

MINUTES OF THE XXXVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CIPSH

The 36th General Assembly of CIPSH gathered in Tokyo, at Keio University, on the 21st and 22nd August 2023. The mandates of the following delegates, that attended the meeting, were validated: Adams Bodomo (FILLM), Benedikt Loewe (IUHPST/DLMPST), Chen Xia (CASS), Desmond Hui (ANHN), Frieda Steurs (CIPL), Giuseppe di Capua (IAPG), Guillaume Ratel (CHCI), Jean-Luc De Paepe (UAI), Jens Braarvig (WPU), Jesús de La Villa (FIEC), Luisa Migliorati (UAI), Matthias Middell (CISH), Noel Salazar (WAU/IUAES), Rachel Ankeny (IUHPST/DLMPST), Renaldas Gudauskas (APHELEIA), Satoko Fujiwara (IAHR), Shi Xuehua (CASS), Silvana Colella (ECHIC), Soichi Sato (UAI), Stephen Best (CHCI), Tim Jensen (IAHR), Torbjorn Loden (UAI), William McBride (FISP), Xingbo Luo (IUHPST/DHST), Yukio Himiyama (IGU) and Zoltán Somhegyi (IAA). The following members did not send delegates: IPPA (due unavailability of members to attend), MAAYA (for not having paid feed) and UISPP (idem).

As defined in the Constitution, other than UAI, each member organization had two votes in the meeting, which have been either shared by two delegates or accumulated in a single delegate. In the case of UAI, its 18 votes were shared by Jean-Luc De Paepe (3 votes) and the remaining three delegates (with 5 votes each).

The meeting was also attended by the board members Luiz Oosterbeek (President), Hsiung Ping-chen (Secretary-general) and Margaret Higonnet (Treasurer), with no voting rights, and several observers.

After validation of the mandates, the meeting started, with the previously defined agenda:

0. Opening addresses
1. President's report
2. Secretary-general report
3. Treasurer report and establishment of a Budget Committee
4. Member Organizations reports
5. Election of new Board and new Executive Committee
6. Reform of Statutes and By-laws
7. CIPSH strategy and task forces
8. Initiatives and projects
9. CIPSH programmes
10. General discussion and preparation of the 75th anniversary of CIPSH

0. Opening addresses

The General Assembly was opened by the President of CIPSH, with addresses from the President of Keio University and the Secretary-General of CIPSH.

1. President's report: "On the State of the Art and the Next Cycle of CIPSH (2024-2030)"

The President's report, by Luiz Oosterbeek, began with a tribute to Adama Samassekou, a former president and board member who was absent from the event but expressed contentment about the gathering. This introduction set the tone for reflecting on the organization's journey, with a specific reference to the pivotal year of 2008 when the previous president was elected. The report illuminated the context of that time, highlighting discussions around how UNESCO could provide support and the role that CIPSH played in finding strategic solutions, emphasizing the need for constructive strategies rather than dwelling on challenges.

The report then delved into the recent strategic objectives that have shaped CIPSH's path. These objectives included enhancing membership and fostering collaborative initiatives such as the creation of the "World Humanities Report". The importance of humanities in everyday life was a key focal point, underscored by the significance of the 2014 Paris General Assembly as a launching pad for these endeavors. The discussion then shifted to the internal reorganization within CIPSH, touching on various collaborations and projects that have shaped its growth and impact. The intersection of education and humanities was spotlighted through initiatives like "Arts and Society" and "Cultural Production and Communication", which aimed to bridge the two domains.

Another significant facet highlighted in the report was the effort to foster meaningful debates on the framework of the humanities. This was manifested through various conferences, most notably the World Humanities Conference, which played a role in advancing the organization's objectives. The report also pointed to achievements in establishing chairs and cultivating collaborations that have further solidified CIPSH's role in the field.

Looking forward, the President's report projected the organization's future plans. This included refining affiliations, clarifying the definition of members and affiliates, and deepening collaborative ties with partner organizations. The report underscored the importance of tools like the Jena and Lisbon Declarations, which articulate the significance of humanities in society and education. The collaboration with ERA (European Research Area) was highlighted as an example of the international partnership.

Administrative advancements were presented as a part of the report's narrative, touching upon achievements such as legal registrations, archive management, and the development of a new website. The report concluded by summarizing recent accomplishments and future intentions, particularly the commitment to continue strengthening the organization's governance and management structures. In essence, the President's report provided a comprehensive overview of CIPSH's journey, achievements, and future directions, offering a rich understanding of the organization's endeavors and aspirations.

