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Minutes of the 2024 General Assembly of CESH

Held at *University of Paris-Nanterre*

Paris (France)

5 June 2024

16:30-18:30

1. **Daphné Bolz** (Chair) welcomed the members and Fellows to the General Assembly of CESH. The invitation to the General Assembly (GA) was disseminated in a timely manner.
2. **Pompiliu-Nicolae Constantin** was elected as the recorder by unanimous consent.
3. The apologies of those absent were read.
4. The Minutes of the last GA in Cologne (2023) were unanimously approved.
5. The agenda was approved.
6. Report of CESH-President **Daphné Bolz**. The Report was unanimously approved.
7. The General Secretary **Florence Carpentier** gave her report which was unanimously approved.
8. The Treasurer **Daniele Serapiglia** gave his report (see attached). Following the Cologne Congress, the budget was recorded at €11,187.47. In 2024, the number of individuals who paid for membership stands at 79. The savings account of CESH contains €4,201.60, while

the total amount in CESH's accounts currently amounts to €16,990.94. The report was unanimously approved by the GA.

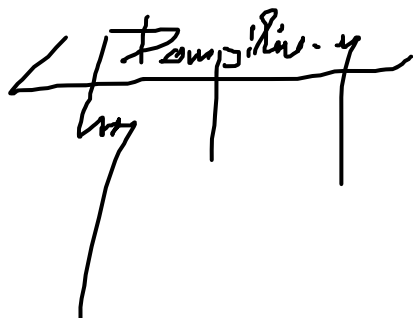
9. The auditors are not present due to the pandemic. The GA ruled unanimously that they should look at the accounts and report to the current executive board.
10. **Lucie Hêmeury** and **Yann Descamps** were unanimously elected as new auditors.
11. College of Fellows: **Swantje Scharenberg** gave her report. No new Fellows were elected this year. Swantje Scharenberg proposed that the criteria for attaining Fellowship status should encompass the publication of a minimum of one book, the authorship of three articles, and participation in at least three to four CESH Congresses.
12. Proposal of a modification to the Internal Regulations for membership of the College of Fellows. **Mike Huggins** proposed that instead of the required monograph for Fellowship a certain number of peer reviewed journal articles ought to be acceptable. Although the College was generally in favour, it was agreed that in the future the proposal for Fellowship had to be presented by at least two Active Fellows and that the new Fellow had engaged somewhat frequently in CESH activities (e. g. by papers in CESH congresses).
13. There was a discussion as to what should happen with “Former Fellows” should they decide to be “Active Fellows” again. The way deceased Active Fellows and “Former Fellows” were thrown into the same category on the homepage was questioned. The matters were undecided and handed to the new President of the College.
14. **Resuming GA:** Report of ESSH Editor: Daphné Bolz reported for the Scientific Journal. A new Editorial Board is being constituted (see appendix). It is assumed that the board will serve for four years. The board will also rely on external experts to assure a thorough peer review. There are current negotiations between the Editor and the **Presses universitaires de Rouen et du Havre** about an online (possibly open access) version of the journal.
15. An important objective of the newly established Editorial Board will be to facilitate the journal's re-entry into the Scopus database and to promote its further development.
16. A special issue of the ESSH journal titled "Sport and Religion" proposed by Angela Teja and Arnd Kruger was shared to the CESH members. Members were encouraged to submit applications as well as to propose additional special issues and articles for the ESSH journal.
17. Mike Huggins praised the dedicated contribution of Daphné Bolz to the ESSH journal over the years and proposed a "vote of thanks", which received unanimous support from the members present in the room. (Applause)

18. Presentation by Erminio Fonzo of the 28th International CESH Congress 2025 in Salerno (Italy), which will take place in September 2025. Erminio Fonzo and his colleagues will propose a title designed to attract scholars from various disciplines. The University of Salerno will offer various facilities during the event, and the location will allow guests to extend their stay by enjoying a holiday in the Naples area.
19. Proposal of the 29th International CESH Congress. Daphné Bolz and Florence Carpentier presented the bid of University of Rouen-Normandie (France) in June 2026. The proposal was unanimously accepted.
20. The discussions at the end of the meeting focused on the communication channels of CESH. The website should continue to be regarded as the primary tool, whereas social media will be utilized to a lesser extent due to its reduced impact.

