

Documents for ESHS 2026 General Assembly

The General Assembly will take place during the 2026 Edinburgh Conference at the **EICC, Pentland Auditorium**, on Thursday 16 July, between 18:15 and 20:15.

Officers: Simone Turchetti (President, ST), Dana Jalobeanu (Vice-President, DJ), Karin Nickelsen (President-Elect, KN), Daniele Cozzoli (Centaurus E-i-C, DC), Roberto Lalli (Secretary, RL), Erwin Neuenschwander (Treasurer, EN), Matthieu Husson (Public Relations Officer, MH), Web Editor and Communications Officers (Hugo Soares, HS), Dimitri Bayuk (Webmaster, DB), Beatrice Falcucci (Early-Career Network Representative, BF), Nathalie Queyroux (Archivist, NQ).

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1. President's Report, 2024-2026 (ST)

My main assessment before stepping down as ESHS president is that the last two years have been encouraging but also challenging for our society. On the one hand its Council and Board could meet regularly and be very productive, discussing salient issues and developing ongoing projects up until the 2026 Edinburgh conference. On the other questions related to the financial sustainability of the society's chief project, i.e. its journal *Centaurus*, have come to the fore, taking centre stage in planning, and occupying far more time than initially foresaw. This report examines this issue first and then the other projects that have been pursued over the last two years.

***Centaurus* and the ESHS**

In 2021 the ESHS signed a contract with the publisher Brepols to re-launch *Centaurus* as a diamond open access (OA) journal, hence relying primarily upon library subscriptions to be financially sustainable. Under the terms of the contract, the ESHS has taken responsibility for the pre-production process of *Centaurus* issues (editing and copy-editing) while receiving royalties upon reaching a set revenue threshold.

As I took responsibility for the society, I learnt that subscriptions were far below the number that would allow *Centaurus* to be financially sustainable for the ESHS. The number of subscribers has remained stable over two years at around 40, but the society would need more than twice that number to start receiving royalties based on the contractual agreement with Brepols. Around 200 subscribers would instead be needed to make the OA model financially sustainable for the ESHS (i.e. to have enough revenue from royalties to cover running expenses). Hence, given the running costs, it became apparent that the *Centaurus*' financial burden seriously compromised the society's finances, especially as the only significant revenue for the society consists of subscriptions from bi-annual meetings.

The first step taken as ESHS president was to seek a solution to this financial issue. Erwin Neuenschwander was responsive to my call for help through agreeing on a proposal to set up a yearly grant for *Centaurus* through the Neuenschwander Foundation. I prepared and submitted a grant request in November 2025, and the following February it was approved by *Empiris*, the charitable agency responsible for the Neuenschwander Foundation. Since then, two grants for 10.000 euros have been awarded to the ESHS for the years 2025 and 2026, to cover the *Centaurus*' running costs.

It is however not to be taken for granted that the Neuenschwander Foundation grant will be viable long-term partly because of the contractual complications it entails. It is stipulated with the Foundation that the grant be acknowledged in the journal's initial pages. But after various exchanges, also with Brepols, it became clear that such an acknowledgement can only come with a further specification that the payment is made to ESHS only. The specification is needed for Brepols to continue offering the journal to potential subscribers without being perceived as 'double-dipping' (i.e. asking for subscriptions while receiving grant money). But it is unclear if the current acknowledgement in its present form will satisfy the Neuenschwander Foundation.

Hence, it may be that different solutions will have to be found in the future, either in the form of a different sponsor (or sponsors) or through cutting costs. As outgoing president, I would hope that the work done to secure the *Centaurus*' financial stability can be capitalized on further, and the current arrangement based on yearly grants from the Neuenschwander Foundation be continued for a period of at least four or five years. This would allow the society to focus on increasing revenues from library subscriptions while being safe enough

financially thanks to the *Centaurus*' grant.

The E-i-C Daniele Cozzoli and I, together with Eva Schallbroeck and Alexander Sterkens of Brepols, have also regularly discussed in meetings other potential measures to increase subscriptions. The ESHS Secretary Roberto Lalli and I have also asked on various occasions to ESHS members via email to let their university librarians know about *Centaurus* so that they can subscribe for the journal. Unfortunately, these communications do not appear to have yet bore the expected results in terms of a larger number of subscriptions.

Based on the report of the E-i-C Cozzoli (whom I thank for the commitment and dedication to the role), it is plain to see that *Centaurus* is now in an ideal position to thrive as a leading history of science journal. Under the new editorial board, the journal has recovered from a significant publication lag, and there is a legitimate expectation that will ensure the timely publication of issues from 2027. The journal is also rising through citation ranks, which suggests that the number of subscriptions should increase in the future if ESHS officers and members, together with Brepols, put an effort into securing more subscriptions.

To sum up, through embracing the OA model and making *Centaurus* its own journal, the society has embarked on an ambitious project which caters for excellence in academic publishing, while broadening the journal readership, possibly to a global level, and helping the society too to grow and thrive. It is however a project with problematic financial facets. Hence, putting the journal on a path of financial sustainability will continue to be a strategic priority for the society over the next years. Indeed, I need to be 100% clear that unless a long-term solution is found, there may be repercussion on the society's own financial stability since the *Centaurus*' outgoings impinge too heavily on the society's relatively limited sources of income.

Other relevant projects pursued under the current presidency

While the *Centaurus* issue has been central to the Board and Council activities in the last two years, there have been also several other positive developments. Both the Board and the Council have met regularly in line with a yearly calendar set in September 2024 and September 2025. These meeting have encouraged officers to be productive and pursue independent projects which bore fruits over the last two years. I should recall among these projects:

- the elaboration of a new **respectful behaviour policy** to be implemented at the society's bi-annual meetings;
- the definition of new **online participation and voting** provisions to integrate in the current statutes, if approved at the next General Assembly, to make it possible for members to attend General Assemblies online and vote electronically;
- the drafting of an **ESHS statement on academic freedom**

Over the last two years ESHS board sub-groups devoted time to these tasks. I am especially thankful to Kärin Nickelsen, Peder Roberts, Gemma Cirac Claveras, Dania Achermann and Kostas Tampakis for contributing in different ways to these vital elements of ESHS strategic planning.

In September 2026 the society's in-between and early scholar meetings took place at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine of the University of Manchester (Manchester, UK). The ESHS Early-Career Network meeting took place on 9 September with the participation of scholars from several European countries. Emeritus Professor Robert Fox (University of Oxford) delivered a keynote speech to end the meeting. I am thankful to the current early career network representative (ECNR), Beatrice Falcucci, and the ECNR candidate, Sara Bassanelli, for jointly organising this very successful event. The meeting was followed by the in-between ESHS workshop ***Connecting Europe through Science: themes, policies and challenges***, which took place on 10-11 September, also thanks to the sponsorship of the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, and the

participation of society officers and international scholars.

While a society's strategic planning and meetings are its talking points, there is always a great deal of important but less visible routine work that is never acknowledged enough especially for officers that have more hands-on roles. I should therefore recall the effort put by the ESHS secretary Roberto Lalli, especially informing members regularly via email about society business, and setting the circumstances for the nomination and election processes leading to the **ESHS Early Career Lectures** and the **Neuenschwander Prize**. In 2025 the ESHS Council agreed to reform the Early Career Lectures procedures to ensure that the lectures are published in timely fashion in *Centaurus*. The overall requested length of these publications has been reduced accordingly to 4-5000 words so that they could be submitted ahead of the lecture delivery at the society's meeting. The 2026 Edinburgh joint meeting will be an important test for these new provisions.

It is important to also acknowledge the outstanding work of the webmaster Dimitri Bayuk and the web editor Hugo Soares who have been under intense pressure to manage our website, especially as in December 2025 it was a target of a hacker attack making unavailable most of its content (one can of course speculate of a connection between the attack and our statement on academic freedom published a few months earlier). I would also like to thank individual and institutional board members for being active in the society's initiatives.

Beyond those already mentioned above, I'd like to recall Ana Simões' important contribution as co-chair of the Edinburgh meeting, and Brigitte Van Tiggelen and Erika Luciano in many discussions and initiatives. Thanks also to Matthieu Husson for his efforts in liaising with the institutional members. I should also acknowledge Karin Nickelsen's help in the search of candidates willing to be part of the 2026-2028 ESHS Council and Board and in the contacts leading to a potential venue for the 2028 ESHS meeting. Based on her work, I would say that the ESHS will be in excellent hands for the next two!

But the last of my acknowledgements must expectedly go to Erwin Neuenschwander who has been both the society's treasurer for a long time and its most important sponsor in recent years. Erwin will leave the role of treasurer at the end of the Edinburgh conference after many years of service to the society. As the treasurer's report clarifies, despite the financial challenges that the society faces, it is financial in good health. As the most longevous board and council member, and the one who contributed to the ESHS since its establishment, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Erwin and should be immensely thankful for the time and resources made available for the common good.

Edinburgh 2026

The organization of the 2026 Edinburgh joint meeting has been an extraordinary project which has kept me and colleagues within and outside the ESHS busy for more than two years. Discussion on a joint meeting started in November 2023 (when I was the ESHS secretary) and evolved into the organization of one of our larger, if not the largest, meetings to date with over 2000 attendees and nearly 1800 speakers. Beyond these impressive numbers, the organization of the meeting has encompassed many decisions from logistic and programme viewpoints, especially given the large number of sessions, roundtables, plenaries and special meetings put together over four days. We shared with HSS and BSHS colleagues the ambition of organizing an international meeting representing different instances and viewpoints available in the field and making space for perspectives which have either been so far overlooked and/or have produced contestation. The meeting title is evidence of this ambition to instigate a unique global dialogue. In this respect, the joint meeting has no antecedents and will have no successors. It will stand as an exceptional, virtually unique, opportunity to set our community on a path of global exchange and communication outside the existing and acknowledged framework already catering for this exchange, which rests with primarily with the IUHPST/DHST and its commissions. If any, one would hope that its

uniqueness will be a stimulus to replicate this experiment of contamination in different ways, through different societies and in different geographical spaces.

Many ESHS officers have worked together to make the joint meeting possible. I should recall that many were involved in the selection of prospective contributions. Ana Simões and Roberto Lalli chairs. Kärin Nickelsen on organizational side, but especially every officer who has been involved in the selection of contributed sessions, papers and roundtables. There have been problematic moments in the meeting planning, including when we had to change the conference venue. But overall, the conference has demonstrated the potential of working together with other societies and blending different approaches and working methods. The ESHS has benefitted from this collaboration in many ways. Moreover, the number of society members will substantially increase after the Edinburgh meeting and the expected revenue from the meeting should be comparatively higher too. Hence, the overall effort matches the achievement, and it would be productive for the society to regularly promote joint meetings to gain from contamination of different practices and methods in the future.

I conclude this report with two general observations. Firstly, what I have achieved over the last two years is not incredibly far from what was included in my plan of action two years ago. The plan placed emphasis on supporting the E-i-C in making *Centaurus* thrive, organizing the in-between meeting, taking to completion the 2026 Edinburgh conference and scheduling and executing bi-monthly board meetings to work on various society projects. These objectives have been achieved by and large. The building of a forum for ESHS institutional representatives was partly achieved as meetings were not frequent enough to evolve joint planning. I will not shy away from objectives that have not been achieved. For instance, I was confident that we could introduce an automatic payment system to allow those who are already registered to stay with society. This is especially as we have been aware for a long time that the majority of those who register at one conference hardly ever renew their membership.

Secondly, if my plan of action could be implemented and other actions could be successful too, it was mainly because of the collective elaboration and working together of several ESHS officers, individual and institutional members involved in the ESHS. I thus finish this report by thanking them all again, as it is primarily because of their hard work and commitment that most of the targets set two years ago could be met.

Simone Turchetti, ESHS president 2024-26.

2. Vice-president report - A six-years involvement (DJ)

The time has come to step down from my 6-year involvement with the running of the ESHS. It has been an extraordinary journey in which I learned a lot and had the opportunity to collaborate closely with the other officers of our Society to further its aims. A detailed account of what was accomplished during my Presidency of the ESHS can be found in the report that I presented at its 2022 Conference in Brussels (<https://www.eshs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2022eshs-general-assembly-minutes-of-meetingFINAL-Copy.pdf>). In that report, I mentioned two outstanding issues that needed to be addressed: first, finding a venue for the 2024 ESHS conference and, second, opening an account in a French Bank. In the meantime, both of those issues have been successfully resolved: First, our colleagues in Barcelona, under the leadership of Daniele Cozzoli, submitted an attractive proposal for the 2024 Conference that was enthusiastically accepted by the Scientific Board of the ESHS. I would like to extend my warmest appreciation to Daniele and his colleagues for their hard work towards organizing the 11th ESHS Conference. They have performed an important service to our Society and to the History of Science profession at large.

Second, thanks to the tireless efforts of our treasurer, Erwin Neuenschwander, the ESHS has finally opened a new account at the CIC bank in France. The new account may allow payments to the ESHS via credit card and, thereby, simplify the subscription process. Very many thanks to Erwin for his persistence in opening this bank account and, more generally, for his unwavering commitment to (and support for) the ESHS.

As I see it, one of the challenges faced by our discipline is to strengthen its ties with other humanistic disciplines. That was the topic of the presidential address I delivered at the ESHS Conference in Brussels, titled “History of Science and its Interlocutors in the Humanities”. In that lecture, I reflected on the relations between the history of science and two other disciplines that have been historically and institutionally associated with it: the philosophy of science and general history. I argued that both of these relationships exhibit the characteristics of an unrequited friendship: on the one hand, historians of science have ignored, for the most part, calls of collaboration from their philosopher colleagues; and, on the other hand, historians specializing in other branches of history have been rather indifferent, again for the most part, to the efforts of historians of science to understand science as a historical phenomenon. I attempted to offer a diagnosis of this regrettable situation and some suggestions for overcoming it. An enriched version of the lecture will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Centaurus*.

