



## Sydney, July 7, 2005

The second statutory General Assembly of the ICHS, chaired by Professor Jürgen Kocka, was held in the Legislative Assembly chamber of the Parliament of New South Wales at 5 p.m. on July 7, 2005.

### Present:

**\* Members of the Bureau** : Jürgen Kocka, President; Eva Österberg, Vice-President; Jean-Claude Robert, Secretary General, and Pierre Ducrey, Treasurer; Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch, Michael Heyd, Koichi Kabayama, and José Luis Peset, Assessor Members; Ivan T. Berend, Counselor; and Martyn Lyons, President of the Organizing Committee of the 20th International Congress for the Historical Sciences (Excused: Romila Thapar, Vice-President, and Gregory Bongard-Levin and William Chester Jordan, Assessor Members).

### \* Representatives of the following National Committees, Affiliated International Organizations, and Internal Commissions:

#### National Committees

No.	Country	Delegate	Deputy Delegate
1	<i>Albania</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
2	Germany	Heinz Duchhardt	
3	<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
4	Australia	Martyn Lyons	
5	<i>Austria</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
6	Belgium	Herman van der Wee	
7	Belarus	Mikhail Kostiuik	
8	Brazil	E. de Rezende Martins	
9	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
10	Canada	Greg Kealey	Beverly Lemire
11	<i>Chile</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
12	China	Zhang, Haipeng	
13	<i>Cyprus</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
14	Korea (Seoul)	Cha, Ha Soon	
15	<i>Croatia</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
16	<i>Denmark</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
17	Spain	José Luis Peset	
18	United States	Dane Kennedy	Arnita Jones
19	Finland	Marjatta Hietala	
20	France	Jean-François Sirinelli	P. Cauchy



21	Georgia	Erekle Astakhishvili	Roin Metreveli
22	Great Britain	Andrew Pole	
23	Greece	Vassiliki Papoulia	
24	<i>Guinea</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
25	Hungary	Attila Pok	
26	<i>India</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
27	Ireland	Keith Jeffery	
28	Iceland	E. Gudmundsson	
29	Israel	Michael Heyd	
30	Italy	Brunello Vigezzi	Luigi Lotti
31	Japan	Nobuihiro Shiba	Atsuko Kawakita
32	Latvia	Evalds Mugurevics	
33	<i>Lithuania</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
34	Luxembourg	P. Dostert	
35	Morocco	Jamma Baida	
36	Mexico	Josefina Zoraida Vazquez	
37	Norway	Even Lange	
38	Netherlands	Hans Blom	
39	<i>Peru</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
40	Poland	Janusz Zarnowski	Stanislaw Bylina
41	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
42	Romania	Ioan Aurel Pop	
43	Russia (Rep. of)	Valery A. Tishkov	Mikhail V. Bibikov
44	Slovakia (Rep. of)	D. Kovac	
45	Slovenia	Peter Vodopivec	
46	<i>South Africa (Rep. of)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
47	Sweden	Eva Österberg	
48	Switzerland	Irène Herrmann	
49	<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
50	<i>Tunisia</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
51	<i>Turkey</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
52	Ukraine	S. Plokhii	
53	Vatican / Holy See	Robert Trisco	Cosimo Semeraro
54	<i>Viêt Nam</i>	<i>Absent</i>	

