



International Union of History and
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Division for the History of Science and
Technology

**Summary of decisions of the Council meeting held online on
December 11, 2023 at 10 am UTC**

Attendees: Marcos Cueto (President), Janet Browne (President-Elect), Takehiko Hashimoto (First Vice-President), Hasok Chang (Second Vice-President), Milada Sekyrková (Treasurer), Thomás Haddad (Assistant Secretary-General), Michela Malpangotto (Assessor), Hamish Spencer (Assessor), Sergey Shalimov (Assessor), Xingbo Luo (Assessor), Benedikt Loewe (outgoing DLMPST Secretary-General, invited), Eleonora Cresto (incoming DLMPST Secretary-General, invited).

Excused: Liesbeth De Mol (Secretary-General, on leave), Jahnvi Phalkey (Assessor), Maria Rentetzi (Assessor)

1. Welcome by the President and approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved.

2. Update on Secretary General's activities in 2023: The Secretary-General is currently on health leave. The Assistant Secretary-General reported orally on the activities undertaken by her in 2023.

3. Treasurer's report: Approved (see [here](#)).

4. Overview of the DHST Global Festival: The Assistant Secretary-General gave an overview of the achievements of the Global Festival (speakers, audience, geographical distribution, open discussion sessions).

5. Reports and grant requests by the DHST Commissions and Sections: All reports were approved, with the exception of ICOHTEC and the Soil Science History Commission, which did not file reports. (NB: CHCMS and the Pacific Circle filed late; their reports and grant requests were approved by Council via email.) The following grants were approved (in Euros):

- CBAR: 1250
- CHOSTIS: 2000
- ICHMeteorology: 1285
- CHCMS: 2000
- IUCHPP: 2000
- ICHO: 1900
- Pacific Circle: 1500
- SIC: 2000
- Women and Gender: 2000
- STAND: 2000
- ICHA: 1050
- INHIGEO: 1760
- ICHMathematics: 2000
- HaPoC: 1725

- ISHEASTM: 2000
- IASCUD: 2000

NB: Approved values took into account remaining balances from the previous funding round, which were to be discounted from the maximum request of EUR 2000.

6. Preparations for the New Zealand ICHST: Assessor Hamish Spencer updated the Council on the current state of preparations for the 2025 Congress.

7. Definition of deadlines and procedures for the Dissertation Prize: Council approved the President's proposed call for applications and the general outline of the assessment procedure to be undertaken in late 2024.

8. Update on the new teaching commission: Second Vice-President Hasok Chang updated the Council on the activities of the steering committee for the proposed new inter-division teaching commission.

9. Preparation for the Extraordinary General Assembly: Council advanced on proposals for Respectful Behavior Policy, revised nominations policy for DHST elections, and creation of a new office. It also approved a timeframe for finalizing the proposals and the general outlook of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

10. Other issues:

- a. Update on the International Academy of History of Science: The President and Assessor Michela Malpangotto reported on the relationship of the DHST with the IAHS.
- b. Nomination of the chairperson for the DHST/DLMPST Joint Commission: Agnes Bolinska was confirmed as JC chairperson.
- c. Visa and travel issues: The Assistant Secretary-General reported on concerns from Commissions and Sections regarding increasing travel difficulties faced by members of the community.
- d. Bank issues: The Assistant Secretary-General conveyed concerns from Commissions and Sections regarding difficulties with international transfers and the opening of bank accounts.
- e. Expressions of interest of potential new associate members: The Assistant Secretary-General reported on Ireland's interest in re-joining the DHST.