2. Secretary General Report

The report by the Secretary-General, Hsiung Ping-chen, outlines the accomplishments and priorities of the organization during the years 2021-2023, as reflected in the meeting agenda and programming of the 36th General Assembly. The report is structured around four key themes.

The first theme highlights the organizational consolidation achieved by CIPSH. It emphasizes the progress made since the General Assembly in Liege in 2017 and Beijing in 2015, showcasing CIPSH's resurgence from uncertainty. The speech underscores the organization's efforts in renewing its mandate, refining its relations with UNESCO, and expanding its membership. The growth of membership organizations is presented as evidence of CIPSH's reconnection and establishment on solid intellectual and professional grounds, along with the successful resolution of financial challenges.

The second theme focuses on professional growth. It discusses how CIPSH has expanded its scope beyond disciplinary boundaries, incorporating previously unrepresented disciplines like Philology and engaging with interdisciplinary organizations. The gradual increase in membership organizations from 17 in 2015 to 22 in 2023 is attributed to this meaningful growth, which redefines CIPSH's identity and impact.

The third theme addresses academic evolution and intellectual transformation. The speech underscores CIPSH's commitment to adapting to the changing academic landscape while maintaining its relevance. This is demonstrated through ongoing initiatives like *Diogenes*, the Global History of Humanities project, and the Digital Humanities collaboration. The establishment of the CIPSH Chair and CIPSH Academy is also discussed as strategic endeavors that reinforce CIPSH's global network and intellectual vitality.

The final theme explores the prospects and promises for CIPSH's future. The speech draws attention to the academic programming of the General Assembly and subsequent conference, titled "Humanities in the Global and Digital Age". These events exemplify how CIPSH's philosophy and human sciences remain rooted in tradition while addressing contemporary challenges. The speech concludes with an invitation to the attendees to participate in CIPSH's journey of growth, adaptation, and improvement, expressing gratitude for their presence and support as kindred spirits in the realm of humanities.

The report was followed by a general first strategic discussion, in which intervened Stephen Best, who addressed the tension between local challenges and the global scope, focusing on the need to consider threats and political tensions affecting the Humanities in several countries. Tim Jensen agreed on the relevance of this theme, while Rachel Ankeny considered that there must be a presence or a voice that stands for values, not necessarily politicized, asking if an umbrella organization may have the power to do this.

Still in the discussion, Xingbo Luo raised attention to consider that sometimes it is difficult to distinguish public humanities and science humanities, which led Torbjorn Loden to defend that CIPSH should remain scholarly but should also acknowledge that scholarly inquiry is based on values. This was concurred by Jens Braarvig, who considered that CIPSH should not be activist but should show its values, trying to influence policies.

Torbjorn Loden also addressed the theme of relations and roles of member organizations and of CIPSH, defending that CIPSH should keep flexibility and not replace the role of national and disciplinary associations, or think that each institution must do all. He then considered CIPSH must defend autonomy, liberty and diversity of the Humanities, but not necessarily intervene in direct political debates. He stressed that even if concerns may be similar (such as in the case of language diversity), contextual negotiations are different for each member, for national organizations or for CIPSH. Luiz Oosterbeek agreed and defended the preparation of a manifesto of the Humanities, for 2024.

Jean Luc De Paepe raised the issue of relations with ISC, which led to comments by Luiz Oosterbeek, who stressed the good but limited relations with it, also expanding considerations on the differences with former ICSU and current political and business trends.

3. Treasurer report and establishment of a Budget Committee

The Treasurer's report, by Margaret Higonnet, highlighted a surplus of €11,000 in the initial half of the year. Emphasis was placed on the primary sources of income: substantial support from member associations and grants from Tencent and CCK Foundation. These factors have significantly bolstered the organization's financial position. The speech then delved into expenses and balance details, revealing a net balance of around €120,653. Subsequent expenses and income are addressed, including contributions from member organizations and additional expenditures.

The treasurer underscored the positive outcomes of the recently completed audits, signifying the organization's financial health. Gratitude was expressed for Ping-Chen and Luiz's valuable support in managing research project funding and program facilitation, particularly those sponsored by Tencent and CCK Foundation. Additionally, progress in completing outstanding payments, including overdue dues from member associations and the chair, is reported as a contributing factor to financial stability. Plans for the office transition, collaboration with UNESCO, and UAI's assistance in-office procedures are also discussed.

The report then shifted towards future tasks, highlighting the requirement for a budget committee as per the organization's bylaws. The committee's role in drafting a budget and determining member fees is explained, with the General Assembly's involvement highlighted.

