



## **Minutes of the International Society for Cultural History Founding General Meeting, Saturday 30 August 2008, Ghent, 13.00-14.00**

An invitation to attend the Founding General Meeting of ISCH was circulated by David Smith to all founding members signed up by 11 August 2008. The message to a few members 'bounced', suggesting that their email addresses in the members' directory are out of date or faulty.

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To: All Founding Members of the International Society for Cultural History

As agreed at the meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Society on 13 June, I am writing to all founding members of the Society to give notice of the founding general meeting. Also, as agreed, I am using 'blind copy' to a list of email addresses, rather than the 'CultHist' list.

The meeting will take place on Saturday 30 August, 13.00-14.00, at the forthcoming conference in Ghent.

The main items on the agenda are as follows:

1. Discussion and ratification of the constitution of the Society. Please note that draft constitution is available on the Society's web site, where there is also a link to a blog for discussion of it. A copy of the draft constitution will also be available in the conference pack.
2. Election of the first formally constituted committee. Would each person wishing to stand arrange for other founding members to propose and second them? Once the list of persons standing for election is complete, I anticipate giving each of them an opportunity to introduce herself or himself briefly to the meeting before proceeding to the election. It would be helpful if persons wishing to stand for election would let me have their names in advance. If there is anyone wishing to stand for election who is unable to be present at the meeting, they may send me their name, with the name of a proposer and seconder, and a paragraph about himself or herself, which can be read out at the meeting.
3. Once the elections are completed, if there is time left, there can be a discussion of the report and recommendations of the provisional committee (which will be available in advance of the meeting), and other expressions of opinion as regards the future activities of the Society, for the guidance of the new committee. It is anticipated that the new committee will meet before the end of the conference.

David Smith, Convenor of the provisional committee

The meeting was convened as scheduled. The draft constitution and report of the provisional committee had been made available on the Society's website before the meeting, and in the conference pack.

Present: A list of names appended to the approved constitution on the Society's website serves as an attendance list.

Constitution The draft constitution was discussed. Several members asked for explanations of particular clauses, which were provided. One specific point raised concerned the potential risk of civil liabilities arising in the context of ISCH events. It was agreed that the future committee would consider this matter. The meeting then accepted the constitution as proposed. A copy of the document was circulated and signed by all members present. It was agreed that an electronic reproduction of this document (with the signatures blanked out for security reasons) would be published online on the ISCH website.

Election At the beginning of the GM, a proposal form was circulated and several additional names were collected. It was explained that those members who were named as prospective editors of the journal's publications in the provisional committee's report would become *ex officio* members of the committee, assuming the provisional committee's recommendations would be accepted.

The candidates for election were as follows:

Chris Dixon (Univ. Queensland in Brisbane, Australia); Rainer Brömer (Univ. Mainz, Germany); Hannu Salmi (Univ. Turku, Finland); David Smith (Univ. Aberdeen, Scotland); Andrea Pető (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary); Didier Francfort (Univ. Nancy, France); Pascal Ory (Univ. Paris I – Sorbonne, France); Gillian Swanson (Univ. West of England, Bristol, England); Jörg Rogge (Univ. Mainz, Germany); Michelle Henning (Univ. West of England, Bristol, England); Kate Macdonald (Univ. Ghent, Belgium, & Open University, England); Rahilya Geybullayeva (Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan; not present); Anne Eriksen (Univ. Oslo, Norway); Patrick Hutton (Univ. Vermont, USA)

Voting then took place via a show of hands. The votes were taken in random order, members voting for a maximum of twelve candidates, in accordance with the constitution. Marjo Kaartinen and Birgitta Svensson counting the votes.

**The result of the election was then declared, the committee consisting of the following:**

Chris Dixon; Rainer Brömer; Hannu Salmi; David Smith; Andrea Pető; Didier Francfort; Pascal Ory; Gillian Swanson; Jörg Rogge; Kate Macdonald; Anne Eriksen; Patrick Hutton

Marjo Kaartinen and Anu Korhonen each said a few words about the journal and book series respectively, before the meeting was closed, due to the beginning of the afternoon sessions of the conference.

A meeting of the new committee was scheduled for the following day, Sun 31 Aug., 9-10 am