

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Session of the General Assembly of IUHPST/DHST 2021**

Online Meeting via the Zoom Platform of the 26<sup>th</sup> ICHST

### **First part**

Wednesday 28 July 17:30–21:00

### **Second part**

Saturday 31 July 17:30–22:00

All votes and elections took place via ElectionBuddy, operated by Marin Zavodny (Guarant).

The President, Mike Osborne, opened the General Assembly.

#### **1. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda (Document 1) was approved unanimously (Yes: 54 /No: 0 /Abstention: 0).

#### **2. Approval of the voting list**

The voting list (Document 2) was approved (Yes: 54 /No: 0 /Abstention: 3).

#### **3. Report of the Secretary General**

The Secretary General, Catherine Jami, read her report (Document 3). It was approved unanimously (Yes: 58 /No: 0 /Abstention: 0).

#### **4. Report of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer, Milada Sekyrkova, read her report (Document 4).

#### **5. Nomination of examiners for the accounts**

The nominations of Karine Chemla (France) and Lesley Cormack (Canada) as examiners for the accounts were approved (Yes: 55 /No: 0 /Abstention: 1).

#### **6. DHST Commissions and Sections**

A Memorandum of Understanding between IUHPST/DHST and IUPAP, resulting in the creation of the Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics (IUCHPP), who will take up the work of the Commission on the History of Physics within IUHPST/DHST, has been signed by Mike Osborne on behalf of IUHPST/DHST and by Michel Spiro on behalf of IUPAP (Document 5). This MoU was ratified unanimously by the General Assembly (Yes: 58 /No: 0 /Abstention: 0).

The Secretary General gave an overview of the IUHPST/DHST Commissions and Sections: after the creation of IUCHPP, IUHPST/DHST has:

- 12 historical Commissions
- 6 Inter-Union Commissions
- 3 Inter-Division Commissions
- 3 Sections.

She reminded how the Commissions and Sections work: every year they report to the Council on their activity, and apply for a grant for the following year. Grants include funds to support early career scholars' participation in conferences. These grants can be saved from one year to the next. As Commissions and Sections have an obligation to organize at least one symposium at ICHSTs. They are expected to use the IUHPST/DHST funding to help early career scholars take part in their symposia at the Congresses. This is how IUHPST/DHST supports early career scholars' participation in its congresses.

She requested Commission Officers to inform her of the name of their incoming President, so that the names of Commission Presidents could be submitted to the approval of the General Assembly during the second part of its Ordinary Session.

### **7. IUHPST/DHST membership**

At the opening of the present session of the General Assembly, IUHPST/DHST had 38 members, 31 of whom have voting rights (see Document 2). It also had 5 Associate Members, who represent the following countries: Chile, Colombia, Cuba, South Africa, and Tanzania.

The Council presented the application of four associations for the status of Ordinary Member, which it supported unanimously:

- Azerbaijan: the application of the Institute of the History of Science of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences was presented by its Director, Maryam Seyidbeili. The application was approved by the General Assembly (Yes: 54/No: 1/Abstention: 0).
- Italy: the application of the Italian Society of History of Science (SISS) was presented by its President, Elena Canadelli. The application was unanimously approved by the General Assembly (Yes: 56/No: 0/Abstention: 0).
- Mexico: the application of the Mexican Association of Historians of Sciences and Humanities was presented by its President, Miguel Garcia Murcia. The application was unanimously approved by the General Assembly (Yes: 56/No: 0/Abstention: 0).
- Peru: the application of the Peruvian Society of History of Science, Technology and Health was presented by its President, Ruth Iguñiz-Romero. The application was unanimously approved by the General Assembly (Yes: 56/No: 0/Abstention: 0).

With these four new Ordinary Members, DHST has 42 Ordinary Members and 5 Associate Members.

The Secretary General presented the proposed update of the membership dues scheme (Document 6). She reminded the General Assembly that membership categories, and therefore dues, are calculated on the basis of each country's GDP. An Ordinary Member can opt up by paying more than the dues determined by its GDP. An Ordinary Member can apply to the Council to change to a lower membership category. The Council can approve this change of

category until the following Ordinary Session of the General Assembly. Membership categories of Ordinary Members who have opted down shall be reviewed by the Council in years during which an Ordinary Session of the General Assembly takes place.

A feature of the proposed update is that henceforth the dues (and therefore the IUHPST/DHST accounts and budget) should be in Euros rather than in USD, as IUHPST/DHST's bank account is now located in France, and a good number of its Ordinary Members, as well as Commissions, are in the Euro zone.

The update was approved unanimously (22 Ordinary Members, who totaled 63 votes, voted; Yes: 63/No: 0/Abstention: 0).

### **8. Update of the DHST Statutes**

Following a proposal from the Council that IUHPST/DHST should henceforth have a Gender Champion, the General Assembly approved the following addition to the first paragraph of Article 20 of the IUHPST/DHST Statutes (Yes: 53/No: 1/Abstention: 2):

“The Council shall appoint from among its members a Gender and Diversity Champion, who shall work to promote equality, diversity and inclusion, and oversee the implementation of best practices in IUHPST/DHST.”

### **9. Respectful Behavior Policy**

Following the proposal from the Council that IUHPST/DHST should adopt a Respectful Behavior Policy (Document 7), and the amendments proposed by Agathe Keller to this Policy (Document 8), the General Assembly approved the following motion (Yes: 56/No: 0/Abstention: 1):

The General Assembly charges the Council with:

1. Revising the proposed Respectful Behavior Policy, taking into account the amendments proposed by Agathe Keller;
2. Issuing the resulting document as a provisional Policy that will apply until the next General Assembly;
3. Submitting the resulting document to the next General Assembly for approval.

### **10. Cooperation with DLMPST**

Benedikt Loewe, Secretary General of DLMPST, addressed the General Assembly to give a brief survey of the good cooperation between the two sister divisions and reminded what has been accomplished jointly since 2013.

Hasok Chang, President of the DHST-DLMPST Joint Commission (2016-2021), then outlined the work done by the Joint Commission over the last few years, including the broadening of the JC membership and the creation of the IUHPST Essay Prize. In its third edition (2021), the Prize was awarded to Marlis Hinckley (The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore) for her essay entitled [“Misinformation age: What early modern scientific fakes can tell us about today's online fabrications”](#).

The President thanked Hasok Chang for his work as President of the Joint Commission and for his generous donation towards the foundation of the IUHPST Essay Prize.

### **11. Update of IUHPST Statutes**

The General Assembly approved the following changes to the IUHPST Statutes:

Article 7: the changes marked in red below were approved (Yes: 52/ No: 0/ Abstention: 2):

1. The Board of the Union consists of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and two additional members. The offices of the Board are filled on a four-year cycle described in Article 7.3 and 7.4, starting on 1 January 2016.
2. In addition to the officers of the Board, each of the two divisions can appoint a member of their council as the official ISC contact person. The Board appoints a Gender and Diversity Champion, who shall work to promote equality, diversity and inclusion, and oversee the implementation of best practices in the Union. The Gender and Diversity Champion is invited to all Board meetings and discussions.
3. During the first two calendar years of the cycle (i.e., every year divisible by four and the immediately following year), the president, secretary general and treasurer of the DHST are President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the Union, respectively. The president of the DLMPST is Vice President of the Union. The secretary general and the treasurer of DLMPST are the additional two members of the Board of the Union mentioned in Article 7.1.
4. During the third and fourth calendar years of the cycle (i.e., every even year not divisible by four and the immediately following year), the president, secretary and treasurer of the DLMPST are President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the Union, respectively. The president of the DHST is Vice President of the Union. The secretary general and the treasurer of DHST are the additional two members of the Board of the Union mentioned in Article 7.1.
5. The division whose treasurer is the Treasurer of the Union in any given calendar year acts as the treasurer of the Union with respect to the ISC fees.

Article 8: the change marked in red below was approved (Yes: 52/ No: 0/ Abstention: 2):

All decisions made by the Board of the Union require the agreement of the majority of its members, including at least one from each division. The President of the Union may, with the approval of the Vice President and the assistance of the secretaries general of the two Divisions, call for a vote, typically in electronic form, on any question.

These changes to articles 7 and 8 will be effective in 2023, subject to approval by the DLMPST General Assembly.

## **12. Nomination of Examiners for the DHST Council Elections**

The General Assembly unanimously approved the nomination of Arianna Borelli, Jaume Navarro and Glen Van Brummelen as examiners for the DHST Council Elections (Yes: 50/No: 0/Abstention: 0).

## **13. Report of the Nominations Committee**

The Nominations Committee was composed of five members: Efthymios Nicolaidis (Chair), June Barrow-Green, Silvia Figueirõa, Donald Opitz, and Yunli Shi. The Secretary General summarized the report of the Nominations Committee and read out its conclusions (Document 9). The President thanked the Nominations Committee for its thorough and conscientious work. The President-Elect, Marcos Cueto, stated that the next IUHPST/DHST Council would undertake an update of the nominations procedure as described in the Rules of Procedures, and

consider convening a virtual Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly to approve this update.

