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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With this letter I would like to share news about current developments and perspectives of our Society.

1) First of all, the **Conference of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH)** is approaching. It will take place in Leipzig, August 26-30, 2026.

Full program of the conference is available at the Conference website:

<https://cish2026.recentglobe.org/congress-programme/>

Panels organized or co-organized by our society are scheduled as follows:

- . *Europe and "the others": Colonial and decolonial perspectives in history education*, chaired by Angelos Palikidis, Wednesday, August 26, 14:00-15:30; and Thursday, August 27, 8:30-10:30
- . *International Research in History Education – A Multiple-Perspective Overview*, in cooperation with HEIRNET, IRAHSSE and KGD, Friday, August 28, 8:30-10:30.
- . *Technology in history education: Problem or solution?*, Friday, August 28, 11:00-13:30.
- . *Ethical dimension of teaching history in polarized societies*, chaired by Roy Weintraub, Saturday, 29 Aug, 9:00-13:00

Detailed presentations of each panel are attached to this letter on separate pages.

Presenters should have received official confirmations from the organizers.

Registration for the conference is now open, with the early bird fee of **200 euro** valid until **the end of April**. Please visit the official website for details:

<https://cish2026.recentglobe.org/news/registration-now-open-for-the-cish-centennial-conference-2026/>

During the conference, the ISHD General Assembly will take place. The details of the time, venue and agenda will be sent later. As usually, ISHD will not charge any extra fees for the CISH conference participation.

- 2) The transition process of our journal, IJHEC, to the new publishing platform takes longer than expected due to some legal obstacles, but it looks that we are on good way to complete it in the coming weeks. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Angelos for his work as managing editor. Just a reminder that the first issue of the Journal under his editorship, *Heritage in History Education*, of 2024, is available in open access from the website of the Wochenschau Verlag:
<https://www.wochenschau-verlag.de/media/a4/70/a8/1746607224/9783756617302.pdf>
Issues 2025 and 2026 are in the pipeline and I will share the details as soon as each of them will be available, also in open access.
- 3) The jury composed of representatives of Centre for Historical Culture at Erasmus University Rotterdam, ISHD, IRAHSSE and HEIRNET shortlisted three candidates for the **History Education Dissertation Prize** among the 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. The three selected candidates will have their findings converted into animations and will be supposed to present them during the EuroClio annual conference “History and Hope” in Brussels on April 29. The details of the competition can be found at the EuroClio’s website:
<https://euroclio.eu/2025/09/19/history-education-dissertation-prize/>
- 4) **Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2026!** 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. 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.
- 5) As always, **new Members** are most welcome. So far, three persons have joined us this year. Researchers and educators holding a PhD and PhD candidates upon their supervisor’s recommendation are welcome to apply. They need to contact any of the Board members (or email ISHDYearbook@gmail.com) and the board will process their requests ASAP.
- 6) Just a reminder, that the General Assembly of ISHD in Wrocław 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) 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.
- 7) 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>. Please share them in your networks, share your news with us and we will share it further.

With best wishes,

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President