



Amsterdam, 27 August 2010

The new Bureau elected by the General Assembly on 26 August 2010, held a meeting on 27 August at 9 a.m. under the direction of ICHS President, Professor Marjatta Hietala. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new Bureau members and discuss the Bureau's agenda for 2011.

Present: Marjatta HIETALA, President; Hilda SABATO, Vice-President; W. (Pim) DEN BOER, Vice-President; Robert FRANK, Secretary General; Laurent TISSOT, Treasurer; Michael BIBIKOV, Karen OFFEN, John ROGISTER and TAO Wenzhao, Assessor Members; and José Luis PESET, Counsellor.

Invited guests: Hans BLOM, Amsterdam Congress Organizing Committee, and Pascal CAUCHY, French Committee of Historical Sciences.

Absent: LIM Jie-Yun, Andrea GIARDINA.

Call to order

The President welcomed Board members and suggested they take turns introducing themselves.

Robert Frank proposed that Pascal Cauchy, Secretary General of the French Committee of Historical Sciences, be appointed Deputy Secretary General to assist him in his tasks, which were described as "heavy" in Jean-Claude Robert's report. The new ICHS Secretary General will have an office completely dedicated to ICHS activities at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris.

ICHS agenda

Robert Frank proposed discussing the agenda without further delay in order to prepare for the next General Assembly, which will be held in Budapest in 2012.

The first *Bureau restreint* meeting may be held in Paris in February 2011. A regular Board meeting will be held in Helsinki in May.

Pim den Boer reminded the Bureau that the Netherlands Committee would be holding a meeting on 22 October to discuss the Amsterdam Congress and then would forward its conclusions to the Bureau.

Improvement of ICHS activities

Robert Frank said that the first priority should be to develop the Web site, as requested by the General Assembly.

Karen Offen said that the Web site should be discussed in depth as soon as possible.

All members agreed on the need to further develop the Web site to better publicize the ICHS and its activities.



Hans Blom pointed out that the Congress is the ICHS's main activity, but that attendance is decreasing. Developing the Web site would be a way to rethink the organization's main mission and reach out to historians more effectively.

John Rogister said that the Web site could be a useful tool for handling the important task of publishing the Congress's proceedings. The ICHS has gone from publishing seven volumes to none at all.

Tao Wenzhao said that the Chinese Organizing Committee would soon be launching the 2015 Congress Web site.

2015 Congress

All members agreed on the need to reach out to historians as well as students.

Pim den Boer emphasized the need to create a solidarity fund to help historians without funding attend the Congress, as was done in Amsterdam in 2010.

Laurent Tissot said that it would be important to take into account the date of the World Economic History Congress when scheduling the next Congress.

Marjatta Hietala thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 10 a.m.