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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Almost two months have passed since our annual conference and our Society's General Assembly that took place at my home University of Wrocław on September 10-12. You can find the report of the conference by Mare Oja at <https://www.opleht.ee/2025/10/motteid-rahvusvaheliselt-ajaloodidaktika-konverentsilt/>, in Estonian. In this letter I would like to share information about the decisions made there also with those members who could not make it to Wrocław. I also hoped to have some follow-up news on the processes discussed in Wrocław – hence the delay in sending this letter. However, some things are still in progress. But other have found (positive!) solutions.

1) I am happy to share the most positive outcome of our panel proposals for the **Conference of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH)** that will take place in Leipzig, August 26-30, 2026. All our panels and papers were accepted, and as a result the ISHD will organize or co-organize the following panels:

- . *Europe and "the others": Colonial and decolonial perspectives in history education.*
- . *Ethical dimension of teaching history in polarized societies.*
- . *Technology in history education: Problem or solution?*
- . *International Research in History Education – A Multiple-Perspective Overview*, in cooperation with HEIRNET, IRAHSSE and KGD.
- . *Bi-lateral History Textbooks – Achievements, Lessons Learned, Perspectives, Challenges*, in cooperation with the Committee of Historical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Georg Eckert Institute and Korean War Legacy Foundation.
- . *AI for the Historian's Craft*, in cooperation with the CISH Internal Commission for Computational Technologies and History, International Commission for the History of International Relations, the International Federation for Public History, the Swiss Historical Society, and the Association for Contemporary European History.

Individual presenters should receive official confirmations from the organizers soon, together with the tentative conference program that will also be announced on the new CISH website as soon as it is launched.

- 2) Following the practices from the past, the Board chose not to organize ISHD's own conference in 2026 but instead to encourage members to participate in the CISH conference in Leipzig. This decision was approved by the General Assembly, alongside selecting **Greece** for the **annual ISHD conference in 2027**, to be organized by Angelos Palikidis.
- 3) The General Assembly expressed gratitude to Angelos for his work as managing editor of IJHEC in the past two years. Just a reminder that the first issue of the Journal under his editorship, ***Heritage in History Education***, of 2024, is available in open access (i.e. can be downloaded free of charge by both members and non-members of our Society) from the website of the Wochenschau Verlag:  
<https://www.wochenschau-verlag.de/media/a4/70/a8/1746607224/9783756617302.pdf>  
Members may also buy a printed copy with 50% discount upon contacting the Publisher. Please keep sharing this link in your networks. And of course, read, use and cite the articles, and encourage others to do it, too!
- 4) The work on the 2025 issue on *History and Its Discontents* is in the stage of final revisions, proofreading and copyediting. Please expect it at the turn of 2025/2026. We are now accepting papers for the 2026 issue, with the leading theme of ***History Teacher Training, Trainers and Trainees***. As always, articles on other topics related to history didactics, history education and historical culture are also very welcome, as well as reviews of the books related to our members' areas of interest. Submission deadline is March 15, 2026. Please consider submitting your article and share this information by and large. Please use the address [ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com) for any correspondence related to the journal.
- 5) The General Assembly made two important decisions regarding the future of our journal. Firstly, we have the new Academic Advisory Board, for the term 2025-2028. I am very grateful to all those who agreed to support our journal and our Society in the Academic Advisory Board:  
Prof. Dr. Karl P. Benziger (USA)  
Dr. Denise Bentreovato (South Africa)  
Prof. Arthur Chapman (UK)  
Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Erdmann (Germany)  
Prof. Markus Furrer (Switzerland)  
Prof. Terry Haydn (UK)  
Dr. László Kojanitz (Hungary)  
Prof. Giorgos Kokkinos (Greece)  
Prof. Dr. Takahiro Kondo (Japan)  
Prof. Dr. David Lefrancois (Quebec)  
Prof. Dr. Zhongjie Meng (China)  
Prof. Dr. Robert J. Parkes (Australia)  
Prof. Maria Repoussi (Greece)  
Prof. Dr. Stanisław Roszak (Poland)  
Dr. Alžbeta Šniežko (Slovakia)  
Prof. Dr. Karel Van Nieuwenhuyse (Belgium)  
Prof. Dr. Arja Virta (Finland)

