

Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly of CESH

31st October 2018 at 11AM

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There were present 32 Members: Arnd Krüger, Constantin Pompiliu-Nicolae, Gherardo Bonini, Alain Blayo, Christodoulos Faniopoulos, Laurent Daniel, Marion Philippe, Jean-Nicolas Renaud, Anne Marie Pioletti, El Hadji Boubacar Diagne, Mouhamed Dmi Ndongo, Hiroshi Arai, Akisato Suzuki, Dave Day, Margaret Roberts, Quentin Tonnerre, Sebastien Cala, Tony Froissart, Jean-Dominique Delle Luche, Valerie Corco, Noémie Beltramo, François Da Rocha Carneiro, Jean-Michel Delaplace, Rudolf Müllner, Kenth Sjöblom, Derek Peuple, Ying Wushanley, Daphné Bolz, Jean-Françoise Loudcher, Denis Jallat, Mike Huggins and Alejandro de la Viuda Serrano.

Also 2 Non-Members: Jean-Paul Calléde and Andreas Praher.

1. Welcome by the President

The General Assembly has been properly invited, decisions are therefore valid. Mike Huggins thanks JF Loudcher and his team for the marvelous CESH-Congress in Bordeaux.

2. Nomination of a Recorder

Arnd Krüger was elected unanimously

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the GA in Strasbourg 2017

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Acceptance of the Agenda for Bordeaux 2018

The agenda were approved unanimously.

5. President's Report

The President Huggins gives an abbreviated version of his written report (see appendix 1).

6. General Secretary's Report

General Secretary Alejandro de la Viuda Serrano gives an abbreviated version of his written report (see appendix 2).

7. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer Denis Jallat gives an abbreviated financial report. The finances of CESH are healthy. There are currently 108 members, as of Oct. 31 there are 8664.45 EUR in the account. It will be most likely more by the end of the year following the CESH Congress. The GA approves unanimously the proposal of the treasurer to put at least 3000 EUR in a saving account (see appendix 3).

8. Auditors' Report

Arnd Krüger (also on behalf of Athinodoros Moschopoulos) has thoroughly checked the accounts and praises the treasurer for his conscientious work. He recommends that the treasurer looks into the possibility of avoiding paying 20% VAT on some of the membership fees. He asks for a vote of confidence for the treasurer.

9. Vote on the Reports

All reports and the accounting are approved unanimously.

10. Nomination of two Auditors for 2018-19

Gherardo Bonini and Christodoulos Faniopoulos were elected unanimously

11. Presentation of new Fellows of CESH

Mike Huggins (on behalf of Evangelos Albanidis) presents Dave Day as duly coopted Fellow of CESH.

12. Report of ESSH Editors

Editor-in-chief Daphné Bolz reported on the progress of the ESSH. There is a blind review process with at least two international experts reviewing. The issue of 2017 was distributed to members that had paid for 2017 at the congress. Thematic issues are more complicated as it is attempted to keep the journal truly multilingual. The 2017 issue has papers in 3 different languages. The rate of papers that are not accepted is about 20%, with many papers sent back for revisions. The 2018 issue on "Sport and Graphic Novels" will come out soon, the 2019 issue is already in progress, so that it should be ready by the 2019 CESH Congress. There was a discussion whether papers should only be published if the author is a member of CESH. The matter was passed on to the editorial board to decide and report to the next General Assembly.

The assembly voted in favour of a reasonable amount of money being spent on the technical side of the editorial bureau to make the burden for Daphné - or any future editor - somewhat easier.

13. Reports on CESH congresses proceedings

The Proceedings of Florence 2015 were presented at the congress. It is a book published by the *Scuola dello Sport* of 352 pp, an ISBN number and papers in 5 languages. It contains, however, also 17 (most of them 1 page each) abstracts. Several proceedings have still not been published. The necessity of Proceedings is discussed. While the possibilities to publish sport history in English are excellent, in some language areas they are almost nonexistent. This complicates the work of a congress organizer as some participants only come to be in print afterwards, while others will never hand in a full elaborated paper as it is of little academic merit to them to be published in proceedings.

