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## **Minutes of the 2023 General Assembly of CESH**

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Am Sportpark Müngersdorf 6 – 59033 Cologne – Germany  
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***These minutes were approved on 5 June 2024 in Nanterre (France)***

The General Assembly is opened at 9.10.

List of members participating in the GA:

- 1. Welcome by the President (Bolz)**
- 2. Nomination of a Recorder: Clément Luy.**
- 3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2022 General Assembly:** passed.
- 4. Acceptance of the Agenda for Cologne 2023:** passed.
- 5. President's report (Bolz)**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

CESH was founded as a society as a place where researchers with various profiles could meet in Europe to present their work, discuss their problem and find some support and help. The international dimension is at the core of CESH because discussing various topics and knowing about different methodologies, while at the same time, sharing common problems historians face, helps to improve research. One learns by doing, but one learns by comparing.

Diversity of topics, of methodologies, of languages, of experience etc. is what enriches our work and enriches our congresses. I think we can therefore be very satisfied with the diversity of profiles and countries, which were represented at this edition of the CESH congress in Cologne.

Of course, to keep and value the diversity of sports historians, the Directing Council tries to address the various needs we all face at different stages of our career.

As we have seen again this year, there is no better place than an international event in a serious but relaxed atmosphere to learn from each other and grow. This year again, we have worked with our colleagues and future CESH congress organisers to ‘maintain the spirit of CESH’, i.e., to keep our congresses as events that are useful for research and the mind, conferences where diversity is an enrichment for all. We hope you can approve this too.

A major part of the work at CESH is also the journal *European Studies in Sports History*. This is without doubt the most time-consuming activity at CESH. It may be published only once a year, but these few hundreds of pages require full dedication and the utmost seriousness. I will comment on the situation of the journal later on.

This year, at the Directing Council of CESH, we kept regular contact by email and through online conferences. We made sure our society was going in the right direction and we tried to address the expectations our members. We developed ideas to improve communication and visibility, but sadly time was lacking to realise all the projects we have in mind.

Let me finish by thanking again Jürgen Mittag, Ansgar Molzberger and their teams for the warm hospitality in Cologne, and you for your participation and contribution to CESH.

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

**President Bolz** explains that for serious personal reasons, the General Secretary is not present and was not able to send a report. Questions can be asked to the Directing Council.

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

**The Treasurer** explains the financial situation of CESH is good. He illustrates CESH's good balance with a detailed presentation of the bank accounts. The balance is positive with 11 187,47€ in the current account, and 4 201,60€ on the saving account. The only problem concerns the diminution of members of CESH (-24 compared to Bucharest).

**Treasurer Serapiglia** makes some proposals: he proposes to think of a strategy for the implication of the younger generation, for example to build a better interaction with other societies such as RERIS and ISHPES. It is also important to relaunch ESSH journal after the Covid years.

## **8. Auditor's Report (Viuda and Gounot)**

Both auditors confirmed the good financial situation of CESH.

## **9. Vote on the reports:** The reports are accepted with unanimity.

## **10. Nomination of two Auditors for 2023-2024**

**Arnd Krüger** and **Fabien Archambault** are elected by the General Assembly.

## **11. Report on the Fellows of CESH (Scharenberger)**

**Swantje Scharenberger** deplores that too few fellows were present at the meeting held before the General Assembly (only five). It is very difficult to address to people who are not present at the Congresses or other events. An action seems to be necessary.

## 12. Report for ESSH

**Daphné Bolz** presents the report for ESSH. A special issue on “Youth and Physical Education” is being published, it was edited by Patrick Clastres and Daphné Bolz in the follow up of the 2019 CESH Congress. This volume (nr 14) is in print ; volume nr 15 is in preparation (the manuscript will soon be sent to the editor. The editorial work is conducted with the help of Corentin Joseph) ; volume nr 16 is also in preparation.

The future of the journal raises some questions:

- about the choice of the publisher (for now PURH, a French public publisher), reasons of the delay of publication (serious hints in the publication of works but the working conditions at PURH will be improved). The gap between volumes will soon be filled. One technic to be quicker is to return to circa 6 articles / volume.
- Going online: publication on Open Edition, a very famous portal in France → articles are free one year after publication.

