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Cher membre d'ISCHE  
Dear ISCHE member  
Lieber ISCHE Mitglied  
Estimado miembro de ISCHE

I was deeply honored to be elected President of ISCHE at the annual conference in Istanbul in June. Before addressing upcoming events, I would like to let you know who I am and to say a few words about my hopes for the future of our association. I am a historian of modern French and colonial girls' education, who has been a part of the ISCHE community for several decades now, having attended my first conference in Prague in 1990. Although born in the United States, I have been trained academically in both the U.S. and France and have now taught in French universities for twenty years. As a result of my experiences moving back and forth across the Atlantic I am deeply committed to the sort of international exchange that ISCHE promotes. I am following in the footsteps of a number of dynamic ISCHE presidents whose vision I share. Like my predecessor Eckhardt Fuchs who initiated the move toward becoming a member-based association, I am committed to international dialogue and convinced that it is through such dialogue that we as a community can move forward in our local, national, regional and international settings. I am more than ever convinced, however, that this future is in the hands of those who are not yet established scholars, not yet members of the Executive Committee, and perhaps not yet interested in attending the General Assembly of ISCHE. We need you to be active in the conference, in the workshops, and within our scholarly publications tracing your vision of the future of our discipline in this wonderfully accommodating international space. While I regret that English so dominates our conversations, I hope those for whom English is not their native language will continue to see ISCHE as the place where they can try out new arguments, debate new ideas, and make new friends.

The conference that took place recently in Istanbul was very much in this spirit, and I would like to thank the local organizers warmly for all they did to ensure that we had a stimulating intellectual experience with plenty of opportunities for social interactions in addition to discovering the city. The upcoming conference in Chicago (Aug. 17-20, 2016) promises to provide a similarly exciting encounter around the central theme "Education and the Body." Please be sure to check the website, discover the keynote speakers and make plans to attend ([www.ische.org/2016-call-for-papers/](http://www.ische.org/2016-call-for-papers/)). If you propose a panel, please note our commitment to promoting multilingual exchanges (<http://conferences.ische.org/ocs-2.3.6/index.php/ische/2016/announcement/view/2>). When you register your proposal you have the opportunity to check a box indicating your desire to participate in this experimentation.

At the General Assembly in Istanbul, we held elections for the two vacant slots on the Executive committee (EC). Noah W. Sobe, our former secretary, was reelected and Karin Priem from Luxembourg was elected for the first time. Karin has accepted to fill the role of secretary for ISCHE and Noah that of treasurer for which I am very grateful. One of the first decisions we made was to reinforce our commitment to early career scholars by coopting a doctoral student, Inês Félix, for a two-year mandate to serve out the EC position I am vacating in becoming President. We are hopeful that her presence will encourage ever more early career researchers to see ISCHE as a natural place to present their ideas and make contacts. We are aware that one of the stumbling blocks to attending our meetings is the cost. Although local committees make every effort to make our meetings affordable, travel resources vary a great deal from institution to institution. In recognition of this

we have decided to create a permanent 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Travel endowment fund, the interest from which will provide travel support to students beginning with the 2018 ISCHE conference in Berlin. We heartily encourage you to contribute to this graduate/postgraduate and early career scholar fund through the following link: [ische.org/donate](http://ische.org/donate). In my meeting with the Presidents of National Associations, I similarly encouraged them to envision national travel fellowships for those in need.

As most of you are aware, we are about to move toward a new membership procedure from 2016 onwards. The discussions with Taylor&Francis, the publisher of *Paedagogica Historica*, are now finalized. Members of ISCHE get a reduced subscription rate to *Paedagogica Historica*, a reduced inscription fee for the annual conference, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the future of our Association. You will receive instructions about how to become a member in January 2016.

ISCHE continues to encourage encounters on a regional and international basis, beyond the annual conference. We sponsored two sessions at the CISH 2015 conference in Jinan, China in August, as well as organizing an East Asia Regional Workshop (20-21 August 2015) in Beijing on the theme: Transnational Entanglement in Education: East Asia and the West since the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Over twenty scholars from China, Germany, England, the United States, Mexico, New Zealand, Korea and Hong Kong attended. Next year we are holding a Caribbean regional conference which will take place in Barranquilla, Colombia between 3-4 February 2016.

Since Riga in 2013, pre-conference workshops on the day before the annual meeting have also allowed participants to discuss new themes within the field in a smaller format. In Istanbul the theme of the workshop was “The concept of the Transnational”. You will find a call for proposals for Chicago on the website, and we urge you as well to consider participating in this pre-conference venue. For doctoral students, we also draw your attention to the existence of an annual “International Histories of Education Summer school” sponsored by the Paedagogica Historica Foundation and other partners, including ISCHE. In 2016 this school will be run in Groningen after the very successful meeting in Luxembourg last June (the call for papers is now on the ISCHE website, applications are due by 31 Dec. 2015). Again my thanks to the organizers of these events for doing so much to encourage younger scholars within our field.

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well as those of us who live in the northern hemisphere begin the academic year. Please take the time to look at the ISCHE website, begin to think about the paper you would like to present at Chicago, and consider donating to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary ISCHE Travel fund. I am attaching the new ISCHE flyer that I encourage you to print and to circulate within your national communities and when you travel to other settings. In January 2016 you will be hearing from me again, reminding you to become a member of ISCHE in order to benefit from our network and reduced rates for the conference.

It is both exciting and a bit intimidating to be embarking upon a three-year term as President at this turning point for our association. I am confident, however, that together –National associations and individual members– we will find the means to ensure ISCHE meetings and conversations will continue to inspire both early career scholars and those who are established travelling companions. We need your energy and enthusiasm and I hope you will not hesitate to contact members of the EC concerning your ideas for the future. Finally a word of thanks to the members of the EC past and present for their confidence in me and for their hard work in making ISCHE a professional community where so many have found a home.

With warmest regards



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