#### **14. ISC**

The Secretary General reminded the General Assembly of the conditions under which the International Science Council (ISC) was founded in 2018, as a result of the merger between ICSU and ISSC. She announced that several IUHPST and DHST officers, including herself, Benedikt Loewe and Marcos Cueto, would attend the next ISC General Assembly that will take place virtually, 11-15 October 2021. IUHPST has nominated Benedikt Loewe for the next ISC Governing Body.

#### **15. CIPSH**

The Secretary General reported that she attended the [World Humanities Conference](#) in Liège in August 2017 and the [European Humanities Conference](#) held virtually in May 2021. Both Conferences were convened by the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH). Moreover, in December 2021 she was elected Vice-President of CIPSH for a 3 year term.

#### **16. Report of financial examiners and approval of accounts**

Karine Chemla and Lesley Cormack read their report on the DHST accounts for 2017-2021 (Document 10), and recommended their approval. The accounts were then approved (26 Ordinary Members, totaling 72 votes, took part in the: Yes: 71/ No: 1/ Abstention: 0).

#### **17. Venue the 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History of Science and Technology**

China's proposal to hold the 27<sup>th</sup> ICHST in Hangzhou was presented by Xiaochun Sun. New Zealand's proposal to hold the 27<sup>th</sup> ICHST at the University of Otago, Dunedin was presented by Hamish Spencer. The General Assembly then voted (China: 12/New Zealand: 47/Abstention: 1). As a result of this vote, it was announced that the 27<sup>th</sup> ICHST will take place in Dunedin in 2025.

#### **18. Approval of the nominations of the Presidents of the Commissions**

The General Assembly approved the appointment of the following persons as presidents of DHST Commissions (Yes: 58/No: 0/Abstention: 1):

Historical Commissions:

- CHAMA: Clemency Montelle\*
- CBD: Stephen Weldon
- CHOSTIS: Mohammad Bagheri
- Meteorology (ICHM): Fiona Williamson and Martin Mahon
- Chemistry & Molecular Sciences: Brigitte Van Tiggelen
- Oceanography (ICHO): Helen Rozwadowski
- Pacific Circle: Sujit Sivasundaram
- Scientific Instruments (SIC): Roland Wittje
- Science and Empire: Thomas Haddad
- Women and Gender: María Jesus Santesmases Navarro
- Science and Literature: George Vlahakis\*
- Science, Technology, and Diplomacy: Simone Turchetti

#### Inter-Union Commissions:

- History of Astronomy (with IAU): Sara Schechner
- History of Geography (with IGU): Marcella Schmidt Mueller di Friedberg
- INHIGEO, Geology (with IUGS): Ezio Vaccari
- ICH Mathematics (with IMU): June Barrow-Green
- IUCHPP Physics (with IUPAP): Jaume Navarro
- Soil Science (with ISSS): Erik Brevik

#### Inter-Division Commissions:

- DHST-DLMPST Joint Commission: Hasok Chang\*
- Teaching Commission: Gustavo Rodrigues Rocha
- HaPoC: Giuseppe Primiero\*

Additionally, the Secretary General informed the General Assembly that the Presidents of the DHST Scientific Sections are:

- ICOHTEC: Slawomir Lotysz\*
- ISHEASTM (East Asia): Yunli Shi
- IASCUD: Madeline Muntersbjorn

The persons whose name is followed by an asterisk in the lists above will finish their term at the latest by 31 December 2021.

### 19. Other matters

Bettina Wahrig announced the publication in September 2021 of the quadrennial report on the history of science, technology and medicine in the German-speaking world (downloadable pdf). It has been prepared on request of the German National Committee of the IUHPST/DHST.

See: <https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/pharmaziegeschichte/iuhpst>

and the pages of the German National Committee of the IUHPST/DHST:

<https://www.historicum.net/technikgeschichte/fachcommunity/iuhpstdhst-nationalkomitee>

(Content: Remarks on the current situation of History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Germany; Detailed List of Institutions (more than 100); List of Publications (more than 3000 publications listed by affiliation, 2017-2020). The project was funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).

What's new: The relaunch of the WissTecMed\*Lit-Platform has been developed and hosted by the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek in cooperation with the Deutsches Museum München.

The new tool for collecting the publications for the current and following reports will allow to integrate the entries into the *Historische Bibliographie* and extract reports on the activities of history of science, technology and medicine. See: <https://zeptools.bsb-muenchen.de/uct/#/wtml>

Contact: [pharmgesch-wisstecmed@tu-braunschweig.de](mailto:pharmgesch-wisstecmed@tu-braunschweig.de)

### 20. Election of the new DHST Council

(List of Candidates: see Document 11)

The number of votes obtained by candidates and the results of the election were announced by the three examiners for the elections:

- President Elect: Janet Browne: 35; Josep Simon: 23; Abstention: 1.
- First Vice-President: Takehiko Hashimoto: 42; Xiaochun Sun: 16; Abstention: 1.
- Second Vice-President: Hasok Chang: 34; Milada Sekyrkova: 12; Xiaochun Sun: 13; Abstention: 0.
- Secretary General: Liesbeth de Mol: 54; Abstention: 4.

- Treasurer: Krishnamurthi Ramasubramanian: 20; Milada Sekyrkova: 36; Abstention: 0.
- Assistant Secretary General: Thomas Haddad: 57; Abstention: 1.
- Assessors:

#### First Round

Claudine Cohen	13	Tanja Pommerening	15
Alexander Herlea	7	Maria Rentetzi	36
Roberto Lalli	20	Luis Saraiva	15
Xingbo Luo	21	Suvobrata Sarkar	9
Michela Malpangotto	22	Sergey Shalimov	31
Minakshi Menon	21	Hamish Spencer	37
Peeter Muursepp	15	Alexandra Stevnovic	18
Jahnavi Phalkey	29	Tuncay Zorlu	9
		Abstention	0

#### Second Round

Xingbo Luo	26
Minakshi Menon	22
Abstention	0

#### DHST Council 2021-2025

President: Marcos Cueto

President Elect: Janet Browne

First Vice-President: Takehiko Hashimoto

Second Vice-President: Hasok Chang

Secretary General: Liesbeth De Mol

Treasurer: Milada Sekyrkova

Assistant Secretary General: Thomas Haddad

Assessors: Xingbo Luo, Michela Malpangotto, Jahnavi Phalkey, Maria Rentetzi, Sergey Shalimov, Hamish Spencer

The new DHST President, Marcos Cueto, thanked the outgoing Council, all delegates, the Local Organizing Committee of the 26th ICHST, and the Congress staff and volunteers, and he congratulated the newly elected Council members. He then closed the General Assembly.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Jami

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## **General Assembly of IUHPST/DHST Agenda of the 2021 Ordinary Session**

Venue: Online Meeting via the 26<sup>th</sup> ICHST platform

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**Second part**

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15. CIPSH
16. Report of financial examiners and approval of accounts
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18. Approval of the nominations of the Presidents of the Commissions (CJ)
19. Other matters (presented by G.A. members)
20. Election of the new DHST Council