And now a few words about my two-year stint as a vice-President. During that period, I've collaborated closely and smoothly with the President, Dana Jalobeanu, the President-Elect, Simone Turchetti, the Secretary, Roberto Lalli, the treasurer, Erwin Neuenschwander, and the other members of the ESHS Scientific Board. Our collaboration took place through innumerable email exchanges, several online meetings, and an in-person meeting in Bucharest in September 2023. For a record of what has been accomplished during these past two years, I refer the members of the ESHS to the report of Dana Jalobeanu. Suffice it to say here that among the issues we had to tackle were the editorship of our official journal, *Centaurus*, the awards and financial support offered by the Society to senior and early career scholars, the ESHS Barcelona conference, and the selection of a venue for the ESHS 2026 conference. In that connection, I've made or supported nominations for the Early Career Plenary Lectures and the Gustav Neuenschwander Prize, I refereed abstracts for the Barcelona Conference, and I was a member of the selection committee for the awarding of fee waiver grants to early career scholars. Furthermore, I was also involved in the selection of the new Editor-in-Chief for *Centaurus*. In that regard, let me take the opportunity to express



my heartfelt thanks to the former editor, Koen Vermeir, for elevating the journal to a very high level, and to the new editor, Daniele Cozzoli, for his determination to build upon and extend Koen's achievements.

In closing, I would like to thank wholeheartedly Dana Jalobeanu, Simone Turchetti, Roberto Lalli, Erwin Neuenschwander, and the other officers of ESHS for a wonderful collaboration. I am positive that under their leadership our Society will reach new heights in the coming years.

2. Centaurus Report (DC)

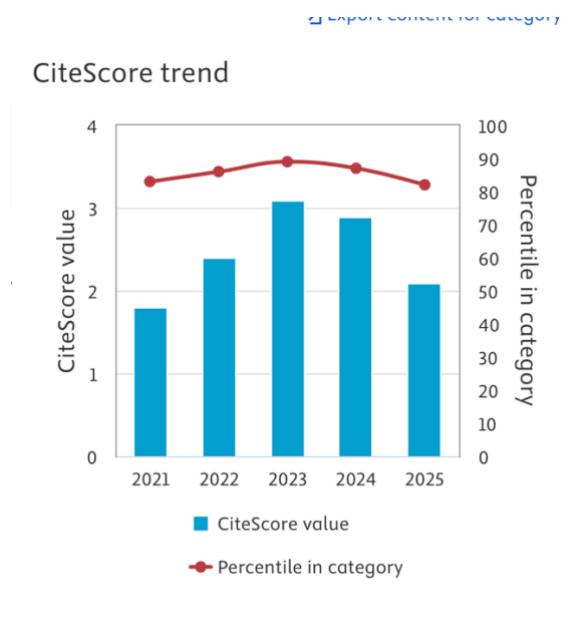
The first two years of my mandate as editor-in-chief of *Centaurus* have been quite intense. With the deputy editor, the team of associate editors, and Brepols staff, we have worked hard to catch up. In the previous years, indeed, *Centaurus* had accumulated an important backlog. By the beginning of Edinburgh conference, the fourth issue of 2025 (67.4) should be online. The first two issues of 2026 (68.1 and 68.2) are currently in production and should be online soon. They were originally scheduled in February 2026 and May 2026 respectively. The third issue of 2026, scheduled in September 2026 is also almost ready to go in production. We should catch up by the end of 2026 or with the first issue of 2027.

The accumulated backlog has also affected the international rankings this year. In the Scimago index *Centaurus* is ranked in Q2. In [Scopus CiteScore](#) it is ranked 45 out of 245.

CiteScore rank 2025
In category: History and Philosophy of Science

#45	Centaurus	2.1	82nd percentile
254			
Rank	Source title	CiteScore 2025	Percentile

The graph below shows a negative trend, confirming that the backlog affected mainly the year 2025.



Nevertheless, among the journals in history and philosophy of science only *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* and *History and Philosophy of Life Sciences* are ranked better and no journal

devoted to history of science only has a better grade than *Centaurus*.

In the [Clarivate Journal Citation Report](#) *Centaurus* is now ranked in Q3, whereas until 2024 it was in Q2. We expect that in two years the situation will improve as a consequence of the catching up.

Two years ago, when I was appointed new editor-in-chief I put together a group of associate editors who was to work as a team, having periodical meetings and defining the cultural policy of the journal. Associate editors are in charge of handling individual submissions. Their work is invaluable. For this reason, I wanted established scholars with an independent research agenda. Throughout these two years, the team has slightly changed. Doubravka Olšáková has also assumed the role of assistant editor, which has considerably sped up the response to first submissions, leaving more time to Eva Schalbroeck, who can now focus on her work as publishing manager. Karine Chemla, CNRS/University of Edinburgh, first and Erika Luciano, University of Turin, later joined the team of associate editors. We have an important number of submissions in history of mathematics and Chinese science. Erika is a leading historian of mathematics and Karine is a leading expert in Chinese mathematics. In the first year, we focused on the 7 special issues already accepted, 5 of which have been now published. The other two will come out in 2026. After an initial period of focusing on the already planned workflow, we assumed a more proactive attitude. Our aim is to continue along the line of Koen Vermeir's team and expand the themes of *Centaurus*, with a particular attention to non-Western topics. We have also decided to try to limit special issues to no more than two per year. So far, we have accepted two special issues proposals, one on East Asia Plants, which is scheduled in 2028 and one on Herbaria scheduled in 2027. We have also commissioned two special issues. The first one is on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, which established the European Economic Community and the Euratom. We thought that it is important, above all in this historical moment, that the Journal of the European Society for the History of Science would host a critical reflection on the European integration process. John Krige and Simone Turchetti accepted to act as guest editors of the issue. The second special issue will concern Global History of Science and will include the keynote lectures delivered at the 13th Spring School of the Catalan Society for the History of Science and Technology.

As the graph below shows, the editor-in-chief during since February 2024 has made 193 final decisions on articles.

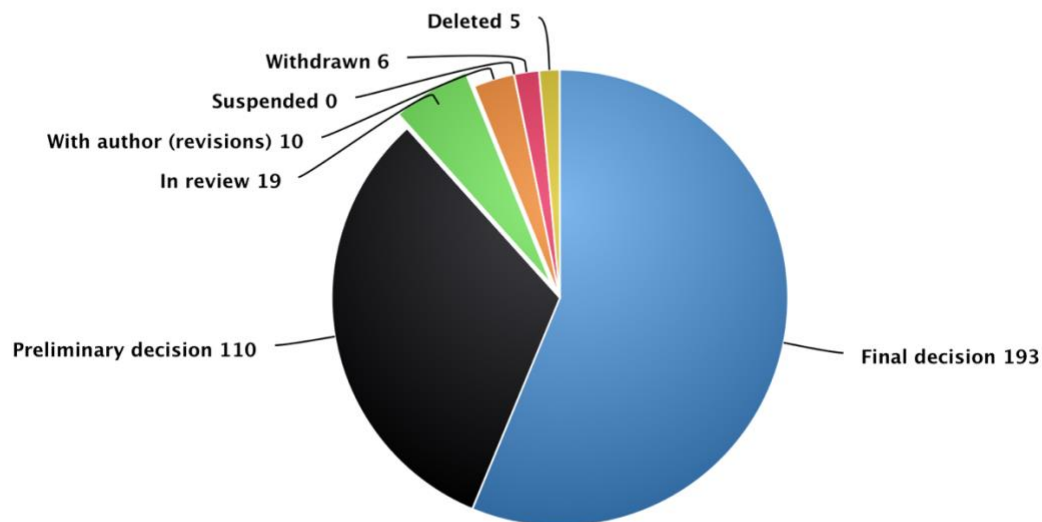
Submission overview ▼

2024-02-24

2026-06-29

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343 submissions (inc. resubmissions)



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The journal has a considerable number of manuscripts to handle. The editor-in-chief, who is responsible for the final decision on a manuscript, has accepted 97 articles since February 2024.

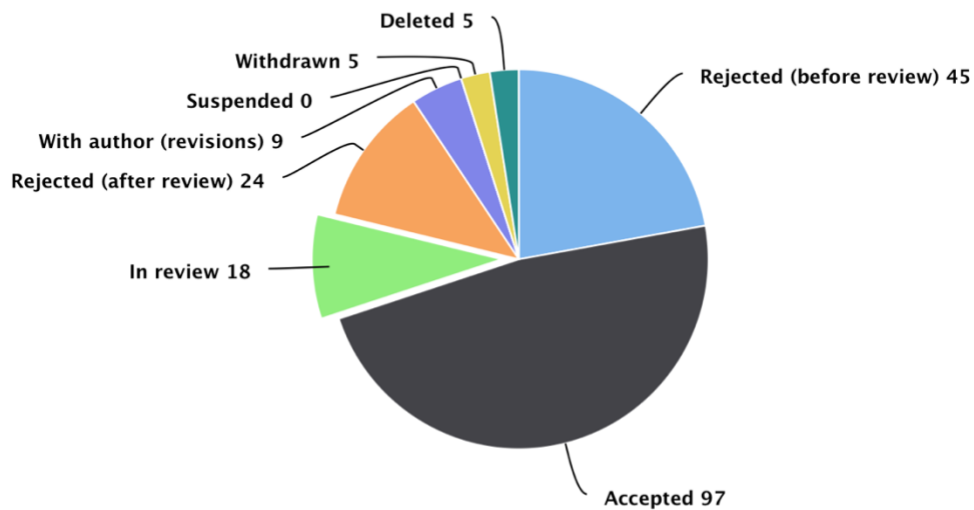
Manuscript overview ▼

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Total manuscripts by status 204
From 2024-02-24 to 2026-06-29 selected by the date of submission.



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As I stated at the beginning of this report, there are currently 3 issues in production. The current state of production is summarised in the following graph:

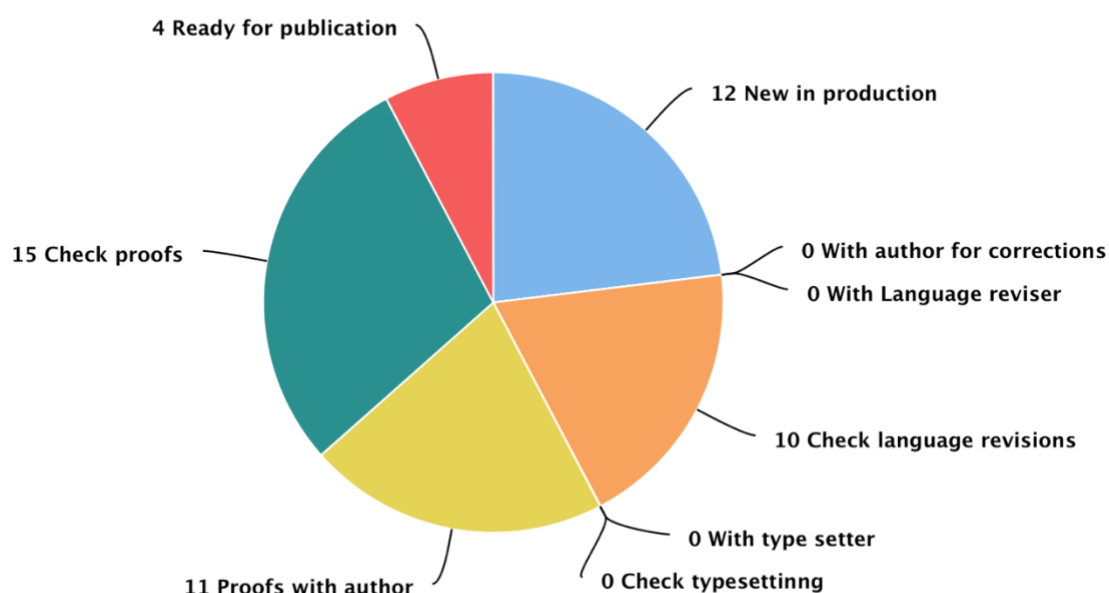
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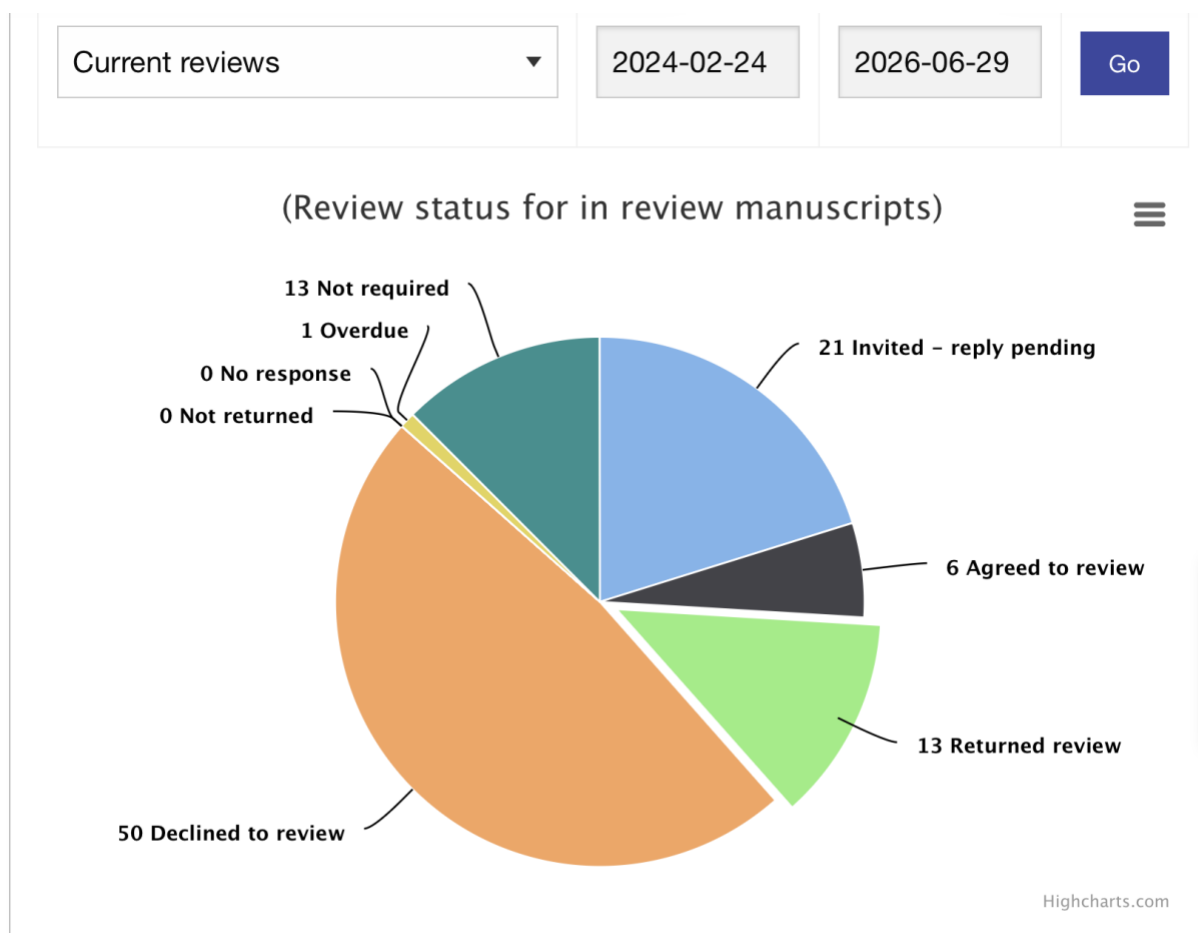


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The production team is working on 52 articles. This number of articles has also posed some troubles to the production team, who has found it difficult to handle a so high number of articles at the speed that the catching up would require. We are conscious of the current situation and we are working together with Brepols staff to reduce the bottleneck.