In the next few months, Daniele Serapiglia will take over the responsibility for ESSH. The Editorial Board was elected in 2021 for 4 years.

**Swantje Scharenberger** asks about the possibility to publish ESSH online and in a printed version.

**Daphné Bolz** says a decision has not been taken yet. CESH has enough money for a printed version and the next few volumes will be printed manuscripts. Whether a printed version will still be published in the future remains open and must be discussed. Bolz says the publisher and the team at ESSH are doing their best to get the journal online. Everybody has different habits among the public. She asks the audience about the wish to keep the printed volume. About half of the members of the General Assembly wishes so.

**Arnd Krüger** proposes to encourage the Fellows to write one book review every year. If the book review has to be written in a different language, it might help to involve more Fellows and more members to read books on sport history.

**Daphné Bolz:** She has been thinking on this issue in the past years but in the end few book reviews were send in and it is a demanding work to coordinate the process. Daniele Serapiglia thinks about something more efficient to have more reviews.

**Swantje Scharenberger** argues that at the beginnings of ESSH journal, the idea was to give an overview of Master, PhD thesis in some countries. It is a difficult work but it could be useful to give more visibility to what is done in Germany and other countries.

**Daphné Bolz** suggests a list of recent PhD titles could easily be added to the homepage of CESH. This would be more efficient and any journal has a delay in publication.

**Juan Antonio Simón** argues that lots of possibilities are available to show the research, traditional and online forms are not contradictory.

**Daphné Bolz** explains regarding the editorial work and the language issue that all European languages are welcome in the journal. Colleagues have helped a lot in this direction and the publisher checks the final versions of articles in all language as they have the appropriate team. The proportion of languages in the journal is quite satisfactory: French and English mainly, some articles are in German, Italian and Spanish.

**Arnd Krüger** and **Swantje Scharenberger** thank the board for its work.

### **13. Presentation of the 27th Congress of CESH (Charitas)**

This was presented to the assembly by **Pascal Charitas**, who prepared some slides. The Congress will take place in the region of Paris from 4 to 6 June 2024, one month before the Olympic Games. The theme, « Do World(s). Globalizations of Sport and Olympism/Faire monde(s). Mondialisations du sport et olympisme » has already been chosen and the website and the call for papers are about to be launched. It is linked with Olympism.

The Congress will be held on two venues: Campus Condorcet in Aubervilliers (June 4th). Very close to Stade de France and the headquarters of the French Olympic Committee and University of Paris Nanterre (June 5th and 6th), in the West of Paris. This is due to university requirements and compiles with the wish to show two important and historical university venues in Paris. Pascal Charitas also presents the Organizing and Academic Committees, which gather a lot of researchers and PhD students. He gives information on the fees and practical organization.

**Swantje Scharenberger** asks about the possibility to attend just for one day and pay a reduced registration fee. She also proposes to open 2024 CESH Congress to students.

**Pascal Charitas**: a daily registration fee is not already prepared, but it could be.

**Daphné Bolz** states that the tradition to welcome students at CESH should be continued.

**Pascal Charitas** also suggests the organization of a special session for PhD Students.

### **14. Proposal for the 28th Congress of CESH (Fonzo)**

**Erminio Fonzo** proposes the organization of the 2025 Congress of CESH in Salerno (Italy), during the month of September 2025. He previously organised the Congress of the Italian Sport History Society (SISS) there in 2022. Accommodation will be guaranteed in the university residence. The current price is 20 Euros/person/night (submit to change by 2025). The topic may be the narration of sports.

*This proposal is accepted by the General Assembly.*

### **15. AOB**

**Kamil Potzuski** announces the organization of the Congress of the European Association of Sociology of Sports (EASS) in Warsaw, from 25-27 June 2025. He would like to organize one or several panels about the social history of sports. He invites CESH members to participate in this Congress.

*The GA is closed at 10.25 by President Bolz.*