The GA votes in favor of a **change in the Interior Regulations 4.3**. A Congress organizer still has to publish the Summaries and is encouraged to publish Proceedings. The organizer has to contact the *Directing Council* about the Proceedings in due time to assure that what is written and thus guaranteed in the Call for Paper is really performed. Not sticking to the Call for Papers, which is a form of a contract, may result in difficulties to the organizer and to CESH. The new wording for 4.3 will be as follows:

4.3 Conditions of Candidature for CESH Congress Organizers.

The candidature for International CESH Congresses is presented to the vote of the General Assembly, if possible already two years before its intended date. It shall be presented by a member of CESH with the endorsement of a university. One year before, the local organisers shall present the programme outline abiding by the schedule of International CESH Congresses.

The local organisers must provide:

- travel and accommodation costs for two guest lecturers,*
- a hall for the assembly and rooms for simultaneous sessions,*
- a reasonable registration fee (about 100 to 120 €) and relatively cheap accommodation in order to encourage the presence of young researchers,*
- the Congress advertisements and invitations,*
- the publication of Summaries,*
- an Official Opening and Closing Ceremony;*

- if congress organisers wish to make a publication mentioning CESH as the result of the congress, they should ask for guidance and approval to the Directing Council.

14. Presentation of the 23th International CESH Congress 2019 in Lausanne

The plans of Lausanne were presented by Quentin Tonnerre: “Youth, Youngsters and Sport from Antiquity to the Modern Days”, 12-14 Sept 2018 by the University of Lausanne. The plans are online www.unil.ch the early bird prices are very moderate. The plans are enthusiastically approved by the GA.

15. Proposal for the 24th International CESH Congress 2020

Alejandro de la Viuda Serrano reported on behalf of Daniele Serapiglia, a scholar from the *Universidade Nova de Lisboa* (Instituto de História Contemporânea) . The congress is expected to be 9 – 11 November 2020 in Lisbon. Details will be communicated in February 2019. The GA approves of the Lisbon proposal under the condition that the rules for congresses of the Interior Regulations are kept.

16. AOB

No other business. President Mike Huggins terminates the GA at 12:15h.

APPENDIX 1. President’s report (Mike Huggins)

CESH represents sports and physical education history as a sub-discipline and its European historians as an important group within the global community of historians. It has contributed to the European sports historical landscape in the past year in a number of ways.

The CESH congress has always provided a European forum for all historians of sport to meet and exchange ideas. We were delighted to hold this 22nd congress in association with Societe Francaise d’Histoire du Sport, the French society for sports history which is an institutional member of CESH. In order to reinforce its role as a European steering group, CESH is still working hard to strengthen contacts with national societies of sports history through affiliation to CESH. Società Italiana di Storia dello Sport, for example is a **National Section of CESH. Members will know that** CESH is open to any legitimate national society or working group which supports the aim of CESH. These legal entities have to possess legal statutes and have to appoint representatives who will represent them within CESH. **So anything members can do to encourage institutional and national society membership is welcome.**

Dr. Kenth Sjöblom, International Council of Archives, Helsinki (Finland), Fina Sola (president of ICA-SPO) and Dr. Angela Teja, Rome (past President of CESH Fellows, Italy) presented a petition to the European Union to encourage the safeguarding of sports archives. This need is particularly great as in many European countries these are being lost. **Raising this issue whenever you can on your social media platforms is a very helpful activity, and worth mentioning whenever you can.**

CESH’s peer-reviewed scientific journal, *European Studies in Sports History*, published annually by Rouen and Le Havre University Press and received by all members, has refreshed and strengthened its editorial board, under the editorial direction of Dr. Daphné BOLZ – University of Rouen and Prof. Arnd KRÜGER – University of Göttingen. **Details of back copies are available to members on the CESH website, and provide useful references.**

Further tasks: In the current social, economic and political climate there are further tasks ahead in the coming years

- The lifeblood of CESH is the continuing flow of established scholars, some in the College of Fellows, and also those who have provided voluntary labour for its Directing Council, unremunerated, idealistic, pragmatic and (appropriate to an historical society) both backward- and forward-looking. So I wish to repeat my earlier thanks to Daphe Bolz, Angela Teja, and Evangelos Albanidis for their sterling service in past years, all responsible, experienced and talented and concerned to do well by the profession. To maintain its representative function and its ability to gauge and respond to the needs of the community of historians CESH has also always been keen to support and encourage early career historians of sport but we still must do more to encourage networks of young European researchers. Although we have in the past produced lists of recent and current doctorates and tried to encourage our Junior Scholar Awards recent CESH congress websites could do more to remind interested researchers about it and give it more emphasis. **We need to emphasise to future congress organisers that a paragraph should be included in their call papers, stressing the Award's financial, career and status benefits to post-graduate and early career researchers and providing a clear link to the CESH website and how to apply. We also need to regularly remind young scholars in other ways too.**
- We still need to better establish CESH registration in the EU database. This situation does not help us apply for a funded European Project and encourage sponsorship. It has proved a complex and difficult issue with legal ramifications which are still not overcome.

