

Minutes of the DHST Online Council Meeting

10 december 2021 (11 am - 3pm CET)

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via Zoom

Hosted by Thomas Haddad

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Friday	5:00 AM	7:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	11:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	2:00 AM (+1)

Present: Janet Browne (president -elect), Hasok Chang (first vice-president), Marcos Cueto (president), Liesbeth De Mol (secretary-general), Thomas Haddad (assistant secretary-general), Michela Malpangotto (assessor), Takehiko Hashimoto (second vice-president), Xingbo Luo (assessor), Milada Sekyrkova (treasurer), Sergey Shalimov (assessor), Hamish Spencer (assessor, excused on december 11 2021)

Excused: Maria Rentetzi, Jahnvy Phalkey

Invited: Benedikt Loewe (secretary-general DLMPST)

The meeting was started with one minute of silence for Paolo Brenni, first vice-president of DHST from 2009-2013 and driving force of the Scientific Instruments Commission, who passed away in the night of 3-4 december 2021.

The meeting was opened by some welcoming words by Marcos Cueto, our president.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Secretary general's report

In order not to lose too much time the secretary-general did not read the full report but merely gave a quick overview. Most of the points were to be treated in more detail later during the meeting.

The report is attached here as appendix A.

3. Treasurer's report

The treasurer read her report and explained the projected budget for 2022. The report is attached as Appendix B; the budget overview of 2021 is attached as Appendix C.

The treasurer agreed to prepare a report related to the set of recommendations made by the DHST account examiners Karine Chemla and Lesley Cormack during our last General Assembly (see pp. 30-31 of the [minutes](#)).

The treasurer will examine the feasibility of the several suggestions and report back to the council in a few weeks.

4. Preparations for the New Zealand conference

Hamish Spencer, member of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), reported on the plans related to the 27th International Congress of History of Science and Technology initially approved to take place at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (NZ) in 2025. Several Topics were discussed

Theme

The LOC is working on coming up with a theme. They would like to include medical topics (given that Otago has a medical school and a world-class anatomy museum) and would also like to mention place and voyaging (given the importance of these concepts in Māori tradition). The decision on the theme will be taken in December of 2022.

Dates.

After some comments by members who have experience with different academic calendars, the council indicates a preference for the following dates: 29 June – 5 July. These will be announced as soon as possible and communicated to other organizations that usually have their conferences around these dates. It was pointed out by Hamish that the dates can be shifted by at most one week, given the date when university classes resume in NZ.

Format.

The LOC has been investigating the feasibility of a hybrid conference (rather than the in-person one they bid for at the General Assembly of the Division of 31 July 2021 and believe this can be done,

Most members of the Council believed that the conference should be held in hybrid format for several reasons (like ecological and travel costs and aftereffects of the pandemic). The final decision on the format will be taken in the december 2022 meeting of the Council

Fees.

A few members expressed their concern about the preliminary high projected fees by the LOC which may cause participants not to attend (as was pointed out by Liesbeth, this happened already with some participants to the ICHST conference in Prague). The argument that other organizations also have high fees might not be applicable in our case since these conferences also include membership fees with their registration fees. In reply to this, it was pointed out that people underestimate the cost of organizing hybrid events. In addition Hamish argued that the registration fees for the 27th ICHST will not be significantly higher than those agreed for the 26th ICHST in Prague. The question remains, however, whether people who do not attend physically will be willing to pay close to 200 EUR for early bird registration despite these reasons.

The current fees are, of course, but a projection and based on estimates. It was proposed by Liesbeth to do a review with the members, commissions and sections to inquire with their respective communities about their plans to participate in the next ICHST conference either in person or on-line in order to get a better estimate. The LOC will present a proposal on the fees in 2022.

Chair of the LOC and IPC

The council approved that Hugh Slotten will be the chair of the Local Organizing Committee and discussed a possible chair of the international program committee to be approved in the next meeting of the council. It was pointed out and confirmed by several council members that a good relationship between the LOC and the chair of the IPC is key when organizing a conference and so the input of the LOC is important in this context. At the same time however, the chair of the IPC not only needs to have the international reputation but should also be capable and willing to do all of the work involved with chairing an IPC in these times. In this context, council members with experience in the organization of previous editions of the ICHST commented that the role of the IPC chair is crucial and very demanding, possibly requiring the hiring of assistants in case the chair cannot do all the work. The selection of a chair would then have an effect on the budget to provide some subsidy to assistants (as has been done in previous congresses).

Agenda for 2022

It is decided that Marcos, Liesbeth, Hamish and the LOC will work—and inform the Council—on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed in 2022.

5. DHST Commissions: reports for 2021 and grant requests for 2022

Preparation

This item usually takes up much time during the council meeting. For the sake of efficiency it was decided in advance that:

- Liesbeth and Thomas would prepare short evaluation reports for each of the submitted reports and grant requests
- all council members were asked in advance to indicate their preference for each of the commissions and sections for A (approval of the requested grant), B (approval of a grant but a smaller amount) or C (no grant awarded)

Feedback to commissions and sections

It was proposed and approved that from now on all commissions and sections who submitted their reports and grant requests would receive some short feedback in order to clarify the decisions made in relationship with their grant requests.

Recurring points in the discussion

Several points recurred throughout the discussion. These will be picked up by a subcommittee that will write a set of recommendations to reshape the relation between the DHST and its commissions and sections (see point 14.c of the agenda). Below is a summary:

- some commissions and/or sections use part of their grants for printing materials like e.g. newsletters. In view of current developments, some council members believe that grants should not be used for these reasons.
- not all budget overviews were completely clear.
- the differences between the different types of commissions and sections is not always entirely clear which sometimes leads to unclarities with the reports and grant requests
- some commissions and/or sections use part of their grant to pay Early Career Scholars for working on the website, social media presence, etc. While the division of course encourages this increased online presence of the commissions and sections, the idea of using (most of the) DHST grants for ECS to pay for work that is usually paid much more, is problematic.
- it became clear while going through the reports that several commissions and sections do not always give a very clear explanation of how they plan to e.g. spend 300 EUR on the website or on admin costs.
- some commissions and sections have quite a lot of savings and so there was a general question if we might not develop a more specific policy with such savings.

Decisions

In Appendix D we give an overview of the decisions made wrt the grants to be attributed in 2022. The commissions and sections will also receive an individual letter containing this decision together with a short feedback based on the council's discussion.

In general, throughout the discussions, it became clear that the majority of commissions and sections are doing a great work.

6. Respectful Behavior Policy and appointment of a gender and diversity champion

The previous council took the initiative of developing a respectful behavior policy and proposed to the General Assembly a change in the statutes (which was approved) so that a gender and diversity champion can be designated.

Respectful behavior policy

The proposed respectful behavior policy was amended by Agathe Keller during the General Assembly

(see the minutes [here](#)) and the current council was given the task of:

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.

