

ESHS General Assembly

The General Assembly took place during the London Conference, on Sunday, September 16th, between 6:15 p.m. and 8.25 p.m., at UCL Institute of Education, in room Logan Hall, with the following

Agenda

- 1) Election of three auditors
- 2) Election of 2 plus 2 scrutineers (vote on the reform of statutes and vote for the Council and Scientific Board)
- 3) Moment of silence
- 4) President's report
- 5) Report on the reform of the statutes: vote
- 6) Vice President's report: a six year commitment
- 7) President Elect's report and plan of action
- 8) Editor of Centaurus' report
- 9) Secretary's report
- 10) Treasurer's report
- 11) Web Manager's report
- 12) Presentation of the candidates for the New Council: vote
- 13) Presentation of the recipients of the early scholar grants
- 14) A preliminary assessment of the London Conference
- 15) Towards the Bologna 2020 Conference: vote
- 16) Discussion, proposals of the members
- 17) Closure by the new President

The following officers of the ESHS are present: A. Malet, A. Simões, K. Chemla, E. Neuenschwander, E. Luciano, F. James (who left the Assembly at 19h), M. Husson, K. Vermeir; the following members of the Scientific Board are present: Mitchell G. Ash, Dimitri Bayuk and Baichun Zhang; 92 members of the ESHS are present.

The President A. Malet chairs the Assembly.

1) Election of three auditors

Daniele Cozzoli, Ulf Hashagen, and Ariane Dröscher are designated as auditors. They approve of the accounts as presented to them by the Treasurer, provided that they will examine by proxy a missing invoice.

2) Election of 2 plus 2 scrutineers (vote on the reform of statutes and vote for the Council and Scientific Board)

Annette Vogt and Antonio Sánchez are designated as scrutineers for the procedure of vote on the changes in the statutes. Antoni Roca-Rosell and Elvira Callapez are designated as scrutineers for the ESHS Elections 2018.

3) Moment of silence

The President shares with the Assembly the sorrow for Jean Gayon who passed away in

the last April. The Assembly respects a minute of silence in his loving memory.

All the reports by the officers have been posted on the website before the Assembly. For reason of time they are summarized during the Assembly, while they are reported hereafter *in extenso*.

4) President's report (Antoni Malet)

During my term as President, the ESHS council has focused on the reform of the Society's statutes; on improving the Society's control over its official journal, Centaurus; and on giving the Society (which was from its inception a learned society registered in France) a more settled and permanent legal status under the umbrella of CAPHES (Centre d'Archives en Philosophie, Histoire et Édition des Sciences, CNRS - ENS). As explained below, this may finally offer members of the Society a useful tool to share information and scholarship. In addition, we have sought every possible opportunity to make the ESHS useful to our members through Centaurus as well as through the Neuenschwander Prize and the plenary lectures for young scholars, first established for the Prague meeting. We have also sought every possible opportunity to involve our members in ESHS activities and make them contribute to the life of the Society.

Our statutes, it was the general opinion in the Council, needed a reform, both because some of its articles required a more precise formulation, and because we thought the organisational structure of the Society could be improved. We will present in detail the main modifications introduced in the statutes before we submit it to the vote of the GA, but let me single out here the changes we propose for the Council.

First, the Council thought it necessary to make one officer specifically responsible of the archives of the Society, so we propose to add one more officer to the Council, the Archivist. Secondly, since the Society's Newsletter was discontinued many years ago, one officer responsible for it is no longer needed. In the third place, the Public Relations officer has been assuming responsibility for the content of the website, while the international relations and in particular with other sister societies were assumed by different officers according to circumstances. Since we would like to intensify our relations and expand our cooperation with other sister societies and international learned bodies, we suggest to have, besides the PR officer (whose main function would be international relations), an officer fully in charge of editing the website. I must warmly thank the Council and our Secretary, Erika Luciano, for all the work done, but I would like to thank particularly our Vicepresident and Past President, Karine Chemla, for leading the work.

Please kindly notice that in the present GA the vote answers to the old structure of the Council, namely we will voting for a PR officer and a Newsletter officer, and we have no candidates for the Archivist position. Of course the candidates are already aware of the new structure and willing to assume their responsibilities according to it.

As mentioned before, the ESHS was created as a learned society under the French law, with legal address in the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, institution to which was affiliated one member of the Council in 2004. This personal link with the EPHE is no longer extant and therefore the ESHS has at present a legal address to which it has no link whatsoever. In particular any official communication sent to our legal address by, say, any public administration, would be either returned or lost. As explained in the GA we held in Prague, our website was based on the server of the Centre d'Archives en Philosophie, Histoire et Édition des Sciences, CAPHES (<http://caphes.ens.fr>), whose purpose is to organize archives for the history and philosophy of science and to help historians and

philosophers of science with digital humanities. It is a center jointly sponsored by the French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the École Normale Supérieure. After informal contacts with CAPHES, we have applied to it to be officially recognised as a learned institution linked to the Centre and having in it its legal address. Our application has been accepted although we are still waiting the final step of formal approval in the next official meeting of the ENS Board of Trustees (see attached document).

The official link with CAPHES will allow the Society to be recognized as an organization for its members to use, if so they wish, Archives Ouvertes HAL (<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/>). HAL is an open archive established by the French CNRS where authors can deposit scholarly documents, including their own PDF of articles that they published in journals and books, and read all the documents deposited there. Members of the Society will be able to do so as such, if they wish. We must wait until our link to CAPHES is formally approved, and then it might take about a month before technically the repository online is ready to be launched. Detailed directions will be sent to all members when the HAL repository is ready to be used.

Last but not least the Council and myself have been very much concerned with our scientific journal, *Centaurus*, and the relationship with Wiley, its publisher. The Society is tied to Wiley by a legal contract (signed in 2010) under which the Society has very little say on the journal. As a matter of fact Wiley is fully responsible for appointing the Editor, the Editorial Board, and for deciding all matters concerning format, design, number of issues and pages yearly published, etc. Moreover, the Society cannot publish anything scholarly with other publishers without Wiley's consent. We opened negotiations with Wiley in order to achieve greater control over the journal and our publications, for which we took legal advice from a British law firm, Harper James Solicitors. Unfortunately the negotiations have been largely fruitless, in that Wiley has not conceded anything as far as the contract is concerned.

On the other hand Wiley did express to us their willingness to receive feedback from the Society on important decisions concerning *Centaurus*. As it happened, in January 2018 after an 8-year tenure, *Centaurus*'s Editor, Ida Stamhuis, announced her resignation at the end of June this year. (I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank Ida for her tireless dedication to *Centaurus* and the excellent editorship she has provided the journal with.) Wiley did ask our advice about possible candidates for *Centaurus*'s Editor. It was a great satisfaction that they appointed Koen Vermeir, the top candidate that we suggested to Wiley, new Editor of the journal. Koen will present his report to the GA about the situation of, and prospects for *Centaurus*.

In any case, the Council still thinks the Society should have a full control of its scientific journal, as is the case for sister societies like the British Society and the American History of Science Society. With this in mind we have approached other publisher houses, both university presses and commercial publishers, and we have kept detailed exploratory exchanges with some of them, but we are not contemplating yet a satisfactory solution in the near future. This problem will continue to be a central one in the Council's agenda for the next two years.

Since 2015, the Society has established a yearly call, inviting colleagues to submit proposals for special issues to be published in the journal. Each submission had to include a theme, a presentation of the issues addressed, and a list of contributors, with short résumés. To improve the transparency of our action and involve our members in ESHS activities, the Council has worked with the Editorial Board of the journal to appoint, through

a nomination and voting procedure, an independent Committee, composed of four members of the Editorial Board and four ESHS members. Its task was to select the best issues among those submitted, for publication in the journal. I want to thank wholeheartedly the Editorial Board and the members who have served on this committee for their most important contribution to the selection of Centaurus' special issues. In the future, such calls might be extended to other types of publications in the journal.

Thanks to the generosity of our Treasurer, Erwin Neuenschwander, one of the main actions of ESHS is the biennial awarding of the Neuenschwander prize. It has become a tradition that all ESHS members are invited to nominate possible recipients, whereas the selection is made according to a voting procedure described by our statutes.

Starting with the Prague Conference two years ago, the Council established a new type of plenary lectures during the ESHS conferences. These lectures aim at presenting an overview of a field or subject or problem in our discipline in which in recent years there have been substantial publications that have proved significant for the whole discipline. All ESHS members have been invited to describe fields and nominate colleagues who could present an overview of them in a 30-minute plenary lecture. As you know, we suggested that our members should think of nominating early career scholars for these plenary lectures, as a way of giving the younger generation a greater visibility and bringing younger scholars to ESHS. We were very happy to receive for the London conference a substantially longer list of nominations than the one we received two years ago. This along with the high interest of the nominations received made the Scientific Board decide that three young plenary lecturers instead of two would be invited.

The Committee that selected the three talks delivered during the London conference was also composed of ESHS members, and I also want to thank them warmly for their contribution. Our intention is that written versions of these lectures be published in Centaurus. We hope that this type of publication will be useful for the whole field.

As mentioned above our website is now under the technical umbrella of CAPHES, although it remains 100% under the responsibility of the ESHS. Thanks to this, we have a permanent server, with back-ups in other places, and we also have computer scientists adapting our web site to changes in the web world, in addition to technical help. Matthieu Husson and Matteo Valleriani (whose functions were transferred to the Secretary, Erika Luciano, upon his resignation in April 2018) have done an excellent job by posting on the web news and particulars that offer to our members information on the Society and on the history of science in Europe and beyond. Still the website clearly needs to be renovated and developed, and I am sure it will. I strongly urge our members to send to the editor of the website news of general interest, including forthcoming workshops and conferences, postgraduate programs and fellowship opportunities, so that ESHS website gives them a greater visibility worldwide, and in particular across Europe.

The Council is very grateful to the BSHS for jointly organizing with ESHS our 2018 general Conference in London, and for taking the brunt of almost all the practicalities. I would like to stress that the London Conference represents a quantitative success with the participation of over 700 scholars (as compared with over 500 in Prague) from more than fifty countries. For this meeting, the Council has maintained the decision to include the ESHS two-years membership fees for 2019 and 2020 into the registration fees, at a reduced price of 30 EUR for two years (including the online access to Centaurus). Naturally, other colleagues can still become members through the traditional subscription in between conferences. This measure reduces the fees to a minimum to encourage

participation in the general conferences, which may contribute to build up an European scholarly community, a significant activity for ESHS.

In 2017, I have organized a smaller-scale “presidential meeting” in Barcelona, on the topic “Reaching a Wider Audience for History of Science: The Challenges Ahead”. Most members of the Council and the Scientific Board took part in this conference, and I think it offered fruitful perspectives to increase the impact of our discipline intellectually as well as socially.

To conclude, a few and quick remarks on things that may be important for the near future. First, the Council has been interested in fostering networks of European scholars and learned societies. In fact a network of young scholars willing to contribute news and informations to the Society's website has been successfully set in place in the last two years—thanks essentially to the efforts of Matthieu Husson (thank you Matthieu!). We would also like to see a more formal network of European learned societies of history of science bound together, among other things, by agreements that facilitate joint memberships. We would like also foster cooperation with the already existing group of three societies (HSS, BSHS, CSHPS) to organize four-society meetings. It is with a view on this developments that we have specialized the tasks of the PR officer and the Web Editor officer.

Secondly, as mentioned above, Centaurus is the official journal of the Society, and yet strictly speaking the authority and control the Society may exert on the journal is very limited. New solutions might be necessary, if the Society does not want to renounce to the idea of controlling a high quality journal—which is an influential tool to shape the discipline. New solutions may include the open access model of journal — which may require more financial support than that available now to the Society. Thirdly, I have also mentioned above the need to improve in content as well as in technical tools our website. Finally, other initiatives that were already mentioned in Prague, and which seem to me as important today as they were 2 years ago, include setting up a new prize for early career scholars, and a prize for scholars who succeed in writing good history of science for non-scholarly audiences.

I am confident that the ESHS will continue to grow in numbers and will continue to contribute to strengthen the cooperation and ties among European (as well as non European) scholars, which perhaps, in the ominous days that we are going through politically, is one of the really important services the Society may do.

I cannot conclude this report without mentioning what a pleasure it has been to work with all members of the ESHS, and particularly with every single member of the Council and the Scientific Board. I have warmly appreciated my cooperation with each of them, and I am grateful that they have made my task so easy and rewarding. This has been a quite enriching experience in many senses, for which I feel deeply indebted to all. I am looking forward to contributing to the life of the Society in the future, if in different ways.

The President's report is unanimously approved.

5) Report on the reform of the statutes: vote

Chemla illustrates to the Assembly the procedure of reform of the statutes. Last June, the Secretary of ESHS sent the list of changes in our statutes that the Council and Scientific Board recommend adopting during our General Assembly. All members were asked to send alternative propositions for aspects that they considered not optimal, and they were invited to propose the changes that they considered beneficial for the Society's future,

before August 15th. The suggestions of the members were collected and are now submitted to the vote of the General Assembly. Members are asked to vote on the following five questions.

First Question

ARTICLE VI. POINT 1.

Add as a last sentence: *“A member of the scientific board is allowed to be ‘present’ by video link or a telephone link, in exceptional circumstances.”*

Second Question

ARTICLE IV. POINT 1.

Ancient formulation: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Newsletter Editor, the PR officer and the Webmaster.”*

First proposition of change: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Web Editor and Communications Officer, the PR officer, the Archivist and the Webmaster.”*

Second proposition of change: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Communications Officer, the PR officer, the Archivist and the Web officer.”*

Third Question

ARTICLE IV. POINT 9.

Ancient formulation: *“The Webmaster may be reelected an unlimited number of occasions.”*

First proposition of change: *“The Webmaster may be reelected once.”*

Second proposition of change: *“The Webmaster may be reelected twice.”*

Fourth Question

Choice 1: Uniformising statutes and bylaws with British spelling

Choice 2: Uniformizing statutes and bylaws with US spelling

As for all the other changes suggested by the Council and the Scientific Board, since they raised no objection, the **Fifth question** on which members are asked to vote is to accept them or reject them globally.

