

**Minutes of the DHST Council Meeting  
Prague, 7 December 2019**

Present: Mike Osborne (President); Marcos Cueto (President Elect); Luiz Carlos Soares (Second Vice-President); Catherine Jami (Secretary General); Milada Sekyrkova (Treasurer), Takehiko Hashimoto (Assistant Secretary General); Greg Good, Krishnamurthi Ramasubramanian, Maria Rentetzi, Sergey Shalimov (Assessors); Benedikt Loewe (DLMPST and IUHPST Secretary General).

Apologies: Angela Creager (First Vice-President; present by Skype from 2 pm on); Gavan McCarthy, Liba Taub (Assessors).

**1. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

**2. Secretary General's report**

The Secretary General read her report, which was approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer read her report, which was approved unanimously. She pointed again to the need to re-establish contact with a number of Ordinary Members who have not paid their membership fees for at least two years, and in some cases for several years.

The budget was approved unanimously, with the following provisions (see items 4, 10 and 13 below):

- The grants to commissions are to be reduced by 10%, so as to ensure that DHST can meet its expenses in both 2020 and 2021.
- The 2019 grant to the Commission on Women and Gender in Science will be paid in 2020, as well as the 2020 grant.
- Eur 1,000 is budgeted for support to the Gender Gap Project, should it be needed.
- The annual amount devoted to the DHST website is raised to USD 2,000.

Following the request of the Commission of History of Astronomy, the Council authorised the Treasurer to make payments to PayPal accounts.

**4. DHST Commissions: reports for 2019 and financial requests for 2020**

The Council examined the reports submitted by 22 of the 24 DHST Commissions and Sections (the two missing reports are those of the Commission on the History of Soil Sciences and the Inter-Division Commission on Teaching).

Grants were allocated as indicated in the table appended to the present minutes. In some cases they will be paid subject to the Commissions and Sections providing all the receipts for their expenses in 2019 and/or clarification on the conference for which DHST support has been requested. The President will write to the officers of Commissions and Sections to inform them of the Council's decision.

Reserved matter

### **5. DHST Membership**

In February 2019, the Consiglio Nazionale della Ricerca (CNR), the Italian Ordinary Member of DHST, wrote to the DHST President and Secretary General to inform them that they were resigning their membership of DHST. Following that, the President and Secretary General wrote to Ezio Vaccari, the President of the Italian Society of History of Science, and to other officers of this Society, to invite the Society to take up membership of DHST on behalf of Italy. No reply has been received so far. The Council charged Gregory Good to liaise informally with Ezio Vaccari on this matter, and Maria Rentetzi to explore other possibilities through her contacts in Italy.

The Institute of History of Science of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences has contacted the Council with a view become member of DHST. The Council unanimously voted to give this Institute the status of Associate Member of DHST, and to present its application for Ordinary Membership the General Assembly in July 2021.

The Mexican Society of History of Science has neither paid its membership dues nor responded to letters from the Treasurer and the Secretary General since 2005. Therefore, according to Article 28 of the DHST Statutes, it is considered to have resigned from DHST. On the other hand, the Mexican Association of Historians of Science and of Humanities (HCH) has written to the Secretary General to express their wish to become first an Associate Member, and then an Ordinary Member of DHST on behalf of Mexico. The Council unanimously voted to HCH the status of Associate Member of DHST, and to present its application for Ordinary Membership the General Assembly in July 2021.

The Council thanked the President Elect and Assessor Sergey Shalimov for their work towards these new memberships. Moreover, it decided to organise an information session for potential Ordinary Members at the beginning of the 26th ICHST. Following this session, their representatives will be invited to attend the General Assembly as observers, as was done in Rio.

Also as was done in Rio, the Local Organising Committee of the 26th ICHST will provide the Secretary General with a list of participants from countries that are not members of DHST so that the Secretary General can contact them in advance concerning the possibility of applying for Ordinary Membership.

Assessor Krishnamurthi Ramasubramanian proposed to liaise with colleagues in Denmark to resume contact, which has been lost since at least 2017 (Denmark sent no delegates to the General Assembly in Rio, and has not paid its membership fee since then). The Council gratefully accepted this proposal.

### **6. Preparation for the Prague Congress**

The Chair of the IPC, Dr Juliane Mikoletzky, the Chair of the LOC, Dr Petr Svobodny joined the Council meeting. Petra Zavodna and Karel Suchy from Garant International presented their work in preparation for the 26th ICHCT. The list of members of the

Local Organizing Committee was posted on the Congress website during the summer. The main venue of the Congress will be the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University, located on Jan Palach Square. The opening session will take place at the Czech Philharmony, located on the same square. Three possibilities for the venue of the Congress banquet are currently considered. Karel Suchy showed Council members how the website works, especially for submitting a symposium proposal. He will send the password necessary for Commissions and Sections to submit symposia to the Secretary General, who will circulate it to Commission and Section officers. Council members offered some comments to help improve the website. Further exchanges will take place by correspondence with the Secretary General. The list of important dates is at: <https://www.ichst2021.org/important-dates/>

The preliminary list of members of the International Programme Committee was discussed with Dr Mikoletzky. Council members suggested a few more names in order to improve the geographical balance and coverage of fields.