Janet Browne, our president-elect, has accepted to preside over a subcommittee to revise the proposed policy based on the decisions of the General Assembly seeking the advice of international externals. Maria Rentetzi has already agreed to serve as a member on that committee. Their report will be available in late March 2022

A summary was given by Liesbeth of the most important recommendations included in the amendments with especial emphasis on the possibility of referring future complaints not to the council itself or a subcommittee thereof, but to a third party, like an NGO specializing in such cases given that we are not specialists in this matter. Concern was expressed by Benedikt Loewe that the DHST should not police too much and can, in most of the cases, not take any action but merely make recommendations. However, as was pointed out by Liesbeth, the assembly has given us a clear mandate to revise a policy that even in its original version has the clear intention of sanctioning. Thomas also pointed out on the chat that when the sanctions relate to the ICHST conference, this can be included in the Memorandum of Understanding. Thomas suggests that the subcommittee carefully considers the scope of the RBP (does it just apply to council meetings and the ICHST?), and that sanctions could go beyond banning attendance to the congress, for instance barring the receipt of grants.

Formal complaint

After the ICHST conference, DHST received one formal complaint. Given the lack of an approved policy, it was decided by the previous council to follow the non-revised policy with Marcos Cueto as an ombudsperson. A three-person committee was appointed by the previous council. They issued advice on what action should be taken based on the documents they received. An anonymized report, including the approved actions to be taken by DHST, can be found here as Appendix F of the minutes.

Appointing a gender and diversity champion

The new DHST statutes were changed to add the following paragraph to article 20:

“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.”

While it is clear that the council should appoint a Gender and Diversity Champion amongst its members, it is not clear what their task should be nor what procedure should be followed in appointing the champion. It was explained by Benedikt that, during previous council meetings, the idea was that the champion should, amongst others, make sure that the upcoming ICHST conference has made enough efforts to have a diverse and gender-balanced program and IPC.

It was decided that the committee chaired by Janet Browne will propose an interim procedure to appoint a champion for this term and that Liesbeth will make recommendations to the council wrt the expected roles of the champion. Marcos Cueto will serve as the interim champion.

7. Nominations policy

As was pointed out during the [DHST General Assembly in July 2021](#):

“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.”

The nominations committee also made a number of recommendations to change the current policy. These were summarized as follows in the report of the nominations committee:

- 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.

While there seems to be a consensus that changes are needed, one should not be too quick in implementing the recommendations and defining rules that might end up creating similar or other problems. Liesbeth and Thomas will prepare a report with a recommendation for revising the current policy, based on the advice and input of the members and commissions and a review of existing practices within other communities. The report will be available in late April 2022.

8. Report on ICHST 2021

Milada Sekyrkova, our treasurer, provided us with a report on the previous ICHST conference (see Appendix F). The council was deeply impressed by the organization of that conference given the very difficult circumstances under which it was set-up.

9. DHST Members

Membership Italy

As is explained in the report of the secretary-general, Italy requested to pay a lower fee than that based on their GDP. The request was unanimously approved by the council. The council is extremely happy to have Italy as a national member of the DHST.

Involving new members

At the 26th ICHST conference, there were several individuals from countries that are not members. Milada Sekyrkova prepared a list of participants to the 26th ICHST conference coming from countries that are not members and from countries who have not paid their dues for some years. This list will be used as a basis to develop an action plan to involve more members. This will be prepared by Marcos Cueto and Janet Browne.

It was also discussed that Ireland is no longer a member while they have a very active community of historians of science. Janet has agreed to reach out to Ireland.

10. Dissertation prize 2023

During its four-year mandate, the DHST Council organizes two editions of the Dissertation

Prize (in our case: the seventh, 2023, and eighth, 2025, competitions). Guidelines: <http://dhstweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DHST-Dissertation-Prize-2021.pdf>

DHST will publish a call for applications for the seventh edition in January 2022. Marcos Cueto prepared a short report and draft of the call for submissions to the prize which was approved by the council. The report and draft can be found under Appendix G.

11. DHST archives

The physical archive of DHST is currently kept at [CAPHES in Paris](#). Apparently, there is currently no more physical space in the archive and so new items should be sent in digital format.

A discussion is needed deciding on:

1. a clear policy on what the council should self-archive during its term so this can be sent directly to CAPHES as a zip-file after its term has ended
2. a more general discussion on the digitalization of the archive¹ and the need to archive not only DHST-related materials but also those by commissions.

Concerning point 1, Liesbeth is developing a self-archiving system anchored in org-mode (open source software) to be presented at the next council meeting. If approved, that system will be set-up on the DHST server for continuation after the current council has ended its term.

Concerning point 2, it was remarked that the CBD commission, in their original grant application, proposed to work together with CAPHES on the digitalization of the archive. Liesbeth will contact CBD again to work together on an action plan to be ready by the next council meeting.

Remark: we should also think about what kind of archival treatment is to be conferred to the Respectful Behavior complaints received. This issue was not discussed during the meeting due to our limited time and should be picked up again in the broader discussion on DHST's archive.

12. News from the International Academy of History of Science

Janet will be the liaison between the council and the Academy; she will report back on the recent activities of the Academy and opportunities for collaboration between the two organizations. Michela Malpangotto offered to assist in this - she is the editor-in-chief of the Archives internationales d'histoire des sciences, the official publication venue of the academy.

13. International Science Council (ISC) and DHST

Marcos reported on the General Assembly of the ISC which he attended as DHST's official representative, together with former secretary-general Catherine Jami. The [Agenda of the 2021 GA](#) of the ISC and the [Resolutions](#) taken by the ISG GA to which all constituent bodies, the DHST included, are called to contribute were made available to the council.

A short report prepared by Marcos can be found under Appendix H. There was a general

¹ Liesbeth was also contacted by Richard Kremer of SIC with specific questions about the CAPHES archive and if commissions too can/should send documents to the archive. A systematic policy needs to be developed.

question raised about if and how the DHST can contribute to the work of ISC. Concerns were voiced by some council members that a blank endorsement of ISC's resolution on open science could be harmful to our community, given that open access may threaten the financial sustainability of several subfields and organizations that depend on the income generated by journals for continuing their activities.

14. Towards a more open, engaged and active Division

As explained in the report of the SG, Janet, Liesbeth, Marcos and Thomas had some preparatory meetings to discuss and propose new initiatives of the division that contribute to creating a more active and open division.