The procedure of vote for changing the statutes is opened at 6.45 p.m. The secretary gathers the slips and delivers the box to A. Vogt. The scrutinisers withdraw to count the votes.

6) Vice President’s report: a six year commitment (Karine Chemla)

I have now served on the Council of the European Society for the History of Science for six years, and at the moment when I am about to leave the Scientific Board, I look back and contemplate with some pleasure the present state of the ESHS and the changes that the Society has undergone during the last years.

Since our Lisboa conference, in 2014, the ESHS has significantly increased its membership. What, in my view, is perhaps even more important, its membership has also continued to diversify, and it now includes scholars from Tomsk to Lisboa, as well as from Oslo to Catania. The ESHS embodies a definition of Europe that is open and turns its back on the idea of border, and we have the privilege of benefitting from the contributions of colleagues from East and South Asia as well as from North and South America. Our cooperation with our British colleagues for this London conference adequately shows that

the ESHS intends to build the Europe that it deems appropriate, and I extend my warmest thanks to our British colleagues for embracing this goal and for having offered to organize the conference when this statement needed to be made.

Diversity is not a matter of taking pride in a number of countries. It is essential to the history of science, since it means an immeasurable added scientific value. It brings to our field a diversity of sources and experiences, a diversity of political and institutional histories, and, above all, a diversity of viewpoints on our field: it is only when history of science is practiced with such a broad perspective that it can truly thrive. The ESHS conferences are meetings during which one can hear about all these regions of the world and address issues from the different perspectives that colleagues from these regions of the world offer. This is what makes these conferences unique. This is the strength of Europe for our field. This is where the ambition of integrating various scientific communities and sharing support shows its scientific significance.

This diversity was partly the outcome of a policy that we adopted in the last years: we significantly diminished the ESHS membership fees for colleagues taking part in conferences. For us, it was a way of inciting members to take part in conferences, and a way of recognizing that taking part in conferences was the assertion of a sense of membership. This policy thus meant re-centering the society around its conferences, so that the community that the ESHS represented concretely meets, and concretely exchanges. It also meant sparing no effort to organize the best conferences possible, scientifically speaking, and hence to set up as rigorous and demanding a refereeing process as possible. Only in this way, in my view, will we manage to keep the ESHS at a central position in our field.

Diversity has also been a topic of reflection for the Council and the Scientific Board of the ESHS. Geographic and disciplinary diversity, naturally, but also diversity in age classes. It was an important asset that we managed to attract several younger colleagues to the ESHS core institutions. One of my major concerns along these years has been to incite early career colleagues to make the ESHS theirs and to turn it into a tool that could be useful for them in every respect, scientific and institutional. I believe that this issue should remain high on the agenda of the Council that you will elect.

I like to think that in the last six years, the Society has continued to improve its practices and has gained in stability and transparency. Starting from the Prague 2016 conference, we have changed the voting procedures, to make them more transparent and more rigorous. We have introduced written statements by all nominated candidates and handed out voting slips to members. We have set up several committees which were composed and which worked in a transparent way (including committees selecting the special issues that we opened to competition for our journal, *Centaurus*). The legal status of the Society has been put back on tracks (through declaration to the French prefecture of police, since the ESHS is a French charity). The fact of clarifying its legal status means that the ESHS will now be able to open a bank account in its name in France—a problem that had been a serious concern for our treasurer and had hindered the transparent functioning of *Centaurus* in the last years.

In the same vein, an examination of the statutes of the ESHS, which we conducted during the 2016 meeting of the Scientific Board in Prague, revealed serious misconceptions, not least the fact that for several offices, officers could be reelected for an unlimited number of terms. This possibility struck us as quite inadequate. Since the statutes had to be changed, and the process is cumbersome, we decided to revise them in depth, hopefully once and for as long as possible. The propositions of changes were

discussed within the Scientific Board in 2017 and were reworked in the subsequent months. Our suggestions were presented to members via e-mail, with an invitation to react before August 15, 2018, and offer other propositions of changes or alternatives to those of the Scientific Board. For this General Assembly, we have prepared voting slips reflecting the (alternative) suggestions made by members. In a few moments, we will have to vote to accept or reject the revision of statutes suggested. If the vote is positive, we hope that these new statutes will establish the society on firmer grounds.

The ESHS has found an institution in France in which it can be based (CAPHES, at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, rue d'Ulm). This provides the society with an official address, a server for its website (with some technical support provided by the ENS computer service), and also an institution that accepts to keep its archives. We have prepared a Convention which should soon be signed by both parties.

Last, but not least, this association with a French institution will allow the ESHS to develop its open scientific archives, using as a basis the web site developed by the French CNRS under the name HAL-SHS (the subsection of HAL that is devoted to Humanities and Social Sciences). Our intention, which is close to becoming reality, is to create in this context a database called HAL_ESHS_SEHS, in which all ESHS members will be able to upload freely the text and reference of their publications in such a way that, firstly, the publications will be available freely to all and, secondly, the format of the uploaded files will be updated, in case of major technical changes. Moreover, the staff who takes care of HAL-SHS will exert a control on the documents uploaded so that it be impossible to upload unsuitable contents. The actual establishment of this archive, which will mean free access to scientific information in our field, is clearly an important prospect. It will remain a task for the new Council to take this operation to completion.

In the 2016 meeting of the Scientific Board in Prague, we examined the various contracts concerning the Society's journal (Centaurus) that the Society had signed with Wiley, and we understood that the legal organization of the journal, as defined by these contracts, was not at all to the benefit of the ESHS. We have struggled to renegotiate the contract of Centaurus with Wiley, to no avail. On this issue, unfortunately, we could not make any substantial progress, and the new Council will have to go on dealing with this issue.

On a more positive note, actions towards early career scholars proved more successful. The early career lectures were a success on the year of their creation, in 2016, and we organized three new lectures of this type, for the London conference. I have written up regulations explaining the meaning and organization of these lectures for the future conferences. Moreover, we strongly (and successfully) encouraged the establishment of a network of early career scholars, in order, in particular, to involve younger scholars in the ESHS institutions. This network has taken shape and will meet in London for the first time.

All these initiatives were carried out collectively, to the extent that the reports of the President Toni Malet, of the President Elect Ana Simões, and my own report will look like variants of one another. This reflects the fact that we all worked closely with each other, in different pairs or triples depending on the problem dealt with. I have to thank each member of the Council and more generally of the Scientific Board for their involvement and the work that we have carried out together. It is a great pleasure to pay a tribute to the collegiality of my colleagues and to the wonderful atmosphere in which we have been working at the service of the society, with trust, mutual help and understanding. I also want to thank all the members who graciously replied to our calls for help and contributed to the

activities of the Society. Their support was essential for us.

I have begun this report by expressing a certain pleasure for all that had been realized during the last six years. However, this sense of relative satisfaction should not hide that much remains to be done, and that difficulties still need to be overcome. I have alluded to some of them above.

Let me conclude by insisting on what are in my view some of the most pressing issues to be addressed.

The ESHS needs to find external funding to be able to uphold a true diversity more concretely, and this is an essential task for the future. Money is needed to be able to practice a greater solidarity towards younger generations, for whom working conditions have deteriorated; towards independent scholars and retired colleagues, whose expertise we need and who might thus come in greater numbers; and, last, but not least, towards every corner of Europe and beyond. This money will not come from our members, because that would create inequalities among them. It needs to be found from institutions or private donors to help the ESHS achieve its goal, which is so important for our field. Supporting scholarship in the history of science will in my view play a part to help us address the political issues with which we are all faced.

The ESHS will also need to find ways of inciting more members to coordinate their action with that of the ESHS Scientific Board. The website and the journal are essential means for this, as is the establishment of networks, for instance, a network to share experiences about teaching the history of science.

The various statements that colleagues nominated for the elections in the Council and the Scientific Board show their awareness that improvement is required in these directions, and so I have faith that the ESHS will go on developing in a direction that appears to me to be a good one.

I will soon become an ordinary member of the ESHS, but, from this position, I plan to do everything possible to support our Society, since, throughout these years, I have been convinced of the importance of having the ESHS for the history of science. I thus look forward to meeting you year after year in the meetings that the Society will organize.

The Vice President's report is unanimously approved.

7) President Elect's report and plan of action (Ana Simões)

Report

Having always enjoyed collective scientific work, and believing wholeheartedly in its rewards, my 2 years as President-Elect proved immensely fruitful, as I worked closely with the President and the Vice-President in articulation with the other officers. I learned a lot concerning the organizational structure of the society, the functions of its officers, and the main activities of the society. I thank them all for a wonderful learning experience.

The past 2 years of the ESHS were centred on a hugely time-consuming, and too soon invisible job, of clarifying both the administrative and official status of the society, including its official identity and address, and the revision of its statutes, for the sake of flexibility and efficiency. These are subjects discussed at length in the reports of President Toni Malet and Vice-President Karine Chemla. As to amendments to the statutes, I participated in the discussions between the Presidents, which preceded a lively debate in the 2017 in-between meeting, which took place in October in Barcelona among members of the Scientific Board. The written proposal to be voted in the coming General Assembly was prepared in the ensuing months.

Informal live meetings, in Barcelona, Paris, Rio de Janeiro and Tuscany, exchanges of mails and skype conversations provided the environment to discuss ways to turn the ESHS a more diverse ground for historians of science to network and especially a more attractive society for young scholars. Following the early career scholars' fellowships, initiated in the ESHS 2016 meeting in Prague, we discussed various other ways to foster the participation of young scholars in the life of the society, by means of prizes yet to be implemented or the establishment of a network of young scholars, which has been thriving through the strong and dedicated involvement of Matthieu Husson. The increased involvement of members in the submission of proposals for the Neuenschwander Prize was also considered crucial, and I have participated actively in it. The fact that this time there were many nominations of outstanding scholars led us to discuss efficient ways to come to a final decision without depending on votes by regular mail. In all the ESHS regular activities the efficiency of Erika Luciano has proved absolutely crucial to their timeliness and success. At the same time, a reflection on the aims of the society's journal, its present standing, and relations with the publisher and editor-in-chief, especially in what relates to juridical matters, took place, again topics amply discussed in the reports of President Toni Malet and Vice-President Karine Chemla. I take the opportunity here to thank Ida Stamhuis for her work as editor-in-chief, and for having had the opportunity to be one Centaurus' associate-editors, and collaborate closely in the refereeing processes, especially in those related to the proposals of thematic issues. Finally, I have been concerned with giving more visibility to the category of institutional members, especially in terms of the special role they might play in fostering institutional connections and networking, and in relation to ESHS's budget. This last issue is in the process of being solved with the regularization of the official address and institutional identity of the ESHS vis-à-vis French authorities, with the ensuing possibility of opening a bank account in France.

Statement

The ESHS was created in 2003. In its 15 years of existence it has grown to be a very lively society involving a fast growing number of members, and prioritizing connections with other societies and institutions around the world.

The ESHS organizes regular scientific meetings every two years, intercalated by in-between meetings of much smaller dimension for specific organizational discussions mostly among board members; it nurtures a website; and it has its own official journal since 2007. Following the generous offer of Erwin Neuenschwander, it delivers a prize for lifelong achievements in the history of science, and this prize has been recently complemented by fellowships for early career scholars to deliver talks on cutting-edge topics at the society's meetings, to be published as articles in the society's official journal.

As such, having in mind my experience of these past 2 years and having re-read my statement of 2016, let me make a few clarifications.

In general terms, I consider that the main aim of the ESHS is to strengthen the plural character of the European community of historians of science, in what relates to the profile and geographical provenance of practitioners, both senior and junior, its relations with sister societies and institutions, and the exploration of connections – both subject- and methodological-wise – with neighboring disciplines, such as history of technology, science studies, global history, and so on. I am sure that this is the way to go in order to fully unveil the diversity and plurality of the past contributions to the sciences in Europe in its relation with the world at large.

At this juncture, and having this general aim in mind, I believe that my action should concentrate on improving the contents, visibility, and impact of two major tools the society has at its disposal: its official journal and its website.

Together with the Past President, President Elect, Officers and the new Editor-in-Chief of *Centaurus* the reflection on *Centaurus*' present standing, and relations with the publisher should come to a close, either with a renegotiation of the contract with Wiley or with a contract with another publisher. In my view, the society's official journal should foster geographical and thematic plural contributions by accommodating scholarly publications by historians from as varied geographical locations and training environments as possible. It should also privilege papers on topics of relevance to deconstruct the past of the sciences in Europe seen as part of a global enterprise. Furthermore, it should reinforce its section on news about various institutional settings and communities within Europe, in order to contribute to map the geographical, thematic and methodological distribution of the history of science across Europe and the world.

The website – especially its interface with viewers and its contents – could still be improved, despite the various progresses of the past years, in order to become an open-window to research, training, societies, networks and discussion fora in and/or about the past of the sciences in Europe. Besides the on-going compilation of list of national societies of history of science and related institutions, other resources could be offered such as a compilation of graduate offer, a map of the geographical distribution of ESHS members, their training location and institutional affiliation, to be extended to historians of science around the world if possible, open-access journals and resources, ERC grants or EU funded projects in the area, and so on. These activities could be implemented in conjunction with other societies, and a reflection on their outcomes could be the starting point for further proposals.

As such, all my other activities, including those mentioned in my 2016 statement concerning actions to support research of young scholars, and the theme of the 2019 in-between meeting, will be subsumed under the former ones. The discussion of different sorts of prizes to be awarded to early-career scholars, the creation of the ESHS young scholars' programs, or ESHS's summer schools are all possible avenues to be explored. In what relates to the in-between 2019 meeting to be held in Lisbon in the Fall, I plan to dedicate it to "Rethinking the history of the sciences in Europe – historiographical approaches and future prospects". Under the present highly dynamic historiographical context I consider of the utmost importance to redirect our historical gaze to Europe, avoiding the pitfalls of Eurocentrism, and discuss alternative historiographical approaches at our disposal, as well as their potential for fruitful interactions.

