

**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**International Standing Conference for the History of Education**  
**Paris, France**  
**12 July, 2002**

1. The Chair of the Executive, Antonio Novoa, welcomed participants to the Paris meeting. He expressed his regret, which was confirmed by a vote of those attending, at the deaths of Maurice de Vroede and Brian Simon, the first two Presidents of ISCHE (chairs of the ISCHE Executive).
2. The Chair reported on the good quality of the papers at the Paris conference. He also circulated and discussed a membership flyer, which will be edited further and then distributed worldwide. He asked for any corrections or comments to be made to him soon. He then added that young researchers were a priority for him and for other members of the Executive. Starting with the Sao Paulo meeting, he asked that young researchers who have papers accepted receive a 50 % discount on conference registration fees.
3. Executive Committee nominations and elections. The Chair, Antonio Novoa, who was elected in 1999, will not stand for re-election this year. He will serve his remaining year as chair and retire from the Executive in 2003. John Ramsland was elected in 1996 and re-elected in 1999. He is going off of the Executive. The Chair thanked Professor Ramsland for his valuable service to ISCHE. Wayne Urban was elected in 1999 and has been re-nominated by the US History of Education Society. Christine Mayer from Germany and Philippe Savoie from France have been nominated by their national groups for the other two vacancies (those of Novoa and Ramsland). Urban, Mayer, and Savoie were elected by the AGM for three year terms. The Chair added that the Executive is seeking multiple nominations for next year's, and future years' vacancies on the Executive. Letters of nomination need to reach the Secretary (Wayne Urban) one month before the AGM in Sao Paolo next year.
4. Forthcoming conferences were discussed.  
2003- Sao Paolo- a presentation was made by Ana Waleska Mendonca of the Brazilian history of education society. The dates for the meeting are 16-19 July. Professor Mendonca noted that the theme for the conference was Education and Modernity, discussed sub-themes, and distributed copies of the flyer for ISCHE 25. The conference website is as follows:  
[www.ische25.fe.usp.br](http://www.ische25.fe.usp.br)  
  
2004-Geneva- a presentation was made by Charles Magnin, president of the conference committee. The conference will begin on 12 July. The theme is

Progressive Education and Educational Change, with the time period being the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Special attention will be paid to the 1960s.

2005-Sydney- a presentation was made by Geoffrey Sherington of the University of Sydney. The meeting will take place within the larger conference of the International Congress of Historical Societies (ICHS). The general registration fee will be \$500 Australian, about \$250 US. The dates are approximately 11-16 July and the themes of the conference are yet to be determined. The chair of the Executive (Antonio Novoa) and Craig Campbell of the University of Sydney will attend a planning meeting this September.

2006-There still has been no decision made on the proposal to have the meeting in Israel. If Israel is not chosen, a possible northern or eastern European site is being considered.

2007- There is a proposal from China for that year, but no decision has been reached.

5. Website- Ruth Watts reported on recent developments regarding the website. There was a motion, second, and unanimous vote to amend the constitution to publish the minutes of the AGM on the website. Additionally, a print version will be made available for the Archives and will be distributed at next year's AGM.
6. Standing Working Groups- Daniel Lindmark reported on general policies regarding SWG's.

Ruth Watts reported that the Gender Group had two separate sessions as well as many papers integrated into the Paris conference. She added that the new chair of the Gender SWG is Minike Van Essen. Daniel Lindmark thanked Ruth Watts and Geoffrey Giles for their many years of work on the Gender Group.

Christoph Lueth reported for the Cross Cultural Group, which had been founded last year in Birmingham with the purpose of supporting comparative historical studies in education. The Cross Cultural group sponsored three sessions at the Paris conference and will have sessions next year on the theme of Informal and Formal networks in the history of modern education. Along with Christoph Lueth, the other organizers of the group are Marc Depaepe and Klaus Peter Horn.

Jeffrey Tyssens reported for the Teacher Union and University Associations SWG, which he chairs with Andre Robert. The group's plans will be discussed at an organizational meeting at the Paris conference. Tyssens reported that the SWG intends to look at teacher unions not organizationally but strategically, from the perspective of processes such as professionalization.

There is a proposal to start a Standing Working Group on the topic of the New Education. Craig Campbell from Australia discussed the proposal on behalf of Margaret White, also from that nation. An information sheet was distributed to gauge the level of interest in the topic. There will be an organizational meeting in Sao Paolo next year.

7. Frank Simon discussed ISCHE publications. He announced that the Alcala ISCHE 22 volume has just been published in *Paedagogica Historica*, that the Birmingham volume will go to the printer in October and be published in March, 2003, and that the Paris volume, to be edited by Philippe Savoie, Willem Frijhoff, and Annie Bruter will contain 13 to 14 papers selected from the Paris conference and will be published in March, 2004.
8. The ISCHE paper prize for the Birmingham (ISCHE 23) conference was presented by Agustin Escolano to Stephanie Spencer of King Alfred's College, UK. The paper is titled "Schoolgirl to Career Girl: The City as Educational Space."
9. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Frank Simon, who had received the accounts from his predecessor, Erwin Johanningmeier. The report is published on the website. The current balance is 2904,27Euros, with the proceeds from the Birmingham conference expected very soon.
10. On behalf of several fellow African delegates, Michael Omolewa proposed a future ISCHE conference to be held in Africa. The continent has few ISCHE members at present but growth in membership is anticipated.
11. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Urban  
Secretary**