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Dear members of the ISHD, dear colleagues,

what an extraordinary year will soon be behind us! In this newsletter, I would just like to express the heartfelt hope of the ISHD Board that all of you have made it through this very challenging year in good health and without serious professional losses in research and teaching.

At the same time, we sincerely hope that the coming year 2021 will provide better circumstances for all of us and offer the chance for many of us to meet again in face-to-face at the ICHS conference in Poznań (Poland).

1. ICHS (CISH) conference 2021 in Poznań (Poland)

As I informed you in early summer, the ICHS Board and the ICHS Poznań Organizing Committee saw themselves forced to cancel the 2020 Congress due to the pandemic. They decided to postpone it to August 22-28, 2021, whereby the programme remained valid unchanged.

You can still find information on the sections that the ISHD is holding in Poznań on our website <https://ishd.co/index.php/ishd-conferences/current-cfp/>.

In the meantime, the organizers have informed us that the conference in August 2021 will be held in a hybrid form, which means that the sections will comprise both face-to-face and online lectures.

If there should be any changes on the part of speakers in the ISHD sessions, we kindly ask to inform the chairs of the respective section immediately.

2. General Assembly 2021 in the context of the ICHS (CISH) conference in Poznań

In the context of the conference in Poznań, the Board will invite the ISHD members to a General Assembly, which, according to the Statutes, has to be held at least every three years. We assume that in Poznań the technological prerequisites will be in place for members who are not present on site to participate online in our General Assembly. We will inform you in time.

3. Upcoming ISHD conferences 2022 and 2023

The postponement of the conference in Poznan for one year also meant, among other things, that the international ISHD conferences planned for 2021 and 2022 had in turn to be deferred by one year.

For the next conference after Tutzing, the ISHD was generously invited by Markus Furrer and the History Didactics Department at the University of Teacher Education in Lucerne (Switzerland). Once again, many thanks for this great commitment! The conference in Lucerne will now take place in 2022 - specifically from *Monday, 5 September, to Wednesday, 7 September 2022*, and will deal with the fundamental question '*Why History Education?*'. The call for papers and further information will be published resp. be sent to you after the completion of the ICHS (CISH) conference in Poznań in the autumn of 2021.

For *the year of 2023* the ISHD was gratefully invited by Mare Oja to the University of Tallinn (Estonia). Mare also deserves a lot of thanks for this great offer. The definite date and topic of this conference are not yet fixed. We will discuss these issues at the General Assembly in 2021.

Furthermore, I would like to inform our members that the Board is open to invitations for the ISHD conferences in 2024 or in 2026. We will gladly receive proposals from your side.

For 2025, we expect the ISHD conference to be integrated as usual into the framework of the next of the five-yearly ICHS (CISH) conference. In the context of the ICHS/CISH-conferences, I would like to remind you as ISHD members of the following: Since the ISHD focuses specifically on the field of the didactics of *history*, it has been accepted – due to the strong efforts of Karl Pellens – as a regular member of the ICHS (CISH) – the world association of Historical Sciences. In this way, every five years our Society is given the great opportunity to present its researches in this prominent and influential forum.

4. The ISHD journal: JHEC 41 (2020) and 42 (2021)

The Board is very pleased to inform you that this year's volume of the JHEC again has been published in a timely manner – for Autumn 2020. The cover topic 'History Education and Migration' refers to the very well attended ISHD conference in Tutzing (Germany) in 2019.

Very warm and emphatic thanks go again this year to all those who have contributed to this remarkable publication with their commitment: the skilled and inspired authors, the very responsible peer reviewers, the generous language editor Terry Haydn, and especially the managing editor Joanna Wojdon, who again very efficiently managed the entire process from receiving the proposals to organizing the peer reviews to the setting the galley proofs and the consultations with the other Board members.

Many thanks to all of you!

In accordance with the long-standing and always extremely reliable agreement with Wochenschau Verlag, the issue of *JHEC 40 (2019)* 'History Didactics and Public History' is now *available online* on the ISHD website (<https://yearbook-ishd.wochenschau-verlag.de/issues.htm>).

Here are two more hints:

Firstly, should you not yet have received your printed copy, please contact a member of the Board.

Secondly, please make sure whenever possible to cite the JHEC in your scientific publications – and to do so in a correct manner! We require these citations for the ranking of a journal that is backed by a comparatively small scientific community in terms of numbers. *We need your support* to ensure that our old 'Yearbook' – now the JHEC – which has now existed for over 40 years, can stand its ground well in the scientific ranking competition. The quality of this journal and of its articles absolutely deserve our and your commitment!

The upcoming JHEC 42 (2021)

The main issue ('focus') of the upcoming JHEC 42 (2021) is '*History Education 30 Years After The Cold War*'. The deadline for submitting proposals is *February 28, 2021*.

— The Board is looking forward to many remarkable and innovative research contributions on this topic but also on other themes for the 'forum' part. For further information – especially on the style sheet and the procedures – please refer to the ISHD website.

5. Communication via facebook

— The Board sometimes receives pleas to integrate information e.g. on new journals and book publications in the field of history didactics into this newsletter. However, I must ask for your generous understanding if I refuse to do so, because such kind of information is not the purpose of newsletters that associations send to their members.

But would it be a viable solution if our members were to use the ISHD Facebook account to a greater extent for the circulation of such interesting information - e. about scientific conferences, lectures, or projects, too? There, the news would receive the attention of our scientific community it deserves – and last but not least our Facebook account could profit greatly from more activities on your part (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ishd1980/>).

At the end of this newsletter no. XVII, I wish you very warmly – on behalf of the entire ISHD Board – happy season holidays and all the best for the upcoming year, but especially good health for you, your family and friends. We are looking forward to continue our very appreciated scientific cooperation in hopefully better circumstances!

Cordially,

Susanne Popp