I look forward to work in the coming 2 years with the past president, president elect, officers and council members together with all society's members in order to strengthen ESHS's presence and its impact in an Europe presently undergoing various disintegration forces.

The President Elect's report is unanimously approved.

8) Editors of *Centaurus*' report (Ida Stamhuis and Koen Vermeir)

Centaurus, journal of the ESHS, 2016-2018. Report Part 1

Covering the period from September 2016 (the occasion of the ESHS General Assembly in Prague) until June 2018

by Ida Stamhuis, editor in chief until June 1, 2018.

Amsterdam, September 10, 2018

As a reaction to the decrease in submissions of individual papers, it was decided in September 2014 (ESHS General Assembly in Lisbon) to have an annual call for special issues. At the General Assembly in Prague in 2016 the results of the first two calls for papers (2015, 2016) were reported. There was a further call for papers in 2017, which like the previous two, was very successful and the following 3 out of 10 proposals were selected:

1. Marina Loskutova, Marianne Klemun and Anastasia A. Fedotova (eds.)
Skulls and Roses: Natural History Collections and their Meanings in the 18th – 20th Centuries.
2. Jaume Sastre-Juan and Jaume Valentines-Álvarez (eds.)
Fun and Fear: the Banalisation of Nuclear Technologies through Display
3. András Simongáti-Farquhar (submitter), István Rev (ed.)
International Broadcasting: Technology, Knowledge, and Imaginations across Borders.

The new editor, Koen Vermeir, will report on any subsequent initiatives.

Since the Prague report in 2016 four special issues (one a double issue) have appeared and two normal issues, one that included a Young Scholars' Lecture, and another double normal issue, with a Spotlight on "1970s: Turn of an era in the history of science?" which was initiated by Matthias Heymann and Dania Achermann. The normal issues also included book reviews.

The delay in the appearance of issues, due to the decrease of submissions as well as problems with the publisher regarding a new *Centaurus* style (explanation follows), meant that CNT 2017:4, the special issue on historiography of 'd Alembert, was published in August 2018, but it will soon be followed by CNT 2018:1&2 (double normal issue) as well as 3 (special issue on *Artisanal Culture and Iberian Science*). Another special issue *Natural History Collections and their Meanings in the 18th – 20th Centuries*, and several individual papers are in the pipeline. There have also been some submissions for the special issue on the *Banalisation of Nuclear Technologies through Display*.

In August 2016 the publisher announced that *Centaurus*' articles would be designed differently. This meant that there was an opportunity to ask the publisher if *Centaurus* could in the future contain footnotes, and that in-text references be abolished. I had already requested such a style change on a number of occasions, although all these previous requests were unsuccessful. But now the publisher relented. Since the whole style of *Centaurus* was to be changed, I hoped that it would be a smooth process to incorporate my suggested footnotes. This did not prove to be the case, but ultimately, since *Centaurus* Issue 59 (2017) nr. 3, the *Promises* issue, the new style, including footnotes, has been put into practice.

The rejection rate of individual submissions between 2009 and 2016 was 76%. Papers for special issues usually fare better, as they are already reviewed by the guest editors and revised before they are submitted. Nevertheless, all these papers still go

through a proper review process and sometimes require several revisions before they are formally accepted.

The way the journal is now published, namely by a big publisher, has its advantages and disadvantages. An advantage is that *Centaurus* is accessible in thousands of academic libraries all over the world, partly by individual subscriptions, but mainly through Wiley packages. It is also available in thousands of academic libraries in the developing world. Another advantage is that the journal is professionally produced. And it is probable that this embedding keeps the journal safe in difficult times. I have the experience that, although the publisher is not willing to spend a lot of money, it is rather eager to keep *Centaurus*, because the publisher thinks it important to have this journal in its collection of scientific and medical journals.

One disadvantage of the current situation is the power the publisher wields over the journal, and this does not only include practical matters, but also control over content and the organizational context, for example the appointment of the editorial board. In my personal experience, however, although this level of control is written into the contract, the publisher has never interfered in questions regarding content. Also, even though the publisher was initially resistant to my suggestions regarding changes to the *Centaurus* style, in the end persistence resulted in an acceptable compromise.

It is desirable that in the future the ESHS has power over the journal, not only informally but if possible also formally, and that the different relationships (ESHS - Editor in Chief - Publisher) are more explicitly regulated.

It was a privilege to be the editor of the Official Journal of the European Society for the History of Science. I am thankful for having had this opportunity. Having dedicated myself to the journal for eight years, I feel myself connected with it. I have good memories of cooperation with the authors, with the guest editors of special issues, with the ESHS and its Council. I hope to have served the ESHS well in these years. The society deserves a society journal of high quality and I tried to contribute to that.

However, after eight years, I thought my term should come to an end. In addition, there have been occasions in recent years when relations with the society's presidents have been strained -- although I appreciated their interest in the journal. This could have been prevented if the duties of the publisher, the editor, and the ESHS had been better defined and regulated. The consequence of the most recent direct involvement of the ESHS in *Centaurus* affairs was my immediate resignation. At which point all members of the editorial board thought that for them the moment had also come to resign: the book review editor Raf de Bont, the associate editors Peter Barker, Matthias Heymann, and Ana Simoes, and also Claire Neesham, the language and style corrector. With all of them I have pleasantly and fruitfully cooperated over the past eight years. The ESHS owe them all a lot and they are heartily thanked.

Following my resignation, the publisher -- in cooperation with the ESHS Council -- appointed Koen Vermeir - as the new editor in chief. It is a pleasure for me to cooperate with him as I hand over the journal -- a process that is going smoothly but needs time and effort. I am sure Koen will bring new energy and new ideas to the journal, and I wish him all he needs to ensure that *Centaurus* continues to develop as a high quality European journal. Through the connection with the ESHS I believe this is possible. I expect that, especially if the relationship between the publisher, the editor in chief, and the ESHS is well regulated, the editor in chief will be able to work fruitfully with the ESHS. This will mean that *Centaurus* as the European journal in the history of science will continue to flourish, which will contribute to the ultimate aim, the well-being of the ESHS.

Centaurus, journal of the ESHS, 2016-2018. Report Part 2

(covering the period 30 June 2018 – 30 August 2018)

by Koen Vermeir, Editor in Chief from 1 June 2018

Bucharest, 9 September 2018

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Hand-over between Editors

I would like to start by thanking Ida Stamhuis for the remarkable work that she has done for *Centaurus* during her 9 year tenure as Editor-in-Chief. She has invested a lot of time in the journal, leading it with expertise, passion and commitment, and she was always ready to assist authors and editors of special issues, working tirelessly to help improve their work. Over the years, she has continued to find solutions for making the journal flourish, such as the introduction of special issues in collaboration with the ESHS. Many thanks are also due to Raf de Bont, book review editor, and Claire Neesham, copy-editor, for their crucial but often less recognized contributions. Finally, I know from Ida that the Associate Editors, Peter Barker, Matthias Heymann and Ana Simões, have been an indispensable support for her. I would like to thank them very much for their advice that has helped to shape *Centaurus*.

I also thank Ida for the smooth, convivial and generous handover, during which I have learned all aspects of running the journal. I will never forget the very nice lunch she kindly prepared for me during our hand-over session at the Free University of Amsterdam. We are still collaborating on some of the *Centaurus* issues that are in progress, and we will manage these together until publication.

A new relationship with Wiley

I became Editor-in-Chief of *Centaurus* at the end of June 2018 (the agreement is retroactively valid, with an official starting date of June 1st). This involves a contractual relationship with the publisher, and a contract was signed for 2 years and a half. This also implies a new relationship with the publisher, which includes the following key points:

- we now have a *Centaurus* support Office at Wiley, with four staff members working on the day-to-day management of the journal (not counting production managers and other staff that works on the publication of the journal). I am closely collaborating with them to reform the systems and procedures of the journal.

- Wiley is willing to invest more in *Centaurus*. We can now publish many more articles than before, and in the longer term we are aiming for 8 to 10 articles for each issue. Special Issues will also become longer, including 8 or more articles. This will considerably change the profile and the potential of the journal.

I have an excellent working relationship with the Wiley team. They are very responsive and very efficient in implementing the necessary changes to the journal.

- Against the odds, we were also able to keep and expand on an important privilege for *Centaurus*: When Claire Neesham announced her resignation, Wiley suggested to do the copy-editing in-house to lower the costs. In contrast, I believe that it is important for *Centaurus* to have a dedicated copy-editor. As the official journal of the ESHS, we attract submissions from authors from a broad geographical region that is linguistically very diverse, and most of the authors do not have English as a first, second or even third language. As a history of science journal, the subjects can be very technical and difficult to understand for someone who is not working in the field. Wiley and I finally agreed that *Centaurus* can keep a dedicated copy-editor, and we were able to hire Margaret Meredith, a professional historian of science with experience in editing, which is fantastic news!

During the first two months, my actions as Editor-in-Chief have been focused on:

- Creating a new editorial team
- Working on a vision for *Centaurus*
- Setting the goals for 2018, 2019 and beyond.
- Learning the *Centaurus* systems (including the different levels of ScholarOne).
- Learning about all the content that is in progress (submitted manuscripts and reports, all four 2018 issues, which are still to be published, and proposals for 2019)
- Making day-to-day decisions and formulating final decisions about submitted articles
- Auditing the journal to identify areas of potential improvement
- Improving key procedures
- Making decisions and actions to consolidate the future of *Centaurus* till 2021.

The new Editorial Team:

Since the summer of 2018, *Centaurus* is being reinvigorated by a new editorial team.

From the start I appointed Jonathan Regier as Assistant Editor. Jonathan is currently focusing on managing the individual submissions of original articles.

At the end of the summer, I invited Noemí Pizarroso López and Mihnea Dobre to become the new Book Review Editors. Noemí is Book Review Editor of *Centaurus* for post-1800 books. Mihnea is Book Review Editor of *Centaurus* for pre-1800 books and will manage the book review process.

Margaret Meredith will work as a freelance copy-editor for the journal. I would like to stress again that Margaret is an experienced copy-editor as well as a historian of science, and we are delighted to have her on board.

We are currently constituting a new editorial board for *Centaurus*.

It is important that the editorial team, consisting of EiC, assistant editor, book review editors and copy-editor, already reflects a diversity of countries, backgrounds, languages, expertise and specialization, and all historical periods from the 16th century onward. This diversity will be strengthened more by the appointment of an editorial board.

A vision for the journal:

Centaurus is the Official Journal of the ESHS, we are very proud of this alliance, and this collaboration should be central to our vision for *Centaurus*. The official purpose of the society is to promote European cooperation in the field of the History of Science understood in the broadest sense. My vision for *Centaurus* is to help realize the ESHS mission. *Centaurus* will give a voice to European Research in the History of Science. *Centaurus* is interested in publishing submissions from all over the world, but as the official

journal of the ESHS, we are actively soliciting results of high quality research executed in relation to the ESHS. Indeed, *Centaurus* should become the place to publish the best work in history of science that is done in Europe, and in this way, it will develop its own style and voice.

In order to truly becoming the official journal of ESHS, *Centaurus* has to widen its scope. The journal has traditionally focused on the natural sciences and mathematics, but it will broaden its focus to the “History of Science understood in the broadest sense” as in the mission of the ESHS. This meant that we will pay special attention to include the history of social sciences, humanities, technology and medicine. Because the history of science cannot survive if it isolates itself on an island, we will also foster interdisciplinary approaches that connect history of science to other disciplines and makes the history of science more visible in academia and beyond. Crucially, *Centaurus* will be open to all kinds of approaches and methodologies practiced in the field, without favoring any of them over the others.

I am also working to create an Editorial Board that reflects EU research landscape: The editorial board will consist of recognized experts with significant publications in international peer-reviewed journals. We are aiming for an editorial board that is diverse in gender, geography, background, historical period, subfield, subject matter and methodology. *Centaurus* is the official journal of the European Society for the History of Science, and aspires to appoint an editorial board that is a fair representation of the European research space in the history of science.

Together with the book review editors, we have formulated an explicit vision for the book reviews that aligns with the mission of the ESHS. The journal will have a special focus on reviewing books that are relevant to the history of science, published in Europe, in any European language. We explicitly aim for a diverse book reviews section, pro-actively soliciting reviews on books published in different European regions, in different languages, by authors from different gender and cultural backgrounds and covering a diversity of periods, disciplines and methodologies. As such, our book reviews contribute to the mission of the ESHS to promote European research and cooperation in the field of the history of science.

Improving procedures:

I have been auditing the journal to identify areas of potential improvement. I am currently focusing on these areas:

- changing the form of the editorial team: before, the EiC worked with 3 associate editors and 1 book review editor. We now have 2 book review editors; an assistant editor; and I am working on constituting an editorial board. Assistant Editors are “functions” in the ScholarOne system and I can invite members from the editorial team, the board or external experts as Assistant Editors. The aim is to have a better turnaround, a broader scope of experts and reviewers, more submissions of individual original articles, and to have the capacity to execute our vision for book reviews.
- Changing and updating the website. Several sections on the website were not updated, underused or confusing, and this is being remedied.
- Starting a Mentorship program. I developed this initiative in the prolongation of the mission of *Centaurus*, promoted by Ida, to help scholars from different backgrounds and seniority to publish internationally.
- Creating new author guidelines (including reviewing the style guide). The new *Centaurus* style, adopted last year, turns out to be inconsistent and will have to be analyzed and

revised. There are also discrepancies between the old style guide and the example articles that need to be harmonized.

