

**Minutes of the DHST Council Meeting  
Tokyo, 8 December 2018**

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, Sergey Shalimov (Assessors); Mistuhiro Okada (Member of the DLMPST Council).

Apologies: Angela Creager (First Vice-President); Gavan McCarthy, Maria Rentetzi, 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, pending the addition of "et des techniques" at the end of the French version of the first article of the DHST statutes quoted on page 3 of the report.

**3. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer read her report, which was approved unanimously. The Council thanked the Treasurer for her hard work dealing with accounts in four different currencies (GBP, USD, EUR, CZK), since on the one hand membership fees and grants to commissions are in USD, and on the other hand the DHST funds were transferred from the UK to Prague in January 2018, and then, after a bank account was open in Paris, to Paris.

The Treasurer drew the Council's attention to the fact that she had been unable to retrieve contact details for sending invoices to the following countries: Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, New Zealand, Romania, Syria and Ukraine. The Secretary General undertook to liaise with the colleagues from these countries who are on the Ordinary Members' mailing list.

The Council reiterated its thanks to the Society of History of Science and Technology of the Czech Republic, who hosted the DHST funds on one of its bank accounts from January 2018 until November 2018.

The Council unanimously approved the refund to the Secretary General and to the Treasurer of their respective out of pocket expenses incurred in 2017 and 2018 (EUR 1151.48 and EUR 179.00 respectively), and thanked them.

The Secretary General drew the Council's attention to the fact that the grants allocated for 2019 represent a total of expenditure of USD 37504.07 for the 2019 budget. This

implies that DHST plans to spend USD 8288.55 more than its expected income for 2019. The situation should be reviewed next year, before decisions on expenses for 2020 and 2021 are made.

#### **4. DHST Commissions reports for 2018 and financial requests for 2019**

The Council discussed the 21 reports received from Commissions and Sections, and decided on grant allocations for 2019 on the basis of these reports, appended materials and of applications (see appended table). All these decisions were made unanimously.

The Council charged the President with writing to several Commissions and Sections to explain the decisions concerning their grant applications.

The Council also recommended formation of a working group consisting of the President, the Treasurer and Assessor K. Ramasubramanian with the mandate of revising the DHST Commissions and Sections Guidelines issued in 2014, and with preparing a new template for reports and grant applications to be submitted in 2019, so as to ensure that the reports all have the same structure. The details of the bank accounts to which the grants allocated should be transferred are to be included in applications every year commencing in 2019.

The present scheme for grants to Commissions and Sections (up to USD 300 for running costs; up to USD 600 for website; up to the USD 1500 for support to early career scholar participation in conferences) does not appear to always match their activities and needs. Given this and the concern about the budget mentioned above, the Council asked the working group to propose an updated scheme for these grants for 2020.

The working group will circulate its results to the Council no later than 1 September 2019, so that it can be reviewed in time to be used for the next call for reports, which will be circulated by the Secretary General in mid-October 2019.

Reserved matter.

#### **5. Preparations for the 26th ICHST**

The Treasurer, who also serves as liaison between the Council and the Society of History of Science and Technology of the Czech Republic, presented the progress made on Congress preparations. Petr Svobodny, the President of this Society, will serve as President of the Local Organising Committee.

The Congress website is now online at: <https://www.ichst2021.org/>

The theme of the Congress is already posted there: "Giants and Dwarfs in Science, Technology and Medicine."

The Treasurer will circulate the Congress logo to Council members, so that it can be posted on the DHST website and on other places where the Congress will be advertised.

The exact venue of the Congress will be decided during the coming year: it will include the Faculty of Arts, and some other(s) buildings of the Charles University, all located in central Prague. The Council will visit these venues during its 2019 meeting, which will take place in Prague.

The Memorandum on cooperation prepared by the DHST Secretary General in September was signed by Petr Svobodny; the Secretary General signed it on behalf of DHST.

The registrations fees are yet to be fixed. They will not be higher than for the 25th ICHST.

The Council thanked the Treasurer and her colleagues for the work already done. It was suggested that the list of important dates for the congress (deadline for submitting panels, announcement of panel acceptance, deadline for individual papers submission, announcement of individual papers acceptance, deadline for applications for financial support, announcement of financial support, opening of registration, deadline for early bird registration fee, closing of registration) should be posted as soon as possible on the Congress website.

The Congress organisers are working on a Respectful Behaviour Policy, which will be submitted to the Council when it is ready.

