



**Berlin, 22 March 2002**

**Members in attendance** : Jürgen Kocka, President ; Pierre Ducrey, Treasurer and Jean-Claude Robert, Secretary General.

The *Bureau restreint* met at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) on Friday, 22 March 2002, to review ICHS operations and activities between regular Bureau meetings of Princeton (August 2001) and Amsterdam (August 2002).

**Agenda:**

1-ICHS Operations

2-Treasurer's Report

3-Relations Between ICHS and UNESCO

4-Work Plan for the Bureau

5-2005 Congress

**1. ICHS Operations**

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The Bulletin was published in January. Slight changes were made in the format and the presentation. We used the new design for the cover and a glossy finish was chosen. 800 copies were printed, and 5 copies were sent to every National Committee and Affiliated International Organisation ; Internal Commissions received one copy. One request for supplementary copies was received. The cost of mailing is quite important, almost as much as the cost of production.

**Meetings**

**a) Association of African Historians**

The 3rd Congress of the Association of African Historians was held at Bamako, Mali, between September 10 and 14, 2001. ICHS was represented by the Secretary General and Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch. The venue was successful and papers presented were interesting. This Congress was the occasion of a fresh start for the Association.

**b) Association marocaine pour la recherche historique (Rabat, 6 October 2001)**

The Secretary General was invited to present a paper at the IX<sup>e</sup> journée d'étude de l'Association marocaine pour la recherche historique. The chosen theme was "History and Memory". The venue was well-attended and the Association is very dynamic. c) Bureau and General Assembly in Amsterdam : 30 August - 3 September 2002

The preparatory work for the meeting is well under way. The International Institute of Social History is responsible for the logistical organisation. This first circular giving the dates of the Assembly was mailed to all ICHS members last December and a second one will be mailed in May 2002.

**Schedule :**



Friday, 30 August : Arrival of Bureau members

Saturday, 31 August : Bureau Meeting  
Arrival of General Assembly Delegates

Sunday, 1st September : Symposium at the Rijksmuseum : "History in National Museums" and visit of the Museum.

Monday, 2 September : General Assembly

Tuesday, 3 September (morning) : General Assembly

Tuesday, 3 September (afternoon) : Bureau Meeting  
Departure of Delegates to the General Assembly.

A draft agenda for the General Assembly was discussed by the *Bureau restreint*; the two main tasks are to select the themes for the Sydney Congress of 2005 and the setting up of the Nominating Committee for the elections to the Bureau in 2005.

### **Other Business**

The situation of historical scholarship in India is worrying. The Secretary General will contact Romila Thapar to investigate further action.

National Committees / Affiliated International Organisations / Internal Commissions

ICHS received a request from Georgia. After examining the statutes, the Secretary General proposes the acceptance of the National Committee of Historians of Georgia.

On the other hand, three National Committees never answered our letters for over 10 years now : North Korea (1989), Mongolia (1991) and Uruguay (1991). It is proposed to remove those National Committees from the ICHS.

### **2. Financial Report**

The Treasurer explains the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet for 2001 (31 December). He also presents a table showing the evolution of the finances of ICHS for the last five years. Documents are distributed to the members present.

The profit and loss statements for 2000 and 2001 will be audited by the firm TEMKO, of Lausanne, as it was done in the past. Accounts, balance sheets and Auditor's report will be submitted to the General Assembly in Amsterdam. As usual we will proceed in two steps : the General Assembly will nominate its own auditors during its first session (Monday morning) in order for them to have the time to examine at length the documents and then, on the last session (Tuesday morning), the internal auditors will present their own report to the General Assembly.

### **3. ICHS / UNESCO Relations**

#### **Joint Committee**

The Joint Committee met in Paris on October 28 to examine projects to be financed during the upcoming budgetary biennium (2002-2003). ICHS was represented by Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch, José Luis Peset and the Secretary General. The Joint Committee is now housed within the Division of Histories of UNESCO. The Committee proposed to develop projects in four areas : Africa, East-Central Europe, Latin America



and the Caribbean, and the Arab world.

#### **4. Work Plan for the Bureau**

##### **Meetings in 2003**

As decided in Princeton, the *Bureau restreint* will meet in Sydney in 2003 and will be responsible for the site visit to inspect the venue for the 2005 Congress. It will report later to the Bureau. Thanks to an invitation from the French National Committee, the 2003 Bureau will meet in Paris from August 29 to 31.

##### **Nominating Committee**

The Bureau must designate three of the seven members of the Nominating Committee for the 2005 elections to the Bureau. The President and the Secretary General will be part of the Committee plus another member from the Bureau.

##### **Other matters**

The proposed publication of a condensed English translation of Karl Dietrich Erdman's 1987 book (*Die Oekumene der Historiker*) is proceeding. Jürgen Kocka has established contact with a new publisher and W. Mommsen started collecting archival material to bring the story of ICHS to the year 2000.

#### **5. 2005 Congress**

The sub-committee of the Bureau responsible for the first selection of themes will meet in Berlin on March 23 and 24. To date, 265 proposals were received, in regard to 224 in 1997. There are 131 proposals for Major Themes, 1 Conference, 75 proposals for Specialised Themes and 58 proposals for Round Tables. ICHS members responded as follows : 25 National Committees on 57 ; 9 Affiliated International Organisations on 29, and 4 Internal Commissions on 11.

Concerning the final choice of organizers and rapporteurs / discussants, it is proposed to ask National Committees, Affiliated International Organisations and Internal Commissions to submit names to the Secretary General no later than the end of December 2002. Then the same sub-committee of the Bureau will make the final choice in January-February 2003 and the Secretary General will contact chosen organisers and send them the information.