Currently, the main activities of the Division are the ICHST, the Dissertation Prize, the funding of the commissions and sections, and the relationship with the DLMPST, ISC, CIPSH and the *Académie internationale d'histoire des sciences*. However, the Division could mean much more for the international community of historians of science and technology and for science communities in general and could benefit from some further modernizations to become more appealing also to the younger generations. It is hoped that further initiatives in that direction will offer additional motivations for members, commissions and sections to remain involved with DHST

A working document was prepared to this end and each of the initiatives proposed in that document were discussed by the council. The following initiatives will be taken in the next years:

(a) website, server and social media

As was already pointed out by our previous SG, Catherine Jami, the website needs to be seriously reworked. Moreover, currently, the Division is not active on social media. Marcos and Liesbeth presented some initiatives they would like to take and which were anonymously approved. Marcos will work on the social media presence of DHST; Liesbeth will take the lead on redeveloping our website together with Thomas and Marcos. For more details, see Appendix I.

Thomas suggested that a position of "communications director" or the like should be officially created in the council; Benedikt suggests that this role could be undertaken not by an elected official, but someone hired to do so. No decision was made on this point yet. It will be picked up again in the next council meeting.

(b) An in-between meeting?

Since our congress is held once every four years, it was proposed to organize an in-between online conference. This conference would be different from the ICHST conference, seeking a different kind of involvement of the commissions, sections and members and so offering another opportunity of bringing the DHST closer to our constituencies. It would also be an opportunity to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly to approve the Respectful Behavior Policy document and reform the nominations procedure in order to create new rules for the election process of 2025. Otherwise, any changes will only be in effect *after* the next ordinary GA.

It is proposed that this meeting would be held around a particular umbrella theme (eg "Writing the history of science after the pandemic.") or even no general theme at all.

Moreover, as is already a tradition with conferences of some commissions, it is proposed that the conference would have *only plenary sessions* thus allowing for people from the different national and thematic communities to listen and talk to one another rather than attending only those talks and symposia of their respective communities. We also propose not to work with a general CfP but instead ask members, commissions and sections to nominate a speaker representing their community.

A specific initiative should also be taken to encourage the appointment of early career scholars and underrepresented minorities.

Registration, if any, would be low and on a voluntary basis.

This proposal was welcomed with much enthusiasm by the council. It was pointed out by Takehiko that, since we are an international community, we should come up with a solution for the time zone differences. As a solution to this problem, Janet proposed to have a 24h rolling festival which was also received with much enthusiasm.

Thomas was asked and accepted to chair a committee to work out the details of such a conference. Several council members would like to be involved (Hasok, Janet, Liesbeth, Marcos, Milada, Xingbo) They will inform the Council by late March/early-April 2022 on more details of the online meeting. A brief Zoom meeting of the Council, to be held in mid-June 2022, would then decide on the matter.

(c) Communication and relations between the council and DHST's constituent bodies

Mailing lists

As is explained in the SG's report two separate mailing lists have been created for communication with the members, sections and commissions

- Commissions and sections: dhst_commissionssections@services.cnrs.fr
- Members: dhst_members@services.cnrs.fr

While this is not ideal, it gives us a means to keep track of the contacts in a system that can be used by all those subscribed to the list (that is, representatives of commissions and sections and representatives of national members). It gives the possibility of broader communications, for instance, by representatives of members to other members.

Alongside these two lists, a third will be created in order to have also communications between eg representatives of members and commissions.

Asking for feedback, new ideas and comments

Currently, the only way for members, commissions and sections to share their thoughts is at the General Assembly held only once every four years. In order to involve the members, commissions and sections more into the division we will develop a means to get more feedback from the members, commissions and sections, possibly via an online form.

Rethinking the relation with the sections and commissions

Currently the main relation between the commissions and the division seems to be constituted by:

- the requirement to organize a symposium at the ICHST conference
- the option to request grants every year (which are frequently used to support young scholars pay their registration fees in the ICHST, in a frankly weird loop of give and

- take)
- the requirement to write annual reports

In other words, the main relation between commissions and sections on the one hand and the division on the other is one of obligations and requirements. Moreover, there are some further issues wrt commissions and sections, such as certain unclarities in the statutes and the need for clearer rules regarding the financing of commissions and sections (see also point 5 of the agenda). Thomas and Liesbeth will prepare a working document for the next council meeting to rethink the relation between the divisions and its commissions and sections. They also plan to actively involve the commissions and members and ask for their feedback.

Some further points from the working document that were shortly discussed were:

(d) Improving communication *within* the council

(e) How can the DHST contribute to the fight against the climate crisis?

(f) Responding to attacks on academic freedom?

Regarding (d) it was pointed out that Liesbeth will work on a file sharing system which can be easily used and accessed by council members and also submitted to the archive after this council's term has ended. It was suggested by Janet that in the future we might consider using a software like Slack. No decision was made yet on this point.

Regarding (e) and (f) it was agreed that these are important points to think about in the future but in the next year the main focus will be on a number of other urgent issues.

15. Other items

Extraordinary general assembly

If we would like to have a new Respectful behavior and nominations policy approved before the next ICHST conference, then an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly (EGA) might be desirable.

Article 18 from our statutes specifies: "*The General Assembly meets in one Ordinary Session every four years, normally on the occasion of an International Congress of History of Science and Technology. If, however, a third or more of the Ordinary Members call for an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly with a precise agenda relating to questions which, in their opinion, demand immediate consideration, the President shall convene such an Extraordinary Session within six months of receiving formal written notification of their request.*"

This means that the members need to ask for such an EGA. Once there are new proposals for the Respectful behavior and Nominations policies, the members will be involved to decide whether an EGA is needed. Ideally, that could be held in the wake of the in-between meeting planned for mid-2023.

Next council meeting

Given the current circumstances, it is not clear if an in person council meeting in december 2022 is possible and desirable. All council members were asked to send their preferences to Liesbeth. A decision will follow later.

The dates for the next council meeting are: December 9 and 10, 2022

The meeting ended a few minutes before 6pm CET, december 11 2021. The secretary-general thanks all council members for their active contributions to the meeting. Liesbeth thanks especially Thomas, Marcos, Milada and Janet for their help in preparing the meeting and the different reports.

Appendices

APPENDIX A: Report by the secretary-general

This is my first report as the new secretary-general of the DHST and, even though I am aware that I was the only candidate, I can only say that I will do everything within my power to be a good secretary-general for our whole community. I look forward to getting to work with the new council and it is my hope that we can really work as a group.

DHST bank account

Our previous Secretary-General, Catherine Jami, arranged for having a DHST bank account. It is currently located in Paris, CIC (Crédit Industriel et Commercial). Marcos and I have made all administrative arrangements with the CIC contact person (Francois Delain) so that we can also access the account and make transactions. Of course, it is our Treasurer, Milada, who is responsible for the account. Our access only serves as a backup in case of an emergency.

While having our own account independent of individuals is an important achievement, it is unavoidable that it brings along some administration that needs to be done when the new council starts its work. Moreover, it also means that the contact person for the bank should be someone speaking French. After having checked with Francois Delain, this contact person does not need to be in the council. If in the future councils, it would happen that there would be no one speaking French, a contact person outside of the council can be appointed.