### Affiliated International Organisations

No.	Name	Delegate	Deputy Delegate
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1	Int'l Ass. for the Study of Southeast Europe	Vassiliki Papoulia	
2	Int'l Ass. of Contemporary History of Europe	Thomas Schramm	Carole Fink
3	<i>Int'l Ass. of History of Law and Institution</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
4	<i>Int'l Ass. of Economic History</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
5	Int'l Ass. for Byzantine Studies	Evangelos Chrysos	
6	Int'l Committee for the History of the Second World War	Gerhard Hirschfeld	
7	Int'l Commission of Social History	Marcel van der Linden	
8	<i>Int'l Commission on Comparative Ecclesiastic History</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
9	<i>Int'l Commission on Maritime History</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
10	Int'l Comm. on Comparative Military History	P. H. Kamphuis	
11	Int'l Comm. on the History of International Relations	Brunello Vigezzi	J. Dülffer
12	Int'l Comm. on the History of the French Revolution	Anna Maria Rao	
13	Int'l Comm. of Historical Demography	Robert McCaa	Kees Mandemakers
14	Int'l Comm. of Slavic Studies	Stephen Fischer- Galati	
15	Int'l Comm. on the History of State Assemblies	E. de Rezende Martins	
16	Int'l Comm. on the History of Universities	Hilde de Ridder-Symoens	
17	Int'l Comm. on the History of Cities	Francesca Bocchi	
18	<i>Int'l Comm. for the History and Theory of Historiography</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
19	<i>Int'l Fed. of Societies and Institutes for Renaissance Studies</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
20	Int'l Fed. for Research on the History of Women	Pirjo Markkola	Mary O'Dowd
21	<i>Instituto Panamericano de Geografía y Historia</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
22	The Int. Ass. of Historical Societies for the Study of Jewish History	Shmuel Feiner	
23	<i>Int. Standing Conference for the History of Education</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
24	Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East	Michel Balard	



25	Int'l Society for the Didactics of History	E. Erdman	
26	Int. Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport	Thierry Terret	
27	<i>Union of Arab Historians</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
28	<i>Unione Int. degli Istituti di Archeologia, Storia e Storia dell'Arte in Roma</i>	<i>Absent</i>	

### Internal Commissions

No.	Name	Delegate	Deputy Delegate
1	<i>Association against the Manipulation of History (MURS)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
2	<i>African Historians Association</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
3	<i>Int'l Committee on Latin Paleography (CIPL)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
4	<i>Int'l Committee for Historical Metrology (CIMH)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
5	<i>Int'l Commission on Diplomacy</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
6	<i>Int'l Comm. on the History of Cold War</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
7	<i>Int'l Comm. on the History of the Russian Revolution</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
8	Int'l Comm. for the History of Travel and Tourism	Claudio Visentin	
9	<i>International Association for Media and History (LAMHIST)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
10	<i>International Commission for Historical Journals</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
11	<i>Majestas (Study of Sovereignty)</i>	<i>Absent</i>	
12	<i>Peace History Society</i>	<i>Absent</i>	

Ms. Margarita Grebennikov, research assistant at NSW University, was the note-taker for this meeting.

### Agenda

1. Opening
2. Approval of the Secretary General's 2000-2005 activity report



3. Approval of the Treasurer's financial report
4. Vote on the venue of the 21st International Congress of Historical Sciences in 2010
5. Deliberations on the 2000-2005 quinquennium and on the future
6. Election of the 2005-2010 Bureau
7. Miscellaneous

### **1. Opening**

After welcoming everyone present, President Jürgen Kocka opened the meeting with a few remarks. He then asked the Secretary General to verify the quorum. With fifty-five voting delegates in attendance, not counting the proxy delegates, the quorum was well superseded. The President then gave the floor to Professor Martyn Lyons, President of the Australian Organizing Committee, who welcomed the delegates to this parliamentary chamber of the state of New South Wales.

### **2. Approval of the Secretary General's report**

The Secretary General's activity report was unanimously approved. The Secretary General thanked the members of the Bureau and the ICHS for their support.

### **3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

It is mandatory to distribute to the members of the second Assembly the report of the auditors appointed during the first General Assembly. Professors Gregory Kealey and Stephen Fischer-Galati examined the accounts, the report of formal auditors la Fiduciaire Temko Lausanne, and other documents pertaining to the financial management of the Bureau.

The report was read to the Assembly. The text read as follows:

"We, as members of the internal audit committee elected by the ICHS General Assembly on July 3, 2005, have examined the financial documents submitted to us including the formal auditor's report, the accounts and balance sheets, and the detailed reports of the various ICHS accounts. We are pleased to report that we concur with the external auditor's findings that the statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of ICHS for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Hence we are pleased to recommend that:

1. the General Assembly of ICHS approve the accounts and the auditor's report;
2. discharge the treasurer and the board and,
3. discharge the internal auditing committee

(signed) G. S. Kealey  
Stephen Fischer-Galati"



As there were no questions, the balance sheet, accounts, auditor's report and financial management of the Bureau were unanimously approved. The Bureau was discharged in respect of the execution of its management responsibilities.

