

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR SPORTS HISTORY

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Minutes of the General Assembly of CESH
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Debates opened at 1:20 PM

1. Welcome by CESH President. Mike Huggins

2. Nomination of a Recorder: Gherado Bonini

3. Approval of Minutes of GA in Bordeaux 2018. Passed

4. Acceptance of the Agenda for Lausanne 2019. Passed

5. President's Report (Huggins)

I want to start with a reminder of the importance of European research into sports history. Our work here in Europe has always influenced sports historians in America, the Antipodes and the Far East. So it is unsurprising that well-published, early career and post-graduate European

students are always well-represented at our CESH Congresses. Many European countries have their own sports history societies and publications, but CESH is our over-arching European body. It represents sports and physical education history as a sub-discipline, and we make an important contribution to the European sports historical landscape.

International links: This Congress provides us with a European forum for historians of sport to meet and exchange ideas. This year we are holding our Congress in association with the University of Lausanne and three of its important institutes: sports science, politics and gender. Many universities subscribe to our journal and we are always keen to encourage affiliation with those working groups and legitimate national societies who like us want to foster wider European links. To cite just one example, Società Italiana di Storia dello Sport is an institutional member, and a very valuable one, representing as it does some very important Italian sports historians.

CESH wishes to strengthen these contacts with national societies of sports history through affiliation to 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 must possess legal statutes and have to appoint representatives who will represent them within CESH. Whatever members here can do to encourage institutional and national society membership is welcome.

Archives: CESH is still working hard to get better international care of important sports archives. Last year Dr. Kenth Sjöblom, International Council of Archives, Helsinki (Finland), Fina Sola (president of ICASPO) 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 instead of curated. Raising this issue whenever you can on your social media platforms is a very helpful activity, and worth mentioning whenever you can. This year both will be attending the second seminar on sports archives in Gerona and putting forward proposals to move the project forward. CESH is looking for a volunteer from each country in Europe to become involved in building up our knowledge of archives as assessing the extent of risks to them in order to gain more response from governments and encourage better funding. If you are interested the person to contact is Kenth Sjöblom. His email is kenth.sjoblom@kotiporitti.fi More broadly this may help on the broader front of encouraging 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.

ESSH: 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.

CESH is still concerned to improve both journal content and our societal membership in terms of equality and diversity. We need to encourage more research within under represented areas in the field of sports history such as LGBT, disability and women's history. This year the CESH 2019 Organising Committee included a web page with contact details to help sustain the fight against inequalities and discriminations based on gender, sexual orientation, ethno-racial or religious affiliation, handicap or class and we wish to see this continue. If any member has further suggestions in this area, or would like to offer any expertise, please email mikehuggins@cumbria.ac.uk.

Fellows: In the current rapidly changing political, social and climate and the increasing difficulties universities face there is a real need to refresh the role and activities of the College of Fellows, the lifeblood of our expertise. We have drawn on the College for the voluntary labour for our Directing Council, unremunerated, idealistic, pragmatic and (appropriate to an historical society) both backward and forward-looking and concerned to do well by the profession. But some of our Fellows are now no longer contributing to our work and we need to re-examine their membership and recruit new and keen Fellows who satisfy our criteria.

Early Career Scholars: We also need to do more to encourage early career European researchers. Although we have in the past produced lists of recent and current doctorates and tried to encourage our Junior Scholar Awards. We now do more on our website to remind interested researchers about it and give it more emphasis. All congress organisers foreground details on their call papers, stressing the Award's financial, career and status benefits to postgraduate and early career researchers and providing a clear link to the CESH website and how to apply.

Finally: We still need to better establish CESH registration in the EU database. This situation does not help us apply for funded European Projects and encourage sponsorship. It has proved a complex and difficult issue with legal ramifications which are still not overcome. We are considering changes to our Internal Regulations and with regard to the role of Fellows in proposing roles on the Directing Council.

6. General Secretary's Report (Viuda-Serrano)

General account: This has been the second year in office for all of us, myself as General Secretary, so we are working very well together. We know the functioning of the organization and are trying our best to get boosted even more than before.

I would like to thank Mike and Denis for their efforts. Mike has given a new vision (a British gentleman's one) to CESH. His knowledge about scientific arena is very valuable and is boosted Evangelos Albanidis' openness during his term in office as President and now as the President of Fellows (THANK YOU EVANGELOS FOR YOUR WORK). Denis is managing the economical issues in a perfect and very systematic way, so our money is in good hands. THANK YOU FOR THAT DENIS.

In the last years, our community increased the number of its members and I hope colleagues will continue to come and contribute to the activities of CESH. The present congress in Lausanne is an illustration of the well-being of our society, more than 100 members each year.

Website: I am trying to keep on improving 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 (together with Evangelos Albanidis and Daphné Bolz – CESH President Elect), regularly exchange e-mails about different issues.

We continue developing CESH activities and information. The congress here in Lausanne is being a great success at organizational and academic levels. We would like to THANK Patrick Clastres, Quentin Tonnerre and all their team for the splendid congress we are getting.