Broader challenges: CESH and other sports history organizations face broader challenges which can best be overcome by encouraging the values of cooperation and collaboration with colleagues with shared goals rather than the prevailing winds of competition that emanate from policy-makers. We need to:

- Encourage networks and cooperation between sports historians of different nationalities, especially at a time when funding for conferences and symposia is increasingly problematic. We need to attract a more diverse range of sports historians too, in terms of gender, race etc.
- Strive to maintain the status of professional historians when the internet and its various internet forums provide an opportunity for everyone to produce histories, often of inferior quality.
- Encourage better funding for the cultural and educational services that engage historians (notably archives, university and national libraries, and museums) which are being reduced or cut in many parts of Europe.

And finally: **Encouraging membership**

- As members of CESH I do very much hope to see you giving support this European-wide organisation not only by attending our Congress but also **by encouraging new applicants to our membership and directing prospective members to the relevant membership page on-line http://www.cesh-site.eu/?page_id=84**. Annual membership is cheap and also gives access to the journal.

APPENDIX 2. General Secretary's report (Alex Viuda-Serrano)

General account:

This is my first year as a General Secretary so I am getting used to my new duties. As you know I have been the Treasurer of CESH for the last 7 years and even if I know the functioning of the organization it is not the same to be the General Secretary.

Sorry for the delay uploading and sending the documents for this General Assembly (the agenda and the minutes for Strasbourg 2017). I promise next year I will do it more in advance.

Following the efforts of Daphné Bolz, our General Secretary for the last 8 years (thank you for your work Daphné) I am trying to catch up with the CESH webpage which is the showcase of our society. I tried to be as effective as possible to post and update news, publications and general information. I will try to keep in mind the international dimension of our society and our members. We the members of the Directing Council of CESH regularly exchange e-mails about different matters.

We continue developing CESH activities and information. The congress here in Bordeaux is being a great success at organizational and academic levels. To hold a joint congress with the French Society for Sports History is a big evidence of the well-being of CESH.

Next congresses:

Next CESH congress will be held in Lausanne (Switzerland) from 12 to 14 September 2019. Quentin Tonnerre will make a presentation today of the details.

We have a bid to organize the congress for 2020 in Lisbon (Portugal). Daniele Serapiglia couldn't attend this congress so I will make a small presentation on his project for the General Assembly to vote on this proposal.

Any CESH member who wants to apply for future congresses organization can download the requirements and all the information on the CESH webpage.

Social networks:

As you know we have a Twitter account born 2 years ago (@ceshSportHist) with nearly 500 followers at the moment to upload useful information and keep our members and sport historians in general updated on CESH issues. Right here in Bordeaux we are uploading a lot of information about the running of the congress. Please, if you have a Twitter account follow us and help us to grow on it. It is a very effective showcase to the world and helps CESH to be in the spotlight.

APPENDIX 3. Treasurer's report (Denis Jallat)

It is a great pleasure for me to present this annual report of CESH's account.

First of all, I would like to thank Alex most sincerely for the very good job he has done as Treasurer and for the help he has given me to start as Treasurer.

As you can see on the slides, CESH has an amount on the two accounts of 9725,70€ corresponding to 1061,25€ on his save account and 8664,45€ on the current account. These 8664,45€ correspond to the balance of last year (to remember: 7338,45€) and 1326,00€ of earnings for this year, before the membership payment of the people registered to the congress; As you know, this year the membership to CESH is included in the fees of the congress.

In detail:

- 1605,00€ as membership payment dues for members who are absent here in Bordeaux or who haven't understood that the congress fees includes the membership (in this case we will report their membership payment to next year),
- 70,00€ of sale of the ESSH journal,
- 33,00€ of bank commissions,
- and finally 316,00€ for various purchases: the website, and the junior award.

Finally, I submit three proposals or ideas, the first one must be approved by the General Assembly:

- Transfer a part of the normal Account to the Save Account (3000€),
- Encourage projects financed or co-financed by CESH (especially for students),
- Contact members who have not joined CESH for several years (Fellows and other persons who has been CESH members for a long time).