The president of the International Programme Committee is to be appointed by the Council. Council members are requested to propose names to the President (with copy to the Secretary General) no later than the end of February 2019. It was reminded that the President of the IPC must work in a country different from the one in which the Congress takes place.

Following suggestions from its members, the Council decided that two memorial sessions should be held during the 26th ICHST. One for Jeff Hughes, in collaboration with the Commission on the History of Physics and the CHST at the University of Manchester; another one for Jean Gayon, in partnership with the Joint Commission and the IHPST (University of Paris I).

It was proposed to the Council that a coach should be invited to the Congress for a training session for graduate students and early career scholars on the theme 'Gender, diversity and leadership'. The Council does not support bringing in a consultant on this issue, but decided that instead a symposium on this theme might be organised, possibly drawing on the results of the inter-union Gender Gap Project (see below).

## **6. Relations with DLMPST and Joint Commission**

Mitsu Okada, the DLMPST Council member invited to attend the DHST Council meeting, expressed his appreciation of the joint activities carried out by the two divisions, and mentioned that similar cooperation takes place in Japan, where the History of Science Society and the Society of Logic and Philosophy of Science have joint sessions every year.

The Council will nominate its representative to the DLMPST Congress (to be held in Prague in 2019) during the first months of 2019. The Treasurer will attend that Congress in any case; either the President or the President Elect will most likely attend as well.

The Joint Commission continues to be active under the Presidency of Hasok Chang (University of Cambridge). It will organise a symposium at the DLMPST Congress. Submissions for the second edition of the IUHPST Essay Prize are open until 15 December 2018. The theme is: “What is the value of history of science for philosophy of science?” (see <http://clmpst2019.flu.cas.cz>).

The Council charged the Secretary General with inviting H. Chang to continue to serve as President of the Joint Commission in 2020 and 2021

### **7. International Science Council and inter-union projects**

Following the merger between ICSU and ISSC, the [International Science Council](#) (ISC) was founded in Paris on 4 July 2018. Together with the Secretary General of DLMPST, the President and the Secretary General of DHST attended the founding General Assembly. The President emphasized the significance of the fact that, through IUHPST, DHST is affiliated to ISC, which is the largest non-governmental organisation for science in the world.

Among the candidates standing for the Executive Body of ISC supported by IUHPST, Daya Redda (International Mathematical Union, South Africa) was elected as the President.

IUHPST is a partner on two inter-union projects funded by ICSU and now by ISC for the years 2017-2019. The President reported on the progress of [TROP-ICSU](#), a project aiming to produce teaching materials in various languages about climate change; historical aspects play a significant role in this project. The Secretary General reported on the [Gender Gap Project](#), whose main effort at the moment is devoted to a global survey of scientists, which is open until the end of December 2018(<https://statisticalresearchcenter.aip.org/cgi-bin/global18.pl>).

IUHPST is also a partner in the UNESCO sponsored [International Year of the Periodic Table](#) (2019-IYPT) in which several members of the Commission of History of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences are actively involved.

### **8. International Academy of History of Science**

Liba Taub informed the Council by correspondence that the IAHS is organising an international conference on 12-15 September 2019 in Athens.

<http://ciahs.hpdst.gr/>.

The next meeting of the IAHS Council will be held in Paris on 12 January 2019, and the DHST Secretary General has been invited to attend it.

### **9. Application for DHST Ordinary Membership from Peru**

The President Elect presented the Peruvian Association of History of Science, Technology and Health (APHCTS), which was founded in June 2018. The APHCTS wrote to the Secretary General of DHST to apply for Ordinary Membership of DHST. The Council unanimously decided to make APHCTS an Associate Members of DHST (which it has the power to do following Article 5 of the DHST Statutes) and to present APHCTS's application for Ordinary Membership to the General Assembly of DHST during its next session, to be held in Prague during the 26th ICHST.

### **10. 2019 and 2021 Young Scholars Prize**

Thanks to the work of Yanis Bitsakis, the website used for the 2017 has been put back into service for the 2019 edition. The deadline for submitting dissertations is 10 December 2018. The President will take steps for the assessment of the submitted dissertations after this deadline, with the help of Council members, except for the Secretary General and Treasurer, whose work load for DHST is already considerable.

The Council unanimously approved a motion to rename the prize ‘**DHST Dissertation Award**’ from the 2021 edition on.

### **11. Enlarging DHST Ordinary Membership**

The President Elect is liaising with colleagues in Latin American countries, in order to gain new Ordinary Members and re-establish links with members that have been out of touch in recent years. The latter include Mexico and Colombia. The Council thanked him for his efforts.