		2017 (GBP)	2018 (EUR)	2019 (EUR)	2020 (EUR)	2021 (1-7) (EUR)	Remark	Voting Right		Votes on Financial Matters
1	ARGENTINA	375,08	430,85					no	0	0
2	AUSTRALIA	723,9		876,31	882,93			yes	1	3
3	AUSTRIA	[€401.55]		867,00	456,00	413		yes	1	2
4	BALTIC COUNTRIES	438,48	208,00		433,00	207		yes	1	1
5	BELGIUM	797,01		874,81	867,00			yes	1	3
6	BRAZIL		876,97		3xUSD1,000		2017, 2018	yes	1	3
7	CANADA	1 208,69	1738,68	1 784,12		3333,8	2020, 2021	yes	1	4
8	CHILE				455,00		Associate Member	no	0	0
8	CHINA	386,05?	1718,75		7 964,00	3697	2019, 2020, upgraded to category E in 2019	yes	1	5
9	COLOMBIA	397,33					Associate Member	no	0	0
10	CROATIA							no	0	0
11	CUBA						Associate Member	no	0	0
12	CZECH REPUBLIC		876,96	434,00	456,00	413		yes	1	2
13	DENMARK				890,00	413	2018, 2019	yes	1	2
14	FINLAND	370,09	426,48	434,00	456,00	415		yes	1	2
15	FRANCE	1479,45	1625,40	1821,00				yes	1	4
16	GERMANY		3682,80	1853,65	1915,00	1735	2017, 2018	yes	1	4
17	GREECE	375,76		434,00	215,00	207	2018, 2019	yes	1	1
18	HUNGARY	393,33	432,00	434,00	456,00	413		yes	1	2
19	INDIA		866,44	877,36	837,64			yes	1	3
20	IRELAND	430,78	437,25				left DHST	no	0	0
21	ISRAEL				1687,05			yes	1	2
22	ITALY		3634,79				left DHST	no	0	0
23	JAPAN	2437,77	2806,28	2892,26	2828,10	2643		yes	1	5
24	KOREA	759,72		864,00	912,00	826		yes	1	3
25	MEXICO						Associate Member	no	0	0
26	NETHERLANDS			864,00	912,00	826		yes	1	3
27	NEW ZEALAND			1 315,21	459,56	418,41	2017, 2018,	yes	1	2
28	NORWAY	373,74			912,00		2019, 2020	yes	1	2
29	POLAND	399,58	407,21	434,00	445,43	419,22		yes	1	2
30	PORTUGAL			868,00	456,00		2018, 2019	yes	1	2
31	ROMANIA	765,27						no	0	0
32	RUSSIA	727,42	859,42	887,60	869,18	799,84		yes	1	3
33	SERBIA							no	0	0
34	SLOVAKIA	215,56		434,00	228,00	207		yes	1	1
35	SOUTH AFRICA						Associate Member	no	0	0
36	SPAIN	782,43	401,55	217,00	228,00	414		yes	1	2
37	SWEDEN	754,45	861,70	867,00	912,00	826		yes	1	3
38	SWITZERLAND		434,33		912,00	413	2018, 2019	yes	1	2
39	TAIPEI		426,08	443,11	463,09	419,46		yes	1	2
40	TANZANIA						Associate Member	no	0	0
41	TURKEY		438,48					no	0	0
42	UNITED KINGDOM	1546,41	1683,00	1748,87	1756,71	1671,5		yes	1	4
43	USA	2882,45	3476,45	3469,21	3 297,68	3345,9		yes	1	5
	Ordinary Members	38					Voting Members	31		84

### **IUHPST/DHST Secretary General Report**

Since the DHST General Assembly convened in Rio de Janeiro 4 years ago, the DHST Council has fulfilled its basic responsibilities, which include liaising with Ordinary Members, overseeing the work of Commissions and Sections, and supporting the Local Organising Committee's (LOC) work for the 26th ICHST. It has also implemented the General Assembly's decisions to give DHST a legal existence by registering it under French law, and to open a permanent bank account in France for DHST.

During these four years, we have pursued and reinforced cooperation with the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology (DLMPST), and with other Unions of the International Science Council (ISC, formerly ICSU) and with the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH). All this work has been accomplished in close collaboration among Council members.

The DHST Council has met every December: 2017 in Princeton; 2018 in Tokyo; 2019 in Prague. For all these meetings, funds were raised locally and Council members paid for their own travel. In 2020, due to the pandemic, we were unable to accept the generous invitation of the St. Petersburg Branch of the Vavilov Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Russian Academy of Sciences, and we held our annual meeting online instead. Between Council meetings, discussion of DHST business is conducted by e-mail, Skype, and Zoom sessions. Regular online meetings between the President, the President-Elect and myself were held to prepare for the present General Assembly.

#### **DHST's legal registration and bank account**

In 2018, I completed the registration of DHST as an "Association loi 1901" under French law, domiciled at the Paris Observatory. DHST is now in the *Répertoire National des Associations* (National Index of Associations) under its French name "Division d'histoire et de philosophie des sciences de l'Union internationale d'histoire et de philosophie des sciences (RNA number W751244567).

I then immediately took steps to open a bank account with the French bank Crédit Industriel et Commercial (CIC). The President, Treasurer and myself have access to the bank account. It should be noted that it is a permanent requisite that someone domiciled in France should be in a position to liaise with the bank.

The opening of this bank account put an end to a series of temporary methods for holding DHST funds. Originally, we hoped that it would be possible for the funds to remain in the custody of the British Society for the History of Science, until a bank account could be open in Paris. But regulations against money-laundering meant that the UK bank asked for more and more documents to prove that our members really existed, so that the BSHS, in agreement with us, closed the bank account at the end of

2017, and transferred the funds to an account held by the Czech Society of History of Science, where our Treasurer took charge of them. By the end of 2018, it was possible to transfer all the funds held in this bank account to the CIC bank account, so that as of 1 January 2019 DHST began its normal operations from its official bank account. However, in accordance with the advice given by our bank when we opened the account, to the effect that online banking would work more smoothly if operated from France, I have continued to execute orders from the Treasurer for bank transfers until now. DHST is indebted to the British Society of History of Science (BSHS) and to the Czech Society for the History of Science and Technology (Společnost pro dějiny věd a techniky, sDVTcz) for their help during this particularly complex transition.

### **DHST Membership**

At present, DHST has 38 Ordinary Members (a status granted by the General Assembly), and 8 Associate Members (a status granted by the Council). Three of these Associate Members, Azerbaijan, Mexico and Peru, are applying to this General Assembly for the status of Ordinary Members. During the last four years, DHST has lost two Ordinary Members: Ireland and Italy, due to funding problems. In the case of Italy, we have liaised with the Italian Society of History of Science (SISS) and are encouraging them to become an Associate Member.

The Council is now operating a systematic policy of prioritizing the continuity of contact with colleagues around the world. This means that it proposes the status of Associate Members to national associations that are unable to pay membership fees, while encouraging them to seek the requisite funds. This also means that, following the decision made by the Council in July 2017, Ordinary Members who are in a difficult financial situation can apply to the Council for a temporary reduction of their membership fees by opting down one category. Their voting rights on financial matters change accordingly. The application must be renewed after each General Assembly, as the permission to opt down one category can only be granted by the Council on a temporary basis.

As a result of this policy, and of the efforts of Council members, in particular our President-Elect Marcos Cueto and Assessor Sergey Shalimov, we have established or reestablished sustainable contacts with several Latin American countries and with another potential new member, Azerbaijan. I am confident that this policy and these efforts will be continued in the future.

### **Commissions and Sections**

DHST Commissions and Sections have been active over the last four years, and most of them have set up at least one symposium at the 26<sup>th</sup> ICHST. They are holding business meetings during this congress, and the new presidents of commissions will be submitted for approval to the General Assembly during our second session.

The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) has approached us to propose that an Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics (IUCHPP) should be established jointly with themselves. Consulting with Jaime Navarro, the President of the DHST Commission on the History of Physics (CHP) and with the DHST Council, I have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), on the understanding that the new IUCHPP will take up and further the excellent work done in DHST by the CHP. After raising a few points of detail, IUPAP has approved

the MoU, which has been signed on their side by their President Michel Spiro, and on the DHST side by Mike Osborne. The General Assembly will be asked to ratify this MoU under item 6 of the agenda. This MoU is an outcome of the work already done by CHP in cooperation with IUPAP, on a conference and an edited volume to commemorate the centenary of IUPAP in 2022.

### **DHST Dissertation Prize**

During this term, the DHST Council decided that the DHST Dissertation Prize (formerly Young Scholar Prize) should be awarded in two instalments, in 2019 and in 2021 respectively. The motivation for this change is that we felt that such awards are most useful to early career scholars if they are given as close as possible to the completion of the dissertation. Altogether there were 60 submissions, and [7 prizes and 7 honourable mentions were awarded](#). I invite all General Assembly members to attend the session during which the winners of the prizes will present their dissertations, on Saturday at 15:00 pm CEST.

### **DLMPST, IUHPST and the Joint Commission**

Over the last four years, cooperation with DLMPST and joint management of IUHPST affairs has continued to be very fruitful. I have been in permanent contact with the DLMPST Secretary General, Benedikt Loewe, and either he or another member of the DLMPST Council have attended the DHST Council meetings every year. I attended the DLMPST Council meeting held in Salzburg in November 2017, and our President-Elect, Marcos Cueto, attended the DLMPST Congress as DHST representative in August 2019. We have jointly worked on the proposed updates of the IUHPST statutes on which the General Assembly will vote under item 11 of our Agenda.

One of the great successes of DHST-DLMPST cooperation over the last four years has been the work done by the Joint Commission chaired by Hasok Chang. He will report on this work under item 10 of our agenda. Here I would like to remind you of only one point: it is thanks to Hasok Chang's generosity that the IUHPST Essay Prize was set up in 2017, and has been awarded for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> ICHST.

### **ISC**

In July 2018, I attended the founding General Assembly of the International Science Council (in Paris) with the DHST President and the DLMPST Secretary General. The latter and I also both attended the extraordinary General Assembly which took place online in February 2021, during which the statutes of ISC were updated. We were favourably impressed by the work done by the ISC Council to adjust the original Statutes to the reality of the work to be done by ISC, and by the opportunity given to all ISC members to give their views and proposals before the final versions of updates were put to an electronic vote. The next ordinary General Assembly of ISC will be held in October, and can proceed according to the updated statutes.