About the specific numbers about the CESH website traffic (thanks must be given to our webmaster Brice Monier), engagement with our site has had during the last 9 years a significant

and sustained growth. This year 2019 (up to the beginning of September) we had 813.486 views and 37.374 visits to the site, which means more than 15% increase compared to 2018 and about 700% more than in 2010. Interest of our website visitors is also growing. This year 2019 each visitor viewed an average of 22 pages. Ukraine, USA, Great Britain and Switzerland were the most interested countries attending to the website views what relegates other countries like China (top three in 2017 and 2018) or France (top two in 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Next congresses: Next CESH congress will be held in Lisbon (Portugal) at the beginning of September 2020. Daniele Serapiglia will make a presentation today with the details.

We have a promising bid to organize the congress for 2021 in Bucharest (Romania). Prof. Constantin is going to 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 or you can say right now if you prefer.

Social networks: As you know we have a Twitter account which was launched 3 years ago (@ceshSportHist) with nearly 600 followers at the moment (100 more than last year) to upload useful information and keep our members and sport historians in general updated on CESH issues. Personally, I manage it with the valuable help of Daphné Bolz. Right here in Lausanne 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 up even more. It is a very effective showcase to the world and helps CESH to be in the spotlight.

Prof. Mike Huggins (President of CESH)

7. Treasurer's Report (Jallat)

Treasurer Denis Jallat illustrated with details the tables of account and the positive balance of 3149,35 Euros. Expenditures have been mostly devoted to journals and publications. Membership consists in 113 units, but there are problematic cases. That does not obstacle welcoming of new membership.

‘Dear Colleagues, Dear Members.

This year, it is with a little anxiety that I present this annual financial report because we are in the country of bankers. As you can see on the slide, we have on our accounts twelve thousand eight hundred and eighty-five euros, corresponding to four thousand and seventy-two euros on the save account and eight thousand eight hundred and thirteen euros on the current account. The balance (that means the difference between our expenses and our income for this year) corresponds to a positive amount of three thousand one hundred and forty-nine euros: the total expenditure is two thousand two hundred euros mainly due to the Cesh review and the total income is five thousand three hundred and fifty euros. This amount is a bit unusual because it corresponds to two years of membership fees: we received the fees of last year at the end of April, if you remember fees were included in the registration for the Bordeaux Congress, in addition of the fees for this Congress. You have the details of income and expenses on the slide, I don't comment. On this slide, you can see the evolution of the number of members of Cesh; personally, I regret that the membership is too linked to the presence or not to the congress, even if we are absent some of us forget to pay the membership fee.

Finally, I believe that our finances, our financial possibilities must allow us to take action, particularly for our young researchers (of which I am not!) to reassure those who might think that I am making this proposal for myself’.

Dr Denis JALLAT (Treasurer of ESSH)

8. Auditors' Report (Bonini & Faniopoulos). These confirmed the good financial situation and diligent work of the treasurer.

9. Vote on the Reports. Reports accepted.

10. Nomination of two Auditors for 2019-20. The two auditors were reappointed for the following year. The Auditors Gherardo Bonini and Christodoulos Faniopoulos were confirmed in their duty.

11. Report on the college of Fellows of CESH (Albanidis).

Evangelos Albanidis stated that the CESH website currently lists 66 fellows. However, the careers of some Fellows have taken them away from their previous active involvement with CESH. Others are now retired. A number have therefore not renewed their membership in the past few years, nor have they supported in other direct ways. This may well have been a mere oversight.

The statutes of CESH have always stated that annual membership of the College of Fellows is dependent on the payment of the annual CESH membership fee for that year. Fellows are important to the Society since the title recognises merit and contribution to the field, while their subscriptions help to support CESH's work.

It was agreed that all CESH Fellows who have not paid subscriptions in the last two years and who are therefore not currently paid up members should be courteously contacted to ask if they wish to continue to use the title of CESH Fellow. If so this would be allowed on payment of subscriptions for 2018 and 2019, either of 35 euros for each year for employed Fellows or 25 euros for retired Fellows. Their names would then be retained on the list as long as subscriptions continue. Those who were not able to do so would, with deep regret, have to be removed from the list of Active fellows, would no longer be able to use the title on their resumes, and be considered as former Fellows.

12. Report of ESSH Editors (Bolz).

Daphné Bolz illustrated the situation of the CESH journal *European Studies in Sports History*.

'Issues of ESSH: Vol. 10 (2017) a special issue on Worker's sport came out in November last year. It was given or sent to CESH members for 2017. If members for 2017 did not receive it, they should please let me know. **Vol. 11 (2018)** was meant to be ready for this congress in Lausanne and it is regrettable the publisher did not manage to have it printed. But as you know the publishers is a French public body. They do not have many staff and they no not ask for funding. They are doing a very good job, but this takes time. This Vol 11 (2018) is a special issue on Sport and Graphic Novels with guest editors Sébastien Laffage-Cosnier and Christian Vivier. It should be printed by the end of the month and I will organise the shipping to CESH members for 2018. I managed to finish the manuscript for **Volume 12 (2019)** before the summer break. This issue will include articles from several CESH Awards Prize holders.