And secondly, the decision was made to change the publisher of the journal, in order to make it more user-friendly in terms of downloading individual articles, making the content easier searchable on-line and streamlining the production process. I hoped to be able to send you the link to the new webpage of the journal, at the new publisher's portal, but the process of transfer takes a bit longer than expected. I hope it will be the highlight of my next letter.

- 6) As it has already been announced, the first **ISHD Webinar**, organized by **Elize van Eeden** took place on May 21, 2025. The full recording is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YA9m9Rb0jrg>. The second webinar, organized in cooperation with EuroClio, is scheduled for November 12, at 15:00 Central European Time. Johanna Norpa, Paula O'Donohoe and Andreas Holberget will discuss the topic of *Exploring Youth Attitudes towards History – Consequences for History Education*. Please find the poster with the invitation and the link to the Webinar in the attachment to my message.
- 7) Regarding the communication strategies, the General Assembly decided that all communication related to the ISHD activities will be distributed to the members either from the email address of the IJHEC ([ISHDYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:ISHDYearbook@gmail.com)) or from the personal, institutional emails of the Board Members. Please ignore any messages from other email accounts (including addresses with any combinations of my name or function, such as ISHDPresident, PresidentISHD etc. on popular mailing platforms), and report them to me or to other members of the Board.
- 8) ISHD is tightening its collaboration with other societies and institutions involved in history education research. The Swiss Society for History Didactics (CODHIS-SDGD) has recently become the corporate member of ISHD. Prof. Arthur Chapman from UCL, one of the leaders of HEIRNET, was a keynote speaker at the Wrocław conference of ISHD. The panel on International Research in History Education with chairpersons of ISHD, HEIRNET, IRAHSSE, and German KGD is in the program of the CISH conference in Leipzig. Our members are also taking part in the activities of the Observatory of History Teaching in Europe and of EuroClio.
- 9) The most recent collaborative initiative of EuroClio, Centre for Historical Culture at Erasmus University Rotterdam, ISHD, IRAHSSE and HEIRNET is the **History Education Dissertation Prize** for scholars who successfully defended their PhD theses between January 1, 2022 and December 14, 2025, and whose research has a practical applicability for history teachers. Three selected candidates will have their findings converted into animations and will be supposed to present them during the EuroClio annual conference in Brussels. Submission deadline is December 15, 2025. The details of the competition, such as eligibility, timeline, selection criteria and process, can be found at the EuroClio's website:  
<https://euroclio.eu/2025/09/19/history-education-dissertation-prize/>
- 10) **Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2025!** Membership dues remain unchanged at **30 EURO/year**. Payment details, including SEPA direct debit mandate, can be found at <https://ishd.co/index.php/membership/join-ishd/>. For Paypal details please e-mail our treasurer, Anke John at [anke.john@uni-jena.de](mailto:anke.john@uni-jena.de). Please use the PayPal option only if you are located outside Europe and the bank transfer is not feasible for you. Members register for the conference at preferential rates, but most importantly, 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 Committee of Historical Sciences), banking fees and website hosting.

- 11) As always, **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.
- 12) For most current news please, as always, see **ISHD Website** <https://ishd.co> and **ISHD public group on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/938600744546125>. The recent post in our FB group, on *Putting History to the Test* book to be published in early 2026, had over 1400 views – so the group can be regarded as a useful means to reach out wider publics with news on your activities, achievements, plans. Please share them with us and we will share it further.

With best wishes of a fruitful end of the year,

Joanna Wojdon  
President