There is one point to keep in mind from this experience. The Covid-19 pandemic, which has been detrimental to our research as it has been to our societies' economic and cultural activity, may well leave behind one positive legacy: the possibility for organizations like ISC, but also like DHST, to continue to function even when in person meetings have to be given up. I hope DHST will, even after the possibility of holding Ordinary General Assemblies in person returns, consider the possibility of holding Extraordinary General Assemblies online if and when necessary.

### **International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development**

Following contacts I had with Luc Allemand, Secretary General of this initiative, IUHPST has been invited to be an organiser of the UNESCO supported [International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development](#) (IYBSSD, June 2022-June 2023). The two Divisions have accepted to contribute EUR1000 each, so that IUHPST now appears on the IYBSSD website as a one of the organizers. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by a number of organisers during an event held online, with Marcos Cueto (President-Elect of DHST) and Nancy Cartwright (President of DLMPST) representing IUHPST. The chair of the Executive Committee of IYBSSD is Michel Spiro, former President of IUPAP

### **CIPSH**

In 2020, I was nominated by DHST for the post of Vice-President of the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), of which both DHST and DLMPST are members, and was elected to that post. In May 2021, I contributed to the [European Conference on Humanities](#) that was originally scheduled to take place in Lisbon, but ended up being held online. For this conference I set up a session on [Gender and Science](#), in which one of the three speakers was Annette Vogt, former President of the Commission on Women and Gender in Science, and former Assistant Secretary General of DHST. In the present context, when the humanities are aware that they have much to contribute that is of relevance to STEM, history of science and technology is regarded as one of the fields providing that linkage.

### **IAHS**

DHST continues contacts with the International Academy of History of Science, with DHST Assessor Liba Taub being also a member of the IAHS Council. I have been invited to IAHS council meetings, and was able to attend three of them as an observer (April 2018, January 2019 and May 2019).

### **Gender Equality**

In 2017, IUHPST joined the international project ‘A Global Approach to the Gender Gap in Mathematical, Computing, and Natural Sciences: How to Measure It, How to Reduce It?’ ([Gender Gap in Science Project](#), 2017-2019), a project supported by ICSU (now ISC). As a consequence, historians of science and technology were included in the survey carried out as part of the project. Throughout the duration of the project, I represented IUHPST on the project’s Executive Committee. I attended most of its meetings; Benedikt Loewe (DLMPST) and Maria Rentetzi (DHST Council and President of the Commission on Women and Gender in Science) also took part in some of them. We all argued for the importance of the social sciences in general and the history and philosophy of science in particular in understanding the gender gap in science; this was all the more important as all the other unions involved in the project are from the ‘hard sciences’ (mathematics, chemistry, astronomy, biology). I gave a lecture to the final conference of the project, and was thereafter invited as keynote speaker of the UNESCO World Day of Women and Girls in Science in February 2020, just as the project was coming to a close (its results have now been published as a [book](#)). At that juncture, all the partners agreed that it would be worthwhile transforming the project into a permanent network of scientific unions so as to work together to promote gender equality in our disciplines. So in the spring of 2020, I took the lead in writing a Memorandum of Understanding to create a Standing Committee for Gender Equality

in Science ([SCGES](#)). The founding partners of SCGES include: IMU, ICIAM, IUPAP, IUPAC, IUBS, IAU, ACM, IUHPST, and GenderInSITE. In September 2020 I was elected as SCGES's first chair. Since then, SCGES has extended its membership to another 7 scientific unions that are members of ISC. We are working with ISC on ways to promote equality within scientific unions and other scientific institutions, and we have published a statement entitled '[Standing for Gender Equality in Times of Covid-19](#)'. The unions who are partners of SCGES have undertaken to implement a number of measures to promote gender equality in the disciplines that they represent. Thus, on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> ICHST, with the help of the LOC, we have compiled the first statistics on gender in our profession, based on the information we have on participants from their registration: gender, country, status, contribution to the congress. Moreover, it will be proposed to the present General Assembly that the statutes of both DHST and IUHPST should be updated so that these institutions should each have a Gender Champion who will work on promoting gender equality and overseeing the implementation of best practices. This will be discussed in items 8 and 11 of our agenda. The Council has also worked on preparing a Respectful Behaviour Policy for our quadrennial congresses, which is submitted to the General Assembly for approval under item 9 of our agenda.

### **Working with the New DHST Statutes**

Besides giving DHST a legal existence, the new statutes and rules of procedure approved in 2017 by this General Assembly have proved on the whole well-adjusted to the needs of DHST. Combined with a systematic use of e-mail consultation of the Council on important decisions between the annual Council meetings, they have enabled us to work smoothly and to discuss all significant issues that arose. On one point, however, the new statutes have turned out to be problematic: the Nominations Committee has found it difficult to obtain nominations while following the rules set out in the statutes. A review of the regulations of various ISC member scientific unions shows that the practices in organizations similar to DHST vary widely. It will be the task of the next DHST Council to propose to the General Assemblies possible improvements on this point. The precedent of ISC suggests that this might be done during a virtual Extraordinary General Assembly, so that the difficulties encountered by the Nominations Committee do not repeat themselves in four years' time.

### **Concluding Remarks**

This report is the last one that I write as Secretary General, having served in this capacity for two terms, and having been on the DHST Council for 16 years altogether.

Beside the International Congresses and the work of its Commissions and Sections, the main accomplishments of DHST during these 16 years include: promoting early career scholars' integration into the field; reaching out to new countries, building fruitful and friendly cooperation with DLMPST, establishing long-term cooperation with a number of other scientific unions, thus making the importance of the history and philosophy of science more visible to scientists, undertaking to make the field more inclusive and to implement best practices.

As always, there is room for improvement. For one thing, the DHST website should be updated so as to be more interactive and should be updated continuously. DHST should also be present on social media. In the past, there have been discussions on the



possibility and the desirability of including a webmaster in the Council. The next Council will no doubt take steps to improve things.

DHST is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, and its funds are almost entirely devoted to helping commissions and sections, supporting early career scholars and congress organisation. I believe that the time, expertise and good will devoted to it by all the colleagues with whom I have worked during these sixteen years (Council members, Commission and Section officers, representatives of Ordinary and Associate Members, nominees for Council) have made it possible for DHST to effectively promote the history of science and technology at an international level. Our Czech colleagues' success in setting up an online Congress of such high quality in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic is the latest example of such successful efforts. As members of the DHST General Assembly, we can be proud of these accomplishments, which our successors will no doubt improve upon.

Catherine Jami  
5 July 2021, revised 24 July 2021

## **Treasurer's Report 2017 – June 2021**

### **1. General**

During this period the financial situation has been stabilized, invoices sent on a regular basis and countries have been required to pay their commitments every year.

Until start of 2018 the DHST bank account continued under the umbrella of the British Society for the History of Science. Early this year, the IUHPST/DHST funds were moved from the CAF Bank in the UK, where were held before to the side account of the Society for the History of Science and Technology to Prague, which was fully released for this account. The currency of the account was the Czech crown (CZK). Meanwhile, invoices, receipts and a further agenda was sent to the commissions and sections from Prague, Catherine Jami worked in Paris to set up a new stable IUHPST/DHST account in EUR. This account was opened in early July 2018, when President Mike Osborne, Secretary General Catherine Jami and Treasurer met in Paris, and signed the documents required for that account in person. Since mid-July, invoices have been sent to pay membership dues already on this Parisian account, in EUR.

In 2019 was upgraded list of the DHST member countries but not from all countries we obtained an answer (Colombia, Egypt, Mexico, Syria, Romania, Bulgaria) in the matter of their interest to continue in collaboration. It was reason why to not all countries could be sent invoices.

Unfortunately, in 2019 left Italy, in 2020 left Ireland. Vice-versa a fruitful collaboration with one new country started – New Zealand and sent fees for 3 years together.

### **2. DHST Accounts**

#### **Income:**

Treasurer sent invoices to the member countries usually in February-March. Most of countries paid regularly during the running year.

**Expenses:**

The expenses depend on the decisions made at the DHST Council meeting every year in December. It includes bank exchange fees, and a new monthly account management fee in Paris of EUR.