The Local Organizing Committee proposed the following registration fees:

- Early registration: 280 €
- Regular registration: 340 €
- On site registration: 390 €
- Accompanying person: 50 €

These fees were calculated on the basis of 1500 participants, and of the budget of the DLMPST Congress, which was one day shorter than the 26th ICHST will be. After some discussion, the Council unanimously approved the proposed fees, on the understanding that there will be a reduced registration rate for students and early career scholars.

The Council thanked Juliane Mikoletzky, Petr Svobodny and Milada Sekyrkova for their work on Congress preparations.

#### **7. Nomination of the Chair of the Nominations Committee**

The President reminded the Council of the importance of the task to be carried out by the Nominations Committee. He invited Council members to send him nominations for this post by 31 December 2019. The Secretary General will organize an electronic vote in January 2020. The Council unanimously agreed to continue to use OpaVote with ranked-choice voting for this vote.

#### **8. Relations with DLMPST and IUHPST**

The President Elect reported on his participation in the CLMPST which took place in Prague in August 2019, where he represented DHST at the DLMPST General Assembly.

The Secretary General of DLMPST proposed to work on a proposal to change the Governance of IUHPST, defined in articles 7, 8 and 9 of the IUHPST Statutes (<http://iuhpst.org/pages/statutes/2017-statutes.php>), so that its Board will be better balanced between DHST officers and DLMPST officers. It was agreed that he would work on this proposal together with the President Elect of DHST, so as to submit this proposal to the DHST Council at its next meeting in December 2020, and to the DLMPST Council in time for the proposal to be approved by both Councils by the

end of June 2021. After the approval of the two councils, the proposal can then be submitted to the DHST General Assembly in 2021 and to the DLMPST General Assembly in 2023.

### **9. IUHPST Essay Prize and DHST Dissertation Prize**

The Assistant Secretary General reported on the 2019 IUHPST Essay Prize, in which he took part as one of the four members of the Selection Committee, which was chaired by Hasok Chang, the chair of the DHST-DLMPST Joint Commission. He explained that the Selection Committee had reached its decision by consensus, and stated that the evaluation procedure had been appropriate. The results have been published on both the IUHPST website (<http://iuhpst.org/pages/inter-division-commissions/joint-commission/essay-prize.php>) and the DHST website (<http://dhstweb.org/awards/iuhpst-essay-prize>). Council members commented on the process and the schedule. Hasok Chang will chair the next edition of the Prize, to be awarded in 2021.

The President reported on the 2019 DHST Dissertation Prize. There were 23 submissions in six different languages. The Council members (except the Treasurer and the Secretary General) served on the Award Committee, as well as some external experts on particular topics. The results have been published on the DHST website (<http://dhstweb.org/awards/youngscholarsprize>), and an online interview of the laureates has been published on the HSS website (<https://hssonline.org/resources/publications/newsletter/october-2019-newsletter/congratulations-2019-dhst-dissertation-prize-laureates/>). The call for submissions for the 2021 edition of the Prize will be published in February 2020. Slightly different submission processes and procedures will be used and the window for submissions will be extended from one to three months.

### **10. The Gender Gap project: conclusions and good practices within DHST**

The Secretary General reported on the conclusions of the Gender Gap project. She attended the final conference of the project, held at ICTP, Trieste, 4-8 November 2019, where she gave a talk on “Some aspects of research by social scientists on the Gender Gap in science”. The conclusions of the Gender Gap project provide important elements to improve the way DHST works. The Council decided to:

- a. Write and implement a ‘Policy of respectful behaviour’. The President, First Vice-President, President Elect and Assessor Maria Rentetzi will work together on drafting this document, so that it can be approved by the Council at its next meeting, and published on the DHST website shortly thereafter.
- b. Draw the attention of the Chair of the Nominations Committee to Article 2.e of its Statutes and Article 2.1. of its Rules of Procedure, which both concern gender balance, and emphasize its expectation that 50% of nominees should be women, and its hope that there will be at least one man and one woman standing for each of the seven posts of the Council.
- c. Ask the Secretary General and Assessor Maria Rentetzi to set up a session devoted to presenting the Gender Gap Project and to discussing its results at the 26th ICHST.
- d. Continue to support the Gender Gap Project in 2020 by the same amount of Eur. 1,000 as in previous years if necessary (the Project coordinator, Marie-Françoise Roy (IMU) has applied to the Simons Foundation for a grant; the outcome should be known by mid-December).

