

Report of the Committee for the Year 2014

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Composition of the Committee in 2014

In 2014, the ISCH Committee consisted of officers, elected members, co-opted members and *ex officio* members. The officers were

- Chair: Alessandro Arcangeli (Verona, Italy)
- Secretary: Heta Aali (Turku, Finland)
- Treasurer: Catherine Ng (Aberdeen, Scotland), before 24 November, Reima Välimäki (Turku, Finland), after 24 November

Arcangeli was elected in Lunéville 2012 and his three-year period is suspended as long as he is officeholder. Ng was elected to the committee in Oslo 2011 and her three-year period was postponed as long as she was officeholder. Other elected members in 2014 were:

- Hannu Salmi (Turku, Finland), elected in Ghent 2008 (chair for 2008–13, the three-year period as elected member started in Istanbul 2013)
- Rainer Brömer (Istanbul, Turkey), elected in Ghent 2008 (secretary for 2008–13, the three-year period as elected member started in Istanbul 2013)
- David Smith (Aberdeen, Scotland), elected in Ghent 2008 (treasurer for 2008–11, the three-year period as elected member started in Oslo 2011)
- Philipp Amour (Fribourg, Switzerland), elected in Oslo 2011
- Seldağ Günes Peschke (Ankara, Turkey), elected in Oslo 2011
- Marius Kwint (Portsmouth, UK), elected in Oslo 2011
- Stephen Wallace (Plymouth, UK), elected in Oslo 2011
- Eivind Engebretsen (Oslo, Norway), elected in Istanbul 2013
- Laurence Shee (Johannesburg, South Africa), elected in Istanbul 2013
- Marek Tamm (Tallinn, Estonia), elected in Istanbul 2013

The AGM for the year 2014 was held during the ISCH conference in Johannesburg on 24 November 2014. The new elected members joined the committee in Johannesburg and they were:

- Heta Aali (Turku, Finland), elected in Johannesburg 2014 (her three-year period postponed as long as she is officeholder)
- Ecaterina Lung (Bucharest, Romania), elected in Johannesburg 2014
- Mauricio Sánchez-Mencheró (UNAM, Mexico), elected in Johannesburg 2014

The new committee had its first meeting after the AGM on 24 November. It was decided that Reima Välimäki becomes the Treasurer of the Society and Suvianna Seppälä (also from Turku) its new auditor (to replace Alex Sutherland). Before the conference, the committee launched a call for additional editors of *Cultural History* and another for new editors of the book series, from which both Chris

Dixon and Birgitta Svensson decided to step down. Kevin Morrison and Carolina Orloff were selected among the applicants to the former role. In agreement with the publisher, Chris Forth and Howard Chiang, both journal editors, were also appointed as editors of the book series. The committee decided to co-opt several members. Anne Eriksen, Anu Korhonen and Jörg Rogge formed the prize committee 2013–2014, Harvey Green replaced Rogge in 2014–2015. In addition to this, Ioan Pânzaru was elected the President for 2014–2015.

Thus, in 2014, the ISCH Committee included the following ex officio members:

- editor-in-chief of the journal: Chris Forth (Lawrence, KS, USA), period started in Istanbul 2013; also editor of the book series, period started in Johannesburg 2014
- editor of the journal: Howard Chiang (Warwick, UK), period started in Istanbul 2013; also editor of the book series, period started in Johannesburg 2014
- editor of the journal: Damien Kempf (Liverpool, UK), period started in Istanbul 2013
- editor of the journal: Shailja Sharma (Chicago, USA), period started in Istanbul 2013
- editor of the journal: Kristine Steenbergh (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), period started in Istanbul 2013
- editor of the journal: Jan Frans van Dijkhuizen (Leiden, The Netherlands), period started in Istanbul 2013
- editor of the journal: Kevin Morrison (Syracuse University, USA), period started in Johannesburg 2014
- editor of the journal: Carolina Orloff (University of Edinburgh), period started in Johannesburg 2014
- editor of the book series: Birgitta Svensson (Stockholm, Sweden), period started in Ghent 2008, retired in Johannesburg 2014
- editor of the book series: Chris Dixon (Brisbane, Australia), period started in Istanbul 2013, retired in Johannesburg 2014

while the following were co-opted:

- president of the prize committee 2013–14: Jörg Rogge (Mainz, Germany), retired in Johannesburg 2014
- member of the prize committee: Anne Eriksen Oslo, Norway), retired in Bucharest 2015
- member of the prize committee: Anu Korhonen (Helsinki, Finland)
- member of the prize committee: Harvey Green (Boston, USA), period started in Johannesburg 2014
- web manager: Philipp Amour, period started in Johannesburg 2014, at the expiring of his elected membership

Committee Meetings

With the new year, following a request from members, the Society introduced a discount for couples paying the fee and receiving only one copy of the journal; in order to promote the diffusion of the journal, a category for institutional membership was also created (though it seems in some need of clarification), while Edinburgh UP issued a new price list for 2015.

During the year 2014, the ISCH committee had several email meetings. In February, the renewed editorial team for the journal issued a revised mission statement, and a suggestion to include reviews of non-English books was welcomed. Financial matters also played a significant role, with a shift from the account with the Bank of Scotland and the Aberdeen online store (to coincide with the end of David Smith's term as a committee elected member) to unify all funds in Handelsbanken in Turku, operation in euro only and the opening of a PayPal account.

The essay prize was launched with the deadline of 30 June 2014: the prize committee subsequently reported that the winner of the essay prize had been selected, Agnes Andeweg, who would get the prize in Johannesburg.

Due to the expiring of the term of several elected members, the Committee launched a call for three positions to be filled as from the 2014 conference. The candidatures of Heta Aali, Ecaterina Lung and Mauricio Sánchez Menchero were accepted without a need of holding elections.

At the AGM, which was held at Monash South Africa in Johannesburg on 24 November 2014, the additional members of the editorial team for the journal and the new board for the book series, as indicated above, were approved. The possibility that the same people may effectively work on both editorial fronts was endorsed, subject to a trial period.

The Johannesburg conference was the theatre of an experiment of holding methodological as well as thematic sessions. Bucharest was confirmed as the site for the 2015 conference, with Trieste lined up for 2016 and beginning to propose topics. After the conference, due to the withdrawal of a previous invitation to return to Aberdeen 10 years after the launching conference, some hypotheses of holding the 2017 in North America were explored, albeit inconclusively. The launch of the essay prize for 2015 was also planned.

Since the Johannesburg conference was held later than usual in the year, the cfp for Bucharest had to be approved and launched ahead of the conference. It had a first deadline on 10 December 2014, subsequently postponed until 10 January 2015. It was also decided that the conference was going to be bilingual (in English and French).

Further email exchanges were held in the first half of 2015, informing everyone on the actual implementation of the unification of the bank accounts previously held in Scotland and Finland, as well as on the development of the presence on the ISCH on social media (Facebook). A discussion was opened at the end of May on a few issues, including the venue of future conferences and the opportunity to integrate the full composition of the committee. On 28 June a call for the nomination on one new member was opened but no name was proposed, therefore the filling of that vacancy postponed to 2016.