There are other bottlenecks that we are tackling, which are - I think- related more to our profession as scholars than to the internal organisation of the journal. Once an article is submitted to *Centaurus*, the assistant editor checks the manuscript and assigns it to the editor-in-chief, who in turn assigns it to an associate editor. For special issues, guest editors work as associate editors. This part of the workflow is usually very fast. It takes from 0 to 2 days. Associate editors are usually fast as well. The search of reviewers and the receiving of the reports is currently the second main bottleneck. Reviewers tend to be unresponsive. They often do not accept to review for the second time an article. In the case of *Centaurus*, the review of a resubmission is not particularly problematic, because authors resubmit along with a clean version, a version with the tracking of the changes and a point-by-point answer to the reviewers. Scholars are nowadays overwhelmed by bureaucracy and many different tasks, it

seems to me that they have troubles to find the necessary time to review articles, an unpaid work poorly considered. We work carefully on reducing delays in reviews, but I am afraid that we cannot do much. The following graph shows the dimension of the issue:



Concerning the ESHS contributions, we have published the 2024 Presidential address, the 2024 Neuenschwander Prize lecture, and 2 out of 3 early career lectures. The third one has not been (yet) submitted. Recipients of early career lectures apparently found it difficult to submit their articles. For early career lectures delivered in 2020 and 2022, only one article has been published and another one is still awaiting resubmission. For the Edinburgh conference, the ESHS board decided for a new formula. The recipients of the early career lecture are requested to send a draft to the editor-in-chief in mid-May and the article will not be a state-of-the-art piece. Instead, it will be a shorter research article, some 7,00 words. So far, I received one draft. A second recipient promised me that they will send me the article soon after the conference.

In 2022, *Centaurus* adopted an Open Access model based on the S2O, subscribe-to-open philosophy. It is a Diamond Open Access model. We ask libraries to maintain their subscription to keep the journal open to the whole community. This model is ultimately beneficial for the whole community and especially for scholars from low-income countries. The model is, however, sustainable if libraries maintain their subscription. To be sustainable *Centaurus* will require some 80 subscriptions to reach the breakeven point. Currently there are 33 renewed subscriptions for the issue 68 (2026). For volume 67 (2025) there were 37 subscriptions by the end of 2025. We are, therefore, far from reaching the breakeven point that will allow *Centaurus* to be maintained open. Meanwhile, thanks to the invaluable work of our President, Simone Turchetti and the generosity of the Gustav Neuenschwander Foundation, *Centaurus* could be maintained OA in the next years. We have, however, to make a collective effort to ask libraries to subscribe to *Centaurus*. For a fraction of the cost of an APC for one single article, an institution can allow all its researchers to publish OA in *Centaurus*.

In concluding my report, I would like to thank all the people who have been working hard to make of our journal one of the leading journals in the history of science, Aleksander Sterkens, the CEO of Brepols; Eva Schalbroeck, our publishing manager; Doubravka Olšáková, our deputy editor; our associate editors, Stathis Araposthatis, Monica Azzolini, Karine Chemla, Claire Crignon, Olival Freire Jr, Oliver Hochadel, and Erika Luciano; our book review editors, Mihnea Dobre, Barbara Hof, and Deirdre Moore. But above all, I wish to thank our president Simone Turchetti, our secretary, Roberto Lalli, and our treasurer Erwin Neuenschwander, who end their mandate. I think that we all have to tribute them our gratitude for all they did for our journal and society.

3. The Secretary Report, 2024-2026 (RL)

I was elected Secretary of the ESHS in 2022 during the General Assembly at the Brussels conference, following my term as PR Officer. I was re-elected for the 2024–2026 term at the Barcelona conference. Over the past two years, I have continued to contribute to the activities and initiatives of the society, working closely with the President, the Treasurer, the other members of the Council and the Scientific Board.

Since taking office, I have maintained the communication strategy established by my predecessor, Simone Turchetti, with the aim of ensuring regular, efficient, and transparent communication between the ESHS and its members. My responsibilities have included maintaining and updating the mailing list, circulating official announcements, communicating news from the society and its institutional members, and responding to inquiries from individual members. I have also worked with the Treasurer to keep membership records up to date and to address questions concerning membership status and renewals.

A significant part of my activity has concerned the effort to strengthen the relationship between the society and its members between biennial conferences. As the ESHS has traditionally experienced a decline in active subscriptions after each conference, I worked to encourage members to renew their subscriptions during the interval between Barcelona 2024 and Edinburgh 2026. This effort was relatively successful in comparison with previous patterns, although the issue of maintaining membership continuity between conferences remains an important challenge for the society.

As Secretary, I supported the President in the regular organization of meetings of the Council and the Scientific Board, helping to circulate agendas, share relevant information, and facilitate the smooth functioning of the society's governance. I also supported the President in the activities and initiatives described in his report, including discussions on the financial sustainability of *Centaurus*, communications with members concerning the journal, the development of new provisions for online participation and voting, the respectful behaviour policy, and the society's statement on academic freedom.

Some of my main responsibilities during the 2024–2026 period included:

- **2026 Early Career Lectures.** I prepared and circulated the call for nominations, organized the Scientific Board ballot to elect the committee members, and coordinated with the committee throughout the selection process. I also supported the implementation of the revised procedures for the Early Career Lectures, designed to facilitate the timely publication of the lectures in *Centaurus*.
- **2026 Gustav Neuenschwander Prize.** I advertised the prize, collected nominations, and coordinated the voting process. This included managing the different stages of the ballot and ensuring that the process was conducted efficiently and transparently.
- **2026 Early Career Grants.** I advertised the grants, collected applications, and contributed to the administrative process supporting early-career scholars who wished to attend the Edinburgh conference.

- **Early Career Network conference and Manchester in-between meeting.** I supported the organization of the Early Career Network meeting and the ESHS in-between workshop held at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine of the University of Manchester in September 2025. This involved assisting with communication, coordination, and dissemination of information before and after the meetings.
- **2026 Joint HSS/ESHS Conference in Edinburgh.** I served as one of the ESHS co-chairs of the joint HSS/ESHS conference, working with colleagues from ESHS, HSS, and BSHS on the preparation of what became one of the largest meetings ever organized in our field. My involvement included participating in organizational discussions, contributing to the selection and coordination of sessions and papers, liaising with the ESHS Council, and helping to address the logistical and programmatic challenges that emerged during the preparation of the conference.

In addition to these specific tasks, I have continued to carry out the less visible but essential routine work connected with the office of Secretary: updating membership information, maintaining regular contact with members, disseminating calls and announcements, supporting the work of other officers, and helping to ensure continuity in the society's activities.

Throughout the 2024–2026 term, I have considered it a priority to contribute to the collective work of the ESHS and to support the President and the other officers in strengthening the society. I am grateful to all colleagues in the Council, the Scientific Board, and the wider membership for their collaboration and support during these two years.

4. ESHS Report of the Treasurer August 2024—July 2026 (EN)

Checking Account with Sparkasse Hochrhein (D)

Earnings

Total amount in the account at 31 July 2024	Euro 17'798.82
Donation Henk Kubbinga (17.02.2025)	Euro 500.00
Membership fees collected 2025/26	Euro 145.--
Institutional Membership fees collected in 2025	Euro 0

Total Earnings *Euro 18'443.82*

Expenses

16.09.2024 Reimbursement of flight, Early career lecture, Beatrice Falcucci	Euro 232.-
16.09.2024 Reimbursement of travel expenses, Early career lecture Barcelona, Jennifer Bulstrode	Euro 878.34
16.09.2024 Reimbursement of travel expenses, Early career lecture Barcelona, Santiago Gorostiza	Euro 342.75
14.11.2024 Cash Payment to Neuenschwander for transfer to French Account	Euro 1000.-
25.03.2025 Reimbursement Dimitri Baiuk for Hetzner Server Hosting	Euro 269.24
17.06.2025 Reimbursement Dimitri Baiuk for Hetzner Server Hosting	Euro 43.55
17.06.2025 Reimbursement Early Career Meeting Manchester, Beatrice Falcucci	Euro 504.72
17.06.2025 Reimbursement In-Between Manchester, Kostas Tampakis	Euro 748.74
06.10.2025 Reimbursement In-Between Manchester, Simone Turchetti	Euro 86.-
06.10.2025 Reimbursement In-Between Manchester, Roberto Lalli	Euro 40.52
06.10.2025 Reimbursement In-Between Manchester, Peder Roberts	Euro 157.00
06.10.2025 Reimbursement In-Between Manchester, Hugo Soares	Euro 431.00
14.11.2025 Food, Drinks at Coffee Breaks, In-Between Meeting Manchester	Euro 568.25
10.03.2025 Payment to Daniele Cozzoli for editorial work Centaurus	Euro 5'000.-
10.03.2025 Payment to Doubravka Olsakova for editorial work Centaurus	Euro 2'000.-
17.09.2024 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 741.73
04.11.2024 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 421.96
07.11.2024 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 646.24
14.01.2025 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 1'220.49
05.05.2025 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 758.28
26.06.2025 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 405.01
25.08.2025 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 1'094.98
24.02.2026 Account fees, banking charges etc.	Euro 267.34

Total Expenses *Euro 17858.14*

Total amount in the account at 24 Febr. 2026 Euro 585.68

24.02.2026 Closing of German Account at Sparkasse Hochrhein, Transfer to French Account at CIC Euro 585.68

Association Account with Crédit Industriel et Commercial (CIC) in Paris

The association account was opened by Erwin Neuenschwander with the approval of our President at the Agence CIC Paris Rivoli Les Halles on 2nd June 2023.

Earnings

[[Total amount in Savings Account from fixed deposit of March 21, 2024	Euro 30'000.00]]
Total amount in the Checking Account at 31 July 2024	Euro 2'973.33
18/10/2024 Repayment of the fixed deposit from March 21, 2024	Euro 30'000.00
18/10/2024 Interest payment from fixed deposit of March 21, 2024	Euro 492.30
19.11.2024 Transfer from German Account by E. Neuenschwander	Euro 1'000.-
31.12.2024 Payments Institutional Members 2024	Euro 100.00
31.12.2024 Payments Individual Members 2024: €20, 3x€30, 6x€40	Euro 350.00
24.01.2025 Membership fees transferred by Conference Barcelona	Euro 19'705.00
23.05.2025 Payment Gustav Neuenschwander Fonds for Centaurus	Euro 10'000.00
05.09.2025 Repayment of the fixed deposit from June 5, 2025	Euro 20'000.00
05.09.2025 Interest payment from fixed deposit of June 5, 2025	Euro 110.00
31.12.2025 Payments Institutional Members 2025	Euro 800.00
31.12.2025 Payments Individual Members 2025: 23x€20, 27x€30	Euro 1'270.00
25.02.2026 Closing of German Account, Transfer to CIC	Euro 576.96
28/05/2026 Repayment of the fixed deposit from April, 29, 2025	Euro 35'000.00
28/05/2026 Interest payment from fixed deposit of April 29 2025	Euro 909.80
17.06.2026 Stiftung Empiris, Neuenschwander Prize	Euro 20'000.00
17.06.2026 Stiftung Empiris, Neuenschwander Symposium	Euro 10'000.00
01.07.2026 Payments Institutional Members 2026	Euro 800.00
01.07.2026 Payments Individual Members 2026: 13x€20, 5x€30, €35	Euro 445.00
<i>Total Earnings</i>	<i>Euro 154'532.39</i>

Expenses

29.04.2025 Transfer to Savings Account at CIC (fixed deposit 13 months)	Euro 35'000.00
10.06.2025 Transfer to Savings Account at CIC (fixed deposit 3 months)	Euro 20'000.00
26/03/2026 Payment BENUGO, Bar + Softdrinks National Museum of Scotland	
GBP 6804.-	Euro 7 899.32
25.03.2026 Payment to Daniele Cozzoli for editorial work Centaurus	Euro 5'000.-
25.03.2026 Payment to Doubravka Olsakova for editorial work Centaurus	Euro 2'000.-
24.12.2025 Payment to John Patrick for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 1'625.51
25/03/2026 Payment to John Patrick for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 1'647.45
05.06.2026 Payment to John Patrick Hajek for Centaurus, copy-editing	Euro 2'815.79
08.07.2026 Payment to Compass Services for Reception Neuenschwander	Euro 1'741.92
09.07.2026 Payment Ana Simoes, Gustav Neuenschwander Prize	Euro 20'000.00

<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>Euro 97'729.99</i>
10.07.2026 Account fees, banking charges etc.	Euro 75.80

<u>Total amount in the CIC association account at 10 July 2026</u>	<u>Euro 56'726.60</u>
<u>Total amount in the CIC savings account at 10 July 2026</u>	<u>Euro 0.00</u>
<u>Checking Account with Sparkasse Hochrhein (D) closed at 24.02.2026</u>	

<u>Total amount in all ESHS accounts in July 2024</u>	<u>Euro 56'726.69</u>
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Zurich, July 10, 2026

Erwin Neuenschwander

5. The PR-Officer Report, 2024-2026 (MH)

As Public Relations Officer, I am pleased to submit this activity report on the development of our institutional membership framework over the past two years. Our institutional network is providing essential advocacy and collaborative potential with each of its institution acting as vital ‘sensors’ of the diverse academic conditions across Europe.

Following the Barcelona meeting in 2024, we have defined three levels of institutional engagement. Potential Members expand our lobbying and act as academic sensors. Institutional Members sponsor panels and grants while aligning strategies. Finally, Executive Board Members hold Scientific Board seats, directly informing the Society’s decision-making.

From this initial view, we have formalized Executive Board representation during a second meeting of the institutional members in Manchester. We established an independent nomination process where members select four Scientific Board representatives. This rotational system ensures equitable participation and sustainable governance links.

