

## The ISHD President's Letter (2023.01.03.)

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome in the New Year! I am happy to start it with my first President's Letter addressed to all Members of the International Society for History Didactics.

First of all, I wish to thank you again for entrusting this position to me during our memorable conference in the beautiful city of Tallinn last summer. Second, I would like to present a short report of the activities of the ISHD Board in the last months of 2023. And third, to draw some plans and encourage you to actively join the ISHD activities.

Since the Tallinn conference the Board had two bi-monthly on-line meetings. Board Members decided to share the responsibilities in the following way:

**Roy Weintraub** – vice-president and recording secretary

**Anke John** – treasurer

**Mare Oja** – membership records manager

**Angelos Palikidis** – managing editor of the journal

**Barnabas Vajda** – website editor

**Elize van Eeden** – outreach and development

The 2023 issue of our [JHEC journal](#) will be published in early 2024. We wish to thank **Dr. Dorota Wiśniewska** for her splendid job as guest managing editor. We are in the process of negotiating new format of the journal with our publisher, Wochenschau Verlag, with the hope that it will be implemented already in this issue. We will keep you informed.

In any case, the **Call for Contributions for the 2024** is now open, with the leading theme of *Heritage in History Education*. Articles on other topics related to history didactics, history education and historical culture are also welcome. Submission deadline is **March 31, 2024**. And please note the new submission address: [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com)

JHEC is indexed in SCOPUS and ERIH+. Submissions undergo double-blind peer-review process.

As we want to enhance the pool of **peer reviewers**, we kindly ask members **to volunteer** and to send us your research interests and a brief CV to be used in our reviewers database. Please use the same e-mail address for this purpose: [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com).

**2024 Annual Conference** will take place on **October 10-12, 2024** in **Providence, Rhode Island, USA**, with the leading theme ***History and Its Discontents: Theory and Practice, Stories from the Classroom***. I am deeply grateful to Professor **Karl Benziger** for inviting us and taking care of the organizational matters. Please find the Call for Papers attached to this e-mail. Abstracts of paper proposals should be sent by email to [Kbenziger\(at\)ric.edu](mailto:Kbenziger@ric.edu). We are in the process of negotiating the hybrid options. Please see the website for any updates: <https://ishd.co/index.php/ishd-conferences/current-cfp/>

**ISHD Website** did not change its address. It is available at <https://ishd.co> and is being taken good care of by **Barnabas Vajda**. Please visit us there frequently for the details and updates on ISHD activities.

The Board has also decided on ISHD's engagement in social media. We will be moving from our "private" group on Facebook to the new "public" one: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/938600744546125>  
It will make the posts shareable – please do use this feature in your social media and spread the news about ISHD widely. And as always: please share the news about your history didactics-related publications, presentations, talks, visits etc. with us on FB and in other social media – with the goal of increasing the visibility of the ISHD and of its individual members, too.  
If you do not have your FB account but still want to share your news – let us know at [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com) and we will share your content. If you are active – please **join the ISHD Group!**

This brings us to the membership issues.

First and foremost: **Do not forget to renew your membership for 2024!** Membership dues remain unchanged for 2024: it is **30 EURO/year**. Payment details can be found at <https://ishd.co/index.php/membership/join-ishd/>. For Paypal please e-mail at... of course: [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com)

Your financial support is needed to secure the Society's operation. Board activities are performed on entirely voluntary basis, but we need to pay for publishing the journal, ISHD membership in CISH (International Congress of Historical Sciences), banking fees and website hosting.

And secondly, new Members are most welcome. Researchers and educators holding a PhD and PhD candidates upon their supervisor's recommendation are welcome to apply. They just need to contact any of the Board members (using [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com) is also fine) and we will be processing their requests ASAP.

With all best wishes for the New Year on behalf of the whole ISHD Board!

Joanna Wojdon  
President