A discussion ensued concerning the amount of dues. After an extensive debate, the Assembly asked the Bureau to study the possibility of introducing a sliding scale tailored to the financial condition of the countries concerned. The Bureau would present a report on this matter to the next General Assembly of the ICHS in 2007.

#### **4. Vote on the venue of the 21st Congress for the Historical Sciences in 2010**

After a brief exchange of opinions, a vote was held on the two candidacies. The representatives of the Netherlands National Committee and the French National Committee briefly reiterated their arguments and responded to questions from the members of the Assembly. A secret ballot followed.

Out of a total of 54 votes, 33 votes were for Amsterdam, 20 for Paris, and 1 ballot was null and void.

The 21st International Congress for the Historical Sciences will therefore be held in Amsterdam in 2010. President Jürgen Kocka thanked the representatives of the two National Committees. Hans Blom, President of the Netherlands Organizing Committee, thanked the Assembly.

#### **5. Deliberations on the 2000-2005 quinquennium and on the future**

President Jürgen Kocka opened the floor to participants saying that the General Assembly was an opportunity for ICHS members to express themselves and give their viewpoints.

Some delegates deplored the fact that the Congress program did not make more room for certain periods of history like the Antiquity period and the Middle Ages. On this subject, Prof. Vigezzi noted that the contribution of the National Committees and International Organizations would prove useful. He proposed that the Bureau examine the current procedure for developing the program and report to the next General Assembly.

The motion was carried.

Next came the question of broadening the recruitment of ICHS members and re-assessing the structure of membership fees. The delegate from Morocco pointed out that a single-fee system for National Committees placed smaller nations at a serious disadvantage. Several delegates commented on the issue and some were favourable, while others were not. Prof. Even Lange of Norway suggested widening the recruitment of members to include a new category of members. He stated most notably that transformations affecting the history discipline had brought about changes since the Second World War and that from now on, universities and major history research centres could be canvassed to become members of the ICHS and help improve its financial situation. He proposed that the ICHS Bureau examine the question and make a report to the next General Assembly in 2007.

The motion was carried.



The Secretary General then announced that the Chinese National Committee had issued a formal invitation to the ICHS to hold the next General Assembly in Beijing in 2007, most likely in mid-September. He thanked the Chinese Committee for the invitation and would work with its members to organize the event.

## 6. Election of the 2005-2010 Bureau

President Jürgen Kocka reminded the assembly of the contents of the Nominating Committee's report, which had been distributed to all the members. As the Secretary General had not received any additional nominations, the candidacy period was closed. The list was put to a vote and received unanimous approval.

The following persons would therefore constitute the Bureau of the ICHS for the 2005-2010 quinquennium:

<b>President:</b>	Prof. José Luis <b>Peset</b> (Madrid, Spain), <i>formerly an Assessor Member</i>
<b>First Vice-President:</b>	Prof. Koichi <b>Kabayama</b> (Japan), <i>formerly an Assessor Member</i>
<b>Second Vice-President:</b>	Prof. William Chester <b>Jordan</b> (United States), <i>formerly an Assessor Member</i>
<b>Secretary General:</b>	Prof. Jean-Claude <b>Robert</b> (Montréal, Canada)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Prof. Pierre <b>Ducrey</b> (Lausanne, Switzerland)
<b>Assessor Members:</b>	Prof. Shahid <b>Amin</b> (New Delhi, India) Prof. Sorin <b>Antohi</b> (Budapest, Hungary) Prof. Dr. Mikhail <b>Bibikov</b> (Russia) Prof. Michael <b>Heyd</b> (Israel) Prof. Marjatta <b>Hietala</b> (Tempere, Finland) Prof. Hilda <b>Sabato</b> (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
<b>Counsellor:</b>	Prof. Jürgen <b>Kocka</b> (Germany) <i>ICHS President from 2000 to 2005</i>

## 7. Miscellaneous

In the absence of further business, the Secretary General, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked outgoing President Jürgen Kocka and the other Bureau members whose term had ended, i.e. Ms. Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch, Ms. Eva Österberg, Ms. Romila Thapar, Mr. Gregory Bongard-Levin and Mr. Ivan T. Berend. The President then dismissed the Assembly.