I trust that, on this sound basis, it will be possible to further develop the network of institutional members of the ESHS and foster its activities inside the society.

As I will not be continuing in the PR Office following this conference, I would like to extend my best wishes to my successor. I also want to warmly thank all the colleagues with whom I add the chance to work during the last 12 years in the board of the ESHS, be it on the website, on the legal statute and bank account, on the early career network or finally with the institutional members. I have learned a great deal from everyone and it has been a true honor to serve our community in this capacity.

6. Web Editor and Communications Officer Report (HS)

I served as Web Editor and Communications Officer from 2024 to 2026, following a previous mandate as Public Relations Officer (2022–2024).

During my mandate, much of my work focused on website maintenance and behind-the-scenes improvements to the site's infrastructure. This included migrating the ESHS server to a more cost-effective hosting solution. I also implemented a number of incremental improvements to the website, primarily by removing obsolete pages, reorganising the navigation menu, and introducing small design adjustments to improve consistency across different sections. Although a more substantial redesign of the website has been planned, I was not able to implement it during this mandate. I remain available to support this work, even if I serve in a different capacity during the 2026–2028 term.

In December 2025, the ESHS website was the target of a cyberattack that rendered it unusable for several days. Although the precise origin of the attack could not be determined, it appears that vulnerabilities in WordPress were exploited to infect the site with malware that replaced legitimate content with spam. Recovery required restoring the website from an early-2025 backup. While this successfully resolved the issue, some recently added content was lost and had to be manually restored. Following the recovery, additional security and monitoring measures were implemented. These revealed that the website is subject to frequent automated hacking attempts, often numbering in the hundreds within a few hours. Since these additional protections were introduced, none of these attacks has been successful, although they occasionally affect the website's performance. It is unlikely that these attacks are specifically directed at the ESHS; they are more plausibly the result of automated bots scanning the internet for vulnerable WordPress installations. At present, no further action appears necessary beyond continued monitoring.

Throughout my mandate, I worked closely with the Webmaster Officer, Dimitry Bayuk, in a highly productive collaboration. Given the strong interdependence between these two roles, I recommend that the next Web Editor and Communications Officer continue to work in close coordination with the Webmaster.

7. Webmaster Report (DB)

I was elected ESHS Webmaster at the General Assembly held during the Barcelona conference in September 2024. At that time, the Society's website was still hosted on Hetzner Online. In cooperation with the Web Editor and Communications Officer, Hugo Soares, I coordinated its transfer to the platform of the University of Lisbon. This technical move preserved the continuity of the Society's online presence while substantially reducing regular costs of hosting and maintenance, and giving the site a more sustainable institutional basis.

Once the migration had been completed, we reviewed the structure of eshs.org and gradually rationalised its navigation. The current website now concentrates core institutional information under "The Society" (statutes, board, minutes, institutional members, community mapping and past officers), groups journal material under an expanded Centaurus section, and separates meetings, early-career activities, resources, and news. This has helped eliminate the previous duplication of the same information across different pages and has made updates easier to manage.

Since the migration, I have also carried out regular maintenance and content updates: the 2024 Board and officers were added; conference information was kept visible while links to past and forthcoming meetings were clarified; membership information and forms were maintained; news, announcements, calls, prizes and early-career lectures were posted or updated. The aim throughout was not a radical redesign, but a cleaner, more reliable website, with clearer division between stable institutional pages and time-sensitive news.

8. Early-Career Network Representative's Report (BF)

During my term as Early Career Representative for the ESHS, I have worked to strengthen the visibility and cohesion of early career researchers within the society through a series of concrete initiatives. Recognising that no consolidated record of early career members existed, I compiled the first comprehensive list of ESHS early career researchers, which now serves as an active mailing list and a practical resource for communication, networking, and the dissemination of opportunities across the community.

I also established the ESHS Early Career Network Biannual Meeting and Workshop, a new recurring event designed to provide early career scholars with a dedicated forum for intellectual exchange, peer feedback, and professional development. The inaugural edition, held over two days in Manchester in September 2025, was met with considerable enthusiasm and demonstrated the clear demand within the community for a space of this kind.

In addition, I contributed to the organisation of a Graduate Mixer bringing together early career members of the ESHS, the HSS, and the BSHS, who will have the opportunity to meet informally on the occasion of the joint conference in Edinburgh (July 2026) — an initiative that I hope will foster lasting connections across the three societies. I will shortly proceed to hand over all relevant materials, contacts, and documentation to the incoming Early Career Representative, to ensure continuity for the initiatives undertaken during my term.

9. President-elect report and Plan of Action, 2026-2028 (KN)

President-elect's Report

It is a great honour to step into the role of ESHS President after the Edinburgh 2026 conference, and I am deeply grateful for the trust that the Society's members have placed in me. Since joining the Society's council in 2024, I have had the privilege of serving on the Society's Council as President-elect, alongside President Simone Turchetti, Secretary Roberto Lalli, and the other officers. These have been two very instructive and rewarding years.

During this time, I was involved in the preparations for the 2026 meeting, in the search for a venue for the 2028 conference, and in recruiting candidates to succeed outgoing officers. Together with other board members, Dania, Gemma and Peder, I also served on a sub-committee, which drafted an amendment to the statutes and bylaws. If adopted at our General Assembly in Edinburgh, this amendment will provide a legally sound basis for online voting in the future and, where technically feasible, for remote participation in the General Assembly. In addition, we developed a new policy on respectful behaviour for ESHS events and began reflecting on possible reforms of the General Assembly, with a view to strengthening members' engagement in the Society's affairs.

Plan of Action

Serving as President of the Society will be a delight, not least because the society is in such excellent shape. The foremost task, without doubt, will be to ensure that the 2028 meeting is prepared as well as possible, sustaining those qualities that have distinguished the Society's conferences to date: intellectually stimulating papers and a collegial, inclusive atmosphere. This conference will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society, which was founded in 2003, and our inaugural meeting was held in Maastricht the following year. We are therefore especially grateful that our colleagues in Maastricht are offering to host the conference once again, returning us to whence we began. I very much hope that many long-standing as well as newer members will join us there for a memorable celebration.

These days, the continued vitality of an academic Society that spans all parts of Europe, and extends well beyond it, is especially valuable. As President, I will seek to reinforce that shared sense of purpose while preserving and extending the Society's diversity – geographically, topically, and institutionally. To this end, I will continue Simone's successful efforts to strengthen ties with our sister societies, both within Europe and beyond, as well as with the Society's institutional members.

It is one of the President's privileges to host the ESHS In-Between Meeting, and details will be circulated shortly. Following the model of the meeting in Manchester in 2025, I will support our Early Career Network Representative and others in organising a gathering for the Society's predoctoral and postdoctoral members in connection with this Meeting, so as to create additional opportunities for informal exchange and professional networking. I will also continue to convene regular board and council meetings, and work to ensure that all society officers are able to engage actively in their roles.

One of the more significant challenges ahead will be to maintain the Society's journal in its current form. *Centaurus* is the only fully open-access journal in our field, and this makes it an especially important platform for the widest possible scholarly exchange. Preserving that model will require the active support of our members, particularly in helping to secure library



subscriptions from institutions that are in a position to provide them. I am confident that, with a shared sense of responsibility, this can be achieved.

To conclude, I see the role as President above all as one of stewardship: keeping the Society on course while sharpening our priorities for the years ahead. I very much look forward to working with my fellow officers and board members over the next two years, and I will do everything within my power to ensure that this remarkable Society continues to flourish.

10. Presentation of the candidates for the new Scientific Board

The ESHS Scientific Council (Officers) proposal for the new Scientific Board is the following:

Council Members

- [President-Elect](#): Peder Roberts. Peder has accepted the nomination as President-Elect.
- [Secretary](#): Hugo Soares. Hugo has served one term as Web Editor and Communications Officer. He has accepted the nomination as Secretary.
- [Treasurer](#): Roberto Lalli. Roberto has served two terms as Secretary. He has accepted the nomination as Treasurer.
- [Webmaster](#): Dimitri Bayuk. Dimitri has served as Webmaster for one term. He has accepted the nomination for a second term.
- [Web Editor and Communications Officer](#): Kristine Palmieri. Kristine has accepted the nomination as Web Editor and Communications Officer.
- [Archivist](#): Brigitte van Tiggelen. Brigitte has served as institutional representative for two terms. She has accepted the nomination as Archivist.
- [Public Relations Officer](#): Gemma Cirac-Claveras. Gemma has served as institutional representative for two terms. She has accepted the nomination as Public Relations Officer.
- [Early-Career Network Representative](#): Sara Bassanelli. Sara has accepted the nomination.

Individual Members

A maximum of four individual members will be elected. The following scholars have been nominated:

- [Dania Achermann](#). Dania has served one term as an individual member of the Scientific Board and has accepted the nomination for a second term.
- [Linda Andersson Burnett](#). Linda has accepted the nomination.
- [Johannes Mattes](#). Johannes has accepted the nomination.
- [Kostas Tampakis](#). Kostas has served one term as an individual member of the Scientific Board and has accepted the nomination for a second term.
- [Karin Tybjerg](#). Karin has accepted the nomination.

Institutional Members

The following scholars have been nominated by their institutions (four will be voted by the General Assembly):

- The Belgian-Dutch Society for History of Science and Universities (GEWINA) nominates [Michiel Bron](#).
- The French Society for the History of Science and Technology (SFHST) nominates [Alain Bernard](#).
- The Italian Society of the History of Science (SISS) nominates [Mauro Capocci](#).
- The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) nominates [Ruixuan Du](#).

Please note that no other candidacy proposal has reached the ESHS Secretary; hence, all standing candidates are the candidates nominated by the Scientific Council.

President-Elect: Peder Roberts

Peder Roberts has been full professor of the history of ideas at the University of Oslo since January 2025. He holds a BA (first class honours) and MA in history of science from the University of New South Wales, Australia, and was awarded a PhD in history from Stanford University in 2010. In 2017 Peder was awarded the Docent qualification in history of science, technology, and environment from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. Following employment as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Strasbourg and at KTH, Peder worked as a researcher at KTH until 2019, when he became Associate Professor of Modern History at the University of Stavanger. Peder's research interests connect the history of science, politics, and environmental management in the 20th century, particularly in the polar regions. He is the author of the monograph *The European Antarctic: Science and Strategy in Scandinavia and the British Empire* (2011) and has co-edited five volumes (with a sixth under contract), including *The Surveillance Imperative: Geosciences During the Cold War and Beyond* (with Simone Turchetti, 2014) and *The Cambridge History of the Polar Regions* (with Adrian Howkins, 2023). Peder has published in leading journals including *Social Studies of Science*, the *Geographical Journal*, *Centaurus*, and *Isis*. He was principal investigator of the ERC Starting Grant project "Greening the Poles: Science, the Environment, and the Creation of the Modern Arctic and Antarctic" from 2017-22. Peder's research has also been supported by awards from other organizations including the Swedish Research Council, the Norwegian Research Council, the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra), and the National Science Foundation. He served as Chief Officer of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Standing Committee on Humanities and Social Sciences and has served on the board of the ESHS since 2024, in addition to holding numerous advisory roles.

Statement

I am delighted to accept the nomination of the ESHS Board to serve as the Society's president-elect. I have done so because I believe the Society serves an important and useful role for its members, for the wider intellectual community, and for society at large. My basic philosophy is that the ESHS should be a broad and inclusive organization. To say that both the continent of Europe and the community of historians of science face existential challenges is obvious, but I really believe that in domains from artificial intelligence to social justice to the climate emergency, ESHS can provide a space for socially relevant analysis. At the same time I am a firm believer in the value of the humanities as a source of wisdom rather than just applied knowledge. I feel it is essential that the Society continues to welcome scholars from across Europe and beyond, and that it provides space for studies ranging across all time periods, building bridges rather than erecting barriers between its members.

At the administrative level I look forward to continuing the development of the Society and its affairs. As the Society has grown and matured, its leadership has ensured that its central tasks – administering *Centaurus* and running the ESHS conferences – have been carried out effectively. The candidates for both the Board and the Council give me with every confidence that the Society's business will be conducted in a professional manner.

Secretary: Hugo Soares

Hugo Soares is a historian of science. He received his PhD in History, Philosophy and Heritage of Science and Technology from NOVA School of Science and Technology in 2021. Until recently, he was a postdoctoral researcher on the project E3GLOBAL – Einstein, Eddington and the Eclipse: A Global History of the Total Solar Eclipse of 1919 at the Interuniversity Centre for the History of Science and Technology (CIUHCT). He is currently a Scientific Officer at Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT), the Portuguese national research council. His research has focused on the history of twentieth-century science, particularly the development of the Portuguese scientific system, the history of astronomy and physics, and the relationship between science, visual culture, and the moving image. More recently, he has explored the intersections of photography, film, and the history of science, with a particular interest in film as a form of scholarly research and communication. Hugo has also been actively involved in cultural and community organisations, including serving as President of Oficina do Cego, dedicated to the preservation of traditional printing, and contributing to Royal_Cine, a project focused on social intervention through film.

Statement

I am deeply honoured to be nominated for the office of Secretary of the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS). Having previously served as Public Relations Officer (2022–2024) and Web Editor and Communications Officer (2024–2026), I have developed a thorough understanding of the Society's governance, day-to-day operations, and strategic priorities. These experiences have allowed me to work closely with the Scientific Board and contribute to the Society's communication, digital infrastructure, and institutional development. If elected, I will work closely with the President, the Scientific Board, and the Council to strengthen communication and coordination across the Society's activities, fostering collaboration among historians of science throughout Europe and beyond. I believe the ESHS has the potential to further consolidate its role as a central hub for our international scholarly community, promoting exchange, supporting new initiatives, and strengthening the visibility of the history of science within academia and the wider public. At a time when many of today's societal challenges are closely intertwined with the history of science, I believe our Society has an important role to play. As Secretary, I will be committed to ensuring that the organisational foundations are in place to support the Society's activities effectively, enabling the Executive Committee to pursue both its immediate objectives and its long-term strategic ambitions. I also intend to build on the outstanding work of Roberto Lalli, whose eight years as Secretary have been instrumental in establishing efficient procedures and ensuring the smooth functioning of the Society. I am strongly oriented towards community building and the often invisible work that sustains academic institutions. Throughout my career, I have regarded this form of institutional service as an integral part of my academic commitment. If entrusted with this role, I will serve the ESHS with diligence, collegiality, and a strong sense of institutional responsibility, helping to ensure continuity while supporting the Society's continued growth and development.