DHST registration in France

Our previous Secretary-General, Catherine Jami, also arranged for the official registration in France of the DHST as an International Association. This also brings along some paperwork: it is necessary to inform the préfecture of changes in the statutes, the council or the members.

I have arranged for these changes to be communicated to the préfecture de Police in Paris and they have now been approved. Also here, of course, speaking French helps in that

administrative process.

Updates to the website

As was suggested already by our previous SG, the on-line presence of the DHST is in need of a complete revision. We will discuss that extensively under point 14.a of the agenda. This revision will take some time.

The current site was designed by Yanis Bitsakis who also provided assistance on some occasions, using a simple hosting scheme with LWS, based in France. While we prepare the new site, I will keep the current site up to date, posting minutes, etc of the council meetings. I have also updated the statutes (in French and English) now that they have been approved by the préfecture.

Commissions, sections and members

New members

As was explained during the last GA at the 26th ICHST conference, Italy will renew its membership after it had not been a member for some time. The Italian Society of History of Science (SISS) will represent Italy. I was in touch with Elena Canadelli, the current president of SISS. According to the current rules, Italy, with a GDP of 1944 billion dollars, would fall into category D for its annual dues. Regretfully, the Society does not have the means to pay the dues associated to this category and so is applying with the DHST to change to a lower category which is an approved policy of the DHST. Since the previous Council was already operating a systematic policy of prioritizing the continuity of contact with colleagues around the world and it was decided on July 2017 during a council meeting that 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, I would be strongly in favor of approving that request. We will treat that under point 9 of the agenda. Under that point we will also discuss in more detail how we can reach out to potentially new members -- another basic task of the council.

Reports and grant requests

A slightly revised template was sent to the commissions and sections to report on their activities and finances of the last year and to apply for a new grant from DHST. Last year the maximum grant was reduced to 1500 EUR (300 EUR for administration costs and 1200 for website and grants) due to the pandemic and the financial situation of the Division. For this year, it was decided to keep that same maximum amount but it is a point that requires further discussion.

In general, it would be good if we could involve the commissions, sections and members more into the daily life of the division in order to establish a more active *international* community of historians of science and technology. Amongst others, we can ask for help from the commissions in some of our tasks. For instance, we can ask the help of the Commission on Bibliography, Archives and Records.

As proposed under 14.c of the agenda we will establish a subcommittee to work on this.

Communication with the commissions, sections and members on the longer term.

In the (recent) past, once mail became the main means of communication, every new SG had to develop their own ways of keeping up with the mail addresses of the representatives of the different constituent bodies of the DHST. This implies that:

- every time a new SG is elected, they need to develop again their own local system
- given the locality of the system it is very hard for other council members and individuals representing the constituent bodies, to communicate with one another.

A first step towards improving that situation has now been taken through the creation of two separate lists:

- one for the members, dhst_members@services.cnrs.fr
- and one for the commissions and sections, dhst_commissionssections@services.cnrs.fr

If needed, we will create a third list for members, commissions and sections together. The lists are hosted by the CNRS but I can add additional owners of the list, that is, people who have full admin rights over the list – the management of the members of the list; the definition of the different rights of its contributors, etc. The disadvantage is that I might need to remain an owner. I am aware that this solution is still not ideal, but perhaps it can be a first step at least.

Provisional meetings - towards a working document for a more open and active division
In order to prepare this council meeting and to discuss our views on DHST, some provisional meetings have been set-up between Marcos, Liesbeth, Janet and Thomas. These meetings together with an email conversation have resulted in a work document containing some initiatives for establishing a more open and active division. **Every other council member is very much invited to contribute and develop this document which, hopefully, we can then publish on the longer term on our website.**

Relation with other institutions and committees

Standing committee for gender equality in science

The Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES) is an independent committee formed in 2020 by nine international scientific organizations, most of which are full members of the International Science Council (ISC). Currently, the SCGES has 15 partners, 13 of which are ISC International Union Members. IUHPST is one of the partners represented by Catherine Jami. Delia Kesner was the deputy representative. She decided to step down and will be replaced by Hanne Andersen. The [annual report](#) of SCGES has been posted on our website.

CIPSH

CIPSH, the international council for Philosophy and human sciences, of which DHST is a member, will have its annual General Assembly on 13 and 14 december. Catherine Jami will be the DHST representative (this was something that was planned already before the current council was in place). I will ask her to send a short report to us to be included in the

minutes.

ICS

ICS, the International Science council, one of the umbrella institutes for IUHPST, had its annual General Assembly from 11-15 october. Marcos participated as the DHST representative and will give a ore extensive report under point 13 of the **agenda**.

DLMPST, IUHPST and joint commission

DLMPST

On december 12 2021 the DLMPST had an online council meeting to which I was invited as a guest. As has become the tradition, also Benedikt Loewe, the SG of the DLMPST has been invited to our council meetings. I look forward to the continued collaborations between these two divisions.

International year of basic science for sustainable development (IYBSSD2022)

The IUHPST signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Union for Pure and Applied physics to orhganise IYBSSD2022. A press release has now been sent out to all partners and it is available [here](#).

Agenda for 2022

The following things need to be done in 2022:

- circulation of the minutes of this meeting first to all council members and then to all members, commissions and sections by early 2022.
- Reworking of the respectful behavior policy (to be approved and implemented during an extraordinary GA), see item 6 of the agenda
- Rethinking and reworking the on-line presence of the DHST, see point 14.a of the agenda
- Reworking the nominations procedure of the DHST (to be approved and implemented during an extraordinary GA), see point 7 of the agenda
- Rethinking the relations with the sections and commissions
- MOU with the organizers of the New-Zealand conference, see point 4 of the agenda.
- preparations of an in-between conference and extraordinary general assembly, see point 14.b of the agenda and article 18 of the [statutes](#)
- Next council meeting

Appendix B: Report by the treasurer

IUHPST/DHST virtual Council Meeting, 10 – 11 December 2021

Treasurer's Report

1 General

In 2021, the precarious and difficult situation regarding the pandemic COVID-19 continued around the world.

The IUHPST/DHST account in EUR was kept in Paris throughout the year.

Invoices were issued in USD, countries where paying in EUR currency were recommended to send fees in EUR (1 USD = 0,825912 EUR exchange rate Banque de France from 13.01.2021, i. e. date of the first invoice of the year kept throughout the year).

It managed to agree that after a few years, Romania and Brazil paid their fees and first time DHST accepted dues from Peru. Viceversa there are countries which didn't pay since long time and we can't count with them – Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine.

Communication with Argentina took long time and unfortunately it has not been successful so far.

2 Financial overview for 2021

The Financial overview for January 2018 – July 2021 was accepted by the General Assembly during the 26th DHST Congress in Prague on 28 July 2021.

This overview covers the year from 1 January 2021 to 30 November 2021.

Income: DHST received EUR 14 707, 44 – income from 26th DHST online Congress in Prague.