**3. DHST Budget 2017- June 2021**

The budget was based on the following every year:

- a. A surplus of every year - it is in detail mentioned in Overviews.
- b. An estimate of expenses based on the assumption that we award all Commissions the sums they have requested – up to the financial situation of the DHST which was in 2020 and 2021 strongly affected by the COVID pandemic. The actual expenses under this heading ever depend on the decisions made at the Council meeting.
- c. The alternating arrangement between DHST and DLMPS for paying ICSU fees – DHST was responsible in 2017 and 2020, 2021, and DLMPS in between.
- d. It was count with the CIPSH subscription of EUR 700 in 2020 budget, too.
- e. In 2019, 2020 DHST supported the GAP project by the amount of EUR 1,000. The same is included in 2020 budget.
- f. A certain amount is carried for the upgrading of the DHST website every year.
- g. When was possible (until 2019) a budget of \$1000 was counted for exceptional travel expenses to the SG and President.
- h. Grant (biennial USD 5,000, together USD 10,000) to the 26th Congress is included into 2020 and 2021 budget when the congress account was opened in Prague.
- i. The estimate for bank charges is based on the CIC conditions in Paris.

**4. Proposal to change GDP-rated categories (starting from 2022) in the case of:**

Baltic States from A to B  
Germany from D to E  
India from C to D  
Poland from B to C  
Slovakia from A to B

**In all cases: increase**

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **INTER-UNION COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS**

#### Preamble

In May 2021, the Division of History of Science and Technology of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST/DHST) and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) decided to join forces to promote research in the history and philosophy of physics. The present memorandum sets out the terms on which they jointly set up the Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics (IUCHPP) to achieve this aim.

IUCHPP shall become an Affiliated Commission of IUPAP while taking up the role and activity of the present Commission on the History of Physics within IUHPST/DHST. The terms of this double affiliation are defined below.

#### A. Aims

The Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics (IUCHPP) promotes the study of the history and philosophy of physics and related sciences across cultures and chronological periods. It facilitates communication among researchers and supports early career scholars in these fields. It supports cross-disciplinary interactions, as well as supporting the teaching of the history and philosophy of physics. IUCHPP also acts as an advisory body to IUPAP on issues related to ethics.

#### B. Governance

The Board of IUCHPP shall consist of 6 officers, 3 appointed by IUPAP and 3 elected during the IUHPST/DHST quadrennial Congresses. After this election, the Board shall appoint from among its members at least the 3 following officers:

- a President
- a Secretary

- a Treasurer

The composition of the Board shall take into account gender balance and cultural diversity, which both IUHPST/DHST and IUPAP strive to promote.

The Board shall make its decisions by vote. In the event that the number of votes for and against should be equal the Board's President shall have the casting vote.

The appointment of the President shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly of IUHPST/DHST. The President shall have one vote at the IUHPST/DHST General Assembly, and one vote at the IUPAP General Assembly that is held every three years and shall also participate in the joint meetings of the IUPAP Executive Council and Commission chairs that are held at least once per year.

### C. Activity

1. In accordance with its aims of contributing to research in teaching, communication and promotion of the history and philosophy of physics, IUCHPP shall maintain a website.
2. IUCHPP shall organize at least one symposium at each of the quadrennial congresses of IUHPST/DHST.
3. As an affiliated commission of IUPAP, IUCHPP will be in charge of recommending the sponsorship of conferences on the themes of the commission that will seek the financial support of IUPAP each year.
4. In all its activities, IUCHPP shall strive to ensure gender balance and cultural diversity among the participants involved in these activities.

### D. Reporting requirements

IUCHPP shall submit an annual written report to IUHPST/DHST, including details of the use of IUHPST/DHST funds.

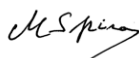
It shall also submit a written report at IUPAP Executive Council meetings and General Assemblies.

## E. Finances

When submitting its annual report to IUHPST/DHST, IUCHPP may request an annual grant from IUHPST/DHST. This grant shall be spent in accordance with the guidelines issued by IUHPST/DHST Council. On the side of IUPAP, the budgetary allocation will be decided with the frequency of its General Assembly on a three-year basis.

21 July 2021

Michel Spiro, President of IUPAP



Michael A. Osborne, President of IUHPST/DHST



## IUHPST/DHST dues update submitted to the General Assembly on July 28 2021

Applicable from 1 January 2022

The main change proposed compared to previous dues schemes is that the DHST accounts should from now on be held in Euros rather than in USD. This will simplify the Treasurer's work and will make the accounts easier to check against the bank statements.

Ordinary Members who are outside the Euro zone can ask the Treasurer to invoice them in USD. In this case, the Treasurer shall use the conversion rate on the date of the first such invoice sent, and apply the same conversion rate to all further invoices in USD sent during the same calendar year.

Grants to Commissions and Sections will be in Euros, with the possibility for Commissions and Sections whose account is located outside the Euro zone to request that the grant should be sent in USD. In this case, the Treasurer shall apply the conversion rate on the date of the first grant sent every year to all further grants transferred in USD.

Note: Ordinary Members who are unable to pay the dues corresponding to their membership category can apply to the DHST Council to opt down one category. The Council will make decisions concerning these requests during its annual meeting. Should the request be granted, the permission to pay dues corresponding to a category below the one corresponding to a country's GDP will remain valid until 2025.

GDP-based membership categories (Billion USD)

A	$GDP \leq 100 \text{ Bn USD}$
B	$101 \text{ Bn USD} \leq GDP \leq 500 \text{ Bn USD}$
C	$501 \text{ Bn USD} \leq GDP \leq 2000 \text{ Bn USD}$
D	$2001 \text{ Bn USD} \leq GDP \leq 4000 \text{ Bn USD}$
E	$4001 \text{ Bn USD} \leq GDP$

Minimum due payable<sup>1</sup> (Euros) and number of votes in financial matters according to category

A	EUR 212.50	1
B	EUR 425	2
C	EUR 850	3
D	EUR 1,700	4
E	EUR 3,400	5

Source for GDP data: IMF

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_GDP\\_\(nominal\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GDP_(nominal))), accessed 25/07/2021)

The new dues proposed are based on the exchange rate USD 1.00 = EUR 0.85 (24 July 2021).

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<sup>1</sup> Ordinary Members are welcome to contribute more than the minimum membership dues: some have done so in the past.

Member	Estimated GDP* (Billion USD)	GDP-based category 2022-2025	Proposed dues 2022-2025 (EUR)	Category of dues paid 2018-2021 (GDP-based category if different)	Payable dues 2018-2021 (USD)
Argentina	418	B	425	B	500
Australia	1,617	C	850	C	1,000
Austria	482	B	425	B	500
Azerbaijan <sup>2</sup>	50	A	212,50	New Member	
Baltic States <sup>3</sup>	135	B	425	A	250
Belgium	578	C	850	C	1,000
Brazil	1,497	C	850	C	1,000
Canada	1,883	D	1700	D	2,000
China	16,642	E	3400	E	4,000
Croatia	65	A	212,50	A	250
Czech Republic	276	B	425	B	500
Denmark	393	B	425	B	500
Finland	300	B	425	B	500
France	2,938	D	1700	D	2,000
Germany	4,319	E	3400	D	2,000
Greece	209	B	425	A (B)	250
Hungary	176	B	425	B	500
India	3,049	D	1700	C	2,000
Israel	446	B	425	B	500
Japan	5378	E	2720	E	3,200
Korea	1,806	C	850	C	1,000
Mexico	1,192	C	850	New Member	
Netherlands	1,012	C	850	C	1,000
New Zealand	243	B	425	B	500
Norway	444	B	425	B	500
Peru	226	A	212,50	New Member	
Poland	642	C	850	B	500
Portugal	257	B	425	B	500
Romania	289	B	425	B	500
Russia	1,710	C	850	C	1,000
Serbia	60	A	212,50	A	250
Slovakia	117	B	425	A	250
Spain	1,461	C	850	B (C)	500
Sweden	625	C	850	C	1,000
Switzerland	824	C	850	B (C)	500
Taipei, China	759	C	850	B (C)	500
Turkey	794	C	850	B (C)	500
United Kingdom	3,124	D	1700	D	2,000
United States	22,675	E	3400	E	4,000

Catherine Jami and Takehiko Hashimoto (25/07/2021)

<sup>2</sup> In green: new Ordinary Member.

<sup>3</sup> In red: changes in GDP-based category.



# Respectful Behavior Policy\*

Freedom of expression and vigorous debate are crucial to scholarly exchange. The Division of History of Science and Technology (DHST) strongly values mutual respect and strives to provide an environment for exchange that is free from bias and intimidation. DHST is dedicated to securing a safe, hospitable, and productive environment for everyone.

Accordingly, DHST deplors all harassment and is sensitive to the harm suffered by persons who experience it. We expect speakers and questioners at our meetings to demonstrate self-control and civility, even in the midst of strong disagreement, and not to engage in *ad hominem* attacks. Furthermore, we expect those participating in DHST's meetings and events to treat others with respect and not to engage in behavior that is discriminatory, intimidating, threatening, or harassing. This expectation applies to our officers, speakers, volunteers, and attendees.

## Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Standards

DHST prohibits any unwelcome conduct that is based on an individual's sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability, or employment status and that creates an environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive. Harassment may include such actions as: (1) inappropriate physical contact; (2) inappropriate jokes, kidding, or teasing; (3) verbal abuse and epithets; (4) degrading comments; (5) the display of offensive or sexually suggestive objects or pictures; (6) conduct or comments of a lewd or lascivious nature, including subtle pressure for sexual activity; (7) repeated offensive sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions; and (8) any other conduct that the individual (or group of individuals) might reasonably find to be intimidating, hostile, offensive, coercive, or threatening. Sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature or consensual personal and social relationships.

## Reporting

If an individual or group of individuals believes that they have experienced any violation of this policy at DHST Congresses, the person or group should report the incident immediately to the Ombudsperson [need an email address here]. Although anyone may seek advice from the Ombudsperson, only the individual or individuals alleging that they have been harassed may file a complaint. The Ombudsperson shall listen to the grievance, describe the policy and procedures, outline issues of privacy and confidentiality, and discuss possible courses of action regarding the filing or non-filing of a formal complaint. The Ombudsperson shall take all reasonable efforts to maintain in strict confidence the identity of individuals reporting an incident and the person or persons implicated in an incident. The Ombudsperson shall prepare for Council annually an aggregate, anonymized summary of all such reported incidents. If an individual elects to file a formal complaint, that person must describe the incident in a non-confidential written statement delivered to the Ombudsperson within sixty (60) calendar days of the alleged conduct and preferably immediately following the incident. The Ombudsperson will provide the statement concurrently to the accused party or parties and to a three-person Respectful Behavior Review Committee appointed by Council. The accused party may elect to file a written response, and if so, the written response must be filed with the Ombudsperson within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the initial written

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\* Adapted from the policy of the History of Science Society, which was adopted in 2017.

complaint. The Chair of the Committee shall contact both parties to discuss the incident and determine whether there is a mutually acceptable resolution. If no such resolution can be found, the Committee shall determine whether the incident constituted harassment under the terms of this Policy. If the Committee determines the incident constituted harassment, it shall furnish a report of the incident, the Committee's findings, and a recommended sanction, if any, to the Secretary General within sixty (60) days.

### **Sanctions**

The Council shall consider the case. If a majority of the entire Council concurs with the recommendations of the Committee, the Council Executive Committee shall issue a written reprimand including any sanctions banning the individual from future meetings and/or barring the individual's participation in other activities or programs supported by the DHST. The Secretary General will report the outcome to all parties involved, which is final.

### **DHST Commissions**

We strongly encourage the Commissions supported by DHST to adopt a Respectful Behavior Policy for their own governance activities and events.

## Amendments to the proposed Respectful Behavior Policy

Agathe Keller (CNFHPST Delegate

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It should be emphasized that the Respectful Behavior Policy is a great and important initiative. However, it seems that the rules here were inspired by those adopted by the HSS, these might then require some adaptation to be applied in the DHST setting. I want to thank Catherine Jami who invited me to write for this GA some suggestions of modifications, for which I draw on my experience in this area (I am a trained member of the European Association Against Violence made to Women at Work, in France: AVFT, and have, within my trade-union, followed cases of harassment including helping to file complaints).

### **Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Standards:**

(2) inappropriate jokes, kidding, or teasing

modification suggested

demeaning jokes, kidding, or teasing

**Comment:** it can be argued that inappropriateness is socially and culturally constructed and sometimes part of what makes a joke.

### **Reporting:**

at DHST Congresses, the person or group should report the incident immediately to the Ombudsperson

modification suggested

at DHST funded events the person or group should report the incident immediately to the Ombudspersons, independent experienced mediators in questions of harassment.

**Comment:** Unless I am mistaken there is no specification of how the Ombudsperson is to be chosen. The independence of the Ombudsperson is crucial to ensure that no conflict of interest will interfere with the procedure. Furthermore, in NGO's dealing with these questions, usually two people take testimony of sexual violence. It might be worth requesting that the « Ombudsperson » itself be a group rather than a single person? Maybe the text could specify how long the Ombudsperson should be appointed and by whom. Finally, rather than evoke a vague DHST conferences, we can specify that this can be any event funded by the DHST. Thus, we might add:

Special care will be taken to avoid conflict of interest in the appointment of the Ombudspersons and the three-person Respectful Behavior Review Committee. They will not be Historians of Science or Technology but members of a qualified international NGO specialized in dealing with harassment. They will be nominated every four years by the General Assembly and deal with questions related to

harassment and any other kind of behavior that is hostile or abusive and that takes place in events funded by the DHST.

written statement delivered to the Ombudsperson within sixty (60) calendar days of the alleged conduct and preferably immediately following the incident.

modification suggested

written statement delivered to the Ombudspersons.

**Comment:** if you specify such a time limit, you ensure that almost no complaints will be filed, it often takes time to realize that what might be brushed away as a mere unimportant incident reveals itself as having had deep consequences on a person's well-being.

to the accused party or parties and to a three-person Respectful Behavior Review Committee appointed by Council

modification suggested

to a three-person Respectful Behavior Review Committee who will investigate the case.

**Comment:** Rather than have the accusation given directly to the accused party, it might be more reasonable to have an independent entity realize an independent investigation. A direct notification to the accused might have for consequences pressures on victims and witnesses, and might also be hurtful to the unjustly accused. Furthermore, it might not be a good idea to specify in too much detail how and in which way sanctions and conciliations should be carried out, but rather let these decisions and measures be taken by a totally independent body such as an appointed NGO to take care of this. Indeed, for instance, attempts to arrive at "mutually acceptable resolutions" in cases of harassment can be taken as attempts to pressure the victim not to file a complaint...For these reasons I suggest suppressing the rest of the paragraph, except for the last sentence:

The Ombudsperson will provide the statement concurrently to the accused party or parties and to a three-person Respectful Behavior Review Committee appointed by Council. The accused party may elect to file a written response, and if so, the written response must be filed with the Ombudsperson within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the initial written complaint. The Chair of the Committee shall contact both parties to discuss the incident and determine whether there is a mutually acceptable resolution. If no such resolution can be found, the Committee shall determine whether the incident constituted harassment under the terms of this Policy. If the Committee determines the incident constituted harassment, it shall furnish a report of the incident, the Committee's findings, and a recommended sanction, if any, to the Secretary General within sixty (60) days.

## Suggested modification

If the Committee determines the incident constituted harassment, it shall furnish a report of the incident, the Committee's findings, and eventually, recommend a sanction to the Secretary General within six months.

**Comment:** Rather let the Committee take its time than take too hasty decisions. Of course, the danger might be that it takes too long- I'm not sure what period to suggest: six months is but a suggestion but this might also be too long a time.

## Sanction

including any sanctions banning the individual from future meetings and/or barring the individual's participation in other activities or programs supported by the DHST

modification suggested

and might include sanctions proportionate with the proven misconduct. The greatest sanction being banning the individual from future meetings and/or excluding the concerned individual from participation in all events funded by the DHST

Report of Assessors of Accounts 2021  
DHST General Assembly  
Karine Chemla (France)  
Lesley Cormack (Canada)

We remember that 2017 was the year during which past treasurer Jeff Hughes passed away, and we still feel the pain of his disappearance, and the trauma this has created for the management of DHST accounts in 2017. It is with this understanding that we offer some remarks on the financial report that was sent to us all and on the documents that were prepared for us to examine it.

We also want to thank Malida Sekyrkova for her excellent work as Treasurer, taking over at a difficult time and moving the accounts forward to greater clarity and coherence.

Further, we wish to acknowledge the work required to move the bank account to France and to praise the management of this account in such a way that it generated interest for DHST.

First, we are in agreement that the financial statements are as complete as possible and demonstrate that the DHST is supporting activities aligned with the purpose of the Division. We recommend the approval of the accounts to the General Assembly.

We do, however, have some suggestions for the future, and some cautions as well.

1. A DHST congress takes place in the year in which a treasurer ends her or his duty. Since the examination of the accounts takes place during the congresses, the examiners never see the final financial statement of the congress. Given that these congresses are the major activity of the DHST, we recommend that a final financial statement be established for each congress and be joined to the documents submitted to the examiners.
2. Given the long period between General Assemblies, and the need to examine the final report for the Congress, we recommend that the Executive consider establishing a mid-term examination of the accounts by two examiners.
3. The archives of the DHST will be maintained electronically at the CAPHES –since an agreement has been made to this effect in the last years. We recommend that all the documents related to the accounts (justification of the expenses, etc.) be kept electronically with a clear system of filing so that the financial aspects of the DHST be transparent and available to historians in the future.
4. We suggest that it would be helpful if the commissions all adopted a systematic format in the files they send with their annual report.
5. The reports of the commissions struck us by their difference. We recommend that the funds that DHST sends to these commissions be spent after calls for proposals

sent to all members in the commission to invite them to submit ideas of activities for which DHST funds could be allocated. In this way, each commission would play the all-inclusive role in the subfield of the history of science and technology that it stands for.

