

Minutes of the AGM of the ISCH, Brisbane 22 July 2009

Present: 19 members. In due course the list will be scanned and attached to the ISCH website

Apologies: Rainer Bromer, Secretary. In Rainer's absence David Smith took the minutes.

Hannu Salmi, chair, opened the meeting and the agenda was approved unanimously.

1. Minutes of Founding General Meeting (see ISCH web site): Approved
2. Annual Report of the Committee (see ISCH web site): Approved
3. Appointment of Auditor: Alex Sutherland: Approved
4. Treasurer's report (see ISCH web site): Approved
5. Journal Editorial Board Report: Marjo Kaartinen reported on the efforts to find a publisher, and the difficulties resulting from the economic crisis. She recommended that we continue our ongoing negotiations. Approved
6. Publication Series: Birgitta Svensson reported that the contract had been signed with Pickering and Chatto. So far 1 proposal for a monograph, and 4 proposals for edited collections have been received. A draft description of the series for the P & C website was presented, which was approved. It will appear shortly on the P & C website, to which members are encouraged to direct prospective authors and editors.
7. Cultural History Prize project: the Committee has appointed a group to prepare a practical scheme consisting of Didier Francfort, Chris Dixon, Gillian Swanson and Hannu Salmi. In the first instance the prize is likely to be a modest cash award (eg 250 GBP) but the meeting approved of the group pursuing a suggestion made by Didier: that negotiations be undertaken regarding the possibility that the prize could be a stay at the Château des Lumières, Lunéville. It is envisaged that the prize be for an essay by a new scholar, and the possibility of conference papers being included was mentioned. Eventually, publication of the winning essay in the Society's journal is also envisaged. Applicants will be expected to be members of the Society at time of submission.
8. Postgraduate network: Gillian Swanson reported on a developing network in the UK and Birgitta Svensson mentioned a developing Nordic network. The Society will help to link and develop these networks and to start regional networks elsewhere, with a view to facilitating communication and to support postgraduate scholars, and enable them to attract funding for events and conferences. There was discussion about the possibility of subject networks. The possible use of the culthist email list, as well as the ISCH blog, was mentioned.
9. Call for papers for the Annual Conference 26-30 May, 2010, Turku. The call for papers 'Close Readings, Critical Syntheses' was circulated. It will appear shortly on the ISCH and Turku

websites. Abstracts should be submitted via the Turku website by 30 October. The conference language will be English but panels may be proposed in other languages, as long as summaries of the papers in English are also available, and it is possible for the discussion to take place in English.

10. Oslo conference, 3-6 August 2011: 'History – Memory – Myth: Re-presenting the past'. Anne Eriksen sent a report which will be made available via the ISCH website
11. Conference 2012: the Committee hopes that this will again be outside Europe. Laurence Shee, Monash University South Africa, promised to explore the possibilities of a conference hosted by his institution.
12. Elections: Hannu Salmi explained that during the first year of the Society it was difficult to comply with the constitution's requirement that 2 members of the committee retire per year and proposed instead that 2-4 retire in 2010. An email election will therefore be organised for early 2010, with the results announced at the AGM in Turku. The meeting approved of this course of action.
13. Membership fees. It was agreed a) to keep the fee for the unwaged at 5 GBP, b) to set the fee for waged new members at 10 GBP, c) to invite existing members to pay a voluntary levy of 5 GBP (or 10 Australian dollars during the remainder of the Brisbane conference) d) that the membership will continue to be on an 'in perpetuity" basis for the time being, in order to build up membership: this will be reviewed in due course.
14. There was no other business.