- Improving the connections to the ESHS on different levels (see below)
- Advertising *Centaurus* on different media and at conferences.
- Changing internal systems (including the ScholarOne system: e.g. adding and removing functions,...)
- Setting actions and goals for soliciting manuscripts and encouraging individual submissions.
- Revising the procedures for evaluating special issues. This includes better vetting of special issue editors, so we increase the chance that they are committed and will submit a planned special issue.
- Creating procedures for following up more closely the time-lines of special issues, so we avoid delays in publication.
- Better defining the types of publication and adding new types, so the authors know the different ways in which they can contribute. (e.g. defining “spotlight” contributions, adding “survey articles” that review the literature, adding “Book Review Notices”, which are shorter informational book reviews meant to unlock interesting research from Europe that is otherwise difficult to access or read about, etc.)
- Increasing transparency of the journal’s processes.
- Defining a conflict of interest policy & establishing procedures to avoid conflict of interest.
- Offering authors a clear path to publication.

Aims:

A core aim is to initiate an increased collaboration with the ESHS. This is possible by defining a new vision for *Centaurus* in alignment with the ESHS mission. This alignment is also clear in the constitution of the new editorial board; a new book review policy; a new mentorship program; and by broadening the scope of the journal.

I also took an initiative to celebrate the 15 year anniversary of ESHS in *Centaurus*. We will have a special section in which past ESHS presidents write about the origins and first steps of the ESHS and about their experiences with and visions for the society.

Other important aims are:

- to expand and grow the profile of the Journal.
- a faster turnaround (esp. of reviewing).
- more and better submissions.
- making the journal more attractive to publish (e.g. by offering a mentoring program).

The current state of *Centaurus*:

Metrics and data:

There exist no good measures for correctly evaluating the state of a journal, even if several metrics are often cited. One should therefore be careful with interpreting the following data:

Centaurus has an “Impact factor”, which has hovered around 0.5, but the short-term impact factor has plummeted recently.

- The 1 Year Impact Factor is 0.111 in 2017 (compared to 0.280 in 2016)
- The 5 Year Impact Factor is 0.494 in 2017.

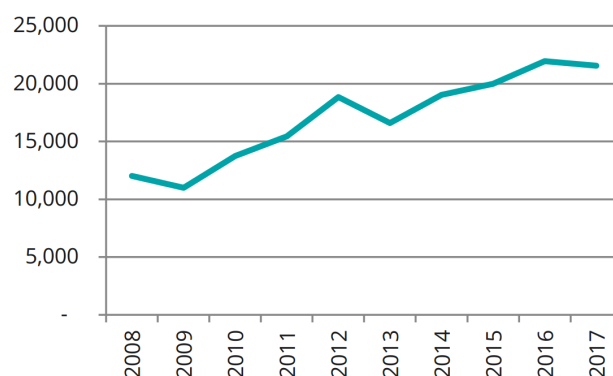
First, it is crucial to note that delays in publication have a big effect on lowering impact factors. The articles will have less time to accumulate citations, resulting in a lower impact factor. (If the publication of issues is 1 full year delayed, this would mean that the 1 Year

Impact factor is 0.) For this reason, the impact factor for 2018 will also be low, as we are several months behind on schedule. But the impact factor is expected to rise dramatically once we are back on schedule.

Second, it is important to understand that the difference in impact factors that are smaller than 1 is mostly just statistical noise. This means that it is not possible to compare journals in the history of science by means of impact factors, because all have an impact factor lower than 1.

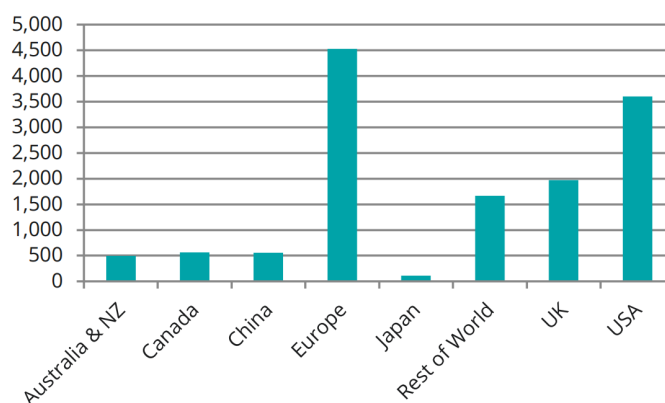
A better measure of the success of the journal are the article download numbers. These have been steadily rising over time. We can expect, especially with the additional effort put into *Centaurus* by the new team, that we will soon reach the mark of 25,000 articles downloaded per year.

Article Downloads: Trends Over Time



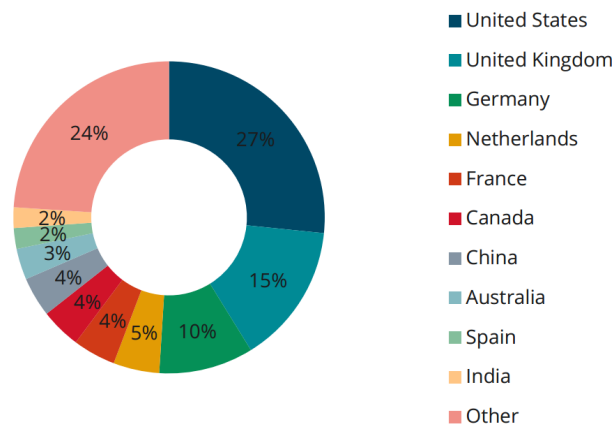
The advantage of publishing *Centaurus* with a major publisher becomes clear when we look closely at the availability of the journal. In 2017, 4,908 institutions offered access to the latest content in *Centaurus* via either a Wiley License or a traditional (title-by-title) subscription. In addition, our philanthropic initiatives extended low-cost or free access to current content in 2017 to 7,669 developing world institutions. *This means that in total 12577 institutions offered access to the articles we publish in Centaurus.*

Global Readership: Article Downloads by Country



The global reach of *Centaurus* is reflected in its readership, as displayed by this chart showing the origin of full text downloads of journal content on Wiley Online Library. Note also the strong concentration of European readers (especially of we include the UK).

Article Downloads by Country



Here we list the breakdown of top countries from which articles in *Centaurus* were downloaded via Wiley Online Library in 2017 and the percentage of total usage each country contributed. All other countries are combined under 'Other'.

Special Issues in progress:

4. Henrique Leitao and Antonio Sanchez Martinez (eds.) *Artisanal Culture and Iberian Science*.
→ final revisions and decisions are being made
5. Marina Loskutova, Marianne Klemun and Anastasia A. Fedotova (eds.) *Skulls and Roses: Natural History Collections and their Meanings in the 18th – 20th Centuries*.
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→ first submissions are being received
7. András Simongáti-Farquhar (submitter), István Rev (ed.) *International Broadcasting: Technology, Knowledge, and Imaginations across Borders*.
→ this special issue is in preparation. Some problems will have to be resolved, mainly due to unclarity relative to the commitment of the special issue editor.

Recent Decisions:

Centaurus in collaboration with the ESHS has accepted two new special issues, the result of calls for special issues in the fall of 2017 and the spring of 2018.

1. Editorship and the Editing of Scientific Journals, c.1750-1950. Guest editors: Aileen Fyfe and Anna Gielas
2. The Periodic System as an icon in chemistry and a typography of science. Guest editors: Annette Lykknes and Brigitte Van Tiggelen

Conclusion:

- *Centaurus* is facing some short term challenges: we need to catch up with delays of the past few years, and we are foreseeing a lack of submissions for 2019, especially given the new expected size of the journal issues. *The whole ESHS membership is called upon to make Centaurus into a strong journal truly representing the best of scholarship in the ESHS.* The editorial team is also working on a turnaround by updating the internal procedures, by making the journal more attractive and by pro-actively soliciting new submissions.
- We have worked already on making the future for 2020 more secure by accepting two new special issues. A new call for special issues will be launched in the coming week.
- There is a lot of goodwill with the Publisher who is willing to make a new start with a new team, and the current spirit and collaboration between the Editorial team and the *Centaurus* Office team are excellent.
- *Centaurus* has big potential going into the future. Given a strengthened collaboration with the ESHS, the support promised by Wiley, and the growth and professionalization of History of Science in Europe, we can expect the journal to grow in the next few years and become the flagship of European history of science.
- There are other long term challenges looming for *Centaurus*, however. The European Commission together with several national funding agencies have just launched an ambitious plan to make academic publications Open Access by 01/01/2020. Currently, *Centaurus* is a hybrid journal, a journal model that will not be accepted anymore, and Open Access fees are too high, at around \$2500, which is not affordable for most *Centaurus* authors. This is not a challenge *Centaurus* faces on itself, of course, as all journals in the history of science will face the same problems. In fact, *Centaurus* has some advantage here, as I am working very closely together with the European Commission and the Open Science community.

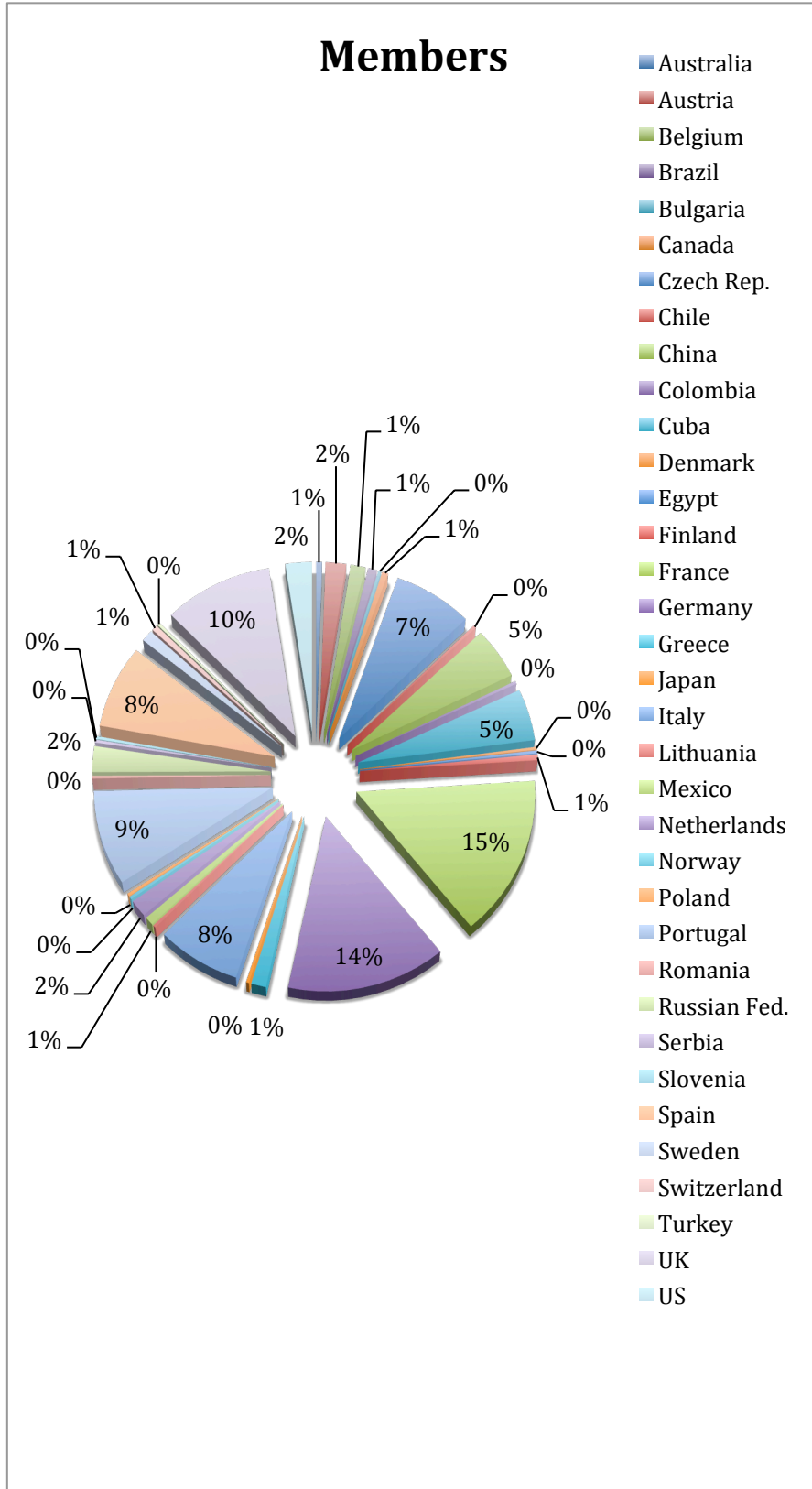
The Editors of *Centaurus*' report is unanimously approved.

9) Secretary's report (Erika Luciano)

During my second term as Secretary, I collaborated with the Council in supporting the Society's on-going projects and research initiatives, in improving the Society's service to its members and in involving members in the life of the Society. Such concerns, directly inspired by the President's and the Council's orientation policies, guided my work, whose main aspects I will briefly illustrate to you hereafter.

First of all, allow me to provide some basic data concerning **membership**, a really challenging issue for our Society. Before the Prague Conference (September 2016), the Society counted 228 members (210 subscriptions to *Centaurus* on-line, and 18 to *Centaurus* print and on-line versions). Through subscriptions to the Prague Conference, about 300 new members joined the ESHS. As a result, it was deemed necessary to create a new mailing list of our members. With the kind collaboration of Viktoria Yemchenko, between September 2016 and December 2016 I thus constructed a new Society database. This proved to be very useful inasmuch as it permitted us to have a better and more nuanced appraisal of the scholarly, professional, geographical, and gender distribution of our members, in addition to offering an efficient instrument to trace new subscriptions, payments of fees, etc. A more detailed analysis of the ESHS membership emerges from the following map of distribution of ESHS members. I limit myself to calling your attention to the tiny but constant increase in the ranks of our Society in these last two

years, and to the presence of members with diverse geographic origins (US, Eastern Europe, China, Arabic world), among whom there are many early career scholars. Today the Society overall counts 657 members.