6. Countries pay annual fees, but they do not always pay the fee for the year  $n$  on the year  $n$ . We thus recommend for a greater readability of the accounts that the treasurer maintains two tables: one indicating which amount the DHST received from which country on which year (actuals), and the other table stating yearly if on that year, a given country has paid its dues or not.
7. The DHST expenses in the last two years have exceeded what it received. We thus recommend that action be taken to restore a balance between incomes and expenses. Means of avoiding spending too much money must be found, to avoid problems for the future. This is particularly important since it is unlikely that the Prague meeting will create a substantial surplus, which will potentially impede the seed funding for the next Congress.
8. One such means has already clearly be found: Bank fees have been quite high, in particular in relation to change between different moneys. It thus seems highly reasonable to have decided to hold the bank account in euros. We therefor support this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted  
July 31, 2021

## Report of the Nominations Committee

After his nomination as chair of the Nominations Committee by the Council of DHST, Efthymios Nicolaidis contacted June Barrow-Green (UK), Silvia Figueirôa (Brazil), Donald Opitz (USA), and Shi Yunli (China). in order they participate at the Committee. The Committee was constituted on March 4, 2020.

On March 19, the Committee wrote a letter to the ordinary members (National Committees) of the DHST asking them for nominations. According to the rules of DHST, this first round of nominations ended November 25, 2020. Two reminders were sent to the ordinary members, before and after the summer vacations.

At the deadline, eight countries (China, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Japan, Portugal, and Russia), had sent in nine 9 nominations.

After this deadline, the Committee sent on November 26 a second letter to all the members of DHST asking for additional nominations. Two reminders of this letter were sent, in January and March 2021.

At the deadline of this second round, on March 25, 2021, eleven ordinary members that had not sent nominations during the first round (Austria, Brazil, Greece, USA, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, and UK) and two ordinary members that had sent nominations during the first round (China and France) have sent nine new nominations and/or supported nominations of the first round. Czech Republic NC withdrew a nomination from the first round due to health reasons.

As far as we know, four commissions (HAPOC, ICHM, INHIGEO and WGS) suggested, during the second round, nominations to ordinary members.

The Nominations Committee has received all the required documents for the nominations to be valid: a proposal from an ordinary member, and a short CV and a letter of acceptance from each candidate.

The gender balance of the seventeen in total nominations is as follows: ten female candidates and seven male candidates.

We consider that these nominations are balanced as far as it concerns the scientific fields of the candidates. Furthermore, if we take into account the geographical repartition of the ordinary members, the geographical balance is acceptable: we have nine candidates from Europe, two from countries that are in Europe as well in Asia (Russian Republic and Turkey), three from Asia, one from South America and two from North America. Statistics about the nominees can be found in the annex of the report.

### List of candidates

Browne Janet (UK, since 2006 works in USA)  
Cohen Claudine (France)  
De Mol (Liesbeth France)  
Haddad Thomás (Brazil)  
Hashimoto Takehiko (Japan),  
Herlea Alexander (Romania)  
Luo Xingbo (China)  
Malpangotto Michela (France, Italy)  
Mülberger Rogele Annette (Netherlands)  
Phalkey Jahnavi (USA)  
Pommerening Tanja (Germany)



Rentetzi Maria (Greece)  
Sekyrkova Milada (Czech republic)  
Shalimov Sergei (Russia)  
Stevanovic Alexandra (Serbia)  
Sun Xiaochun (China),  
Zorlu Tuncay (Turkey)

**We have summarised all the information about the nominations in page 3 and 4 of this document and related statistics in the annex.**

#### Additional remarks.

During the whole process, the Nominations Committee has received enough – and well balanced – nominations for assessors but not at all enough nominations for the essential offices of the Council.

It seems that some Commissions have encountered difficulties in finding an ordinary member willing to introduce their proposal. Therefore the number of nominations during the second round was below our expectations.

Last but not least, very few ordinary members have sent in nominations of colleagues that are not citizens of the country of the ordinary member that proposed them. In the future, the Council should encourage a more international approach for nominations.

#### Recommendations

The rules of procedure specify that “the Nominations Committee shall use its best endeavors to ensure that it receives at least two nominations for each elective office, and that the nominations have regard to the principles of gender balance and cultural diversity enunciated in Article 1.e. of the Statutes. For this purpose it shall if necessary solicit further nominations from Ordinary Members, and suggestions from Sections and Commissions, until no later than four months before each Ordinary Session of the General Assembly”.

The same rules do not allow the Nominations Committee to actively interfere in the process. We have sent six letters to the members in order to ask for more nominations but we were not allowed to ask for nominations for specific offices in which we lacked of candidates. We have not encountered problems about gender and geographic balance, but a similar remark could be applied to this in the future.

The requirement that a Commission has to have its nominations delivered through an Ordinary Member is not only cumbersome but, more importantly, it presents a barrier for candidates to come forward. This is reflected in the fact that, as far as we know, only 4 out of 21 Commissions proposed candidates. If a Commission does not have a personal contact with an Ordinary member, or there is no Ordinary Member aligned with the Commission’s academic field, it makes it difficult for that Commission to know to whom they should turn to present their nomination, and in the worst case that Commission could be in the awkward situation of having a strong nomination which does not go forward. From the potential candidate’s point of view, it can be off-putting to know that there is the possibility that their nomination might be rejected by someone outside their field, and this is particularly true of

younger scholars who should be encouraged to come forward. Given that members of a Commission are experts in their field and respected members of their community, it is therefore reasonable to assume that they are able to come to a reasoned judgment as to whether the candidate is suitable for nomination. Given the fact that the life of DHST between the Congresses depends on the activity of the Commissions, we think that their role in the electoral process must be upgraded.

The above mentioned facts plead for the changing of the rules of procedure of the elections. Therefore, we suggest the following:

- a) That the Nominations Committee be allowed, if needed, to inform the members of DHST about the profile of additional candidates and the offices that must be fulfilled.
- b) To allow the Commissions to present nominations direct to the Nominations Committee.

The Nominations Committee

Efthymios Nicolaidis (Chair)

June Barrow-Green, Silvia Figueirôa, Donald Opitz, Shi Yunli (members)

Date: March 30, 2021

## List of nominations first and second round

In red the nominations that came in during the second round

Candidates for each office are listed in order nominations came in

### President-Elect

Janet Browne (UK, since 2006 works in USA) nominated by France, UK, Germany, Portugal, **Brazil**

### First Vice-President

**Sun Xiaochun (China), nominated by Serbia and China (they have not specified first or second v-p)**

**Takehiko Hashimoto (Japan), nominated by Brazil, France** (nominated also for assistant secretary general during the first round by Japan and Czech republic)

### Second Vice-President

Milada Sekyrkova (Czech republic) nominated by Czech republic (they have not specified first or second vice-president), **nominated for 2nd v-p by Brazil, and France**

**Sun Xiaochun (China), nominated by Serbia and China (they have not specified first or second v-p)**

### Secretary General

Liesbeth De Mol (France) nominated by France, UK, Germany, Portugal, **Brazil and supported by HAPOC**

### Treasurer

Milada Sekyrkova (Czech republic) nominated by Czech republic

### Assistant Secretary General

Takehiko Hashimoto (Japan) nominated by Japan and Czech republic

**Thomas Haddad (Brazil), nominated by Brazil, and France (nominated also for assessor)**

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### Six members (assessors)

Sergei Shalimov (Russia) nominated by Russia

Maria Rentetzi (Greece) nominated by Czech republic, **Greece and Israel, proposed by WGS Commission.**

