

ICHTH BOARD MEETING
Agenda | Friday 21 February 2025
10AM to 12PM Eastern Standard Time
by Zoom

OPENING

Presence / absence O Adeboye (Vice-President), B Bevernage, D Chakrabarty (2nd hour only), A De Baets (President, Chairing), E Domanska (Past-President, ex officio), E Gazi, A Megill, S Seth, M Tamm, V Tozzi Thompson, D Woolf (recording secretary), X Zhang
Regrets: M Hughes-Warrington

The President called the meeting to order. Audio recording was not possible on this occasion owing to the lack of co-hosting privileges for any member in attendance.

Minutes of meeting of 19 February 2024 ([here](#)) **approved by consensus with no changes**

Agenda of meeting of 21 February 2025: **approved by consensus with the addition of items 8 and 9**

The president reported on the recent deaths of members Estevão de Rezende Martins (obit [here](#)) and Ignacio Olábarri (obit [here](#)), and note was made also of the death of a non-member well-known in the historiography community, Mark Salber Phillips (obit [here](#)).

The president reported on the recent **Book Prizes** awarded ([here](#)) and the prize fora forthcoming in *Rethinking History*. Thanks to the jury led by M Tamm and B Bevernage; chair also thanked me and M Hughes-Warrington for Lisbon panels. Two prize fora will be published in *Rethinking History*, coordinated by M Tamm. Kalle Pihlainen from RH helped make this happen. M. Tamm announced that the deadline for final versions of essays will be July 2025. Authors who kindly agreed to contribute to the Book Fora: Mariana Imaz-Sheinbaum's book: Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen, María Inés La Greca, and Chris Lorenz. Jörg van der Norden's book: Christina Antenhofer, Katharina Hoppe and Jonas Heller, Laurent Olivier. The president thanked all these individuals.

Newsletters The president thanked O. Adeboye for her work producing the recent newsletter no. 5 and its predecessors nos 3 ([here](#)) and 4 ([here](#)). Issue 6 is now being planned for October 2025.

Wikipedia pages: We now have versions in [English](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#) and [Romanian](#). The president thanked Daniel Catoi and Ruben Zeeman (English), Arthur Alfaix Assis (Portuguese), Daniel Catoi and Sorin Antohi (Romanian) and Francisco Miguel Ortiz Delgado (Spanish).

Constitution: The new draft ([here](#)) approved by Board has been on the website for comment since Feb. 2024. The president thanked Toby Mendel for substantial assistance in redrafting.

Subscription-based journals in our focus areas (*History & Theory*, *Journal of the Philosophy of History*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Rethinking History*, *Storia della storiografia*) all granted discounts to ICHTH members ([here](#)).

Membership on 5 Feb. 2025 ([attached](#)): The president reported that there are 156 members (incl. 22 new and 9 honorary), of which 97 fee-paying.

Budget on 5 Feb. 2025 ([attached](#)): *Balance:* 4558,39 euros; *Bank and PayPal assets:* 5359,54 euros.

This concluded the presidents' report. There were no comments or questions.

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD

1. ICHTH Book Prize launch in Feb. or March 2025: Who wants to become a jury member?

The President said that a launch meeting for the next prize would be in March. He asked for volunteers from the board to be on the jury. INTH also had 2 members to a total of 4 in the past. Failing sufficient volunteers from the Board, we will solicit the wider membership. He asked for earliest possible response. B Bevernage has asked someone for the INTH side (Walderez Ramalho) though he himself cannot serve again. It has been suggested that a larger number (3 from each side) would be preferable given need for greater breadth in language coverage, especially Portuguese.

2. CISH International Prize for History (deadline 31 May 2025)

The President said that the deadline for nominations is now approaching on 31 May. He asked for suggestions of names. The possibility of joining the American Historical Association in nominating Anthony Grafton, a non-member with a prominent reputation in historiography. This would be the first time two organizations had nominated a single

candidate. Discussion of the best course of action occurred. E Domanska suggested F. Hartog, who is a commission member, as our nominee. V Tozzi Thompson asked if the nominee should be a member of the Commission and pointed out it would be helpful to think of some female candidates; Joan Scott was suggested. S Seth suggested D Chakrabarty. B Bevernage asked how we would present a different candidate (not Grafton) from an international organization to a national one. The President proposed that the executive committee convene to make a decision among Scott, Chakrabarty, Grafton and Hartog. This was agreed.

3. ICHS/CISH Centenary Conference (Leipzig, Germany, 27–30 Aug. 2026):

(a) M. Hughes-Warrington and D. Woolf (Program co-chairs) have suggested one high-profile panel (3–5 speakers) on the theme of *Historiography and Histories 100 Years from Now* plus, if possible, a second panel with 3–5 book, book series, or journal editors to run a hybrid global workshop for early career scholars or those unable to attend the conference, to gain advice on publishing in the history and theory of historiography. The President asked for comments and potential speakers for the high-profile panel.