Treasurer: Roberto Lalli

Roberto Lalli is Associate Professor in the History of Science and Technology at the Politecnico di Torino. His research examines the interplay between epistemic, political, and social factors in the history of twentieth-century physics, with particular attention to international scientific institutions, science diplomacy, scientific publishing, and the development of modern physical sciences. He received his PhD in International History from the University of Milan in 2011 and was subsequently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Modern Physical Sciences at MIT's Program in Science, Technology, and Society. From 2013 to 2022, he was a Research Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. He has also held visiting positions at the Technische Universität Berlin, the University of Turin, and the Max Planck Institute for Geoanthropology. Roberto currently serves as Secretary of the European Society for the History of Science and as President of the Inter-Union Commission on the History and Philosophy of Physics. He has published widely on the history of modern physics, scientific publishing, and science diplomacy in journals including *Annals of Science*, *Centaurus*, *HSNS*, *Isis*. His first monograph, *Building the General Relativity and Gravitation Community during the Cold War*, was published by Springer in 2017. He has also co-edited *Globalizing Physics: One Hundred Years of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics* and *The Renaissance of General Relativity in Context*, as well as special issues for *European Physical Journal H* and *Centaurus*.

Statement

I am honoured to be nominated for the role of Treasurer of the European Society for the History of Science. Over the past six years, first as PR Officer and then as Secretary, I have had the opportunity to contribute closely to the activities and everyday functioning of the society. This experience has strengthened my commitment to the ESHS and to its role as a central forum for the history of science in Europe and beyond. I would be especially honoured to succeed Professor Erwin Neuenschwander, whose long-standing work as Treasurer has been of exceptional importance for the ESHS. His dedication, generosity, and careful management have contributed greatly to the financial stability and development of the society. If elected, I would approach this responsibility with a strong sense of continuity and with deep respect for the work he has done. My main priority would be to work closely with the President, the Council, and the other officers to maintain the financial health of the ESHS while also helping to develop sustainable solutions for expanding the society's activities. This includes supporting the society's conferences, early-career initiatives, in-between meetings, prizes, publications, and communication with members and institutional partners. Building on my experience as Secretary, I would also aim to improve the administrative procedures connected with membership management, renewals, and financial planning. One important goal would be to help strengthen membership continuity between biennial conferences, which remains essential for the long-term stability of the society. More generally, I would work with the Council to identify ways to increase the resources available to the ESHS, while ensuring transparency, prudence, and collective responsibility in the management of its finances. I consider service to scholarly societies an essential part of academic life. For this reason, I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue contributing to the ESHS in this new role and to support the society's development in the coming years.

Webmaster: Dimitri Bayuk**Dimitri Bayuk,**

I am a historian and philosopher of science, currently an associate researcher at SPHERE (UMR 7219, CNRS / Université Paris Cité) in Paris. I hold a PhD in History and Philosophy of Science and an MSc in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics. My research concerns the history of mathematics and astronomy, the circulation of scientific knowledge between Europe and Asia, and the political and diplomatic uses of science.

I am a full member of the International Academy of the History of Science. Before moving to France, I worked at the S. I. Vavilov Institute for the History of Science and Technology of the Russian Academy of Sciences and taught at the Higher School of Economics and the Financial University in Moscow. In 2023-2025, I was a PAUSE fellow at SPHERE, working on astral sciences in eighteenth-century in its connections with imperial politics.

My editorial and organisational experience includes twenty years as deputy editor-in-chief of the Russian Academy of Sciences journal *Вопросы истории естествознания и техники* [Studies in the History of Science and Technology], ten years in the Berlin editorial group of the Leibniz edition, and the organisation of ESHS symposia in London (2018) and Brussels (2022).

Statement

I am honoured to stand for election for a further term as ESHS Webmaster. Since the 2024 General Assembly I have maintained and updated the Society's website. I would be glad to continue this work in close cooperation with the Web Editor and Communications Officer, the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Council.

My first priority for 2026-2028 is continuity: a reliable website, prompt updates, stable workflows for announcements and documents, and secure technical maintenance. At the same time, I would like to help the Society move from routine maintenance to a modest redesign of the site. This should not be a disruptive overhaul, but a careful improvement of navigation, visual coherence, accessibility, mobile readability, and the visibility of the Society's main activities: conferences, prizes, early-career initiatives, Centaurus, institutional members, and archival materials.

I would also like to work together with the new Web Editor and other Council members on clearer procedures for submitting website content, preserving past General Assembly and conference documents, and making the site easier to use both for long-standing members and for colleagues encountering the ESHS for the first time. A well-maintained website is not only a technical tool; it is one of the public faces of the Society and an instrument for strengthening communication across the European and international history of science community.

If elected, I will combine regular updates with longer-term attention to sustainability: documentation of procedures, backups, security, and a division of responsibilities that will make future transitions easier. I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the ESHS in this role.

Web Editor and Communications Officer: Kristine Palmieri

Kristine Palmieri is a historian of science and the humanities in the German- and English-speaking worlds since 1700. Her research expertise spans the history of philology and language studies, the history of the human sciences, and the history of women in science. These ostensibly disparate topics are united by her overarching focus on the history of scholarly practices and scientific methods, the embeddedness of knowledge in specific socio-cultural and political contexts, as well as the mutually constitutive relationship between science and society. She also has longstanding interests in the history of European encounters with ‘others’ and newer interests in the global history of ‘modern’ science as well as the history of astronomy and astrophysics. She received her joint PhD from the University of Chicago in 2022 and is currently a Humboldt Postdoctoral Researcher at LMU Munich. Kristine’s dissertation examined the history of classical philology from a history of science perspective with a focus on the philology seminar. Her first book, which substantially expands and builds upon this earlier work, is currently under advance contract. Her articles have appeared in *Science in Context*, *Physics Today*, *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, and *Erudition and the Republic of Letters*, among others. She also publishes in German, with her most recent chapter “Die Institutionalisierung einer neuhumanistischen Wende” appearing in May 2026. Her co-curated exhibition, “Capturing the Stars: The Untold History of Women at Yerkes Observatory, 1900–1930,” received the 2024 Exhibiting Excellence Prize from the British Society for the History of Science. Kristine also has significant service experience, most notably with HSS. After first getting involved as a mentorship officer with the HSS Graduate and Early Career Caucus (2016–2017), she then served as GECC co-chair (2017–2019), as the first Early Career Representative elected to Council (2020–2022), and on the Nominating Committee (2022–2024), which she chaired in 2023–2024. Beyond this, she has served on multiple committees, especially while at UChicago, regularly takes on organizational, administrative, editorial, as well as community-building labor, and is currently a member of the Steering Committee for the FWO-funded Scientific Research Network “Integrating the Histories of Science and the Humanities, 1500–1900.”

Statement

It is an honour and a privilege to be nominated as Web Editor and Communications Officer for ESHS. Though I am not myself European (yet!), I have strong ties to the European history of science community, which I look forward to deepening in the coming years. I also have prior experience with society governance and a demonstrated commitment to professional service, especially through my longstanding involvement with HSS, which I will draw upon in this role. More importantly, I have come to value ESHS as one of the few forums that bring us together as a community across borders, both to celebrate the regional and methodological diversity of our scholarship and to facilitate dialogues that can help unify us as a profession. It is thus my goal as Communications Officer to build on the work of my predecessors both by maintaining the communications that connect the membership as well as by ensuring that these celebrations and dialogues continue to grow and intensify between conferences. I also aim to help the society develop its public-facing profile and messaging given my firm belief that historians of science have important insights to offer on many of the most pressing social and political issues of today. It is my hope that during our time in Edinburgh we can start thinking – together – about the kinds of communications that will be most valuable for ESHS membership and about the public-facing work that ESHS can undertake or help facilitate. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the ESHS community and look forward to working with the membership in the years ahead. Thank you for your consideration.

Archivist: Brigitte van Tiggelen**Brigitte van Tiggelen**

I work with the Science History Institute (formerly the Chemical Heritage Foundation), based Philadelphia and Paris, as Resident Scholar and Director for International Affairs. I'm also a member of the Centre de Recherche en Histoire des Sciences, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

Graduated both in physics and history, my research topics in the history of chemical sciences include couples, women and gender in science, heritage of chemical and molecular sciences, philosophy of chemistry and Belgian chemistry, nature of discovery in chemistry, mostly for the period 18th-20th century

Initiator of the EuChemS Historical Landmarks awards, past Chair of this awards'

Selection Committee, and past Chair of the historical division of the European Chemical Society

Past-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)

Co-organizer of the ESHS Brussels 2022

Was on the Scientific Board as Institutional Member representative (the Science History Institute is an ESHS affiliate)

Publications include co-edited books *From Bench to Brand and Back: The Co-Shaping of Materials and Chemists in the Twentieth Century* (2017); *Domesticity in the Making of Modern Science* (2016); *For Better Or for Worse?: Collaborative Couples in the Sciences* (2012), *The Public Image of Chemistry* (2007) and *Women in their Element. Selected contribution of women to the periodic System* (2019), as well two special issues devoted to the history of the Periodic System. Her last co-edited volume is *Discovering elements. No simple stories* (World Publishing, 2026)

Statement

In a sort of closing-the-loop moment, I have accepted the nomination as a candidate for the office of archivist, a nomination put forward by my colleagues from the Scientific Board. Back in 2003, I participated in the establishment of the European Society for the History of Science and sat on the scientific board for the first Maastricht conference in 2004.

From the start, the ESHS was a very vibrant and diverse community, but it has grown much wider, in terms of attendance to conferences, in terms of topics of sessions, and last but not least, in the inclusion from European and non-European countries, and the attention to the next generations of scholars in the field.

The ESHS archives are kept at the Centre d'archives en philosophie, histoire et édition des sciences (CAPHÉS), on the campus of the École normale supérieure in Paris. A considerable amount of work has already been done by the Scientific Board and my predecessors, Erika Luciano and Nathalie Queyroux, to organize its main documents and put them online, making them accessible to all, and I hope to be following in their footsteps as we near the 25th anniversary of our society .

Public Relations Officer: Gemma Cirac-Claveras

Gemma Cirac-Claveras is research professor at the Institut d'història de la ciència (iHC) of the Autonomous University of Barcelona since 2022. Her work investigates the history of satellite technology and its implications for society, politics, environment, and culture in the 20th Century. Since 2022, she is the PI of the project "CLIMASAT: Remote-sensing Satellite Data and Making of Global Climate in Europe, 1980s-2000s", funded by an ERC Starting Grant.

In 2014 she completed a PhD in History of Science from the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris) (2014). Her career has taken her to various prestigious institutions including the Alexandre Koyré Centre (Paris), Centre National d'Études Spatiales (Toulouse), Pierre Simon Laplace Institute (Paris), National Air and Space Museum (Washington DC), NASA (New York and Langley), Laboratoire Techniques, Territoires et Sociétés (Marne), and Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), among others. Gemma is member of several academic societies, including SHOT, HSS, and Tensions of Europe network, where she is member of the management committee. Her work has appeared in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Technology and Culture*, *Space Policy*, *Science as Culture*, *History and Technology*, and *HoST*. Gemma has been honored with awards from prominent organizations such as the History of Science Society and NASA (2015), the American Institute of Physics (2016), the European Space Agency (2017 and 2023), and the International Committee for the History of Technology (2016 and 2021).

Statement

I feel honored to have been nominated as Public Relations Officer for the 2026–2028 term. I have served on the Scientific Board for the last two terms as Institutional Representative. These past four years' experience within the ESHS enable me to be well-placed to embrace its near future.

If I am elected, I will work to strengthen the ESHS community, both in terms of its scholarly members and its relationship with external organisations. On the one hand, in continuation with previous work, and in collaboration with the Early Career Scholar Representative, I will aim to promote participation through the Early Career Scholars Network, including the organization of a fourth conference for early career scholars, the establishment of mentorship programs and of a program of online seminars. Also, I aim to enhance the participation of the member institutions, by creating and promoting spaces of communication and coordination, aimed to establish links, identify common challenges, discuss projects of interest and joint initiatives, including also the goal of increasing institutional membership. On the other hand, in collaboration with the President and other members of the Board and bearing in mind the direction the ESHS wishes to take in the coming years, I will aim to explore ways to engage more closely with other societies, universities and other relevant organizations.

Early-Career Network Representative: Sara Bassanelli

Sara Bassanelli is a PhD candidate in the FINO Doctoral Consortium and a researcher at the Politecnico di Torino, where she works at the intersection of the history of science and technology under the supervision of Professor Roberto Lalli. She collaborates with the ERC project *NEWORLD@A – Negotiating World Research Data: A Science Diplomacy Study* (PI Simone Turchetti, University of Manchester). Her research focuses on the history of twentieth-century standardization in physics, approaching it through the lens of science diplomacy and with particular attention to international techno-scientific organizations. She has conducted research at the University of Manchester, the Science History Institute (Philadelphia), the American Institute of Physics (Washington D.C.), and archival collections across Europe and the United States. Her research has been supported by competitive grants and fellowships from the American Institute of Physics, the Science History Institute, the California Institute of Technology (Biot Fund), and the Société Française d'Histoire des Sciences / Fondation EDF (François Caron Research Grant). Alongside her doctoral work, she is actively involved in the international early career community in the history of science. She co-organized the first ESHS Early Career Conference in Manchester (2025), regularly contributes to international conferences and collaborative initiatives.

Statement

I am honoured to have been nominated as the Early Career Network Representative of the European Society for the History of Science. This appointment represents an important step in my academic career and, above all, an opportunity to continue within the ESHS a commitment that has accompanied my work since the beginning of my PhD: fostering dialogue, cooperation, and mutual support among early career historians of science. Alongside my research, I have consistently reflected on the challenges faced by early career researchers in an increasingly international academic environment. Since the beginning of my PhD, I have sought to complement my research with opportunities for dialogue and exchange, convinced that connecting researchers across countries, institutions, and research traditions is an essential part of building a stronger scholarly community. I see the ECN as a practical and internationally connected network that can play an important role in supporting these exchanges. As ECN Representative, I see three main priorities. The first is to organize an Early Career Meeting in 2027, building on the successful experience of the Manchester meeting in 2025. The meeting would provide a dedicated space where early career researchers can present and discuss their work, develop new collaborations, and engage in constructive dialogue with established scholars across different historiographical traditions. The second is to improve the circulation of information on research opportunities, funding schemes, archival resources, training initiatives, and international research networks. The ECN can help make these resources more visible, easier to navigate, and more widely shared across the community. The third is to strengthen collaboration with other international early career networks, building on the dialogue initiated at the 2026 ESHS/HSS Joint Meeting in Edinburgh. Expanding these connections will encourage the exchange of good practices and create new opportunities for collaboration across institutions and countries.