Most of countries paid during the year and as in past years. Some countries paid for two or more years (Brazil, Canada, France, Peru).

Expenses: Grants to commissions were transferred up to approved budget for 2021.

Bank charges: we paid totally 783, 43 EUR to CIC this year.

3 Budget for 2022

GA in July 2021 in Prague decided to hold the DHST budget in EUR from 2022.

The budget for 2022 is based on the following:

- a. A surplus of EUR 46 188, 37 on 30 November 2021. (on 1 December 2020 it was EUR 31 423,38)

For GA 2021 In Prague the rate of all countries was updated and in some cases changed – up to overview in attachment.

A number of members' dues remain to be received, and we work on the assumption that national members who have paid regularly in recent years will continue to do so and will submit their dues for 2021 by the end of the year or in early 2022. This is an approximation that may be too optimistic given the difficulty mentioned in the introduction of this report.

- b. An estimate of expenses based on the assumption that we award all Commissions the full sums they have requested. The actual expenses under this heading will depend on

the decisions made at the Council meeting on 10 - 11 December 2021. A number of other expenses that should have been in the 2021 overview have been carried over in the 2022 budget.

- c. The alternating arrangement between DHST and DLMPST for paying ICSU fees – DLMPST is responsible for payment 2022 and 2023, DHST in 2024 and 2025.
- d. It is to count with the CIPSH subscription of EUR 700 in 2022 budget, too.
- e. In 2021 DHST supported the GAP project by the amount of EUR 1,000. The same is included in 2022 budget.
- f. Grant (biennial USD 5,000) to the 27th Congress is included into 2022 budget - if will be asked from New Zealand
- g. The secretary-general does not expect any travel expenses to be reimbursed by the DHST.
- h. In 2021 due to the pandemic there were no travel expenses for DHST SG and for 2022 are no more included in the budget, too.
- i. The Council should examine the relevant documents and approve these payments.

Appendix c: Overview of budget 2021

			INCOME		
		MEMBERSHIP DUES - Payment discipline			
	Country	invoice sent	Date received	EUR	
1	ARGENTINA	25/03/21			
2	AUSTRALIA	26/02/21	11/10/2021	862,52	
3	AUSTRIA	26/02/21	4/22/2021	413,00	
4	BALTIC COUNTRIES	26/02/21	4/12/2021	207,00	
5	BELGIUM	23/02/21	11/3/2021	861,40	
6	BRAZIL		28.-29.7.21	2.530,68	for 3 years
7	BULGARIA				
8	CANADA	18/02/21	09.02.+18.03.2021	3.333,81	for 2020+2021
9	CHILI	3/25/2021			assoc.
10	CHINA	26/02/21	19.94.2021	3.697,00	
11	COLOMBIA				assoc.
12	CROATIA				
13	CUBA				assoc.
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	26/02/21	3/3/2021	413,00	
15	DENMARK	23/02/21	3/4/2021	413,00	

16	EGYPT				
17	FINLAND	23/02/21	3/3/2021	415,00	
18	FRANCE	18/02/21	21.01.+17.08	3.143,38	2020+2021, 1553,51+1589,87
19	GERMANY	18/02/21	4/1/2021	1.735,00	
20	GREECE	26/02/21	5/26/2021	207,00	
21	HUNGARY	26/02/21	4/1/2021	413,00	
22	INDIA	18/02/21	10/26/2021	847,34	
23	IRAN				
24	IRELAND				left 2020
25	ISRAEL				
26	ITALY				left 2019
27	JAPAN	25/03/21	7/15/2021	2.643,00	
28	KOREA	26/02/21	3/3/2021	826,00	
29	KYRGYZSTAN				
30	MEXICO	26/11/21	12/15/2021	885,98	
31	NETHERLANDS	26/02/21	3/23/2021	826,00	
32	NEW ZEALAND	26/02/21	3/22/2021	418,41	
33	NORWAY	23/02/21			
34	PERU	new	9/28/2021	476,80	for 2021, 2022
35	POLAND	26/02/21	6/29/2021	419,22	
36	PORTUGAL	26/02/21	8/3/2021	413,00	
37	ROMANIA		11/26/2021	441,93	
38	RUSSIA	26/02/21	6/9/2021	799,84	
39	SERBIA				
40	SLOVAKIA	09/03/21	7/7/2021	207,00	
41	SOUTH AFRICA				assoc.
42	SPAIN	25.03.+30.04.2021	4/7/2021	414,00	
43	SWEDEN	23/02/21	6/10/2021	826,00	
44	SWITZERLAND	09/03/21	4/19/2021	413,00	
45	SYRIA				
46	TAIPEI	26/02/21	6/21/2021	419,46	
47	TANZANIA				assoc.
48	TURKEY				
49	UKRAINE				
50	UNITED KINGDOM	26/02/21	3/26/2021	1.671,46	
51	USA	18/02/21	3/5/2021	3.345,88	
	Total Income from 2021 Dues			34.053,13	
	26th DHST Congress			14.707,44	
	TOTAL INCOME			48.760,57	
	EXPENSES				
	Commissions Grants	Date paid	EUR		

1	CHAMA	25/07/21	595,00		
2	Bibliography	25/07/21	765,31		
3	CHOSTIS				
4	Meteorology	23/07/21	1.178,97		
5	Chemistry & Molecular Sciences (CHCMS)	25/07/21	340,00		
6	History of Physics				
7	Oceanography (ICHO)	12/02/21	578,14		
8	Pacific Circle				
9	Scientific Instruments Commission (SIC)	25/07/21	255,00		
10	Science and Empire				
11	Women in Science				
12	Science and Literature				
13	Diplomacy				
	Inter Union Commissions				
14	History of Astronomy (IUA)	25/07/21	255,00		
15	History of Geography (IGU)				
16	INHIGEology (IUGS)	25/07/21	1.275,00	return 27.07.20 21	
17	ICHMathematics (IMU)				
18	Soil Sciences Commission (IUSS)				No grant requested
	Inter-Division Commissions				
19	Joint DHST- DLMPST Commission				
20	Teaching Commission IDTC				
21	HaPoC				
	Scientific Sections				
22	ICOHTEC	25/07/21	1.275,00		
23	ISHEASTM	25/07/21	1.275,00		
24	IASCUD	25/07/21	1.275,00		
	Total Commissions		9.067,42		

Other Expenses		EUR		
Bank account exchange fees	02.12.2021	783,43		
CIPSH subscription	23.04.2021	700,00		
ISC (DHST to pay IUHPST subscription in 2020 and 2021)	2/12/2021	1.275,00		
Travel Expenses SG				
DHST Website /Jami/	25.05.2021	114,64		
grant to Prague 2018, 2019	04.05.2021	4.115,50		biennial
IUHPST for SCGES				
To M. Osborne - refund Diss.Prizes	13.09.2021	120,85		
GAP project		1.000,00		
Total other expenses		8.109,42		
TOTAL EXPENSES EUR		17.176,84		
TOTAL EXPENSES 2020		17.176,84		
				1 USD = 0,825912 EUR
SURPLUS 02/12/2021 EUR		46.188,37		

