent	
14 - Korea (Seoul)	Cha, Ha Soon	Lew, Young I.
15 - Korea (Pyongyang)	Absent	
16 - Croatia	Absent	
17 - Denmark	Absent	
18 - Spain	Manuel Espadas Burgos	Eloy Benito Ruano
19 - United States	Anita Jones	
20 - Finland	Matti Klinge	
21 - France	Michel Balard	
22 - Great-Britain	Janet Nelson	Kathleen Burk



23 - Greece	Basilique Papoulia	
24 - Guinea	Absent	
25 - Hungary	Absent	
26 - India	Romila Thapar	
27 - Ireland	Keith Jeffery	
28 - Island	Absent	
29 - Israel	Michael Heyd	
30 - Italy	Rosario Villari	
31 - Japan	Yuzo Itagaki	Masao Nishikawa
32 - Lattvia	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	Vilèm Precan	
50 - Tunisia	Absent	
51 - Turkey	Bahaeddin Yediyildiz	
52 - Ukraina	Absent	
53 - Uruguay	Absent	
54 - Vatican (Holy See)	Walter Brandmüller	
55 - Venezuela	Absent	
56 - Viet-nam	Absent	

Affiliated International Organisations**Delegates****Deputy Delegates**

1 - International Association for the Study of Southeast Europe	Absent	
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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 Panamericano de Geografia 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	Absent
24 - Unione internaz. degli Istituti di Archeologia, Storia, e Storia dell'Arte in Roma	Absent



Internal Commissions	Delegates	Deputy Delegates
1 - Association against the Manipulation of History (MURS)	Absent	
2 - African Historians Association	Absent	
3 - International Committee on Latin Paleography (CIPL)	Absent	
4 - International Com. for Historical Metrology (CIMH)	Absent	
5 - International Commission on the History of the French Revolution	Michel Vovelle	
6 - International Commission on Historical Demography	Absent	
7 - International Commission on Diplomacy	Absent	
8 - International Commission on the History of the Russian Revolution	Absent	
9 - International Association for Media and History (IAMHIST)	Absent	
10 - International Commission for Historical Journals	Absent	
11 - International Standing Conference for the History of Education (ISCHE)	Absent	
12 - MAJESTAS (Study of Sovereignty)	Absent	
13 - Peace History Society	Absent	
14 - Society for the Study of Crusades and the Latin East	Absent	

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)

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



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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 keep 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 vitæ 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 vitæ 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 I) 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 (Macqarie 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.