As a result of such considerable expansion of the ESHS membership, we recognized the importance of monitoring the registration of payments with particular frequency and attention. This also led to the 'unpleasant task' (*ingrato compito*) of pressing our members with reminders about the renewal of their membership. I am really sorry for the overload of mails devoted to this question! The list of members including their fee situation was regularly updated, thanks to the collaboration of Erwin Neuenschwander. I then communicated this list to Erica Cove, Matthew Hunt and Imogen Cobden, in order for them to activate the Wiley Online Library login. As far as this aspect is concerned, some work still needs to be done. In actual fact, the procedure for entering the Society is still quite awkward, since prospective members joining the Society through the website have to wait some time (from a few days to two months) before having his/her fees recorded. In the future, a more efficient system of

application could be designed. For example, the application form could explain that membership becomes effective only after the payment of the dues. Moreover, a more rapid exchange information could be organized between the webmaster, the secretary and the treasurer. Furthermore, in relation to membership and access to *Centaurus* on-line, I am afraid to record that we had to deal with some technical problems. Between October 2016 and January 2017, in fact, a dozen colleagues informed me that they had not received the access-code to *Centaurus* on-line, despite being regular members of the ESHS. With the precious help of Matthieu Husson and Erica Cove, the malfunctioning was promptly resolved.

The organization of some **voting procedures** was strategic in improving the transparency of ESHS action and in actively involving our members. In greater detail, during my second term I supervised three ballots:

1. *Selection Committee appointed to assess the proposals for special issues in Centaurus*. The nomination procedure for this committee was launched in November 2016; the ballot vote took place in January 2017. The following scholars were appointed to serve on this committee: Sabine Arnaud, Massimiliano Badino, Elaine Leong and Simone Turchetti. In November 2017 the Committee was confirmed to select the best issues among those submitted for publication in *Centaurus* 2019 and 2020 volumes.
2. *Neuenschwander Prize*. According to the voting procedure described by our Statutes, I invited all ESHS members to nominate possible recipients and supervised the nominatin procedure. The votes of the first postal ballot were scrutinized in Turin by myself, Silvia Roero and Livia Giacardi on 22 March 2018 (see the relevant *Minutes*, in the paper archives of the ESHS). The second ballot (for the second round) was organized with the help of João Machado who set up an electronic vote using the Election Runner system. The validation of the e-ballot results took place in Lisbon on April 6, and was made by João Machado, in the presence of Ana Simões and Maria Paula Diogo (see the relevant *Minutes*, in the paper archives of the ESHS). The results were sent to the Prize Committee on April 7, 2018. The competition was strong and the awardee was awarded the prize with 6 votes out of 11.
3. *Early Career Invited Lectures*. As you know, since the Prague conference a new type of plenary lectures has been created. The EC lectures aim at presenting an overview of a specialty within the history of science, in which there has been important original contributions in the preceding years. I sent a call to all ESHS members, inviting them to nominate colleagues who could present an overview of a sector of the history of science in a 30-minute plenary lecture. In Summer 2017 I supervised the nomination process. The committee in charge of the selection procedure was composed of Catherine Jami, Maria Rentetzi, Emma Spary and Koen Vermeir. The procedure was concluded in October 2017. Three out of nine proposed talks (Dick, Rampling and Sánchez) were selected.

In addition to voting procedures, members of the ESHS were kept informed through our website on various initiatives for the history of science (forthcoming workshops and conferences, postgraduate programs and fellowship opportunities, job vacancies, call for thematic issues, call for papers, prizes, ...) patronized by individual ESHS members. This kind of **dissemination activity**, in conjunction to the above-mentioned actions, gave me the opportunity to establish a large network of relationships with our members, all over Europe and beyond (more than 1200 mails were exchanged during my second term). I have particularly appreciated this kind of networking, which was very enriching both for

me, and the Society. Until February 2018 the ESHS members had to contact the PR officer and/or me to post news of general interest on the website and, in turn, we forwarded the announcements to the webmaster. From this date onward, a new feature of the website allows members to post announcements directly. The submission forms in the menu “Events & News” have strongly simplified communication and information exchange within the Society as well as outward-bound, and really speeded up the procedure of posting news.

As a part of this dissemination activity I had the pleasure to contribute to the promotion of the journal *Centaurus*. In addition to publication on the ESHS website, I circulated by mail among our members the call for proposals for special issues in 2018-2020 and the list of contents of the latest volumes appeared. Starting with the 2017 *Centaurus* issues, these content alerts have been circulated in a more attractive design, fine-tuned with the help of George Nash, Graham Russel and Renee Takken.

The **meetings of the ESHS** represented very fruitful contexts for working in partnership with the officers and our members. In particular, I cooperated with our Council and the Local Organizing Committee of the **London Conference** to update our members on calls for individual papers, submissions of symposia, deadlines and to advise them on technicalities. Furthermore, I contributed to the preparation of documents (the agenda and draft of the minutes for the General Assembly, the collection of statements by the candidates running for elections and of reports from the officers, the voting sheets, etc.) useful for the present Assembly. The process of communicating to our members about the changes in the statutes on which the council had worked was launched in June 2018. It implied some specific tasks: collecting the list of points for which the members would like an alternative formulation; informing the members about the issues raised by other members, for which specific votes would be needed during the General Assembly; preparing the voting slip on the statutes for this Assembly. Finally, as a member of the Programme Committee for the London Conference, I had the pleasure of contributing to the assessment of the proposed symposia and individual papers submitted for the conference.

Specially rewarding was also the ‘**in-between conference**’ held in Barcelona in October 2017, and focused on the theme *Reaching a Wider Audience for History of Science: The Challenges Ahead*. This meeting offered me new interesting insights into the international situation of our field of studies. I reported on the main issues that emerged in this mid-term meeting (and of course on the preparation of London Conference) in the milieu of the Italian Society of History of Science and of the Italian Society of History of Mathematics.

The last aspect of my commitment as Secretary of the ESHS that I would like to mention is linked to the Society’s archives. We all know that the ESHS was created in France in 2003. However, when I started my term, official documents concerning the life and activity of the Society (Statutes, statements about the changes in the Council, minutes of Council meetings, receipts, etc.) were preserved only in a paper **archive** (7 folders, until now held at the Department of Mathematics of the Turin University). Some of these important documents were in a bad state of conservation. In addition to this tiny handful of paper sources, there were a number of scanned documents circulating somewhat by chance. We thus contacted past presidents and secretaries, and gathered many official documents that were then digitized. Starting from the conviction that the conferences were perhaps the most important contribution that our Society has made to the history of science and that it be our duty to preserve their respective materials, in November 2017

Matthieu Husson and I asked the organizers for copies of the programs and the book of abstracts. All this material was made accessible on our website. Also on this front there is still some work to be done. It would be important to complete (and to organize in a systematic way) the archives of our Society, both as far as conference materials are concerned and with reference to other official documentation, which is still fragmentary regarding the beginnings of the ESHS. Robert Fox kindly offered his help in order to implement the paper archive of the ESHS, and put at our disposal a selection of documents concerning the foundation and the first years of activity. Also, during the last General Assembly in Prague Fabio Bevilacqua and Annette Vogt called attention to the usefulness of gathering photos and pictures of the Society's meetings. The contribution of all members, and especially of those who attended the first meetings of the Society, is asked, in order to construct such an iconographic archive.

The actions of survey and conservation of archival sources have already proven to be useful, when our President and past President needed to declare changes in the Society and especially in the slate of officers to French authorities (Prefecture de police). Among the documents to be produced there was the French translation of the minutes of the General assembly held in Prague, a translation that I revised with the President and the past President.

Finally, I cannot conclude my report without thanking all my colleagues in the Council, the Scientific Board, and the members of the Society for the highly enriching and friendly exchanges that have accompanied both my terms. The ESHS is a society to be proud of. I have been happy to serve it and I wish the ESHS continued success.

The Secretary's report is unanimously approved.

10) Treasurer's report (Erwin Neuenschwander)

Checking Account with Sparkasse Hochrhein (D)

Earnings

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| Total amount in the account at 20 th Sept. 2016 | Euro 16'579.36 |
| Membership fees collected in Prague | Euro 420.00 |
| Membership fees transferred by Congress in Prague | Euro 9'126.00 |
| Membership fees collected 2016 | Euro 25.00 |
| Membership fees collected 2017 | Euro 190.00 |
| Membership fees collected 2018 | Euro 275.91 |
| <i>Total earnings</i> | <i>Euro 26'616.27</i> |

Expenses

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| 19.10.2016 Reimbursement of hotel expenses of Robert Fox, Plenary speaker at the ESHS Conference in Prague | Euro 277.00 |
| 16.12.2016 18 ESHS Member subscription to Centaurus (online and print) | Euro 540.00 |
| 18.01.2018 Payment to Harper James Solicitors for legal support in the Centaurus negotiations | Euro 356.38 |

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| 26.1.2018 Payment to Pascal Bertin for the translation of minutes into French for the French Police | Euro 800.00 |
| Account fees, banking charges etc. | Euro 167.16 |
| <i>Total expenses</i> | <i>Euro 2'140.54</i> |
| <u>Total amount in the account at 13th Sept. 2018</u> | <u>Euro 24'475.73</u> |

Sterling Account (GB) (established by Robert Fox)

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| Total amount in the account at 20 th Sept. 2016 according to Frank James | £ 1'231.70 |
| Payments to Harper James Solicitors for legal support in the Centaurus negotiations | £ 1'078.53 |
| <u>Total amount in the account at 13th Sept. 2018 according to Frank James</u> | £ 153.17 |
| (Invoice still to pay to Harper James Solicitors) | £ 53.64) |

The Treasurer's report is unanimously approved.

On behalf of the two scrutinizers, at 7.05 p.m. Annette Vogt announces the

RESULTS OF THE VOTE FOR CHANGING THE STATUTES OF ESHS

Fifty-seven (57) voting sheets were consigned.

L. Gariboldi voted by proxy, delegating E. Luciano, regular member of the ESHS.

D. Ivanov voted by proxy, delegating D. Bayuk, regular member of the ESHS.

Members were asked to vote on the following five questions.

First Question

ARTICLE VI. POINT 1.

Add as a last sentence: *"A member of the scientific board is allowed to be 'present' by video link or a telephone link, in exceptional circumstances."*

Results:

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| Yes | 48 votes |
| No | 5 votes |
| Abstain | 4 votes |

According to these results, the sentence *"a member of the scientific board is allowed to be 'present' by video link or a telephone link, in exceptional circumstances"* will be added to article VI, point 1.

Second Question

ARTICLE IV. POINT 1.

Ancient formulation: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Newsletter Editor, the PR officer and the Webmaster.”*

First proposition of change: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Web Editor and Communications Officer, the PR officer, the Archivist and the Webmaster.”*

Second proposition of change: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Communications Officer, the PR officer, the Archivist and the Web officer.”*

Results:

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| Keep ancient formulation | 5 votes |
| Keep first proposition of change | 33 votes |
| Keep second proposition of change | 10 votes |
| Abstain | 9 abstain |

According to these results, the formulation of article IV, point 1, will be changed as follows: *“The officers of the Society shall be: (...) the Web Editor and Communications Officer, the PR officer, the Archivist and the Webmaster.”*

Third Question

ARTICLE IV. POINT 9.

Ancient formulation: *“The Webmaster may be reelected an unlimited number of occasions.”*

First proposition of change: *“The Webmaster may be reelected once.”*

Second proposition of change: *“The Webmaster may be reelected twice.”*

Results:

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| Keep ancient formulation | 13 votes |
| Keep first proposition of change | 12 votes |
| Keep second proposition of change | 30 votes |
| Abstain | 2 abstain |

According to these results, the formulation of article IV, point 9, will be changed as follows: *“The Webmaster may be reelected twice.”*

Fourth Question

Choice 1: Uniformising statutes and bylaws with British spelling

Choice 2: Uniformizing statutes and bylaws with US spelling

Results:

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| Choice 1 | 42 votes |
| Choice 2 | 9 votes |
| Abstain | 5 abstain |

According to these results, Statutes and bylaws will be uniformised with British spelling.

Fifth Question

All other changes of Statutes suggested by the Council and Scientific Board.

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| Accept | 47 votes |
| Reject | 1 votes |
| Abstain | 7 abstain |

According to these results, Statutes will be modified in keeping with all the changes suggested by the Council and Scientific Board that have submitted to the members on June 19th.

The procedure of vote on the changes in the Statutes is completed at 7.05 pm.

11) Web Manager's report (Matthieu Husson)

I have had the pleasure to serve the ESHS as webmaster since June 2015. The first task was to build the website. This was achieved in 2016 using the SPIP technology. This open source technology based on a large community of users and developers offer a wide range of options that the ESHS will be able to use as the needs for them appears. We have also started a collaboration with the ENS and the CAPHES in order to have our main server hosted in an institution with an IT team able to maintain it on the long term.

In relation with the Public Relation officer we have worked in order to construct a user-friendly "news and events" section. It now propose different type of forms for any of us to submit information of different kinds that he would like to see posted on the society website. The use of this service by our community is growing. Hundred of post where proposed, published and benefited from the frequentation of the website. Recently I have adapted the website to the new European regulations on personal data. In relation to this, a specific section dedicated to ESHS conference, has also been built to be used by the next local organisation committee. Finally, with the president and past president, I have participated actively to discussion with different institutions in order to shape a European repository of publication for the society members. I have good reason to hope that this fundamental tool for our community will be operational in the coming months.

The website has a fair audience, with an average of 5000 visits per month other the last year. Visits comes mainly from Europe but also from Asia and the American continent (north and south). On average and individual call for paper will be consulted around 200 times while published online. The audience of the website reflect the growing of the society as all.

The Web Manager's report is unanimously approved.

12) Presentation of the candidates for the New Council: vote

Malet projects the statements of the candidates for the New Council and the Scientific Board of the Society and invites the candidates to present themselves. Some copies of the statements are circulated through the people attending the Assembly. Hereafter are reported the texts of the Statements *in extenso*.