Appendix D: Approved grants to commissions and sections for 2022

Full list of commissions and sections

- 1 Commission on the History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy (CHAMA)
- 2 CBD - Commission on Bibliography and Documentation
- 3 CHOSTIS - Commission on the History of Science and Technology in Islamic Societies
- 4 ICHM - International Commission on the History of Meteorology
- 5 CHCMS - Commission on the History of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences

- 6 IUCHPP Physics - Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics
- 7 International Commission of the History of Oceanography - ICHO
- 8 Pacific Circle
- 9 SIC - Scientific Instruments Commission
- 10 Science and Empire
- 11 Commission on Women and Gender in Science, Technology and Medicine
- 12 Commission on Science and Literature
- 13 Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy (STAND)
- 14 Inter-Union Commission of History of Astronomy (with IAU)
- 15 Inter-Union Commission of History of Geography (with IGU)
- 16 International Commission of History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO) (with IUGS)
- 17 International Commission of History of Mathematics (ICHM) (with IMU)
- 19 DHST-DLMPST Joint Commission (JC)
- 20 Inter-Division Teaching Commission (IDTC)
- 21 History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC)
- 22 International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC)
- 23 International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine (ISHEASTM)
- 24 International Association for Science and Cultural Diversity (IASCUD)

Overview of the grants approved²

	Grant 2021	Requested	Approved	Remarks
1. Chama	700\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
2 CBD	900\$	914 EUR	914 EUR	1030\$ requested
3 CHOSTIS	0\$	1050 EUR	800 EUR	1200\$ requested
4 ICHM	0\$	1360 EUR	1360 EUR	
5 CHCMS	400\$	1900 EUR	1500 EUR	
6 IUCHPP	0\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
7 ICHO	700\$	1500 EUR	1100 EUR	
8 Pacific Circle	0\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
9 SIC	300\$	1100 EUR	1100 EUR	
10 Science and Empire	0\$	1300 EUR	1300 EUR	
11 Women commission	0\$	1280 EUR	1280 EUR	
12 Literature	0\$	1400 EUR	1400 EUR	
13 STAND	2100\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
14 Astronomy (with IAU)	300\$	1450 EUR	1450 EUR	
15 Geography (with IGU)	0\$	0 EUR	0 EUR	
16 INHIGEO (with IUGS)	1500\$	5540 EUR	1300 EUR	
17 ICHM (with IMU)	0\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
18 Soil Science	0\$	0 EUR	0 EUR	
19 Joint Commission	1660\$	0 EUR	0 EUR	No reports sent
20 IDTC	0\$	1200 EUR	1200 EUR	Grant every other year
				Grants will be paid directly by DHST based on invoices
21 HaPoC	0\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
22 ICOHTEC	1500\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
23 ISHEASTM	1500\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	
24 IASCUD	1500\$	1500 EUR	1500 EUR	

² For the conversion from US dollars to EUR Oanda was used on december 22 2022.

TOTAL			27004 EUR	
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Appendix E: Report on Sexual Harassment Complaint

Marcos Cueto

Summary

On July 26, 2021, an earlier career researcher, reported a case of sexual harassment at a session of the Scientific Instrument Commission (SIC) during the 26th Congress of History of Science and Technology (July 25-31, 2021). The early career scholar provided evidence of the accusation against a senior researcher: two twitter messages with inappropriate use of the words “oral” and “lap dance.” On August, Roland Wittje, President of SIC, confirmed the accusation. Acting as Ombudsperson of the DHST—a position defined in DHST Respectful Behavior Policy approved in the General Assembly of the Division of July 31, 2021--, Marcos Cueto asked the accused and accuser to respond to the events and cc a committee appointed by the former Council of the Division (Gregory Wood, Angela Creager and Maria Rentetzi). The accuser confirmed the accusation and the accused argued he/she “was joking.” The Committee produced a report (below Annex I) and after Consultation with members of the Council, Marcos Cueto informed the accuser, the accused and Roland Wittje of the decision in October, 2021 (Annex II). The three accepted the decision.

Annex I

IUHPST/DHST Committee regarding Respectful Behavior at Prague Congress Gregory Good, Angela Creager, Maria Rentetzi

The committee has been asked to report on an interaction at the 26th International Congress for History of Science and Technology, online and coordinated from Prague, Czech Republic, July 25-31, 2021.

The committee has considered the original complaint by the accuser of sexual harassment online during a session of the Scientific Instrument Commission, screen shots of two messages (sent on Twitter) from the accused that are the basis of the complaint, a statement by Dr. Marcos Cueto summarizing the complaint, emails from Dr. Cueto to each of the parties requesting further comment, and emails from each of the parties. We also had access to an email from Dr. Roland Wittje, President of the SIC, indicating that he had forwarded the complaint to Dr. Catherine Jami, then the Secretary General of DHST. The committee agrees that the comments of the accused were inappropriate and sexual in nature. They were made on Twitter. As a result of these comments, the accuser reports that they were afraid and dissociated and deeply disturbed. Whether the comments by the accused were made jokingly or not is irrelevant. Their comments violate the Respectful Behavior Policy DHST is developing. The comments specifically violate strictures against “unwelcome conduct,” “inappropriate [demeaning] jokes, kidding, or teasing,” “conduct or comments of a lewd or lascivious nature,” and “repeated offensive sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions.” The committee notes that suggested revisions to some of this wording are on record and will be considered by the new DHST Council.

The committee recommends that DHST Council prohibit the participation of the accused in

conferences or other activities of the SIC for a period of time to be determined by Council. The committee also recommends that the accused be prohibited from participation in the 27th International Congress, to be held in New Zealand in 2025.

Annex II

October 4, 2021

The DHST Council has considered the complaint of a case of sexual harassment online during a session of the Scientific Instrument Commission (SIC) at the 26th International Congress for History of Science and Technology, coordinated from Prague, Czech Republic, July 25-31, 2021. After examining the report of a commission appointed by the former Council that examined materials related to the complaint, heard the individuals involved and made a recommendation; the Council agrees with the commission that the comments of the accused were inappropriate and sexual in nature and violates the Respectful Behavior Policy DHST is developing.

Based on this report and after a discussion among its members the DHST Council decides:

1. To prohibit the accused from participation in the 27th International Congress, to be held in New Zealand in 2025.
2. Recommend the President of SIC to prohibit the participation of the accused in activities of SIC. The Council was given a choice of terms of prohibition and they voted in favor of ongoing exclusion to be determined by SIC.
3. To inform the XXX Society for the History of Science and Technology of the DHST Council decision on the accused

Appendix F: Report on the ICHST 2021 conference by Milada Sekyrkova.

