



**Minutes of the 2022 General Assembly of CESH**

**Tuesday, 22 September 2022**

**25<sup>th</sup> International CESH Congress**

**Bucharest (Romania)**

(Accepted by the 2023 GA in Cologne 6/10/2023)

- 1. Welcome by CESH President.** Daphné Bolz
- 2. Nomination of a Recorder:** Alejandro Viuda-Serrano
- 3. Approval of Minutes of GA in Lisbon 2021.** Passed
- 4. Acceptance of the Agenda for Bucharest 2022.** Passed

**5. President's Report (Bolz)**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The aim of our society is to encourage research, exchange and reflection. Sport, and physical training more generally, are our research topics, they can be a passion too, but in any case, they are our door to analyse the historical past and better understand the present and the future. Since it was founded in 1995, CESH has evolved, because the international field of sports history has, and because the world has too.

To reach its aims, CESH has worked in various directions.

First, conferences: The Covid pandemic has shown the importance of conferences. Of course, we all benefitted from the boom of online meetings and congresses and this is an important tool to reach and include more scholars. However, as we can notice here in Bucharest, under

back to normal circumstances, the physical gathering cannot be completely substituted by a camera and a microphone.

This leads me to the second aspect of CESH: the willingness to make CESH a place where researchers can present their work and feel supported and welcomed. Research can be a lonely activity, careers can be fragile, and whatever the experience of the scholar, academic work is often demanding. With our conferences, we hope to help you raise these challenges.

We are also working hard to offer more. With the CESH journal, we offer a recognised platform for all researchers in sports history to publish their work. But I will detail this later on. We also care about communication. It is important that all the efforts you and we put in research and in organising it, be visible. Sharing what we do gives legitimacy and motivation. So please use our webpage, send us information on international actions, and if you feel like it, you can also tweet!

With the new Directing Council of CESH, we have had several meetings this year to prepare the Bucharest conference and to see how we could best address the needs of European sports historians. We have developed ideas to improve communication, to help participation, and increase diversity. We hope to be able to realise these in the next months.

Let me finish by thanking Pompiliu and the Bucharest team for this memorable 2022 edition of our international conferences, and you for your participation and contribution to CESH. It is a great pleasure to have you here.

## **6. General Secretary's Report (Carpentier)**

**Administrative tasks:** This has been the first year in office for me, so it was a little bit complicated to get familiar with all the work of CESH. We have had special problems with the bank account. Indeed, we haven't been able to take control of the CESH account until now, September 2022.

**Communication and publicizing:** We are trying to improve the CESH webpage and above all the information given to CESH members through the webpage and mailing. We also intend to give information from our members. In order to do so we are deciding how to act. We could give some individual info about our members on the website on a regular basis to be better known.

**Pompiliu-Nicolae Constantin** encourages the Directing Board to increase visibility of the annual CESH congresses on the website for the future.

## **7. Treasurer's Report (Serapiglia)**

The Treasurer Daniele Serapiglia illustrated with details the tables of account and the positive balance of 10 820,96 Euros (regular account) Euros and 4165,16 Euros (saving account). Indeed, there have been no expenses this year on the CESH account so just incomes from members.

**Members.** After COVID there has been an increase in the number of members, especially important the new Romanian members.

The Directing Council is working on new strategies of interaction between CESH members. Ideas are

welcome for this purpose.

**Arnd Küger** proposes to celebrate once a month some kind of club's creation anniversary or something similar to publicize CESH.

**Florence Carpentier** presents the idea of fulfilling a questionnaire of sports history and publicizing a biography of one sports historian each month on the website.

**Denis Jallat** argues it could improve CESH visibility.

**Mike Huggins** proposes to create some 500-word abstracts on sports history topics for the journal ESSH. Or to give information about CESH members.

**8. Auditors' Report (Viuda-Serrano and Gounot).** They confirm the good financial situation and diligent work of the treasurer, and also celebrate there were no expenses this year.

**9. Vote on the Reports.** Reports are accepted.

**10. Nomination of two Auditors for 2019-20.** This point was not treated so the Directing Council will ask the auditors, Gounot and Viuda-Serrano, to be reappointed for next year.

**11. Report on the college of Fellows of CESH (Scharenberg).** Arnd Krüger reads the report on the college of Fellows.

The members of the college of Fellows have decided to award two new fellowships: Erika Munkwitz (American University, Washington, USA) and Alejandro Viuda-Serrano (Universidad de Alcalá, Spain) are appointed new Fellows of CESH. Angela Teja (Società Italiana di Storia dello Sport) is appointed new Honorary Fellow of CESH.

A special tribute by Krüger is given to Gerd Falkner who passed away in 2021, the only East Germany member of CESH, working for many years at the German Ski Museum.

**12. Report of ESSH Editors (Bolz).** Daphné Bolz illustrated the situation of ESSH journal.

The issue of 2020, volume 13, is ready to print. The manuscript is ready for Volume 14 (2021), special issue on "Youth and Physical Education" edited by Patrick Clastres and Daphné Bolz following the 2019 Lausanne CESH Congress. Volume 15 (2022) is in preparation with 10 abstracts. Volume 16 (2023) is also in preparation.

**Editorial work.** It is a lot of work. Submissions, reviews and decisions on papers. Discussion with the publisher. Open edition has been applied. Editorial board was renewed in 2021 and that's good new blood for ESSH. Bolz proposes a change of Editor of ESSH.

**Mike Huggins** asks about the connection with the publisher (PURH) if Daphné resigns. Bolz says CESH could find a new publisher if there are problems with PURH. However, the deal with PURH is quite good: PURH are a French university publisher and the only condition for CESH is to buy a minimum of 75 copies/year at the reduce price of 10 Euros. However, it is true that the delay in publishing the volumes are much too long (18 months for Vol 13) and

that the journal is still not available online. Bolz wishes to pass the baton but will be available if necessary.

**Mike Huggins** asks about the online version of ESSH. Bolz argues it is not so simple as scan the volumes and upload them by PURH. The best solution is PURH to do the job in pdf with the possibility to search into the documents.

**Florence Carpentier** suggests other possible university publishers in France, better than PURH with online platform. CESH could change if PURH is not efficient enough.

### **13. Presentation of the 27th International CESH Congress 2024 in Paris-Nanterre (France)**

First, Prof Jürgen Mittag made a short presentation of the next CESH Congress 2023 in Cologne (Germany), organized along with Stephan Wassong. It will be held on 4-6 October 2023. The congress will have social programme (guided visit to the city, Roman Empire sites, Olympic Museum). Accommodation at the campus will be offered in limited amount. The call for abstract will be sent before the end of 2022.

About Paris 2024, Pascal Charitas came to the congress but he was not able to stay for the General Assembly as he had to fly back to France. Florence Carpentier presented the project for CESH 2024 at the University of Paris-Nanterre (in the West of the French capital). Daphné Bolz explains that there will be sponsors from Nanterre and the French Olympic Academy. The organization is on the way. Possible dates: first days of June 2024, before the celebration of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

### **14. Proposals for the 28th International CESH Congress 2025**

Bolz states CESH has some ideas for 2025 but she invites CESH members for proposals. Bids should be addressed to the Directing Council.

### **Closing procedure: 15. AOB**

No other business.

The Assembly ended its work.