Candidacy for President Elect (2020-2022)

Theodore Arabatzis
(nominated by the presidents)

Presentation

Theodore Arabatzis is Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He holds a Diploma in electrical engineering from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and an MA and a PhD in history of science from

Princeton University. He has been awarded fellowships from Princeton, the Dibner Institute for History of Science at MIT, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. His research has focused on the history of physical sciences and on historical philosophy of science. He has published many articles in these areas in international journals and edited collections. He is the author of *Representing Electrons: A Biographical Approach to Theoretical Entities* (University of Chicago Press, 2006), and co-editor of four volumes and two special issues of journals. From 2010 to 2014 he was co-editor of the journal *Metascience*. He has been a member of the steering committee of the European Philosophy of Science Association (2009-2011), and a member of the Integrated HPS Committee (2009-) and its Executive Board (2015-2018). He is a founding member of the Research Centre for the Humanities (RCH, <https://www.rchumanities.gr/en/founding-members/>). In 2017 he was awarded the IUHPST Essay Prize in History and Philosophy of Science by the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, for his essay entitled “What’s in it for the historian of science? Reflections on the value of philosophy of science for history of science”. His full CV can be found at <http://scholar.uoa.gr/tarabatz/biocv>

Statement

I am honored to be nominated for President of the ESHS, a society which is crucial for the future of our field in Europe and whose past Presidents include distinguished scholars. Since its founding, the Society has made tremendous progress in expanding its membership, in organizing conferences of steadily increasing quality, in supporting its official journal, in cultivating its relations with other cognate societies, and in offering younger scholars a host of lecturing opportunities, fellowships, and prizes. As President-elect I will work together with the President and the past President to consolidate and expand upon these significant achievements.

Having organized major conferences (e.g., as vice-chair of the organizing committee of the European Philosophy of Science Association Conference in 2011 and as chair of the organizing committee of the Fourth Conference on Integrated History and Philosophy of Science in 2012), I have the requisite experience to undertake, together with the President and the past President, the organization of the next conferences of ESHS. Having acquired considerable experience from my co-editorship of *Metascience*, I can also contribute to the further development of *Centaurus*, which, in addition to publishing excellent research articles, may turn into a forum for historiographical exchanges and debates of relevance to history of science in a European context.

A significant part of my energy and scholarly work has focused on strengthening the ties between history of science and philosophy of science. The days when philosophy of science pontificated on the ideal characteristics of science are largely (and happily) over and, as I have argued elsewhere, there are many areas of contemporary philosophy of science that can be brought to bear on historiographical issues and concerns. In this vein I will work towards cultivating relations between the ESHS and other groups, such as the Integrated History and Philosophy of Science Committee (&HPS), History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS), and Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP), whose mission has been to support historiographically sensitive and socially relevant philosophical reflection on the sciences.

Finally, and in my capacity as a founding member of RCH, I will work towards consolidating and strengthening the position of European history of science within the wider landscape of the Humanities in Europe.

Candidacies for Secretary

Darya Drozdova

(nominated by D. Bayuk)

Deputy director of the School of Philosophy at the humanities department
of the National Research University “Higher School of Economic”
(Moscow, Russia)

I was trained as astrophysicist at Moscow State University (state diploma, 2001), then I studied philosophy at Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (canonical license, 2005). My PhD dissertation was dedicated to Alexandre Koyré’s conception of the Scientific Revolution (defended at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012). Since 2013 I have been teaching history of philosophy, history of science and philosophy of science at Higher School of Economics (Moscow) where I currently keep the position of deputy director of the School of Philosophy. During last five years I am a member of the European Society for the History of Science, the International Society for History of Philosophy of Science and Russian Society for History and Philosophy of Science. My research interests include the history of the Early Modern science and philosophy, philosophy of social sciences, network analysis, scientific and philosophical applications of thought experiments. My current research project is related to the historical interaction of real and thought experiments as types of argumentation in pre- and post-Galilean science in Italy.

My aims as Secretary of the ESHS:

- to involve ESHS members to regular participation in Society’s life (voting, information exchange, etc.) not only during Biannual conferences but also between them;
- to facilitate information distribution among ESHS members through new digital forms of communication (facebook, twitter, telegram-channels, blogs and others);
- to promote the ESHS among Russian-speaking historians of science; to create a formal connection between the ESHS and the Russian Society for History and Philosophy of Science;
- to continue an effort of the previous Secretary for digitalization of documents related to history and current functioning of the ESHS.

Simone Turchetti

(nominated by the presidents)

Presentation

Simone Turchetti is a senior lecturer in the history of science and technology at the renowned Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM) of the University of Manchester (Manchester, United Kingdom). His research interests include the history of international scientific relations with special emphasis on the physical and environmental sciences. He is the author of two monographs (*The Pontecorvo Affair*, 2012, and *Greening the Alliance*, 2018, University of Chicago Press), has co-edited two collections (*The Surveillance Imperative*, 2014, and *Science Studies during the Cold War*, 2016, Palgrave), and published extensively in peer-reviewed international journals. He is a former ERC grantee (*The Earth Under Surveillance*, TEUS, 2009-2014) and is currently a lead investigator in the Horizon 2020 project *Inventing a shared Science Diplomacy for*

Europe, InsSciDE, 2018-2021. He has been active in a variety of European research networks (Young Academy of Europe, ESOF) and contributed to organize the 2013 international history of science congress (ICHSTM) in Manchester. More recently he has contributed to set up a new Historical Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy (Division of History of Science and Technology, DHST) that was established on the occasion of the 2017 International Congress in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

Statement

I am an international scholar interested in the growth of our scholarly community. Two years ago I put myself forward for the ESHS scientific board because I was deeply impressed by the society's statement (which I signed) regarding recent political developments in Europe and especially Brexit. As an Italian citizen living and working in the UK, I am persuaded that our chances to fortify our community and retain professional stability greatly depend on how successful we are in countering the disintegration forces currently at work in our countries and threatening international collaboration. I praised the ESHS efforts to strengthen relations with other international societies and the joint biannual meeting with the BSHS exemplifies the merits of this approach. If elected as secretary I would work towards increasing the society's opportunities for networking internationally, in line with the President Elect's statement made in Prague two years ago and in collaboration with the new Public Relations officer. As the interim president of the Historical Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy I am already active in networking with scholars from other continents. If elected I would also seek to further extend the excellent work of my predecessor in facilitating members' access to the society's activities (especially with regards to the society's journal *Centaurus*). In terms of practical initiatives to improve the society's modus operandi and day-to-day running, I would work towards the scheduling (or "calendarization") of the society's main activities to be announced and implemented between general meetings, so as to promote awareness about the society's work and increase participation. Reaching more widely to other groups internationally and facilitating access to the society's initiatives would certainly have a positive impact on the society, especially in terms of memberships. To sum up I would be delighted to put my experience at the service of the society and be of assistance in reaching its ambitious objectives.

Candidacy for Public Relation Officer

Erika Luciano

(nominated by the presidents)

Department of Mathematics, University of Turin, Italy

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Turin, September 3rd, 2018

Dear President and Members of the General Assembly,

With this letter I offer my services to the European Society for the History of Science for the position of Public Relations officer.

My permanent academic affiliation is with the University of Turin in the Department of Mathematics, where I have been associate professor of History of Mathematics (Complementary Mathematics sector) since 2015. My research focuses on the history of mathematics, with special regard to the dynamics of construction, transmission and socialization of tacit and explicit knowledge from international, national and local

perspectives. The research ranges from the history of Italian 'schools' of mathematics, directed by Segre and Peano, to the history of mathematics education, social and gender history. My interests are increasingly dedicated to the study of relationships between science and power, and in particular to the phenomenon of racial persecution and emigration of Italian mathematicians and scientists in the period 1938-1945.

In the last four years I have had the pleasure to serve the ESHS as secretary (2014-2018) and I added to these tasks those of PR officer (since April 2018), to cope with the resignation of the person who assumed this position until the next General Assembly. In both positions I have had the opportunity to follow - and to some extent to contribute to - the efforts of the society's presidents and scientific board in building the society and highlighting its identity through the organization of the international biannual and in-between conferences, the promotion of the journal *Centaurus*, the reform of the society's statutes (the discussion of which proved an interesting public relations exercise), etc. At the beginning of my first term, I thought that the existence of a European society for the history of science was a fact to be merely taken for granted. At the eve of the end of my service, I am afraid to say that many political events remind me daily - and remind all of us - that the ambitious aims of the Society to foster European integration and unity remain a goal to be reached. Serving the ESHS as PR officer is therefore not only a stimulating intellectual adventure, but above all a duty, an activity which I intend to undertake with strong commitment and a true sense of responsibility.

I now take the liberty to submit to your attention some possible targets of my action.

As Public Relations Officer I would very much look forward to supporting the Society in continuing its on-going projects and research initiatives.

Specifically, I am very excited about the idea of establishing an ESHS Committee for Education, as proposed by the President A. Malet in November 2016. It would be an honour to be part of this and to thus collaborate in the achievement of one of the main goals of the ESHS: to assist and advise on the teaching of history of science in Europe and beyond. In order to promote a closer retrieval and richer exchange of information regarding educational tools, experiences, and curricula in history of science in Europe and beyond I would be happy to create a survey of graduate courses of history of science at each level (secondary, undergraduate, and postgraduate education), which could be usefully added to the existing resources of our website. One area in which I could be of help is organizing a forum for discussions and exchange of information on these issues, thanks to the collaboration of our network of correspondents, and seeking the partnership of other national and international societies and organizations in the field (e.g. ESERA, HPM, etc.). I deem that such an initiative could also lead to the drafting of documents of interest for the Society at large, eventually including recommendations that could be passed on to national committees or educational institutions.

With the aim of cooperating with the Newsletter editor in rendering the site an even more efficient tool, I commit myself to the project of thinking up new ways to sustain the cooperative atmosphere within our community. For example, special sections of the website could be created to post news and information about prizes, awards, archival research projects, season schools and teaching projects in history of science, and to moderate petitions. As a quite young scholar myself, I deem that the efforts we have made to shape a network of young scholars who contribute to the site by serving as correspondents from various countries across and beyond Europe, are absolutely essential and should be pursued and intensified. In particular I can put at ESHS's disposal

my own network of contacts with young historians of science and science education in Italy, Scandinavia and South America.

I would be happy to maintain and intensify existing links with the national societies and other local institutions in collaboration with the Newsletter editor. For example, as a member of the councils of the Italian Society of History of Science and the Italian Society of History of Mathematics, and thanks to my experience of international partnerships I hope to be able to strongly propagate the ESHS mission. I would be even more delighted to assist the Society in achieving the closest possible collaboration with Italian societies and institutions should Bologna be chosen to host our biennial conference in 2020.

Finally, working for our Society in these last few years has helped me to understand in detail its structure and activities. I would be glad to continue taking part in the life of ESHS and to support its duties and values.

I thank you for your attention, and regard it an honour to be considered as a candidate for the position of Public Relations officer.

Candidacy for Newsletter Officer

Brigitte Van Tiggelen

(nominated by the presidents)

It is with great pleasure that I accept the nomination as a candidate for the Council of the ESHS.

I witnessed the very beginnings of the European Society for the History of Science and was on the scientific board for the first Maastricht conference in 2004. It was then a crucial and timely move to put the European community of history of science on the map and create a specific venue for this community. One of the first effect was to connect productive and lively communities from European countries that had less access to the dominant Anglo-Saxon venues or research output – and all that, notwithstanding, with the use of English for our ESHS!

I have participated regularly to meetings since the Athens edition in 2012, as attendee or speaker/session organizer, and it was striking what had been accomplished in less than ten years. From the start, the ESHS was a very vibrant community, but it has grown much wider, in terms of attendance to the conference, in terms of topics of sessions, and last but not least, in the inclus participation from European and non-European countries.

The ESHS has also grown tremendously in terms of ambitions and impact, with a prize for confirmed historians of science, a respected journal, and lately the continuous development of actions for the younger scholars in the job market that is increasingly tense.

The fact that non-Europeans feel this is place to be and present their research demonstrates that the ESHS is now well anchored in the history of science world. The globalized scene of history of science calls indeed for a local European representativeness and identity, but also an ability to relate to the rest of the world. If elected on the Council, I would like to focus on the strengthening of external relations, be it international or outside of our community (for instance the scientists themselves).

As to me, I'm specialized in the history of chemistry and work with the Science History Institute, formerly the Chemical Heritage Foundation, in Philadelphia, for their European Operations. I chair the Commission for the History of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences, a Commission of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science / Division of History of Science and Technology (IUHPS/DHST). I am also the chair of the historical

division of the European Chemical Society, which brings me into close contact with the chemical community.

In Belgium, I'm the founder and chair of Mémosciences, a non for-profit organization that aims at conveying history of science to science teachers and the general learned public. Under my presidency of the Centre National d'Histoire des Sciences, hosted at the Royal Library (KBR) in Brussels, the team initiated workshops for school on themes from the history of science.

It is my strong belief that the survival and the development of whatever entity depends on its ability to exchange and collaborate with its environment. The environment of the ESHS is multiple, be it in terms of national and international history of science communities, but also in terms of the wide spectrum of the communities that could or should be involved. And this is precisely what makes this community unique and so valuable to human society.

Brigitte Van Tiggelen, September 5 2018

Candidacies for Scientific Board Institutional Members

Maria Paula Diogo

(nominated by the Center for the History of Science and Technology, University of Lisbon - New University of Lisbon)

As member of the Scientific Board I will focus my attention on the relationship between History of Science and History of Technology in order to strengthen and enlarge the common territory of the two sister areas. Being an historian of technology myself and having pioneered the field in Portugal, I had always very strong ties with my fellow historians of science and we collaborate on a regular basis in both fields. This proved to be an added value to the growth and assertion of the Portuguese community of historians of science and technology and I believe that the same will happen in the broader European context.

I have a long experience in serving in other societies, namely SHOT – Society for the History of Technology, ICOHTEC – International Committee for the History of Technology, research networks, such as ToE – Tensions of Europe, STEP - Science and Technology in the European Periphery, and INES – International Network of Engineering Studies, and research units.