Individual Members

Dania Achermann

As of February 2024, I am Associate Professor in the History of Science and Technology at the Uni-versity of St. Gallen, Switzerland. I am interested in the history of 20th century geosciences, with a research focus on atmospheric and climate sciences, paleoclimatology, glaciology and polar research, the role of research technology, as well as interdisciplinarity and processes of institutionalisation.

Before entering academia, I worked as a trained postal worker in Zurich. However, after some years, I also began to study history and geography at the University of Zurich and eventually received a dual PhD degree in the History of Science and Technology from Aarhus University (Denmark) and Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Germany) in 2014. I was a member of the Rachel Carson Center PhD programme “Environment and Society”, as well as of the Aarhus Graduate School of Science. In 2018, after research stays in Denmark and Germany, I was appointed Assistant Professor at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Science and Technology Studies (IZWT) at Wuppertal University (Germany), where I helped to establish the interdisciplinary graduate school “Transformations of Science and Technology since 1800”. From 2019 to 2022, I was released from teaching duties in Wuppertal in order to conduct a research project as part of the “Environmental and Climate History” group at the University of Bern (Switzerland) granted by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Last February, I could start my new position in St. Gallen and hence return to my home country. I currently work on the history of ice core research, radiocarbon dating, and the interdisciplinaryisation of climate science. I am currently president of the Gesellschaft für Technikgeschichte (German society for the history of technology).

I have been an individual member of the ESHS board since 2024 and was involved in the develop-ment of the new Respectful Behaviour Policy and the discussions on the reorganisation of the General Assembly. I would be a great honour to continue my work on the Scientific Board for another two years, offering my services to contribute to ESHS’s future thriving.

Linda Andersson Burnett

She is Senior Lecturer and Docent (Associate Professor) in History of Science and Ideas at Uppsala University, and a Wallenberg Academy Fellow. She is a historian of science specialising in natural history, colonial knowledge, Enlightenment science, and the global circulation of knowledge, with particular expertise in Linnaean science and its social and imperial contexts. She received her PhD in History from the University of Edinburgh in 2012 and has held fellowships and research positions at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, The Institute for Advanced Studies at Edinburgh, and at the Linnaeus University in Sweden. She currently leads the international research programme *Instructing Natural History: Nature, People, Empire* and is co-founder and co-director of the Women in Natural History Museums and Collections Consortium (WOMNH). Andersson Burnett has published articles in journals such as *Isis*, *History of Science*, and *Annals of Science*, and has edited several special issues for international journals, including *The British Journal for the History of Science* (forthcoming); *History of the Human Sciences*, and *Global Intellectual History*. Her recent monograph, *Race and the Scottish Enlightenment: A Colonial History, 1750–1820* (Yale University Press, 2025, co-authored with Bruce Buchan), is currently shortlisted for the Pickstone Prize of the British Society for the History of Science. She has secured major competitive funding from the Knut and Alice

Wallenberg Foundation, the Swedish Research Council, and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and mentored postdoctoral researchers and supervised PhD students. Her academic service includes membership of the editorial boards of the Swedish history of ideas journal *Lychnos* and the Brill Series in the History of the Environment, grant reviewing for the ERC and Leverhulme Trust, and leadership roles at Uppsala University. She is a former member of the Young Academy of Sweden, was elected to AcademiaNet, and currently serves on the board of the Swedish National Committee for History of Technology and Science (SNTV). She collaborates closely with the Swedish Museums of World Culture and serves on the scientific committee for a forthcoming international exhibition on Linnaeus and Buffon organised by the Linnean Society of London and the Musée Buffon.

Statement

I am honoured and grateful to have been nominated by the ESHS Council to stand for election to the Scientific Board. If elected, I would work to support the Society's role as an intellectually generous and inclusive forum for the history of science across Europe and beyond. A central concern of my work has been to broaden the histories of science we tell: geographically, socially and institutionally. I would like to contribute to an ESHS agenda that continues to expand the geographies of European history of science, including northern and Arctic regions such as Sápmi, which have too often been treated as peripheral rather than as central sites in the making and circulation of scientific knowledge. My own research on Linnaean science, Sápmi, colonial knowledge and the European Arctic has convinced me that changing the map of our field also changes the questions we ask. I would also work to strengthen attention to the many people who made science outside universities and academies, including women, Indigenous and other marginalised communities, collectors, travellers, artisans and early citizen scientists. Through my research programme *Instructing Natural History* and the *Women and Natural History Museum Consortium*, I have sought to show how scientific knowledge was built through distributed, collaborative and often uneven networks. Museums and collections are crucial partners in this work, and I would welcome opportunities for ESHS to further develop dialogue with museums, public history institutions and wider publics. Finally, I care deeply about access to our field. As a first-generation university student and a mother of three, I know that academic careers are shaped not only by intellectual merit but also by access to support, opportunity and sense of belonging. I would bring to the Board a commitment to fostering a diverse, collegial and welcoming history of science community.

Johannes Mattes

Johannes Mattes is an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow (Experienced Researchers Program) at the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina in Halle (Saale). His path into the history of science began in Vienna, where he studied history and German literature, taught at secondary school, and completed his PhD in history with honors. Since then, supported by major fellowships, including a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship, his work has taken him to a wide range of scholarly environments, among them Stanford, Toronto, Paris, Oslo, Leipzig, and Edinburgh. He has received several awards, including the Bader Prize for the History of Natural Sciences and the University of Vienna's Excellence in Teaching Award.

His research asks how scientific knowledge is organized, made credible, and moved across social, political, and geographical boundaries. He specializes in the history of knowledge and science in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Central Europe in wider European and global contexts, with a focus on the earth and life sciences, nuclear physics, and medical technologies. His current book project, *Habsburg Science Collaborative*, examines large-scale scientific projects

as infrastructures connecting imperial statehood, civil society, colonial entanglements, and international cooperation.

He has published widely, including in journals such as *BJHS*, *Centaurus*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Episodes*, *Earth Sciences History*, and *Medical History*. Alongside his research, he has been closely involved in scholarly service, currently serving as Secretary General of the International Union of Speleology (60 member countries), and as representative to the International Science Council and the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science.

Statement

I am grateful to have been nominated as an Individual Member of the Scientific Board of the European Society for the History of Science. What I value most about the ESHS is its ability to bring together a field that is intellectually rich but also highly dispersed: across countries, languages, historiographical traditions, generations, and institutional settings.

For me, the history of science is at its best when it creates conversations across such boundaries. It allows us to ask how knowledge becomes authoritative, how institutions shape research, how expertise circulates, and how science is entangled with society, politics, and culture. These questions matter not only for our own scholarship, but also for wider debates about expertise, trust, public knowledge, and the role of historical understanding in the present.

If elected, I would like to help strengthen the connections that make such a dispersed field work. I would be particularly committed to supporting early career researchers, fostering gender equality, and making the diversity of European history of science more visible. This includes scholars working in smaller countries and academic communities, in different linguistic contexts, and in fields that do not always occupy the center of the discipline. My aim would be to contribute through reliable, collaborative work: listening carefully, communicating clearly, and helping people and initiatives remain connected.

My experience in learned societies has taught me that scholarly communities depend on work that is often modest, but essential: transparent procedures, continuity, and trust. I would bring this understanding to the Scientific Board and would be glad to support the officers and members of the Society in their ongoing work.

I would regard service on the Scientific Board not simply as an honor, but as a responsibility: to contribute time, experience, and care to a society that has become one of the most important meeting grounds for historians of science in Europe and beyond, and to help ensure that this meeting ground remains open, diverse, and supportive.

Kostas Tampakis

I am a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Historical Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation. My research interests include the history of science and technology in the Greek State (19th and 20th centuries), the history of the relations between the sciences and Orthodox Christianity, and science and ideology. Before my appointment at the IHR/NHRF, I was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge, a Research Associate at Darwin College, and a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Princeton University. I was also a Postdoctoral Researcher at the NHRF, and the Assistant Director of the Templeton-funded project Science and Orthodoxy around the World. Finally, I have taught Physics and Mathematics for more than two decades in secondary education, and I have a strong interest

in the interactions of pedagogy with the history of science and technology. My work has appeared in *Isis*, *Centaurus*, *BJHS*, and *History of Science*, among other venues, and I have co-edited five volumes on science and religion studies and on science and literature, published by Brepols and Routledge. I am also the current President of the Greek National Committee of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, and for many years I served as Treasurer of the Commission on Science and Literature.

Statement

It would be a privilege and an honor to be considered as a candidate for membership on the Scientific Board of the ESHS. I have been a member of ESHS since 2010 and have had the pleasure of participating in its conferences since then. I have previously served as an Individual Member on the ESHS Scientific Board. If re-elected, I will work towards bringing communities of historians working in Southern and Eastern Europe into closer contact with the ESHS. I also believe that ESHS can lead the discussion on the impact of new digital tools — such as AI-driven natural language processing applications — on research and teaching. I will therefore strive for ESHS to spearhead relevant initiatives. Finally, I believe that historians of science, and ESHS as a Society, can work more effectively towards safeguarding funding opportunities and academic freedom for historians of science, and I would like to pursue such actions.

Karin Tybjerg

I currently work as an Associate Professor at Medical Museion, University of Copenhagen, and as a Group Leader at the Centre for Basic Metabolic Research, University of Copenhagen, a role that bridges a humanities research unit, a museum and a scientific research centre. I have previously held positions as a Junior Research Fellow at Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, and also worked in the museum world as Head of Astronomy at Kroppedal Museum, Denmark, and Keeper of Modern History and Ethnography at the National Museum of Denmark.

My primary research interest lies in the history of medical collections ranging from 19th century pathological collections to modern biobanks, and I led the research project that resulted in the acclaimed exhibition *The Body Collected*. Currently, I am the PI of two research projects: *New Knowledge from an Old Bottle: Objects of Knowledge in Cholera Research before Bacteriology*, which explores materialisations of cholera in the mid 19th century, and *Technical Platforms as Epistemic Hubs*, which investigates how biomedical technologies forge interdisciplinarity and how they shift from explorative to diagnostic technologies.

My background thus spans a broad range in terms of fields, periods, and institutions. After a first degree in physics and philosophy, I have maintained a love for history of physics serving on the Board of Directors of the Niels Bohr Archive. My PhD and Fellowship was in the field of ancient science and dipped into the renaissance, and I am keen to support the presence of premodern science at the general meetings. Methodologically I have enjoyed my role as Keeper of Modern History and Ethnography due to the generative intersection with ethnography and the central role of material objects. Institutionally, I believe in maintaining

exchange between museums, archives, scientific research environments, humanities and social science departments, and dedicated departments of History of Science.

Statement

In serving ESHS, I wish to bring my broad of experience to exciting work already being done by the board to strengthen ESHS as a broad-ranging community that offers a meeting point for scholars across diverse fields and from diverse institutional backgrounds. One means to include “outliers” is to support thematic sessions at the meetings that create interactions between periods and fields, and such sessions might also help maintain the role of History of Science as a conceptually generative field.

As a member of the advisory board of *Centaurus*, I wish to continue the collaboration between ESHS and the periodical. *Centaurus* and indeed ESHS itself are important hubs of history of science in Europe, where scholars are often distributed among a range of institutions and disciplines.

As the head of a PhD programme at the University of Copenhagen, I am keenly aware of the pressures on early career scholars. In general, I want to advocate for more opportunities for pursuing research projects that are not predetermined by senior scholars. More specifically in the society, I wish to work to make opportunities as open as possible.

Institutional Members

Michiel Bron - Belgian-Dutch Society for History of Science and Universities (GEWINA)

Michiel Bron is a postdoctoral researcher on the governance of the future energy market at Tilburg University. In his research he studied the role of oil actors in shaping nuclear energy developments throughout the twentieth century through the lens of the many (technological) spillovers between both industries. Currently, he works within the framework of the Market Organization of the Dutch Energy System (MODES). Since 2023, he is board member of the Belgian Dutch Society for the History of Science and University, Gewina.

Gewina is the Belgian-Dutch Society for the History of Science and Universities. It brings together approximately 400 researchers and enthusiasts in the field of the history of science in the broad sense and the history of universities. Gewina publishes the academic journal *Journal for the History of Knowledge*, the popular science magazine *Wonderkamer*, and organizes events for both the general public and professional researchers.

As **Gewina**, we have been an institutional member of ESHS because we see great value in building a European network of like-minded societies and institutions, with a focus on transcending borders between countries and different audiences. We at Gewina have firsthand experienced the benefits such connections can bring: as a Belgian-Dutch society, we bring together historians of science from two countries, and by publishing both an academic and a professional journal, we explicitly connect academic research with a broader audience.

Statement

As board member for the ESHS in the coming years we hope to strengthen both of these aspects: on the one hand, connecting and representing historians of science from different countries, and on the other hand, involving a broader public in our activities as academics wherever possible.

Alain Bernard - French Society for the History of Science and Technology (SFHST)

Identity academic position and contact of the nominee

- BERNARD, Alain, born 30.1.69
- Associate professor at University Paris Est Créteil (France, near Paris) in the faculty of education and teacher training (INSPE).
- Member of Centre Alexandre-Koyré for history of sciences and techniques, UMR 8560 (EHESS-CNRS-MNHN). <https://cak.ehess.fr/membres/alain-bernard>
- Now 2024-25 on research leave at CNRS / Centre Alexandre-Koyré
- E-mail: alain.bernard@u-pec.fr (prof); alainguy.bernard@gmail.com (pers.)

Research topics of the nominee (illustrated by) selected publications

- History of mathematics in Late Antiquity¹
- Mathematics in 18th cent Encyclopedias²
- History of Science in teaching and teacher training³

Short presentation of the French Society for History of Sciences and Techniques (SFHST)

- The main goals of our society are:
 - To foster connections between people in France interested in HST
 - To support the coordination and growth of French research in this area, as well as the dissemination of knowledge through teaching or any other means;
 - To contribute to the organization of meetings, conferences, etc. to attain these goals
- The society holds a congress every two years. The next one will be in Nantes in April 2027
- It also organizes an annual thesis prize and a colloquium dedicated to young researchers in the history of sciences and techniques

The nominee's agenda for 2026-28

- To strengthen the contacts between the French society of HST and the ESHS
- To stimulate national and international discussion on the teaching of history of sciences and techniques

Mauro Capocci - Italian Society of the History of Science (SISS)

I hold a degree in Philosophy of Science from Sapienza University of Rome and a PhD in History of Science from the University of Florence. Since 2019, I have served as an Associate Professor in History of Science at the University of Pisa, where I also teach History of Medicine. Previously, I was a Researcher in History of Medicine and Bioethics at Sapienza University (2010–2019). Currently, I serve on the editorial boards of *Physis* and *Medicina nei Secoli* and am a faculty member of the PhD program in Philosophy at the Universities of Pisa and Florence.