26th International Congress of History of Science and Technology 2021

Congress took place on 25 – 31 July 2021 in Prague, Czech Republic.

For the first time in history, due to the pandemic COVID-19, the congress was held exclusively online.

International Program Committee worked in composition:

Juliane Mikoletzky (Chair), CHAIR, TU Wien, Austria

- Silke Ackermann, History of science Museum, Oxford, UK
- Mitchell G. Ash, University of Vienna, Austria
- Ana Rosa Barahona Echeverria, UNAM, Mexico
- Florence Bretelle-Establet, CNRS, Paris, France

- Shadreck Chirikure, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Liesbeth De Mol, CNRS Lille, France
- Fa-ti Fan, State University of New York, Binghamton, USA
- Marieke Hendriksen, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Kenji Ito, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan
- Rosa Katemari, Universidade Federal de Campina Grande, Brazil
- Deepak Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India
- Jongtae Lim, Seoul National University, Korea
- Joseph D. Martin, University of Cambridge, UK
- Gisela Mateos, UNAM, Mexico
- Clemency Montelle, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
- Doubravka Olšáková, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic
- Buhm Soon Park, KAIST, Daejeon, Korea
- Irina Podgorny, CONICET, Argentina
- Stefan Pohl-Valero, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia
- Hans Pols, University of Sydney, Australia
- Maria Jesús Santemas, CSIC, Madrid, Spain
- Juraj Šebesta, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia
- Hugh Slotten, University of Otago, New Zealand
- Ida Stamhuis, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Soňa Štrbáňová, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic
- Xiaochun Sun, University of the Chinese Academy of sciences, Beijing, China
- Stéphane van Damme, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- Annette Vogt, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany

- Jaroslaw Wlodarczyk, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

Local Organizing Committee:

- Svobodný (Head), Charles University in Prague
- Martina Bečvářová, Czech Technical University in Prague
- Karel Černý, Charles University in Prague
- Helena Durnová, Masaryk University in Brno
- Marcela Efmertová, Czech Technical University in Prague
- Alena Hadravová, Czech Academy of Sciences
- Tomáš Hermann, Charles University in Prague
- Miloš Hořejš, National Technical Museum in Prague
- Ivan Jakubec, Charles University in Prague
- Adéla Jůnová Macková, Czech Academy of Sciences
- Antonín Kostlán, Czech Academy of Sciences
- Jan Kotůlek, Technical University of Ostrava
- Jan Mikeš, Czech Technical University in Prague
- Jiří Sekerák, Moravian Museum Brno
- Milada Sekyrková (Congress Secretary General), Charles University in Prague
- Michal Šimůnek, Czech Academy of Sciences
- Martin Šolc, Charles University in Prague
- Alena Šolcová, Czech Technical University in Prague
- Soňa Štrbáňová, Czech Academy of Sciences

How many participants were registered?

Total registered 900, finally paid 846 participants, from them

- Invited Guest: 25
- Regular Fee: 643

- Student and Unemployed: 178

How many symposiums were really organised?

- 176 symposia sessions (each symposium is composed of one or more symposia sessions)
- 2 plenary symposia sessions
- 1 special lecture: prof. S. S. Demidov (International Academy of the History of Science): „Sergey Demidov: Pafnuty Lvovich Chebyshev and the mathematical community of his time. On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth“
- 42 sessions composed of stand alone abstracts
- 3 e-poster sessions
- 21 commission meetings

Benefit to the DHST: from 16 November 2021 is EUR 16 707, 44 on the DHST account

Appendix G: Report and draft on the dissertation prize 2023 prepared by Marcos Cueto

During its four-year mandate, the DHST Council organizes two editions of the Dissertation Prize (in our case: the seventh, 2023, and eighth, 2025, competitions). Guidelines: <http://dhstweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DHST-Dissertation-Prize-2021.pdf>

DHST has to publish a call for applications for the seventh edition in January 2022. The draft below is adapted from previous calls and was done in consultation with Catherine Jami and Mike Osborne.

Usually, the Secretary General and the Treasurer have been excused from taking part in the Prize committee but the Secretary or Assistant Secretary General can help the committee chaired by the President. Other members of the Council will receive one to three dissertations in early November 2022 and produce a report by late February 2023. In case of need the Council can ask for reviews and reports outside the council.

Winners, “Prize Laureates”, and honorable mentions of the seventh competition will be announced via website and relevant HSTM lists (c. March 2023). A ceremony for winners and honorable mentions of competitions seven and eight will be held at the 27th ICHST at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand in 2025. Only winners are required to give short

presentations on their research.

DRAFT: 2023 DHST DISSERTATION PRIZE COMPETITION CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Division of History of Science and Technology (IUHPST/DHST), invites submissions for the seventh DHST Dissertation Prize to be announced in July 2023. Initiated at the 22nd International Congress of History of Science in 2005 held in Beijing, IUHPST/DHST now awards the prize every two years. Up to three awards for recent Ph.D. historians of science and technology will recognize outstanding doctoral dissertations completed and filed between 1 September 2020 and 1 September 2022.

The Prize does not specify distinct categories, but submissions must be on the history of science, technology, or medicine. The Award Committee endeavors to maintain the broadest coverage of subjects, geographical areas, chronology and civilizations (African, North American, South American, Asian, Islamic, Western and Ancient Civilizations, and others not included in this list).

Prizes consist of a certificate, waiver of registration fees, assistance with travel and accommodation expenditures to the 27th DHST Congress at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, in 2025. The winner of a prize whose dissertation engages substantially with Islamic science and culture (over competitions seven (2020-2022) and eight (2022-2024), is also awarded the İhsanoğlu Prize funded by the Turkish Society of History of Science.

AWARD COMMITTEE: The Award Committee includes DHST Council members and distinguished subject specialists.

COMPETITION CALENDAR: Applications open 10 July 2022 and close 1 October 2022 (22:00, GMT). Announcement of prize winners for the seventh competition in early 2023. Award ceremony for winners of competition 7: July 2025 at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand in 2025.

APPLICATION PARAMETERS: Submission in any language is welcome. All dissertations must be accompanied by a detailed summary in English of no more than 20 double-spaced pages. A list of previous winners and their projects may be found on the DHST web page at: <http://dhstweb.org/awards/dhst-dissertation-prize>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: There are three elements. All three must be submitted in PDF format. Candidates should email one copy of the dissertation and the English language summary to (marcos.cueto@fiocruz.br). Applicants should request that their dissertation supervisor write a separate confidential letter (to the same email address) of three pages or less assessing the dissertation and its historiographical significance. The email header for all three elements should specify in the subject line DHST Dissertation Prize-2023- followed by the last name of the candidate as in this format: DHST Dissertation Prize-2023-Last Name.