I am currently Head of CIUHCT – Interuniversity Center for the History of Science and Technology, one of the two ESHS's institutional members. CIUHCT aims at asserting the relevance of History of Science and Technology in building citizenship and European identity and in tackling major contemporary problems. As leading research unit in the field, CIUHCT is preparing 4 volumes on the History of Science and Technology in Portugal and, on the international level, it participates in relevant pedagogical and scientific projects.

I believe that both my experience and the networks in which I participate are an important asset to ESHS and will contribute to make it stronger and more influential in a changing, sometimes fragile, European context. I look forward to work closely with the ESHS Officers and particularly with the President Ana Simões, and with the other members of the Scientific Board, as well as with all other members of our society.

Presentation

Maria Paula Diogo (Lisbon, 1958) is Full Professor of History of Technology at the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, where she teaches since 1986.

Her research focuses on the History of Technology and Engineering in Portugal and Colonies (19th and early 20th century) and on the processes of globalization of science and technology, particularly concerning knowledge transfer (circulation and appropriation), networks, and relationship between centers and peripheries. Additionally she is also interested in studying how Portuguese engineering built its professional identity and how it interacted with different political agendas.

Currently she leads the Portuguese research project Engineering the Anthropocene: Colonial Science, Technology and Medicine and the changing of the African landscape, which follows a set of previous research projects on Science, Technology and Empire. In this context she participated in the Anthropocene Campus events in Berlin (2014, 1016, Haus der Kulturen der Welt and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science) and co-organized the Anthropocene Campus Philadelphia (2017, Drexel University, USA), being one of the seminar leaders. She is Work Task leader and Work Package leader in several H2020 research projects.

She is co-founder of the first truly open access online HoST (De Gruyter) created in 2007, and of the Journal of Engineering Studies (Taylor and Francis), and in both cases she was member of their Editorial Board until 2017. She is also a founding member of international research networks and served in the Scientific Committees of both the networks and main societies of the field.

She has published extensively in reputed international journals and she is author, co-author and co-editor of several books and chapters of books Her most recent co-authored book, Europeans Globalizing: Mapping, Exploiting, Exchanging, (London/New York, Palgrave Macmillan 2016) is part of the Making Europe: Technology and Transformations book series (6 volumes), which was awarded the Freeman Prize by the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST).

Clara Florensa

(nominated by the Catalan Society for the History of Science)

PhD, Escoles Universitàries Gimbernat Centre d'Història de la Ciència (UAB)

I am tenured lecturer of History of Science, Applied Physics and Scientific Methodology at the Escoles Universitàries Gimbernat and member of the Centre for History of Science of the Autonomous University of Barcelona. My research deals with science during Franco's dictatorship in Spain (1939-1975), with especial interest in the construction of scientific discourses that circulated in the public sphere in that period and the co-production of science and francoism. In general, I am interested in the historical relations between science and politics, science and ideology and science and religion. Regarding my work inside history of science societies, I have been deeply engaged with the Catalan Society for History of Science since I started my MA in History of Science: I have been coordinator of the Seminars Commission since 2012, Member of the board since 2013 and I am now vice-president of this Society, since 2017. I would like to contribute to the Scientific Board of the ESHS with this experience and my commitment with the promotion and communication of the History of Science.

Candidacies for Scientific Board**Individual Members****Qi Han**

(nominated by D. Bayuk and B. Zhang)

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HAN Qi received a PhD degree from the Institute for the History of Natural Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1991. Since 2000, he has served as a professor at the same institute, and in 2015 he became the deputy-director. His main research field is East-West cultural exchanges from the seventeenth to twentieth century, especially the transmission of Western science in China during the Kangxi and Qianlong reigns. He has published seven books and about one hundred articles in Chinese, English, French and Japanese in various academic journals and proceedings, dealing with the social history of scientific knowledge and the spread of Western science in China. He was the former vice-president of the International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine and now serves as the editor-in-chief of the *Ziran kexueshi yanjiu* (Studies in the history of natural sciences) and member of the editorial board of the *Archive for History of Exact Sciences*, *Annals of Science* and *Historia Scientiarum*.

Statement

I work at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, on the history of science in China. I do social history of mathematics, and more generally history of science in early modern and modern times. I studied European Jesuits' introduction of mathematics and astronomy into China, the reactions of Chinese scholars to what they called "Western science", and the compilation of an Imperial encyclopedia in its social and political context.

I am an archive person. I have spent several years in Europe, the USA and East-Asia, working in libraries and archives to find new documents which changed our understanding of the history of contacts between China and Europe. I have received invitations from different academic institutions in America, Europe, and some East Asian countries, and in the year 2000 I was a member at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. Besides personal research, I have also served the discipline, through running research projects, advising young scholars and serving as vice president of learned societies in my field, in China and at the international level.

My research bridges East and West. If I were elected as a member of scientific board, I would set me the task of intensifying the linkages of ESHS with Chinese historians of science. I believe that the cooperation between the historians of science in Europe and East Asia will contribute to a better mutual understanding of scholars worldwide.

Frank James

(nominated by the presidents)

Frank James is Professor of the History of Science at the Royal Institution and University College London. His main research concentrates on the physical sciences in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and how they relate to other areas of society and culture, for example art, business, media, religion, technology and the military. He edited the 'Correspondence of Michael Faraday', published in six volumes between 1991 and

2012, and a number of essay collections including 'The Common Purposes of Life' – a set of essays on the Royal Institution'. His 'Michael Faraday: A Very Short Introduction' was published in 2010 by OUP who the following year also published his sesquicentenary edition of Faraday's 'Chemical History of a Candle'. His current research is on the practical work of Humphry Davy, including his work on nitrous oxide, agricultural chemistry, mineralogy, the miners' safety lamp, analysis of ancient Roman pigments and his attempts to unroll chemically the papyri excavated from Herculaneum.

He has been President of the British Society for the History of Science, the Newcomen Society for the History of Engineering and Technology, the History of Science Section of the British Science Association and is currently chair of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry. He was chair of the National Organising Committee for the XXIVth International Congress for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine held in Manchester in July 2013. He was elected a Member of the Academia Europaea in 2012; he is also a Membre Effectif of the Académie internationale d'histoire des sciences and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers.

A member of the Council of the European Society for the History of Science since 2012, he has co-ordinated the programme of ESHS2018.

Roberto Lalli

(nominated by L. Gariboldi)

Roberto Lalli is a historian of modern physical sciences whose work focuses on the interaction of epistemic and social factors the history of twentieth-century physics, He received a M.Sc degree in Physics in 2007 and a PhD in International History in 2011, both at the University of Milan. From 2011 to 2013, he pursued research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as the recipient of the Postdoctoral Fellowship in History of Modern Physical Sciences for the Program on Science, Technology, and Society. Since 2013, he has been a Research Scholar in Department I of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, and since 2017 he is also Visiting Scholar in the Research Program on the History of the Max Planck Society.

He has published extensively on the interconnections between theory and experiments in the reception of the theory of special relativity, the post-WWII development of general relativity, the reception of quantum physics in industrial laboratories and, more recently, the history of infrastructures related to the practice of physics, such as journals and institutions, addressing the impact of cultural and social dynamics on the production of new knowledge in physics. His papers have been published in major peer-reviewed journals in the history of science and physics, such as *Annals of Science*, *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, *Notes and Records: the Royal Society journal of the history of science*, *Isis*, *Annalen der Physics*, and *Nature Astronomy*. His first monograph, which deals with the history of the international community of scientists working on general relativity during the Cold War, was published by Springer in 2017 has so far receive very positive reviews. He is currently elaborating new methodologies based on the concepts and tools of the network theory in order to jointly analyze the evolution of scientific knowledge in physics, the creation of transnational scientific communities, and the developments of scientific institutions.

During his career, Roberto Lalli has become increasingly involved in a number of research communities in Europe and the US and has acquired considerable experience in research management as on of the main coordinators of an inter-institutional research program on the post-WWII history of general relativity since 2014. In this capacity, he has been one of

the organizers of a large conference held in Berlin in 2015 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of formulation the theory of general relativity. Since his PhD studies, his international network has constantly expanded following short or long visits to numerous institutions, and has received fellowships and grant-in-aids from the Center for History of Physics of the American Institute of Physics (3 times form 2010 to 2016) California Institute of Technology Archives (2013), Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (2017).

He has been invited more than fifteen times to present his research in international conferences, workshops, seminars in Europe, including the Sphere Seminar in Paris, the Niels Bohr Archive History of Science Seminars in Copenhagen, the Forschungskolloquium zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte at the Technische Universität Berlin, annual conferences of the Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy, and annula conferences of the Italian Physical Society. This year, he will serve as invited plenary speaker at the III International Conference on History of Physics in San Sebastian. He is very active member of various societies in the history of science and physics including the ESHS, the HSS, the Italian Society for the History of Science, and Italian Society for the History of Physics and Astronomy, Italian Physical Society, European Physical Society. In 2016 he has been elected member of the Physical Sciences Forum of the HSS. He has co-organized various sessions in major conferences of scientific societies in the history of science including the European Society for the History of Science, and the History of Science Society.

Adéla Jůnová Macková

(nominated by M. Sekyrková)

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CAREER HISTORY

10/12–01/13 London School of Economics, research project: Czechoslovak export to Iran 1918–1939.

09/05–09/12 PhD studies, Institute of Economic and Social History of the Faculty of Arts, Prague. Main research interest in Czechoslovak foreign relations with countries of the Middle East in 1918–1938, and history of Czechoslovak scientific institutions and scientists.

09/01–01/04 Studies of History (Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Prague). Thesis focused on Czechoslovak-Egyptian economic and diplomatic relations in context of interwar development and international relations with the Powers.

09/99–09/00 Studies of History (Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Prague).

09/96–09/99 Studies of History and Egyptology (Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Prague). Research interest in history of Egyptology and Czechoslovak “Orientalism”

QUALIFICATIONS

09/12 Ph.D. in Economic History, Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Prague

01/04 Diploma in History, Faculty of Arts of Charles University, Prague (equivalent to M. A.)

06/13 Researcher. The Masaryk Institute and Archive of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

03/13–06/13 Researcher. Department of Historical Bibliography, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

10/12–01/13 Fellowship, London School of Economics, London

01/09–12/12 Research project: Czechoslovak scholars in the Orient
02/10–01/11 Researcher, The National Museum Archives, Prague
01/08–12/09 Research project: Czechoslovak relations with Iran. Vlasta Kálalová
Di-Lotti in Baghdad 1925–1932
04/07–12/08 Archive researcher Institute for Egyptology. Faculty of Arts, Charles
University, Prague
01/05–12/06 Archivist, Czech Centre of Egyptology. Faculty of Arts, Charles University,
Prague
01/03–12/05 Research project: Czech travellers in the Orient

Membership of Professional Bodies

ASTENE – Association for the Study of Travel to Egypt and Near East, UK
Egypt and Austria, Austria
ESHS – European Society for the History of Science

Adela Junova Mackova works as a researcher in Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Dept. History of Czech Academy of Sciences). She is involved in a couple of research grant projects – History of Ethnology in Czechoslovakia 1945–1980, Habitus of Czech Scholars in the 20th century; History of the Oriental Institute. She has got experiences in organising international meetings and conferences as well as in preparing conference volumes. She is an executive editor of scientific journal *Studies in the History of the Academy of Sciences*. As a member of a scientific board she would like to involve in taking care of younger scholars, mainly in creating a net that would enable them to take part at ESHS conferences and specially to publish their lectures in scientific magazines abroad. The second important aim of her work should be preparing interconnections of projects between central European Academies of Sciences.

Pietro Omodeo

(nominated by A. Malet)

I would like to submit my application as a member of the scientific board of the European Society of the History of Science.

I am a professor of history and philosophy of science at Ca' Foscari University of Venice and principal investigator of the ERC endeavor "Institutions and Metaphysics of Cosmology in the Epistemic Networks of Seventeenth-Century Europe".

My fields of historical research are science, philosophy, and literature in early modernity. My work encompasses the ontological and epistemological premises of medieval and early-modern natural philosophy and science up to the rise of mechanical visions of the world. I have investigated the history of cosmology and physics, in particular post-Copernican astronomy, early mechanics, and physico-mathematics. My inquiry into the history of science expands upon the wide cultural interconnections of early scientific debates as well as upon their socio-institutional embedment.

Besides my competences as an early modernist, I also bring to the scientific board my vital interest in the connection between science and politics, in particular the inquiry of the collective praxis underlying the scientific endeavour. My take on historical epistemology is enriched by a political perspective along Gramscian lines of investigation.

My publications include:

Copernicus in the Cultural Debates of the Renaissance: Reception, Legacy, Transformation (Leiden 2014);

the co-edited the volume (with Karin Friedrich), *Duncan Liddel (1561–1613): Networks of Polymathy and the Northern European Renaissance* (Leiden 2016);
the coauthored work (with Jürgen Renn), *Science in Court Society: Giovanni Battista Benedetti's Diversarum speculationum mathematicarum et physicarum liber (Turin, 1585)* (Berlin, 2018);
Political Epistemology: The Problem of Ideology in Science Studies (Dordrecht, accepted/in press).

The Elections are opened at 7.15 p.m. The secretary gathers the sheets and delivers the box to E. Callapez. The scrutinisers withdraw to count the votes.

13) Presentation of the recipients of the early scholar grants

On behalf of Frank James who left the Assembly, Chemla informs the members that the ESHS offered to fund a competition for 10 early career scholars attending the London Conference. The competition has been organized by the Local Organizing Committee. Chemla hopes that in the next future the number of these scholarships could be increased.