¹ E.g. Bernard, A., Proust, C., Ross, M. 2014. Mathematics Education in Antiquity. In A. Karp and G. Schubring (eds.), *Handbook on the History of Mathematics Education*. Springer. 27-53.

Bernard, A. 2018. Greek Mathematics and Astronomy in Late Antiquity. In Paul Keyser and John Scarborough (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Science and Medicine in the Classical World*, OUP, p. 869-894.

² E.g. Bernard, A., Darley, C., Herrero, S. 2025, D'Alembert's encyclopedic reflections on the dispute about the shape of the earth. In Barbin, Menghini, Fried (ed), *Current Trends, Practices, and Ideas in the History and Epistemology in Mathematics Education*. Springer

Bernard A. (to appear soon, 2026 ?) The legacy of Wolff's bibliographical accounts in Chamber's Cyclopaedia and in the French Encyclopédie, in R. D'Enfert, C. Ehrhardt, O. Bruneau (ed.) *Gathering, preserving, transmitting: mathematical heritage in Encyclopedias* (18th-20th Century), Springer.

Bernard A., Guilbaud, A. (in preparation, 2027?) Mathematical Sciences: Various Fields of Knowledge and Unexpected Authors. In L. Derainne, A. Cernuschi, A. Guilbaud, éd. *Who wrote the Encyclopédie? New research on 33,000 anonymous articles*, coll. Science Networks. Historical Studies, Birkhäuser.

³ E.g. Bernard, A. et Gosztonyi, K. 2018. La confrontation entre expérience professionnelle des enseignants et recherches historiques : une expérience transitionnelle ?, *Tréma* 48, 17 - 34.

Bernard, A. et Petitgirard, L. 2018. L'histoire des sciences et des techniques dans cinq dispositifs innovants de formation professionnelle : une analyse comparative, *Tréma* 48, 1 – 16.

Institution

The Italian Society of History of Science (SISS), founded in 1982 and currently based at the Museo Galileo in Florence, boasts 293 members across several countries. The Society organizes workshops, seminars, an international congress every two years, and a biennial meeting for young researchers. Fostering cooperation between academic and non-academic institutions, its president serves on the Italian Committee of Philosophical Societies, an advisory body to the Italian Ministry of Research. Beyond academic research, SISS supports initiatives in schools, museums, and lifelong learning projects. It publishes the official journal *Scientia* (www.rivistascientia.it), now in its third year. As an ordinary member, SISS represents Italy within the Division of History of Science and Technology of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST/DHST).

Statement

My objective is to foster cooperation within the European research space by gathering information from various National Societies and disseminating it throughout the European network. I believe society activities should be shared regularly, and I propose creating a dedicated institutional space within the ESHS—potentially within its journal—to facilitate this exchange. Furthermore, in my role, I would collect proposals from institutional members to strengthen the ESHS's position as a central hub for advancing the discipline across Europe.

Ruixuan Du - Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG)

Ruixuan Du is a postdoctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Department Artefacts, Action, Knowledge). She received her PhD with a joint project between Max Planck Institute for the History of Science and the History of Pharmacy and Medicine from Philipps-Universität Marburg in 2025. Her research focuses on the history of surgical intervention, the body imagination in both scholarly view and marketplace. She is currently a member of the source initiative working group *Common Knowledge and Its Sources in the Sinosphere, 14th–20th Century* and also a collaborator of a global networking project *Vernacular medicine and Modes of Knowing in China-historical and Global Perspectives*.

Institution

Founded in 1994, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) in Berlin is one of the more than 80 research institutes of the Max Planck Society. Since its inception, the Institute has continually expanded the boundaries of the field of the history of science—critically interrogating basic concepts, bringing multiple disciplines into dialog, and experimenting with novel research methods. Research at the Institute investigates how knowledge is produced, circulated, and transformed across time and place. Our research addresses the history of knowledge in its global diversity and across the full span of human history, which specific areas of focus determined by the research agendas of the Institute's departments and research groups.

Agenda (2026–2028)

If elected, I would like to contribute to strengthening international collaboration within the Society, particularly by supporting early-career researchers and encouraging dialogue across different geographical and disciplinary traditions.

My priorities are:

- **Promoting global perspectives in the history of science** with a particular emphasis on scholarship from Asia, including China, Korea and Japan etc..
- **Strengthening opportunities for early-career scholars** by fostering collaborations on funding applications, facilitating exchanges, and creating new opportunities for international cooperation;
- **Encouraging collaboration between historians and artists** to explore diverse methods for researches.

As the representative of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, I hope to contribute to an active, internationally connected, and intellectually diverse Society.

11. Amendments to the Statutes and By-laws on online participation and voting

Revision of Article 7 of Statutes and of Article 1 of By-Laws; new Article 6, By-Laws

- Article 7, 1: at the discretion of the President and the Council, and in agreement with local organisers, members may be able to attend the GA and exercise their rights via a set online platform; possibility of voting electronically before the General Assembly; clarification of quorum.
- Article 7, 2: ensures that all necessary materials are available before voting starts, either at the GA or prior to the GA; minor changes regarding issues that we previously agreed upon, e.g., that time and place of the next conference should be confirmed by members rather than chosen.
- By-Laws: Article 1: clarifies GA attendees.
- By-Laws: Article 6: defines possible voting methods, sets out responsibilities concerning platforms, communication etc., ensures that secrecy and safety issues are observed.

Based on Article 12 the GA will have to approve this by 2/3 majority

Article VII, Point 1, current version:

(1) The President shall call the members of the Society to meet in General Assembly during each regular scientific congress. The members present at a meeting of the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII, Point 1, new version:

(1) The President shall call the members of the Society to meet in General Assembly during each regular scientific congress. **In consultation with the Council and the local organisers, the President may allow members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means in a manner approved by the Council. The quorum for the General Assembly shall consist of all members who register to participate either in person or through electronic means and shall include members who cast their votes prior to the meeting in the manner described above.**

Article VII, Point 2, current version:

2. The General Assembly shall have the following functions:

a. to receive a report of the President and the officers, at the latest two days before the General Assembly meets;

b. to determine the date, place and topic of the next scientific congress;

...

g. to deal with any other items of business proposed by the Council or by members. The items must be submitted, in writing, in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article VII, Point 2, new version:

(2) The General Assembly shall have the following functions:

a. to receive a report of the President and the officers;

b. **to receive a report from the President evaluating options for the date, place and topic of**

the next scientific congress;

...

g. to deal with any other items of business proposed by the Council or by members and submitted in writing. In order to permit members to exercise informed judgment in voting for Council officers and on matters of Society business, all reports specified in the clauses above, in addition to a full slate of candidates for election, shall be placed on the Society's website no less than seven days before the voting starts.

Changes to by-laws,

Article XI. Point 1, current version

1. Quorum and Decisions: the quora of the Council, the Scientific Board, and General Assembly are fixed in Articles V (1), VI (1), VII (1) respectively. Provided these are reached and unless otherwise specified, decisions shall be made by a majority of those present and voting. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Article XI. Point 1, new version

1. Quorum and Decisions: the quora of the Council, the Scientific Board, and General Assembly are fixed in Articles V (1), VI (1), VII (1) respectively. Provided these are reached and unless otherwise specified, decisions shall be made by a majority of those present, including potential online attendees, and voting. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Addition: Article XI. Point 6, entirely new.

6. Voting can be by hand-raising, ballot paper or electronic means, and it can be held during the General Assembly or take place prior to the General Assembly, as previously specified in the General Assembly's agenda documents. If online attendance is enabled, the secretary and the web officer will be jointly responsible for selecting an electronic platform for online conferencing, and the secretary will communicate accordingly the platform's details to members in the General Assembly's summoning communications. Similarly, if online voting is enabled, either during General Assembly or prior to the event, the secretary and the web officer will be jointly responsible for selecting an electronic platform for online voting, and the secretary will be responsible for providing the relevant links to all members in due time. Secretary and web officer will be jointly responsible to take the necessary precautions to ensure the secrecy and safety of all online procedures. The electronic voting system must ensure the reliable identification of the voters, the integrity of the cast votes, and the absolute confidentiality of the data transmission.

12. Amendments to the Statutes on a representation of the Gustav Neuenschwander Foundation in the SB

Article VI. The Scientific Board, current version

1. The Scientific Board shall comprise the members of the Council ex officio, plus eight members, including at most four institutional members. The President or his/her delegated representative shall act as Chairperson of the Scientific Board. ...

Article VI. The Scientific Board, new version

1. The Scientific Board shall comprise the members of the Council ex officio, plus eight members, including at most four institutional members. **Additionally, the President will invite a Gustav Neuenschwander Fund representative to join the Board as ex officio member on matters concerning the sponsorship of ESHS initiatives.** The President or his/her delegated representative shall act as Chairperson of the Scientific Board

13. Respectful Behaviour Policy

1. Introduction

The purpose of the Respectful Behaviour Policy of the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS) is to foster a values-based culture characterized by thoughtful, respectful and ethical behaviour on the part of all who participate in the work of ESHS.

ESHS core values

The ESHS is committed to ensure a safe, inclusive and hospitable environment for all, and affirms the values of respect, inclusivity, diversity, sustainability, excellence, integrity and transparency, and collaborativeness in its activities.

Aims of Respectful Behaviour Policy

This Policy defines a code of respectful conduct for the people who participate in the work of the ESHS. It also sets up procedures to report violations of the Policy and establishes follow-up responses.

2. Scope of application

This Respectful Behaviour Policy applies to:

- all members of ESHS Scientific Board and its advisory bodies and committees;
- all members of the editorial board of the journals managed by the ESHS (Centaurus), authors and all collaborators;
- participants and organizers of ESHS events and activities;
- people who engage in the events and activities of the ESHS;

3. Affirmation

This Policy expects all the people designated above to commit to the values of the ESHS. By participating or collaborating in the work of ESHS participants designated above acknowledge to have read this policy and explicitly adhere to it.

The ESHS is entitled to update this Policy when necessary, upon approval of the General

Assembly.

4. Reporting and response process

Anyone who believes to have experienced or witnessed any form of disrespectful behaviour should be able to report the situation safely. The ESHS will not allow retaliation against people acting in good faith in the reporting of a known or reasonably suspected violation.

Reportable violations of the Respectful Behaviour Policy to which the processes set out in this section may apply:

1. Dishonesty.
2. Acting for personal gain or benefit.
3. Engaging in transactions that may have a corrupting influence.
4. Failure to declare a conflict of interest.
5. Plagiarism.
6. Breach of confidentiality in relation to confidential information obtained as a result of participation in the work of the ESHS.
7. Careless mismanagement of ESHS resources.
8. Concealing or failing to disclose a reportable violation of this Policy.
9. Bullying, intimidating, abusive or harassing behaviour.
10. Discriminatory behaviour.
11. Failure, by a responsible person, to have regard to the safety of people involved in ESHS activities.
12. A breach of the criminal law of any country.
13. A finding of professional misconduct by any professional body of any country.
14. A finding of a breach of a regulatory law of any country.

Possible responses where a reportable violation of the Respectful Behaviour Policy is found to have occurred:

1. Counselling of the person violating the Policy.
2. A requirement that the person violating the Policy undertake training.
3. Direction of a conciliation process between the person found to have violated the Policy and any persons adversely affected by the violation.
4. A reprimand.
5. Suspension from ESHS membership for a specified period or permanently.
6. Suspension from ESHS activities for a specified period, including but not restricted to attending to meetings and conferences, publication at the ESHS's journals (Centaurus), acting as a reviewer for ESHS's journals (Centaurus), member of editorial committee of ESHS's journals (Centaurus), member of the Scientific Board and other forms of collaboration.
7. Permanent exclusion from ESHS activities, including but not restricted to attending to meetings and conferences, publication at the ESHS's journals (Centaurus), acting as a reviewer for ESHS's journals (Centaurus), member of editorial committee of ESHS's

journals (Centaurus), and member of the Scientific Board and other forms of collaboration.

Process for governing bodies (scientific board, advisory committees, Centaurus, etc):

- Known or reasonably suspected violations of the Respectful Behaviour Policy among members of the Scientific Board or advisory and governing bodies should be reported to the Vice-President or another member of the Scientific Board, as appropriate.
- The Vice-President or other member of the Scientific Board will anonymously raise all reports to the Board.
- Reports will be investigated promptly and confidentially by a specially appointed committee, excluding any person who may have a conflict of interest. Findings will be anonymously reported to the Scientific Board along with a recommended response, proportionate to the seriousness of any substantiated violation and taking into account the intent behind it, prior history and the impact on the ESHS. The goal of the response will be to safeguard the ESHS's values, integrity, reputation and safety, and to encourage improvement of behaviour.

Process for participants in ESHS events:

- Major events organized or co-organized by the ESHS will have a designated person (or group) to receive reports of perceived, suspected or actual violations of the ESHS Respectful Behaviour Policy. Such reports will be brought to the attention of the Vice-President or to a designated officer of the Scientific Board, as appropriate.
- The Vice-President or other member of the Scientific Board will raise all reports to a committee specially appointed before all the major events.
- Reports will be investigated promptly and confidentially by the specially appointed committee. Findings will be anonymously reported to the Scientific Board along with a recommended response, proportionate to the seriousness of any substantiated violation and taking into account the intent behind it, prior history and the impact on the ESHS. The goal of the response will be to safeguard the ESHS's values, integrity, reputation and safety, and to encourage improvement of behaviour.