Marcos Cueto
President, DHST

Appendix H. International Science Council (ISC) and DHST

Summary

The ISC was created in 2018 as the result of a merger between the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) bringing together the natural and social sciences. Is the largest global organization of its type, brings together over 200 international scientific unions and associations as well as national and regional scientific organizations including academies and research councils and closely collaborates with UNESCO.

The International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, IUHPST (formed by DHST and the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, DLMPST) is a full member of ISC. Catherine Jami, former secretary of DHST, Benedikt Loewe secretary general of DLMPST and Marcos Cueto participated in October in the online 2nd General Assembly of ISC.

The main activities of ISC appear in Annex I and the officers elected in the 2nd General Assembly appear in Annex II. Letters of congratulations were sent to President Peter Gluckman (New Zealand) and to President Elect Motoni Kotani (Japan) (Hamish Spencer helped with the letter to Professor Gluckman). Both kindly responded.

Annex I

Main Strategies and publications of the International science Council (ISC)

Strategies:

- *Position ISC as the recognized global voice for science.*
- *Science as a Global Good & Science in all Policies.* See: <https://council.science/current/news/science-as-a-global-public-good/>
- *Promote scientific rigor, creativity and relevance in all parts of the world*
- *Open Science*
- *Promote ISC's strategies in the intergovernmental system.* Link ISC strategies to the goals of this system like: new global frameworks for biodiversity, climate emergency, food systems, possible scenarios for outcomes of the pandemic and progress across the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Publications of interest to historians of science:

- *Occasional Paper Public perceptions and understandings of science* (2021). Examines the structure and characteristics of public engagement with science: <https://council.science/publications/public-perceptions-and-understandings-of-science/>
- *Gender Equality in Science: Inclusion and Participation of Women in Global Science Organizations:* <https://stories.council.science/GenderHome/>

Annex II

Elections

On October 14, 2021 the 2nd General Assembly of ISC elected its new officers. They joined President **Peter Gluckman** (former President Elect)

(New Zealand--Medicine <https://council.science/profile/peter-gluckman/>)

New officers for the period 2021-2024:

Motoko Kotani (Japan-Mathematics) President-Elect.

<https://council.science/profile/kotani/>

Sawako Shirahase (Japan Sociology) Vice-President for Finance.

<https://council.science/profile/shirahase/>

Anne Husebekk (Norway—Medicine) Vice-President for Freedom & Responsibility.

<https://council.science/profile/husebekk/>

Salim Abdool Karim (South Africa-Medicine) Vice-President for Outreach & Engagement.

<https://council.science/profile/abdool-karim/>

Karina Batthyány (Uruguay-Sociology)

Mei-Hung Chiu (China: Taipei—Chemistry)

Geoffrey Boulton (UK—Geology)

Maria Paradiso (Italy—Geography)

Melody Burkins(USA—Geology)

Françoise Baylis (Canada—Bioethics)

Martin Visbeck (Germany—Oceanography)

Walter Oyawa (Kenya—Civil Engineering)

Pamela A. Matson (USA—Environmental Science)

Helena Nader (Brazil—Biomedical Science)

Appendix I: Renewing the Web and launching a social media initiative for the DHST

Marcos Cueto and Liesbeth De Mol

Scientific societies rely on modern websites to promote their activities, and individual researchers raise awareness of their publications in academic networks like ResearchGate and Academia. Some societies and researchers also use social media platforms, like Facebook and Twitter, accessible to a wider audience. Despite the controversy around these platforms –they do not distinguish between personal and academic content and do not control fake news– they are nevertheless useful means for researchers to network with peers and investigators of other disciplines and to reach non-specialized audiences (Facebook is most popular in the Global South and Twitter is widely used in Europe and North America). Moreover, studies have demonstrated that academic *likes*, *tweets* and *hashtags* generate public debate about issues that are important for researchers and lead to increased citations and paper downloads.

The DHST has a valuable but outdated website with few news items that engage the Division's members, sections and commissions. The purpose of this proposal is to modernize our website and launch social media profiles to:

- Strengthen a sense of community among our members
- Provide a structure and framework for bringing together high-quality knowledge about the history of science.
- Increase the visibility and outreach of the Division

In order to make progress with these goals it is necessary:

First, hiring a web designer. We can ask a professional or find someone in the Council

that can do it *ad honorem*. This work will be done after careful evaluation of modern websites of societies of history of science, like the British society, and in consultation with Liesbeth de Mol, Thomas Haddad and Marcos Cueto.

Second, creating the Facebook and Twitter accounts/pages of the Division. Liesbeth, Marcos and Alejandra Osorio (a graduate student of Marcos Cueto) will be responsible for keeping a dynamic, interactive and up-to-date website, Facebook and Twitter pages for the next year (and all members of the Council will be able to propose materials to be uploaded).

Examples of new materials to be published in our website, Facebook and Twitter on a regular basis are:

- News regarding the preparation of our International Congress
- Announcements of academic meetings, publications and activities of our members
- Interviews with heads of DHST's sections, commissions, national societies of history of science, and members of the Council about their work
- Activities of our sister organization the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology (DLMPST), the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST) and the International Science council (ISC)
- News on archives, prizes, fellowships, teaching materials, journals, bibliographies, images, videos and academic meetings relevant to the history of science
- Brief comments around important international and national dates in the history of science

A professional could cost about €500 if we decide to hire him. The cost of the work of Alejandra will be covered by the home institution of Marcos. Liesbeth will work on the redesign of the website. Three proposals to be worked out:

- *VPS*: Liesbeth proposes to move to a virtual private server which would cost around 450 EUR a year (Hetzner). This gives us much more space, efficiency and security. The latter two aspects might grow in significance as the digital presence of the division changes and increases.
- *Mentoring program*: Besides having a more modern and active website linked to social media, there are several other options that we can set-up as an on-line service to the community. One of these could be an on-line mentoring program. This is already done in several other communities and in different ways, see eg:
 - Women in Computability mentoring program – general mentorship program: <https://www.acie.eu/women-in-computability-mentorship-programme/>
 - *Centaurus* mentoring program to guide scholars towards their first publications: <http://eshs.org/-Centaurus-mentoring-program-270-.html>
 - Latin American Association for Social Studies of Science (ESOCITE) mentoring program for first publications: <https://www.esocite.la/convocatorias/laboratorio-de-papers-esocite/>

We could think of a mix of these two types of programs -- by setting that up we would have another opportunity to engage our members, commissions and sections in another manner.

- *Our history on the website*. As discussed under point 11 of the agenda the DHST archive is currently being held at CAPHES. One other feature to elaborate on the

new site might be a history page not just with links to the archive but also dedicated papers, etc. To start we could involve historians who have already worked in the history of DHST (eg Patrick Petitjean).

The Facebook and Twitter account will be ready by early January. A report will be submitted to the next Council meeting (December 2022) to assess progress and necessary adjustments.