14) A preliminary assessment of the London Conference

On behalf of Frank James, Malet briefly illustrates a preliminary assessment of the London Conference. More than 700 scholars, coming from at least 20 countries all over Europe and beyond, attended the meeting. In addition to the plenary lecture by the President Elect, A. Simões, to the three early-career scholars' plenary lectures by Stephanie Dick, Jennifer M. Rampling and Antonio Sánchez and to the plenary lecture given by R. Fox, awarded of the Neuenschwander Prize, 67 symposia, 36 sessions for stand-alone papers and 7 roundtables have been organized. More than 600 papers have been submitted. The Local organizing committee, the Scientific committee and the Officers of the ESHS have worked in an atmosphere of authentic solidarity and collegiality. The emergence of a European community in the History of Science, and the development of an enthusiasm for it, have been clearly felt by people attending the London Conference. According to all the presents, the conference was very successful and productive. Malet ask the members' feedback and opens the discussion. Some members wish for a greater duration of the next conferences (for example four full days). A member suggests including in the program the names of the speakers, the titles of their talks and an index of names, in order to facilitate attendance at the various sessions. A member suggests thinking about the possibility to offer a financial support to retired or independent scholars willing to attend the ESHS conferences. A member invites organising future conferences in neighbouring venues, in order to facilitate the transfer of delegates among different sessions and symposia.

15) Towards the Bologna 2020 Conference: vote

On behalf of the Società Italiana di Storia della Scienza (SISS) and the CIS (Centre for the History of Universities and Science at the University of Bologna (which hosts the largest group of historians of science in Italy) Ezio Vaccari presents the proposal to host the 9th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science at the University of Bologna in late Summer 2020.

Bologna is one of the major centers for the study of the history of science in Italy, and this distinguished tradition goes back a long time. Since the later Middle Ages Bologna has been at the core of significant developments in European medicine, natural philosophy, mathematics, astronomy and a wide spectrum of other emerging scientific disciplines.

Over the centuries, the city and its university have collected and preserved a vast amount of documentation that traces the practice and evolution of these disciplines within a variety of institutional and civic contexts. As a result, Bologna can praise itself for hosting some of the richest archives for the history of science and medicine in Europe. The anatomical teaching of Mondino de' Liuzzi in the 14th century, the birth of one of the first proper scientific museums through the legacy of Ulisse Aldrovandi, and the development of mechanical philosophy around Marcello Malpighi are only three of the many scientific achievements associated with the city and its university that have attracted international scholars. By the late 19th century Bologna hosted the first chairs in the history of medicine and mathematics, and immediately after the process of Italian unification it became one of the leading universities where different traditions in the historiography of science first developed in Italy. These traditions, now open to global influences, have continued to flourish to this day.

The CIS has a longstanding experience in organizing international conferences, seminars and summer schools and the congress of the ESHS 2020 will provide a great opportunity to host a larger meeting.

Theme: The theme we propose for the meeting is “**Visual and Sensory Cultures of Science**,” a very broad and inclusive topic, which has never been the focus of previous meetings of the ESHS. Sessions and talks might address, among other topics, the history of the relationship between the visual arts and the sciences across nations, periods, and historiographies; visual epistemologies and the cultural practice of thinking scientifically with images; and the relationship between different media (print, photography, digital imaging, etc.) and scientific disciplines in various social, political, and economic contexts. Given the developments of the discipline in the past twenty years, we see this theme as particularly topical and capable of generating broad historical questions at the same time. Italian historiography of science has a well-defined tradition in the visual studies of science – now well represented by the journal *Nuncius*.

A ESHS meeting in Bologna focused on the proposed theme will provide ample opportunity to take stock and reflect on the “visual turn”, its strengths and weaknesses, but also its relationship with competing or overlapping historiographical trends such as the material and global history of science, medicine and technology.

Venue: The main venue would be the University complex of Via Belmeloro, which will host most of the facilities that will be used during the conference. Other University institutions such as the Istituto Superiore di Studi Umanistici (via Marsala 26); the Accademia delle Scienze (Via Zamboni 31), and the CIS at the Department of Philosophy and Communication of the University of Bologna, (via Zamboni 38) will be also contacted.

Organising Team: The meeting would be organized by Bologna's CIS and the members of the SISS executive committee. Marco Beretta and Ezio Vaccari will coordinate the staff. The local organisers at Bologna would be also seeking the collaboration with other Departments and Institutions of the University of Bologna, i.e. the Dipartimento delle Arti, Dipartimento di Beni Culturali, Dipartimento di Filologia classica e Italianistica, Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile, Chimica, Ambientale e dei Materiali, Dipartimento di Matematica, Dipartimento di Storia Culture Civiltà, the Accademia delle Scienze, the Museo di Palazzo Poggi, the Biblioteca Universitaria, the Biblioteca dell'Archiginnasio.

Collaboration and Sponsorship: CIS and SISS would co-ordinate collaboration and support from a wide range of societies, groups and institutions dedicated to the study and promotion of the various sub-fields of the history of science, technology, and medicine in Italy, as well as from possible sponsorship by public and private bodies or companies.

Date: Considering the University Calendar and other events in the city, the most suitable time for hosting such an event is the end of summer. We propose therefore that the meeting takes place **between August 31-September 3, 2020**

Timetable:

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| Submission of session proposal opens | 1 st October 2019 |
| Submission of sessions proposal closes 23.59GMT | 22 November 2019 |
| Submission of individual paper proposals opens | 23 November 2019 |
| Acceptance/rejection of session proposals announced | 13 January 2020 |
| Submission of individual papers proposals closes at 23.59GMT | 19 February 2020 |
| Acceptance/rejection of individual paper proposals announced | 16 April 2020 |
| Draft programme published and opening of registration | 17 April 2020 |
| Early bird registration closes | 15 June 2020 |
| Final deadline for registration | 16 July 2020 |
| Draft final programme issued | 17 July 2020 |
| Publication of final programme | 27 July 2020 |

Location: Most of the sessions will be held on the lecture halls of the University complex of Via Belmeloro or in other facilities offered by the University in the near buildings. The University site in the historic centre of Bologna and 20 min. walk from the central station

Accommodation: There are several hotels near the conference hall (a.o. Hotel Accademia <https://www.hotelaccademia.com/>, Hotel University <https://www.hoteluniversitybologna.it/> and Hotel San Donato). There are several excellent options to book flats and rooms via Airbnb.it. For graduate students there might be the possibility to book a room in the University Student hostels: Er.go (<https://serviziengo.er-go.it/vetrina/suc.php>);

We_Bologna (<http://www.we-gastameco.com/en/hostel-bologna/>);

Il Nosadillo (<https://www.3bnb.it/en/il-nosadillo-hostel-in-the-center-of-bologna>).

The General Assembly unanimously votes in favor of hosting the next ESHS conference in Bologna in 2020.

Catering: Coffees and teas would be provided as part of the registration fee. There will be a conference dinner as a separate item on the registration form.

Visits: As mentioned above, Bologna has an impressively rich past as “city of science”. It thus houses resources and places that are rather unique and particularly relevant to historians of science. Such sites include the Museum of Art and Science of Palazzo Poggi (hosting parts of the original Aldrovandi collection, various early modern physical and military instruments, and the famous 18th-century anatomical wax models), the Palace of the Archiginnasio (now a library, the first building in Europe explicitly meant to host a university, which hosts a spectacular anatomical theater), the University Library, the Museo Civico, and the Botanic Gardens. It is intended that visits would be arranged to these and other locations; all these would be optional and delegates would be charged separately.

Preliminary budget:

Core costs

Rooms for an attendance of 400 participants - 11 parallel sessions: € 2360 + VAT

Rooms for an attendance of 550-600 participants - 16 parallel sessions: € 3700 + VAT

In case of need few room at the Department of Communication and Philosophy (via Zamboni 38, not far from the main site of the conference in via Belmeloro) could be added at the approximate cost of € 1000 + VAT

The maximum capacity of the plenary room in via Belmeloro is of 450 attendants but since there are two of them the plenary lecture could be delivered on video in one of the two.

Total Core costs: € 6060 + VAT

General organization

Administration, registration, conference staff, logistic support: € 10000 IT support: € 1800

Teas & Coffees, welcoming reception: € 12000

Contingency; € 2300

Total General Organization costs: € 26100

The costs related to the conference dinner need further evaluation and will be estimated in relation to the extent of the obtained sponsorships.

On this basis and considering the expected co-financing, we would estimate that the registration fee would be in the range of **€ 120 - 180** (excluding ESHS membership).

16) Discussion, proposals of the members

Matthieu Husson reports on the Young scholar networking lunch convened on Sunday, September 16th, between 1:00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m., at UCL Institute of Education, in room 802. Several initiatives stood up during that meeting.

1. Young scholars are interested into having a space of the website of the Society where their research profile could be presented briefly. Proposed action: modifying the young scholars form so that they can put that information, allowing for its publication on the website and creating a young-scholars section on the website where this information can be made public; the initiative will be announced to all the members through mailing and the website.

2. Young scholars are interested into organising less formal young-scholars conferences on the model of the Novembertagung for the History of Mathematics. They could take place each year and be a satellite event of the main ESHS conference once every two years. Proposed action: having a group of young scholars who step to organise the first meeting; having a group of the officers or the members of the Scientific board that help them in organising this event. The initiative will be announced to all the members through mailing and the website.

3. Young scholars wish for the society to communicate more intensively on the young scholars initiatives and network, using three channels: website, members mailing list and young-scholars network mailing list.

4. Young scholars suggest that the young-scholars initiative could be also a mean to connect to the national societies that already have this kind of networking program. This suggestion will be discussed with the incoming PR officer.

At 7:50 p.m. the Assembly moves to the hall of the UCL Institute of Education. The Presidents thank the German colleagues who changed the dates of the meeting of their national society to allow colleagues working in Germany to attend the London ESHS conference.

On behalf of the two scrutinizers, at 8:05 p.m. Elvira Callapez announces the

ELECTIONS RESULTS

Fifty (50) voting sheets were consigned.

L. Gariboldi voted by proxy, delegating E. Luciano, regular member of the ESHS.

D. Ivanov voted by proxy, delegating D. Bayuk, regular member of the ESHS.

The following Officers were elected:

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| President Elect: Theodore Arabatzis | 47 votes |
| Treasurer: Erwin Neuenschwander | 45 votes |
| Secretary: Simone Turchetti | 32 votes |
| Newsletter Editor: Brigitte Van Tiggelen | 43 votes |
| Public Relation Officer: Erika Luciano | 47 votes |
| Webmaster: Matthieu Husson | 47 votes |
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The following candidates to the Scientific Board were elected:

Institutional Members:

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| Maria Paula Diogo (Center for the History of Science and Technology, University of Lisbon - New University of Lisbon) | 39 votes |
| Clara Florensa (Catalan Society for the History of Science) | 35 votes |

Individual Members:

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| Mitchell G. Ash | 39 votes |
| Dimitri Bayuk | 38 votes |
| Qi Han | 28 votes |
| Frank James | 41 votes |
| Roberto Lalli | 31 votes |
| Elaine Leong | 35 votes |

Darya Drozdova (candidate as secretary), Adéla Jůnová Macková and Pietro Omodeo (candidates for the Scientific Board) received, respectively, 17, 23 and 25 votes.

The Elections procedure is completed at 8.05 pm.

17) Closure by the new President

The new President, A. Simões, delivers the following closing oration:

“I want to thank again the BSHS, her vice president and president Patricia Fara and Tim Boon, the conference organizers, most especially Frank James and Adam Moseley, for the scientific and program organization and Lucy Santos, for secretarial work and all the many students and assistants who made the 8th ESHS meeting a big success, with an overwhelming attendance of 700 people from 20 different countries, and 16/18 parallel sessions with a total of 550 talks.

The collaboration of the ESHS with the BSHS is extremely important to us and will continue certainly on much stronger grounds.

The participation in the life of the society of council and board members is absolutely vital. I take this opportunity to thank those who have ended their terms and will no longer continue or will continue with new functions. They are Erika Luciano as secretary, Frank



James as Newsletter Editor, Ida Stamhuis as Centaurus EiC, Matteo Valeriani as PR officer, and as council members Emilia Calvo, Leonardo Gariboldi, Dana Jalobeanu, Emma Salient del Colombo, and Baichun Zhang. Your work was invaluable to further the visibility and growth the ESHS.

I also wish to thank all those officers and board members who accepted to continue for one more term serving the ESHS. They are Matthieu Husson as webmaster, and Mitchell Ash, Dimitri Bayuk, and Elaine Leong as council members.

With the renewal of the council and SB I wish to welcome the President Elect Theodore Arabatzis, and the new officers Erika Luciano as PR officer,

Simone Turchetti as secretary, Brigitte van Tiggelen as Newsletter Editor, and Koen Vermeir as EiC of Centaurus. I also want to welcome the new council members Qi Han, Frank James, Roberto Lalli and the new institutional members Maria Paula Diogo and Clara Florensa. I look forward to work with all of you. We have lots of ideas to implement on various fronts, from the journal to the website to various other activities, and more will arise by thinking together about the future of the society.

The Council and SB have to be strong, cohesive and dynamic, BUT without members who are truly committed no society can thrive. SO, I urge all of you to participate actively with us, sharing with us your criticisms and suggestions.

Last but not least, I want to express my profound gratitude to Erwin Neuenschwander, a true pillar of the ESHS, who was reelected once again as treasurer and the promoter of N. Prize. I extend my thanks to Karine Chemla and Toni Malet whose action for the society has allowed it to develop in a remarkable way.

The 6 years Karine Chemla has served the society as president elect, president and vice/president have changed it for the better in various ways, and the new trio of presidents counts on her immense experience and advice now that she becomes a regular member. Toni Malet has been a wonderful president, continuing and expanding Karin-s action and I learned a lot by being part of this trio. I very much count on Toni as the new vice president. And I will do my best to be up to the standards they have set.

Finally, I recall that I will be organizing a in between meeting in early October 2019, on 4/5 October in Lisbon, on rethinking the history of the sciences in Europe.

I close the GA by saying goodbye to all and wish you a good trip back”.

The General Assembly is closed at 8.25 pm.

In witness whereof

the President (2018-2020)
Ana Simões

the Secretary
Erika Luciano

Erika Luciano

Turin, September the 26nd, 2018