14. Grants to Early-Career Scholars

The following early career scholars who have applied for grants, have been successful in their applications:

Michele Corti — University of Siena

Noemi Di Tommaso — University of Milan

Anna Gustavsson — University of Gothenburg

Alaa Iktash — London School of Economics and Political Science

Blessing Jeffrey-Ebhomenmen — Adeleke University

Aoife Kearins — University of Oxford

Maja Korolija — Institute for Multidisciplinary Research, IMSI, Belgrade

Zoe Lauri — Museo Galileo – Institute and Museum of the History of Science, Florence

Yanan Liu — Sun Yat-sen University

Yinghua Luo — Nankai University

Zhaoyi Ma — Nanyang Technological University

Arya Mohan S — Christ College of Science and Management, Bengaluru

Rafael Prezado — University of Évora

Majideh Qazizadeh — University of Exeter

Roberta Ranieri — University of Bari “Aldo Moro”

Eleanor Shaw — University of Manchester

Andreas Sofianos — National Technical University of Athens

Jing Sun — The University of Tokyo

Yihong Sun — University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

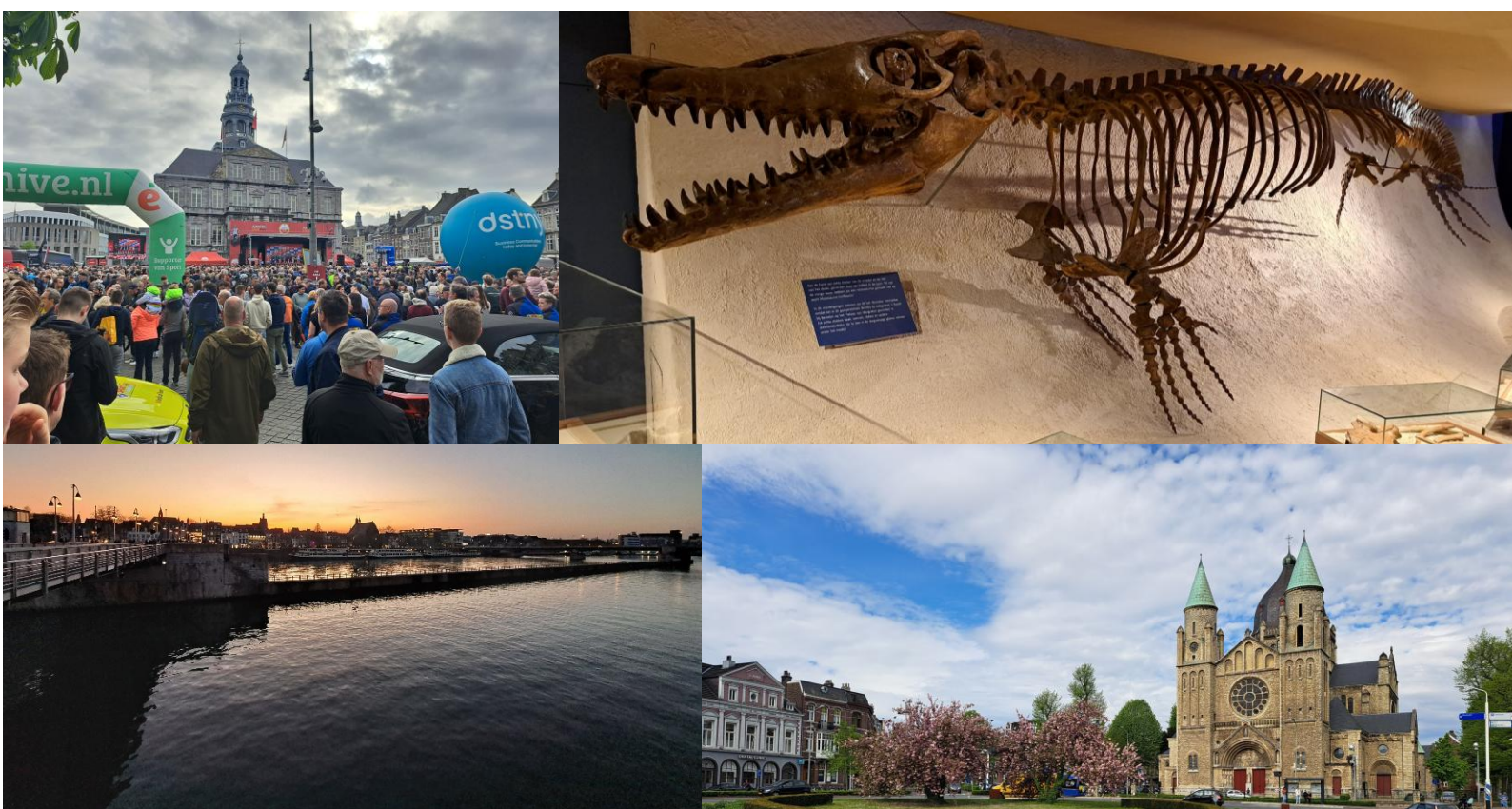
Albert Varghese — Indian Institute of Technology Madras



15. ESHS 2028 Conference

Proposal to host ESHS 2028 in Maastricht

We, the local organising committee, are pleased to propose that Maastricht University host the 2028 European Society for the History of Science meeting. The very first ESHS meeting was held in Maastricht in 2004. Both ESHS and Maastricht have grown and diversified since that time, and we look forward to reuniting these old friends as part of the Society's lustrum year 2023-2024.



Organising team

The core of the local organising committee currently consists of Raf De Bont, Cyrus Mody (chair), Joris Roosen, Simone Schleper, and Geert Somsen—all members of the History Department of Maastricht University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Somsen is also an associate professor at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, while Roosen is head of research at Tracé, the former Social History Centre Limburg. Schleper is current co-editor (and Somsen former co-editor) of the *Journal for the History of Knowledge*, the journal of Gewina, the Dutch-Belgian Society for the History of Science and Universities. We anticipate that Somsen and Schleper will coordinate conference planning with Gewina and its members, while Roosen will involve Tracé and other heritage organisations in the Aachen-Maastricht-Liège Euregio and around the province of Limburg.

We also plan to draw on the expertise of the 2004 local committee, particularly Jo Wachelder and Ernst Homburg, as well as other FASoS staff interested in the history of science, technology, and philosophy, including Joeri Bruyninckx, Darryl Cressman, Brigitte le Normand, Aleksandra Komornicka, Flora Lysen, Odinn Melsted, Danielle Shanley, Massimiliano Simons, Tullio Viola, and Jacob Ward. Given the depth of history of science

expertise both locally and around our network in the Low Countries, we are confident that we can assemble an efficient, creative, and thorough programme committee.

Finally, we will work with Mandy Walls (FASoS Marketing and Communications unit) and Kirsten Kluivers (History Department secretariat) and employ an external conference coordinator in planning the meeting. Our faculty regularly hosts international meetings such as the International Conference on the History of Chemistry in 2019 and the *Historicidagen* (Dutch national meeting of historians) in 2024. While these meetings were smaller than ESHS conferences, we believe we and our colleagues have the experience needed to scale up.

Maastricht and the Euregio

Today, Maastricht is the largest city of Limburg, the southernmost province of the Netherlands sandwiched between Germany and Belgium. Originally, it was *Mosae Trajectum*, the crossing over the Maas (or Meuse) on the road connecting the agricultural centres in the Boulogne-Tongeren region with the Roman strongholds at Cologne and along the Rhine. For travelers today, that means that Maastricht is less than 90 minutes (by train or bus) from the cities of Aachen, Liège, and Brussels and the airports at Charleroi, Eindhoven, and Düsseldorf. Brussels, Liège, and Aachen are also served by Eurostar trains from France, Germany, and the UK. Conference attendees from further away can fly to the Netherlands' largest airport, Schiphol (Amsterdam), and take a 2.5-hour train ride to Maastricht.

For most of the 20th century, coal mining powered the economy of Limburg as well as adjoining regions in Germany and Belgium. Closure of the mines in the mid-1970s therefore led to severe unemployment and poverty. To reverse that decline, the provincial, local, and Dutch central governments worked closely to found the University of Maastricht (formerly Rijksuniversiteit Limburg) in 1976 and convention centre in 1988, and to attract think tanks, museums, high-end shops, cultural events (such as The European Fine Art Fair, TEFAF, and the annual André Rieu musical extravaganza), and scientific institutions (including the Euregio's current bid to build the Einstein Telescope) to the region. The culmination of that campaign was the signing of the Maastricht Treaty founding the European Union in 1992. For ESHS attendees, that recent history means that Maastricht is a young, small-but-cosmopolitan, tourist-friendly destination bristling with hotels, restaurants, and attractive sites. English is spoken everywhere in town—but you're also likely to hear German, French, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, Arabic, Chinese, or Ukrainian as well as Dutch/Flemish and Limburgish (or the latter's local variant, Mestreechs) as you walk along our streets.

History of Science in Maastricht and the Low Countries

Limburg's two universities, UM and the Open University (founded 1984), may be the Netherlands' youngest, but the region has been a centre of globally-recognised research since Maastricht's days as a garrison town guarding the Maas, when well-educated officers with time on their hands indulged in various intellectual pursuits. Most notably, the local marl (limestone) quarries yielded significant mosasaur fossils in 1766 and 1778. The former is now at the Teylers Museum in Haarlem; the latter became fodder for extensive early paleontological speculation, both before and after it was expropriated to Paris by French troops in 1794. A replica of the latter can be found in the local natural history museum on the Bosquetplein—named after a Maastrichtenaar apothecary and correspondent of Darwin's.

The same hill under which the mosasaurs were found also contains the reference layer of the Maastrichtian age of the Cretaceous, identified in 1849. Four years later, the Jesuits returned to Maastricht after a long hiatus and founded a seminary housing some 250,000 volumes including an extensive ethnographic collection. The Jesuits were enticed back to Maastricht in part because during their absence it had become the first industrial city of the Netherlands,

largely thanks to Flemish entrepreneurs and English craftsmen involved in ceramics production. Later, the region's coal boom attracted a chemical manufacturing cluster centred on DSM (Dutch State Mines) that remains active to this day.

Since the late 1980s, Maastricht has been not only a thriving home for scientific discovery, but also a world-leading centre of research *on* research—not just at the university, but also at institutes such as the United Nations University-Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) and the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study (IFIAS). Within the university, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences—thanks in part to former dean Wiebe Bijker—has built one of the largest science and technology studies clusters in Europe, with historical research as one its main specialties. Maastricht's historians of science, technology, and philosophy are also well-connected with peers around the Low Countries, for instance at Utrecht University (site of the 2019 HSS meeting) and the Université libre de Bruxelles (host of the 2022 ESHS conference).

Theme

The theme for ESHS 2028 will be Centring and Decentring Europe in/and the History of Science. Maastricht has been *a* centre of Europe from Charlemagne to the founding of the European Union. Yet since Roman times it has also always been located at the periphery of successive empires and polities. Likewise, for four decades history of science has been a core research and teaching focus at Maastricht University—but always in an interdisciplinary environment where history of science, technology, medicine, and philosophy mingle with environmental history, business history, and histories of European integration, and where historians, anthropologists, philosophers, and STS scholars constructively question each other's methods, aims, audiences, and assumptions. We hope ESHS 2028 will similarly stir attendees to renew history of science by welcoming scholars who specialise in other subfields of history as well as history-minded scholars who bring perspectives from other disciplines.

Looking to current events, there has never been a greater need for strong, independent European institutions—including scholarly institutions such as the ESHS. Yet the Eurocentrism of past histories of science is no longer viable. More than ever, we need a Europe—and a European history of science—that is part of a larger world that has always already been interconnected. We hope that ESHS 2028 can be both a European and a global meeting, both in content and attendance.

Venue

The main venue of the conference will likely be Maastricht University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The faculty is located in the heart of the old city centre, slightly less than two kilometres from the main Maastricht train station. FASoS's classrooms and lecture halls are spread across an eclectic but tightly clustered mix of buildings ranging from the 18th century Hof van Tilly and Soiron Huis to the Amsterdam School-esque Stercollege. Some plenary events will be held in the Turnzaal, the (perhaps) oldest gymnasium in the Netherlands and today the faculty's aula. For the Early Career Lectures, Neuenschwander Prize Lecture, and ESHS President-Elect Lecture we will decamp to a nearby venue, possibly one of Maastricht's many former churches; afterward, attendees are invited to a reception and welcome by the mayor at the 17th-century former city hall.

Catering, accommodation, and weather

Refreshments during coffee breaks will be provided as part of the registration fee. We will not offer lunch as there is not a suitable space in the faculty, and including lunch would radically increase the registration fee. There are many restaurants less than a kilometre (mostly much less) from the faculty where conferees can enjoy lunch together.

There are also many small and mid-size hotels on the axis between the faculty and the train station. About halfway between them lies the Maas, along which are situated a number of larger hotels. There is also a cluster of hotels near the hospital and convention center on the other side of the river, easily accessible by bus. Late October/early November is not a prime tourist season in Maastricht, as the weather is starting to become grey (though still pleasant); highs will likely be around 12 °C, lows circa 5 °C. As a result, hotel prices should be relatively reasonable: either side of €160 for well-appointed rooms; with a little work (and some luck) conferees should be able to find a good number of bookings closer to €120/night.

Excursions

Maastricht and the surrounding region have a rich scientific and industrial heritage which we hope ESHS attendees will be keen to engage with. We will work with the Maastricht Convention Bureau and local heritage organisations to arrange optional excursions (for an extra fee when selected upon registration) to the limestone quarries under Mount Saint Peter, the UNESCO World Heritage coal mines near Liège, and other nearby sites.

Dates

The university's academic calendar for 2028-2029 is not yet set, meaning that we cannot specify exact dates when our faculty's facilities will be available. However, our faculty normally has an exam week followed by a preparation week at the end of October and beginning of November during which classrooms are not in use. We therefore propose to hold the meeting either October 25-28 or November 1-4, 2028. We expect to make a final decision by summer 2027.

Fees

The world economy and political situation are clearly in flux, meaning that inflation is rising faster than at any time in the ESHS's existence. Fortunately, Maastricht is a less expensive venue than the past few sites of ESHS meetings. Taken together, we *think* that means we can keep registration fees relatively stable. If (as planned) we do not include lunch at the venue in the registration fee, then we believe a fee structure of €300/€150 (full/reduced, early) and €350/€175 (full/reduced, late) would allow us to break even, so long as registrations number 350 or more. We will seek additional funding; however, we do not have access to sources that will allow anything more than targeted fee reductions (e.g., for attendees without institutional affiliations or those traveling particularly long distances). We also ask the society's forbearance in case changes in the world situation require us to raise fees slightly.

Timetable

Call for papers/opening of submission portal	November 1, 2027
Proposal deadline/portal closes	February 15, 2028
Acceptance/rejection of proposals announced	April 15, 2028
Draft program and opening of registration	May 1, 2028
Early registration closes	July 15, 2028
Late registration closes	August 15, 2028
Program finalised	August 20, 2028