Signed

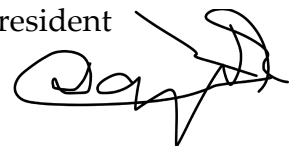
Pompiliu-Nicolae Constantin

Recorder

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Daphné Bolz

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daphné Bolz', with a large, stylized 'D' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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President Report for 2023-24 **Daphné Bolz**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The period since our last congress was a short one, since we last met in October in Cologne. However, this period was a rich one.

First of all, the limited time made the run up to Paris even more intense. As President of CESH, I was in regular contact with Pascal to organise this year's congress, which is very rich in terms of exchanges and the quality of them. And I think we can be particularly satisfied to attract many older members, but also new ones, who – I guess – have heard from CESH in one way or another, and are curious to come and participate in our congress.

I also hope the newcomers will remain and become senior members of our society one day. The regularity of meetings helps to deepen contacts and knowledge, and in the end to form a European community of sports historians. As always, we do our best to welcome all scientists interested in the history of sport and physical training more generally, independently of seniority, status and language command. The diversity of people and of languages, that you have heard in formal and informal discussions, must remain a characteristic of CESH.

In the past months, we have tried to grow our activity in order to reinforce the occasions to exchange and to keep contact.

The CESH journal *European Studies in Sports History*, has been published twice this year, in order to catch up with the delay and install a better regularity. We will detail this in a few minutes in the Report on the journal. Let me just remember that all members of CESH receive a free copy of the journal. However, there are some conditions. First, you need to have paid your membership. If you are here, you should have done so, but if you are in doubt, please check your status with our charming Treasurer or General Secretary. The second condition is that I got your address. Numerous members did not reply to my email, or we could not contact them. If so, please come to us so we can check the details we have.

In fact, as you will have noticed, we recently updated our mailing list. Florence will talk about it. We can now better send out information to you as CESH members and let the larger community know about our activities.

Finally, as you probably know, we united our forces with colleagues from Germany, Michael Krüger and Helga Leineweber in Münster, with our CESH Fellow Annette Hofmann in Ludwigsburg, and with the support of my research centre at the University of Rouen, to propose an international seminar in sports history held in a hybrid mode. The first sessions have been experimental, but we hope to be able to improve and expand this experience.

I am feeling I have talked already too much. Let me finish to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues from the Directing Council Florence, Daniele and Juan Antonio for the smooth and easy way to communicate, discuss and take decisions. You are such a wonderful team!

Last but not least, I cannot conclude here without thanking again Pascal and his colleagues for this Paris congress we are enjoying a lot.

Prof. Daphné Bolz
President of CESH



CESH ACCOUNT ACTIVITY 2023-2024		Accounts closed on 31 may 2024 and before some membership related to the participation to the congress
Categories	Amount	
Membership Payments	3165,00 €	
Website	-83,84 €	
Bank Comissions	-40,00 €	
Others (ESSH - CESH congress gifts)	-1561,76 €	
Total	1.479,40€	

CESH BUDGET 31/May/2024

Initial Budget 31/Oct./2023 (After Cologne)	11.187,47 €	
Balance (Incomes-expenses)	1.479,40 €	
Saving Account	4201,60 €	
Bank interest	122,47€	
Total Cesh Budget 17/Sept/2023	16.990,94 €	

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Saving Account:	4324,07€

Paid-up Members

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		
Members 2019 (>07 Sept)	26	139	
Members 2020	72		
Members 2021	61		
Members 2022	57	27 (SISS)	84
Members 2023	34	23 (SISS)	57
Members 2024	79	15 (SISS)	84

REMARKS OR
PROPOSALS

membership increase in 2024

We must provide for the growth of cash activity over the year in order not to lose members, who now seem to be mainly tied to the success or otherwise of the annual congresses.

Continuation of the revitalisation of ESSH after the Covid years.

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