

ISCH Annual General Meeting minutes 11th September 2026

in Paris, Aubervilliers

Present of the committee: Dana Weber (Chair), Jasmin Lukkari (Secretary), Alessandro Arcangeli, Christopher Forth, Anna-Leena Perämäki, Chris Forth, Daniel Gicu.

TOP 1 Opening of the AGM

Dana Weber opens the meeting at 16:35 o'clock.

TOP 2 Reception of the report of the committee

Dana Weber presents the report of the committee year 2025-26 (can be downloaded [here](#))

TOP 3 Reception of the treasurer's report

Jasmin Lukkari presents the financial report of 2026 on the treasurer's (Liisa-Maija Korhonen) behalf, who could not be present. At the end of 2024, the closing balance at ISCH bank account and PayPal account combined was 12704,42€. 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 2025, the total income was 1484,98€ more than the expenses. This is exceptionally high because of use Cultural History royalties due to the very successful Potsdam conference in 2024. The financial situation is looking stable also in 2026. Last year we added a 2€ processing fee for membership payments made via PayPal or Stripe because the yearly increasing fees that these companies charge.

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 journal is doing very well. 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 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 two editors who are Filippo Carlà-Uhink and Dana Weber. The series is open to monographs and collected volumes. The series also 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.

b) ISCH conference 2027: Mauricio Sanches, the organizer of the 2027 conference in Mexico City, presents the conference venue National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The conference theme will be "Objects, Practices, and Knowledges: Historical Perspectives on Technique and Technology". The conference dates are not fixed yet, but will probably be in late July. The call for papers will be published later this year, 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, 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 a BlueSky account. The ISCH encourages the members to subscribe to and use the open 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](#). This new competition format was launched last year in Singapore. There were seven accepted submissions. The winner of the 2025 ISCH Prize for the best conference presentation at the annual ISCH conference in Rovaniemi is Johanna Johannsdottir Damaris (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) with the presentation titled 'Rulers of the Air: Understanding Weather in English Demonological Writings'. The Prize committee consisted of Alessandro Arcangeli, Josephine Hoegaerts, and Jasmin Lukkari.

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

Four committee members retire this year: Cathleen Sarti (Oxford, UK), Alessandro Arcangeli (Verona, Italy), Jörg Rogge (Mainz, Germany), and Liisa Lalu (Turku, Finland). The new committee members who are elected for a 3-year term are: Maria Adank (University of Verona/University of Chicago), Yvonne Liao (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Elina Pyy (University of Helsinki), and Satu Sorvali (University of Turku).

The ISCH committee is always looking for potential new members. The members who are interested in joining the committee may express their interest or ask for more information via isch@culthist.net. The open positions will be also announced on the website, the social media, and the next newsletter. Dana also invites proposals for future conference venues starting from 2029.

TOP 8 Closing of the AGM

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