### **11. CIPSH**

The DHST Council will have to nominate a member of CIPSH Executive Committee before its General Assembly, to be held in 2020. The decision will be made by electronic discussion once the date and venue of the General Assembly is known.

### **12. News from the International Academy of History of Science**

The Secretary General attended the two last meetings of the International Academy of History of Sciences, in January and May 2019. She also attended the 1st Conference of the International Academy of History of Science, which took place in Athens, 12-15 September 2019. There she gave the *Laudatio* on the occasion of the award of the Alexandre Koyré Medal to Prof. LIU Dun, former President of DHST (2009-2013).

### **13. DHST website**

The President Elect presented a proposal of a new DHST website, the development of which he proposed to oversee. This website will be linked to a Facebook account and to a Twitter account.

The Council voted unanimously in favor of increasing the annual budget allocated to its website from USD 1,000 to USD 2,000 so that the new website could be maintained and include a newsfeed. The need to rely on Commissions and Sections as well as Ordinary Members as sources for this newsfeed was emphasized. The Council asked the President Elect to pursue his work on the development of the new Website in collaboration with Assessor Krishnamurthi Ramasubramanian.

### **14. DHST Archives**

The officers of the Commission on Bibliography and Documentation have approached Nathalie Queyroux, the curator of [CAPHES](#), where DHST archives are kept, concerning the issue of storing digital archives. Nathalie Queyroux will apply to [Huma-Num](#), the French infrastructure for digital humanities, for an account to be opened for DHST, to which a few selected persons will have access. Consultation of the DHST archives will continue to be granted by the Council.

### **15. Calendar of DHST Council tasks 2020-2021**

The Secretary General will circulate a calendar of the forthcoming tasks to all Council members.

### **16. Other matters**

The next meeting of the DHST Council will take place in St Petersburg on Saturday 5 December 2020.

IUHPST/DHST  
Grant Allocation for 2020

	<b>Commissions</b>	<b>News/Webs</b>	<b>Runn. Costs</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Total requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Allocated**</b>	<b>Allocated in 2019</b>
1	Anc-Med Astronomy (CHAMA)	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	900,00
2	Bibliography (CBD)	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	2400,00
3	Islamic Societies (CHOSTIS)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	1000,00
4	Meteorology (ICHM)	480,00	250,00	1400,00	2130,00	2130,00	1917,00	2100,00
5	Modern Chemistry & Molecular Sc.	100,00	300,00	1500,00	1900,00	1900,00	1710,00	2400,00
6	History of Physics	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	1500,00	1350,00	600,00
7	Oceanography ICHO	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	1500,00	1350,00	2400,00
8	Pacific Circle	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	900,00
9	Scientific Instruments (SIC)	500,00	50,00	1850,00	2400,00	2050,00	1845,00	2400,00
10	Science and Empire	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	
11	Women and Gender (CWGS)	0,00	0,00	1500,00	1500,00	1500,00	1350,00	1800,00
12	Science and Literature	500,00	200,00	1500,00	2200,00	2200,00	1980,00	2200,00
13	Science, Technology and Diplomacy	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	2100,00
	<b>Inter-Union Commissions</b>							
14	History of Astronomy (with IAU)	0,00	300,00	1500,00	1800,00	1800,00	1620,00	
15	History of Geography (with IGU)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
16	INHIGEO, Geology (with IUGS)	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	2400,00
17	ICH Mathematics (with IMU)	0,00	300,00	1500,00	1800,00	1800,00	1620,00	1575,00
18	Soil Science (with IUSS)							
	<b>Inter-Division Commissions</b>							
19	DHST-DLMPST Joint Commission*	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	3000,00
20	Teaching Commission IDTC							0,00
21	HaPoC	300,00	200,00	1500,00	2000,00	2000,00	1800,00	2400,00
	<b>Scientific Sections</b>							
22	ICOHTEC	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	2400,00
23	ISHEASTM	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	1800,00
24	IASCUD	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2160,00	2400,00
	<b>Total requested for 2020 (USD)</b>	<b>7880,00</b>	<b>4600,00</b>	<b>27250,00</b>	<b>42130,00</b>	<b>39980,00</b>	<b>35982,00</b>	<b>37175,00</b>

█ No report submitted

\* The Joint Commission will request USD3000 for 2021, plus carrying over of remainder of 2019 grant (USD 634.37).

\*\* In view of the 2020 budget and of the expenses linked to the 26th ICHST in 2021, the Council decided to reduce all grants by 10%.