Regarding the future, some articles are currently being reviewed for Vol 13 (2020). As announced yesterday, Patrick Clastres and myself will propose congress participants to participate in a Special issue on the history of physical education.

Work of the Editorial Board

The work with new Editorial Board and the Scientific Committee is going very well. The closer organisation between the members of the Editorial Board and myself has proven to be a notable relief. This year, we hired somebody to help with the technical preparation of the manuscript.

The members of the Editorial Board are efficient in relaying the work in the various countries, for dealing with articles as well as for getting book reviews. Many thanks to the colleagues (the members of the Editorial Board as well as the reviewers), who worked for the journal and enabled to maintain the good quality and the European dimension of our journal.

Special thanks to our English natives Dil Porter and Mike Huggins. They did a tremendous work and never count their hours in helping out. Thanks also to the other members of the Editorial Board, to Arnd Krüger, Evangelos Albanidis, Eleonora Belloni, Xavier Pujadas. I greatly appreciate your support. In fact, I would like to solicit the submission of articles in other languages than English, namely French, Spanish, German and Italian. Editorial Board is able to manage these differentiated contributions.

Finally, we have very good news about international indexing of ESSH. It has reached the Q1 on SJR index (Scimago) on the subject of History which confirms the strength of the CESH journal. Thanks to all contributors, editors and reviewers.'

Dr Daphné BOLZ (General Editor of ESSH) daphne.bolz@univ-rouen.fr

13. Presentation of the 24th International CESH Congress 2020 in Lisbon (Portugal)

Daniele Serapiglia presented briefly the CESH Congress of Lisbon (9/11 September 2020), dedicated to Sport and Politics.

14. Proposals for the 25th International CESH Congress 2021

This was presented to the assembly with some slides and a video by Pompiliu-Nicolae Constanin. The Congress would take place at Bucharest during a period to be confirmed from second half of September to first half of October. He will benefit from the full support of University whose Council voted unanimously in its favour. It is good located with facilities and a related museum. The prices would be very inviting for a numerous participation. President Huggins stressed the relevance of a full support by University authorities and expressed full support for this candidature launched by an Eastern country venue.

Closing procedure: 15. AOB

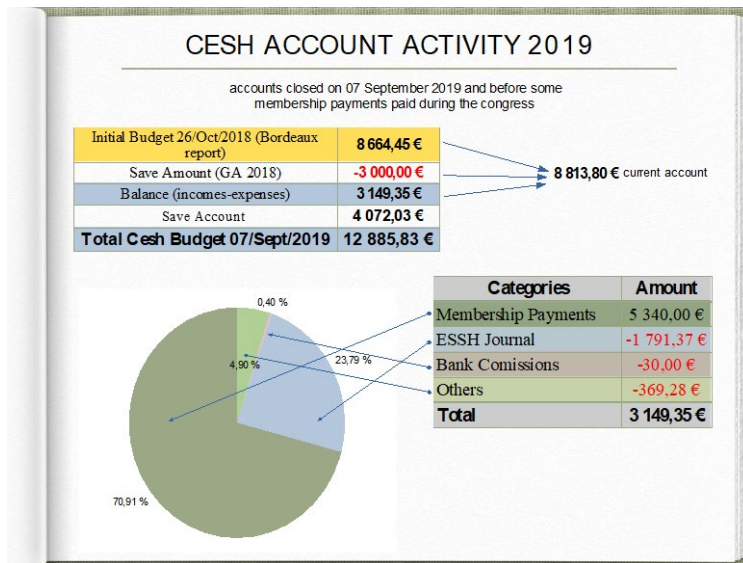
Susan Barton expressed the wish to have more participation of minorities and a balanced gender quota among the future members of CESH Council.

Nicola Sbeti mourned the premature loss of a good advocate for European sport, the Italian Professor Lauro Rossi who passed away in late 2018. He was one of first-wave Italian historians for sport and he founded *Lancillotto & Nausica* that is still the best-specialized journal in Italy.

President Huggins went back to the participation and the impact of early career searchers in CESH and the valorisation of post-graduate papers. He suggested that the Directing Council should create a sub-committee for structuring this task, but he sent the debate to next CESH Assembly.

The Assembly ended its work at 2:30 PM.

APPENDIX (Treasurer's report details)



Categories	Income amount
Membership Payments	5 340,00 €
ESSH Journal income	10,00 €
Total incomes	5 350,00 €

Categories	Expenses amount
Bank Comissions	30,00 €
ESSH Journal expenses	1 801,37 €
Others	369,28 €
Total expenses	2 200,65 €

Balance (incomes-expenses)	3 149,35 €
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CESH MEMBERS 2019

Paid-up Members	Number
Members 2011-2012	58
Members 2013	80
Members 2014	99
Members 2015	82
Members 2016	85
Members 2017	108
Members 2018	105
Members 2019 (07 Sept)	113

✓ Growing number of scholars knowing the CESH each year