

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES
SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE DES ÉTUDES DU DIX-HUITIÈME SIÈCLE**

**Meeting of the Executive Committee, Montpellier
Sunday 8 July 2007**

Present: Jean Mondot, Lise Andries, Ingi Sigurdsson Dimitri Apostolopoulos, Keith Baker, Jean-Claude Bonnet, Marc-André Bernier, Maria Grazia Bottaro Palumbo, Deidre Dawson, Janet Godden, Pasi Ihalainen, Teresa Kostkiewiczowa, Milena Lenderová, Hans-Jürgen Lüsebrink, Makoto Masuda, Alberto Postigliola, Raia Zaimova, Anna Maria Rao, Peter Reill, Ingi Sigurdsson, Motoichi Terada, Eva Velasco-Moreno, Byron Wells, Mark Ledbury, John Dunkley, Maria Cristina Correa de Melo, Sara Maza, Eeuw Inger Leemans, Bernadette Fort, Birgitta Bergund-Niellson, Claude Lauriol

Apologies: Andrew Carpenter, Ileana Mihaila, Malcom Cook, Etienne Hofmann, Ernestine van der Wall, Elisabeth Hammar, Maria Helena Carvalho dos Santos, Irina Badescu, Harald Heppner, Fritz Nagel

MINUTES

1. Welcome from the President

The President welcomes members and delegates to the meeting of the Executive Committee. He presents the Committee's warmest thanks to Claude Lauriol for the organization of the meeting and mainly of the Congress.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Helsinki meeting of September 2006 are approved, after some slight corrections and modifications.

3. Secretary General's Report

Deidre Dawson presents a report on the activities over the past four years. After discussion, the report is approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Hans-Jürgen Lüsebrink presents the treasurer's report, with the following main points: End year deficit for 2006/07 is normal. ISECS builds up money over 3 years to spend in the 4th year. He notes a small surplus over the 4 year cycle. The EC suggests not to increase the dues of each constituent society to ISECS, as dues had already been increased in L.A.

Recommendations to incoming committee :

- a) Any funds remaining in bursary fund after Montpellier congress to be carried over to the next congress bursary fund. The affirmation of this principle is repeated, in order to avoid any further misunderstanding.
- b) Funds allocated to Phase II of website enhancement should be put aside for a possible development of the website.
- c) The requested increase of £1000 in payment to the V-F for services of the technical secretariat to accommodate inflation and increased workload should be staggered with an increase of £500 in 2007-08, and 2008-09, and a supplement of £500 in 09-10 and 2010-2011

: which means a total of £3000.

Points a-c are approved with 7 abstentions and one against.

Three points are raised in the discussion but not voted on :

- Manage to have a junior scholars seminar every year
- Consider the link between the development of Phase 2 of the website and the possible saving of money due to postal fees
- Consider moving part of ISECS money away from Oxford accounts in order to obtain a higher rate of interest elsewhere.

5. Report of the Technical Secretariat

Received no questions.

6. Proposals for the revision of the Statutes and By-laws

The executive committee agrees to present to the general assembly the proposals established during the previous years and sent in due time to the delegates and members of the committee.

8. Report of the Financial Oversight Committee

This had been subsumed in the Treasurer's report, and in report on New activities.

9. The ISECS website

The president thinks that the key priority is to identify within the EC or co-opt someone with genuine interest and enthusiasm plus certain technical competencies to collect, assemble and forward information for the website to the technical secretariat. He stresses the importance of updating regularly the website.

The president thanks Lise Andries for the work she did, particularly last year, in order to improve very notably the home page and the content of the website.

10. Publications

Pasi Ihalainen presents the first volume of the International Review of 18th-century Studies. He circulates the printed version of it and hopes that another society would take up the responsibility of editing the second volume of the on-line journal. Pasi Ihalainen and the Finnish society are warmly congratulated for their initiative. The home page of the new review is currently on the Finnish society's web page, but should now be moved to ISECS website.

Jean Mondot presents the two most recent Champion volumes.

11. International Congress at Montpellier, 8-15 July 2007

Bursaries. President Mondot explains that the problem of time constraint and the need to make full use of the funds and ensure maximum number of bursaries offered had meant that selection procedure agreed in Helsinki could not be followed completely. President Mondot adds that the organizing committee in Montpellier has been able to matchfund the amount of money offered by ISECS and the national Societies.

He says that the criteria for the attribution of bursaries have been respected : international diversity, help for scholars coming from weak currencies countries and for young scholars without a stable academic position. He hopes that the incoming committee would find in the future a more efficient procedure. He thanks Jean-Claude Bonnet for his work.

12. General Assembly.

The agenda will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

13. Junior Scholars

The President proposes to the incoming committee that the seminar be called henceforth the Darnton-Schlobach seminar, so that the seminar would be better identified and that the two founders of it be honoured. President Mondot announces that the Czech society might possibly organize a seminar in 2008. Ms Lenderova suggests that the theme would be “Hospitality in the 18th century” but she focuses on the fact that her Society has limited financial means. The EC wishes that all these points should be precised as soon as possible.

14. Graz 2011. Harald Heppner will report on it at the General Assembly. He has sent letters of financial support from university, region and city of Graz to EC already.

15. Other business

No more notes at this point.