

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting in Mainz

Friday, 3 September 2021, 13:00-13:40, online



- TOP 1 Opening of the AGM
The Chair of ISCH, Jörg Rogge, opens the annual general meeting which was for the first time online (Corona-pandemic). No amendments to the agenda were proposed.
- TOP 2 Reception of the report of the committee (Jörg Rogge)
Referring to an early statement on the ISCH during the pandemic years 2020 and 2021, Jörg Rogge here now introduces and welcomes new elected chair of ISCH, Ecaterina Lung, and new elected secretary of ISCH, Jasmin Lukkari.
- TOP 3 Reception of the treasurer's report (Liisa Lalu)
The treasurer of the society, Liisa Lalu, reports on the pandemic years as "catastrophic" for the ISCH. In particular, the drop in membership fees after one cancelled conference and the free online format is noticeable. She refers to the donation campaign which brought some relief. Furthermore, the decision of the committee for the journal to go online only is announced. This will reduce cost and, as Alessandro Arcangeli pointed out, also relates to issues with sending out the journals due to Brexit. The treasurer's report was audited and accepted.
- TOP 4 Reception of the reports concerning the society's journal (Chris Forth) and publication series (Filippo Carlà-Uhink)
Christ Forth, the editor-in-chief for the journal of the ISCH, reports on the recent advertising campaign from EUP in which also articles from the journal were included in three digital special issues (Material Culture, History of Emotions, Music). Furthermore, citation numbers are up and the backlog of articles looks good right now. The October issue will be another special issue, and then the next issue is already full. However, the quality of submissions could be better. At the moment, new submitted articles (if they pass peer review) could be published in the April 2023 issue. The journal has a quick turnaround for review (4-6 weeks).
Dana Weber asked about listing the journal in JSTOR. EUP keeps submitting the journal, but JSTOR only accepts journals with a longer publication history. Ecaterina Lung adds that more databases to list the journal are needed, and mentions ISI. Chris Forth and her will continue working on this.
Filippo Carlà-Uhink as editor for the ISCH book series with Routledge reported three new volumes published since the conference in Tallinn (2019). The series continues to look for proposals for monographs and edited volumes, and the editors welcome also informal inquiries to discuss ideas. In particular, the book series needs more pre-modern books. The peer review process for proposals is about 4-6 weeks, longer for manuscripts. Marek Tamm asks after paperbacks. Filippo Carlà-Uhink reports that some of the books within the series do have paperback editions, but that it is up to

the publisher to decide when and which ones (usually at least after one year, and dependent on sale numbers).

- TOP 5 Essay Prize competition (Alessandro Arcangeli)
Alessandro Arcangeli, chair of the Essay Prize committee, announces Anna Brunton as winner of the Essay Prize 2020. In 2021, the prize was not announced due to the pandemic.
- TOP 6 Conference in 2022 Verona
Alessandro Arcangeli as host of next year's conference in Verona introduces the venue. The topic is on Belief and Unbelief, but the sub-topics will be announced in due course.
- TOP 7 Announcement of the new chair and secretary of the ISCH
The announcement of the new chair and secretary of the ISCH was already covered under TOP 2.
- TOP 8 Other issues
The committee of ISCH encourages proposals for new conference venues after 2022.
- TOP 9 Closing of the AGM
The outgoing chair of the ISCH closes the AGM.