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Dear ISCHE member,

As you know from our previous letters to you, we have been working on drafting a new constitution. This is due to the fact that ISCHE needs to be registered as a legal entity. This will be an important step in the history of ISCHE, as it will provide our organisation with long-term stability and contribute to securing a sustainable future for our area of research area. As an academic field, history of education needs to position itself in a contested space in academia and society and to defend, protect and possibly extend our role; it is a task we will not be able to tackle successfully without capacity building. Our intention is for ISCHE, alongside research promotion and networking, to become one of our principal channels for these activities, particularly in an international context. The proposed new constitution will reinforce the democratic tradition of ISCHE, make the Executive Committee more accountable and enable our organisation to respond more effectively to the changing academic landscape in which we find ourselves. Our choice to establish ISCHE as a legal body in Germany is based on the high suitability of the German legal situation for our needs as an organisation. We will be following in the footsteps of EERA, the European Educational Research Association, which is Europe's largest educational association and is also based in Germany.

As we intend to discuss the new constitution in Riga, I am attaching its draft (together with the current constitution) to this letter. I would like to ask you to send us your thoughts and comments on the draft by 1 August. We are also currently preparing some material and documentation for the General Assembly, which we will send electronically in advance of our Riga meeting and which we will also include in the conference pack. We hope that this will enable us to use our time more productively for discussion and feedback during the Assembly.

I would also like to remind you once again of your opportunity to nominate new members for the Executive Committee. We have two vacant positions on the EC to fill. The election will take place during the General Assembly. Please send nominations to me or Noah Sobe ([nsobe@luc.edu](mailto:nsobe@luc.edu)) by 22 July at the latest.

Attached to this Newsletter you will find the results of our survey. I would like to thank all of you for participating; the survey results are proving very helpful for the future work of the Executive Committee.

To close, I would like to draw your attention to the CFP for ISCHE 2014 that will be posted by the London local committee shortly. We are looking forward to receiving a lot of inspiring and exciting proposals from you.

With warm regards

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ISCHE President