

## **ISCH Annual General Meeting minutes 5th September 2024**

Present of the committee: Ecaterina Lung (Chair), Jasmin Lukkari (Secretary), Cathleen Sarti, Jörg Rogge, Alessandro Arcangeli, Christopher Forth, Pälvi Rantala, Anna-Leena Perämäki, Filippo Carlà-Uhink, Dana Weber (online)

### **TOP 1 Opening of the AGM**

Filippo Carlà-Uhink opens the meeting at 16:35 o'clock.

### **TOP 2 Reception of the report of the committee**

Ecaterina Lung presents the report of the committee year 2023-24 (can be downloaded [here](#))

### **TOP 3 Reception of the treasurer's report**

Jasmin Lukkari presents the financial report of 2023 on the treasurer's (Liisa-Maija Korhonen) behalf, who could not be present. At the end of 2023, the closing balance at ISCH bank account and PayPal account combined was 9829,35€. The main source of income were the membership payments. The greatest expenses came from paying for the *Cultural History* journal, the ISCH prize, and the fees from hosting the website and using PayPal. In 2023, the total income was 164,68€ more than the expenses. The financial situation is looking stable also in 2024.

### **TOP 4 Reception of the report of the editorial board of the society's journal**

The chief editor Christopher Forth gives a brief presentation on the [Cultural History journal](#). The latest issue was a themed issue, titled 'Discursive Constructions of Corruption in Ancient Rome'. In the future, there will be two more themed issues. These often stem from ISCH conference panels. ISCH doesn't publish conference proceedings but invites the conference participants to publish their work on *Cultural History*. The journal also welcomes individual papers and is open also to other kinds of formats such as book forums (see the latest issue) and reports on ongoing work.

### **TOP 5 Reception of any other reports esteemed necessary by the committee**

**a) Publication series:** The ISCH [Book series](#) has been successful despite recent problems in the editorial board, but now the situation is good and the series has two editors who are Filippo Carlà-Uhink and Dana Weber. The series has published 16 books in the last 10 years. There has been a strong focus on the 20th century. Filippo invites proposals for other historical periods. The series is open to monographs and collected volumes. Filippo particularly invites proposals for publishing PhD theses. It is not necessary to be an ISCH member. It is possible to contact the editors very early, even without a finished chapter. An abstract will be enough. Conference panels can also be published in the book series, if there are more than a few papers. Publication fees are basically non-existing. The time from delivering the final manuscript to the publication is very short. There is a 20% discount code for the conference guests "EFLY03".

**b) ISCH conference 2025:** Pälvi Rantala, the organizer of the 2025 conference in Rovaniemi (Finland), presents the call for papers. The conference theme will be "Human/Nature: Entanglements in cultural history", and the conference will be held on 16-19 June 2025. The call for papers will soon be published online and sent to the ISCH members via email.

**c) Internet activity:** Jasmin Lukkari presents various ways in which the members can keep in touch with the ISCH in the future. In addition to the website [www.culthist.net](http://www.culthist.net), the ISCH sends a bi-annual newsletter and the conference call for papers to its members via email. There also is a Facebook page ('International Society for Cultural History'), and an X account (@ISCHistory). The ISCH encourages the members to subscribe to and use the open [CULTHIST@JISCMAIL.AC.UK](mailto:CULTHIST@JISCMAIL.AC.UK) mailing list.

### **TOP 6 ISCH Prize competition for the best conference presentation**

Alessandro Arcangeli presents the ISCH Prize competition for the best conference presentation. Instructions can be found on the conference website and the [ISCH website](http://www.culthist.net). This new competition format was launched last year in Singapore. There were seven accepted submissions. The winner was Srishti Guha (University of Newcastle, Australia) with the presentation titled 'Gaze returned: Picturing female Aboriginal domestic servants in colonial photographs 1860-1950'. The Prize committee consisted of Alessandro Arcangeli, Josephine Hoegaerts, and Jasmin Lukkari. Alessandro invites committee members or society's members to participate in the evaluation committee this year. Anyone interested may write to Alessandro or the ISCH email address [isch@culthist.net](mailto:isch@culthist.net).

### **TOP 7 Reception of the chair's report on the call for the election of members for the committee**

Ecaterina announces four committee positions and the secretary's position open for candidatures in 2025. She invites members to apply by the end of this year. The members who are interested in joining the committee may express their interest or ask for more information via [isch@culthist.net](mailto:isch@culthist.net). The open positions will be also announced on the website, the social media, and the next newsletter. Ecaterina also invites proposals for future conference venues starting from 2028.

### **TOP 8 Officer elections in 2024**

The ISCH committee held a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June and voted to fill the officers' positions. The secretary's (Jasmin Lukkari) 3-year term is expiring but there were no new candidatures for this position. Jasmin's term was extended for one more year. The Chair's (Ecaterina Lung) 3-year term is expiring. Dana Weber put forth her candidature and was elected as the new Chair of the ISCH for 2024-2027. Thus, Ecaterina ends her term here at the AGM and Dana greets the members via video.

### **TOP 9 Closing of the AGM**

Filippo ends the meeting at 17:35 o'clock.