~~Jiří Hudeček (Czech republic) nominated by Czech republic withdrew 19-3-21~~

Luo Xingbo (China) nominated by China

Tanja Pommerening (Germany) nominated by Germany

Claudine Cohen (France) proposed by INHIGEO and nominated by Austria

Jahnavi Phalkey (USA) nominated by USA

Tuncay Zorlu (Turkey) nominated by Turkey

Alexander Herlea (Romania) nominated by Romania

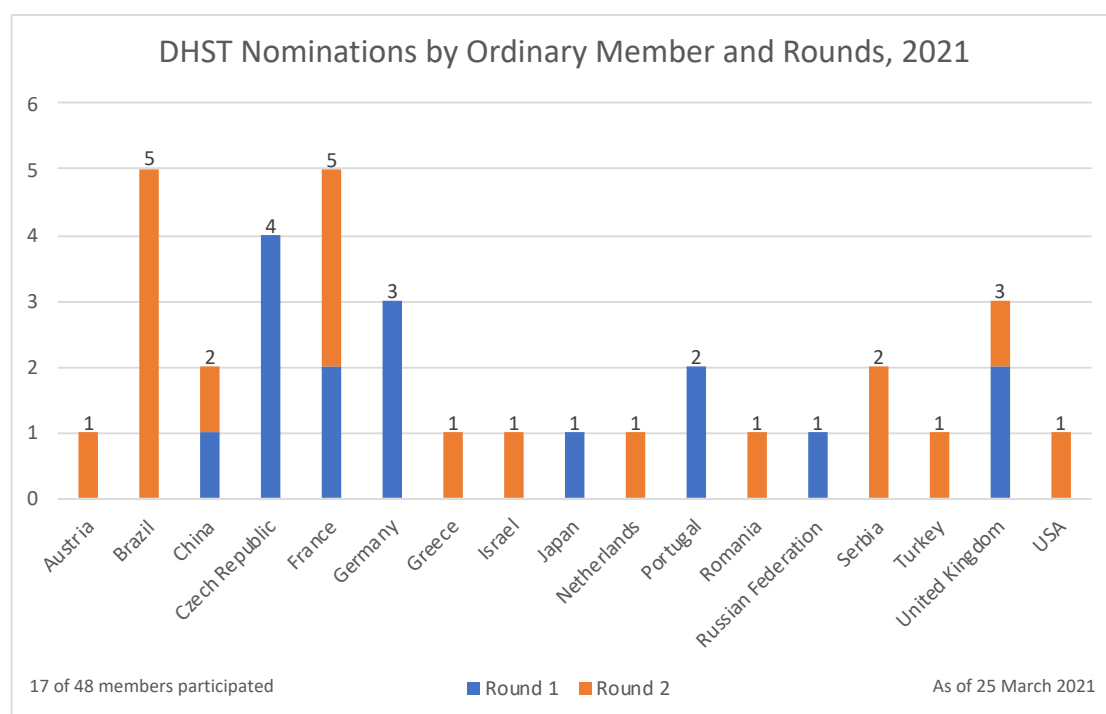
Alexandra Stevanovic (Serbia) nominated by Serbia

Thomás Haddad (Brazil) nominated by Brazil and France (nominated also assistant s.g.)

Annette Mülberger Rogele (Netherlands) nominated by Netherlands, proposed by WGS Commission.

Michela Malpangotto (France, Italy) proposed by ICHM nominated by UK

## Annex: Demographic Analysis of Nominations<sup>1</sup>



### Participating Members: 17 (35%)

Austria
Brazil
China
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Greece
Israel
Japan
Netherlands
Portugal
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia
Turkey
United Kingdom
USA

### Non-Participating Members: 31 (65%)

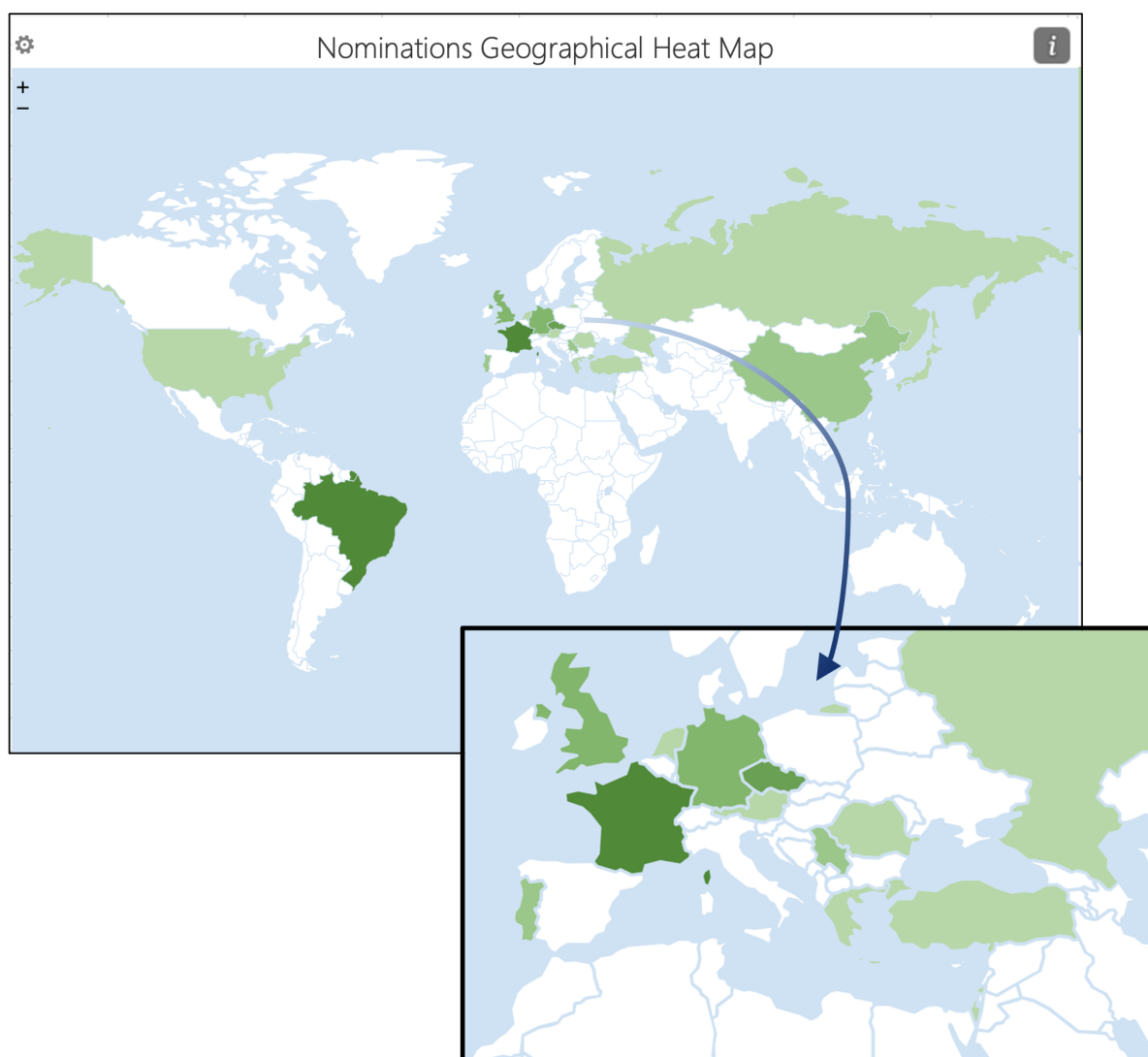
Argentina
Australia
Baltic States
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Croatia
Cuba
Denmark
Egypt
Finland
Hungary
India
Iran
Ireland
Italy
Korea
Mexico
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Slovakia
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Tanzania
Taiwan

### Participating Commissions & Sections: 4 of 24 (16.7%)

<sup>1</sup> Sources: Nomination materials received, and IUHPST/DHST website (as of 29 March 2021).

Unduplicated Nominees	
Male*	8
Female	10
Central and Eastern Europe*	6
Northern Europe	1
Southern Europe	1
Western Europe	4
East Asia	3
South America	1
USA	2

\*Includes Hudeček (withdrawn)



## DHST Council Elections 2021

### List of candidates

Name	Based in	Nominated by (& supported by)
PRESIDENT-ELECT		
Janet BROWNE	USA	Brazil, France, Germany, Portugal, UK
Josep SIMON	Spain	Spain
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT		
Takehiko HASHIMOTO	Japan	Brazil, France
Xiaochun SUN	China	China
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT		
Hasok CHANG	UK	France, Portugal
Milada SEKYRKOVA	Czech Republic	Brazil, France
Xiaochun SUN	China	China
SECRETARY GENERAL		
Liesbeth DE MOL	France	Brazil, France, Germany, Portugal, UK (HaPoC)
<u>Treasurer</u>		
Krishnamurthi RAMASUBRAMANIAN	India	India
Milada SEKYRKOVA	Czech Republic	Czech Republic
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL		
Thomas HADDAD	Brazil	Brazil, France
Takehiko HASHIMOTO	Japan	Czech Republic, Japan

Name	Based in	Nominated by
ASSESSORS		
Claudine COHEN	France	Austria (INHIGEO)
Thomás HADDAD	Brazil	Brazil, France
Alexander HERLEA	France	Romania
Roberto LALLI	Germany	Poland (Science, Technology & Diplomacy and Commission on the History of Physics)
Xingbo LUO	China	China
Michela MALPANGOTTO	France	UK (ICHM)
Minakshi MENON	Germany	France
Peeter MÜÜRSEPP	Estonia	Baltic States
Jahnavi PHALKEY	India	USA
Tanja POMMERENING	Germany	Germany
Maria RENTETZI	Greece	Czech Republic, Greece, Israel (CWGS)
Luis SARAIVA	Portugal	Portugal
Suvobrata SARKAR	India	India
Sergey SHALIMOV	Russia	Russia
Hamish SPENCER	New Zealand	New Zealand
Alexandra STEVANOVIC	Serbia	Serbia
Tuncay ZORLU	Turkey	Turkey