S Seth was intrigued by the first proposition but wondered what one might say about the future. The theme of CISH is “The Past, the Present, and the Future of History: Celebrating 100 Years of International Committee of Historical Sciences”. M Tamm liked the idea but asked whether it has to be 100 years. A Megill liked it as a provocative question and one impossible to answer. E Domanska mentioned this would be similar to a time capsule 100 years ahead and that these are often rather boring. D Woolf asked that speaker names be sent to him and M. Hughes-Warrington by **March 15**. If we are permitted only one panel by CISH, this panel should be the priority; the publishing workshop was approved as a second proposal should a second panel be allotted to us. The conference will be held in Leipzig in August 2026.

4. INTH Conference (Tallinn, Estonia, [May] 2026):

Program Co-chairs' proposal: That we contact those who previously proposed for the CISH congress to suggest that we forward their ideas for the INTH conference.

INTH 2026 will be in Tallinn, Estonia, and ICHTH expects to be allowed organization of a couple of panels once again. The INTH central theme for the conference will likely be *Temporalities and Historicity* which should allow room for some or all of our previously submitted proposals. Submission deadline will most likely be in September 2025. B Bevernage, on behalf of INTH, said there is a preference for the central theme but there is also some flexibility. The ICHTH program co-chairs will look at the previously submitted proposals and determine if they are a fit for the theme; they will also issue a general call to ICHTH members. The call for panels from INTH will be in May.

5. **Persistent non-paying members since 2022:** The President proposed that after four collective reminders to 27 unresponsive members, one last personal reminder will be sent, and if unsuccessful, they will be struck from the list. This was agreed by consensus so long as people receive the email; The President indicated he has had no error messages returned to him. He will circulate the list of nonpayers with their known email addresses and invite corrections. E Gazi asked about the list and the cells with or without amount in yellow. President clarified this represented the names who had paid and not paid for 2025. This also has the current email addresses of nonpayers. Members were asked to check the list for incorrect emails.

6. **Publication of list of ICHTH members' names on website:** The President proposed this to the meeting as a question. Opinions were divided with several board members thinking this should not occur and that the general membership list be kept confidential for reasons of privacy and security. At the very least, explicit permission of every member of the Commission would need to be sought in advance. One member pointed out the risk of hacking and phishing which they had encountered in the past, at monetary loss. Other members took a more positive view of publishing names given that our organization is non-political and publication would aid contact with other groups and individuals outside ICHTH. One member pointed out the need for higher visibility for humanities organizations. V Thompson expressed the view that in all the societies she belongs memberships are published as it aids connections. The President summarized the discussion as a matter needing further discussion within the Executive committee which would bring back a concrete proposal to the next Board. It was agreed that at this juncture, should this initiative proceed, it would be names and countries of origin only, not emails or full profiles of members.

7. **Collaboration with non-subscription-based journals** in our focus areas ([here](#)):

The president reminded the group of several non-subscription journals of interest to Commission members and asked the Board for suggestions of possible collaborations with them.

8. **Enlargement of executive.** President suggested, supported by M Hughes-Warrington and D Woolf that we need one more member. Volunteers were asked to contact the president, who explained that there was agreement

on the executive on the need to add a fifth member, given issues of time zones which precluded all four current members being present at the same time, and also the many tasks the executive members were undertaking.

9. Use of Commission logo

E Domanska asked whether the logo of the Commission be used in advertisements for an event to be held at Poznań with Zhang Zuocheng (an ICHTH member). It was agreed that this was in general a good means of outreach and connection, but also that the organization should produce a policy statement on the matter. The Executive committee was charged with producing such a statement for approval at its next meeting, subject to revision at the next meeting of the Board. The Executive committee was also delegated the authority to grant E Domanska permission once it had adopted the policy statement.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS-- Information only, reiterated by the president.

- **ICHTH–INTH Book Prizes launch meeting:** Feb. or March 2025
- **European Social Science History Conference (Leiden, 26–29 March 2025)** (with 9 panels in our focus areas)
- **ICHTH Executive Committee meeting (July 2025):** (1) Preparation of Leipzig and Tallinn (2) The further future
- **ICHS/CISH Centenary Conference (Leipzig, Germany, 27–30 Aug. 2026)** ([here](#)).
- **INTH Conference (Tallinn, Estonia, [May] 2026):** coordinated by Berber & Marek; call for panels expected summer 2025
- **ICHS/CISH World Congress 2028:** Discussion at CISH General Assembly (Tokyo); Jan. 2026: go/no go

AOB: there being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 EST