Sergey Shalimov, who has contacts with the Azerbaijan Institute of History of Science, will further liaise with them to help them submit an application for membership.

### **12. DHST Website**

The Secretary General reported on her effort to update information on the new DHST website. Additional work is needed on it if all relevant documents concerning DHST’s history and working are to be made available online.

The President Elect proposed that the website should be redeveloped by a professional, and should be used to post news on activities of DHST members, commissions, and sections, and be turned into a resource for historians of science. Information should be drawn in the first instance from members, commissions and sections for this purpose; information received will be moderated, and concern collective activities rather than individuals. Together with the use of social media, such a website would attract attention from local societies, and thereby new members to DHST. The Council suggested that he draft a proposal and circulate it to Council members for suggestions. A first step in this direction should be to post information (with links) concerning all the events that DHST will sponsor through its commissions and sections in 2019.

It was also proposed that the programmes and materials of past DHST Congresses should be available on its website. This should be done in partnership with the Commission on Bibliography and Documentation, whose website already gives information on the location of these materials (see <http://cbd-histsci.org/past-congresses>).

### **13. DHST Archives**

The Secretary General met with three officers of the Commission on Bibliography and Documentation (CBD) during the 8th ESHS Conference. They are working on proposing a policy for the systematic addition of materials, which will be discussed next year. Gavan McCarthy, who is both the President of CBD and a DHST Council member, is in charge of this matter.

The Council received a letter from former Council member Annette Vogt who proposes sending her DHST related materials to CAPHES. The Council approved this request. Provisionally, these materials and all those received since the initial cataloguing will remain closed.

#### **14. Calendar of DHST Council tasks**

As mentioned above, the President will organise the assessment of dissertations submitted for the YSP after the closure of applications.

In December 2019, the Council must nominate a chair for the nominations committee for the next DHST elections.

#### **15. Other matters**

Two proposals have been made for hosting the DHST Council meeting that will take place in December 2020. Sergey Shalimov invited the Council to St Petersburg, giving a short presentation. Maria Rentetzi also extended an invitation to Athens by e-mail. The decision will be made by electronic vote.

The Council thanked the Assistant Secretary General for his hospitality and all the arrangements and efforts so that the meeting could be comfortable and efficiently conducted.

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Grants allocated to Commissions and sections for 2019

		News/Webs	Runn. Costs	Conference	Total requested	Allocated	Allocated for 2018
	<b>Commissions</b>						
1	Anc-Med Astronomy CHAMA	600,00	300,00	0,00	900,00	900,00	2400,00
2	Bibliography	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2400,00
3	Islamic Societies (CHOSTIS)	0,00	0,00	1500,00	1500,00	1000,00	2400,00
4	Meteorology (ICHM)	400,00	200,00	1500,00	2100,00	2100,00	1400,00
5	Modern Chemistry & Molecular Sc.	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	0,00
6	History of Physics	600,00	0,00	1500,00	2100,00	600,00	1800,00
7	Oceanography ICHO	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	1500,00
8	Pacific Circle	600,00	300,00	0,00	900,00	900,00	900,00
9	Scientific Instruments SIC	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	1800,00
10	Science and Empire						
11	Women in Science	0,00	300,00	1500,00	1800,00	1800,00	2100,00
12	Science and Literature	500,00	200,00	1500,00	2200,00	2200,00	2200,00
13	Science, Technology and Diplomacy	300,00	300,00	1500,00	2100,00	2100,00	2100,00
	<b>Inter-Union Commissions</b>						
14	History of Astronomy (with IAU)						1500,00
15	History of Geography (with IGU)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
16	INHIGEO, Geology (with IUGS)	684,00	342,00	1710,00	2736,00	2400,00	2400,00
17	ICH Mathematics (with IMU)	0,00	75,00	1500,00	1575,00	1575,00	1810,00
18	Soil Science (with IUSS)					0,00	
	<b>Inter-Division Commissions</b>						
19	Joint DHST-DLMPST Commission	0,00	0,00	3000,00	3000,00	3000,00	0,00
20	Teaching Commission IDTC	226,47	226,47	2491,03	2943,97	0,00	900,00
21	HaPoC	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	1300,00
	<b>Scientific Sections</b>						
22	ICOHTEC	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2400,00
23	ISHEASTM	0,00	300,00	1500,00	1800,00	1800,00	2400,00
24	IASCUD	600,00	300,00	1500,00	2400,00	2400,00	2400,00
	<b>Total (USD)</b>	8110,47	4643,47	29701,03	42454,97	37175,00	36110,00