In the following discussion, questions were raised by William McBride concerning the cost of the office in Brussels (clarified by the treasurer), of the World Logic Day (*idem*) and on costs concerning *Diogenes* (clarified by the president). Possible costs of an office in Brussels were clarified by Jean-Luc De Paepe, and will correspond to roughly one third of the current costs.

A discussion also concerned the possibility of opening account in a different bank, due to recurrent difficulties with the current account due to slow and unclear supporting services.

On the matter of *Diogenes*, it was not possible to clarify questions from some delegates, due to the absence of the editor.

The meeting approved the report unanimously and an acknowledgment of the work undertaken by the treasurer.

It was also approved to establish a budget committee. In the last day of the General Assembly, it was unanimously approved that this committee should include Soichi Sato, Jesús de La Villa and a third colleague to be proposed by the Treasurer.

4. Member Organizations reports:

In its report, the International Union of Academies (UAI) focused on two key initiatives. The first initiative revolved around advocating for the support of philology. It highlighted the historical challenges and unfavorable perceptions faced by philology within academia. Their efforts to promote the field's importance, which culminated in the establishment of the World Union of Philology, were described. The second major point pertained to fostering a sense of brotherhood among academic academies globally. The UAI, with its wide network of around 65 national academies spanning numerous countries, sought to extend support to younger or financially disadvantaged academies. Their primary focus, especially in regions like Africa, was to strengthen these institutions. The delegate mentioned leveraging a social program developed by the British Academy that focused on African history, utilizing it to engage and stimulate interest among these academies.

FIEC highlighted that the International Federation for Classical Studies was established 75 years ago in 1948 and currently has around 80 members, including both national associations and thematic disciplinary societies. They noted that, in the past two years, the administrative headquarters of FIEC was shifted from Paris to Geneva for practical reasons, making management more efficient. FIEC's fundamental purpose is to unite organizations worldwide that are engaged with the Greco-Roman classical world, its origins, survival, and influence. The federation serves as a platform to understand the evolution of classical studies on a global scale. Traditionally focusing on areas like language and territorial philology, the FIEC's congresses have increasingly delved into the contemporary relevance of these ancient disciplines, analyzing connections to phenomena like globalization, migration, heritage preservation, and minority integration. In light of their upcoming 75th anniversary, the FIEC plans to commemorate it with a series of telematics lectures featuring prominent keynote speakers who will discuss the present state of various classical disciplines. The delegate concluded by noting that the FIEC is undergoing a significant renewal in its approach, shifting from solely focusing on the past to actively engaging with the present and future of classical studies, adapting to evolving global dynamics.

FISP reported on the selection process for the next World Congress of Philosophy. Initially, the assembly in Beijing had chosen Australia as the host country, but this decision was later withdrawn due to financial

issues. Luca Scarantino and others managed to secure an invitation from Rome, specifically sponsored by a major university there. The congress is scheduled for the following year, around 2024, in August, and the preparations seem to be on track. Despite initial concerns about the viability of the event, a steering committee meeting was held in Tokyo in May, attended by a representative from the Italian Education Ministry. The program committee has been working consistently to organize various sessions, and registrations had already been received several months ago, indicating a positive response.

IAHR provided an overview of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR). They highlighted the organization's commitment to fostering critical, analytical, and cross-cultural studies of religions. The delegate outlined the events and conferences that have taken place in recent years, including webinars, conferences exploring the future of religious studies, regional conferences on various themes, and generational conferences. They mentioned that a significant focus was placed on adapting to challenges posed by the pandemic and climate crisis through online meetings and discussions. The delegate also mentioned upcoming activities, such as the 2025 World Congress in Krakow and the 2023 Special Conference and International Committee Meeting in Tokyo. The delegate emphasized the commitment of the IAHR to advancing academic and scientific studies of religions worldwide. At the same time, the IAHR aims to reflect upon the scientific nature of the study of religions in a changing global context.

IUHPST/DHST mentioned that the union had submitted a proposal for a centralized server, which can be found in the provided materials. They invited attendees to their upcoming academic event, the Global History of Science and Technology Festival 2023, which is scheduled for September 28, 2023. This online event is a precursor to their International Congress held every four years, and it focuses on the future of the history of science and technology. Speakers from around the world will give talks on various topics, and discussions will also be held. The delegate highlighted that the event spans 24 hours to accommodate different time zones and emphasized that everyone is welcome to attend. They referred to the details available on the festival's website, easily accessible through a Google search for "DHST Festival 2023." Additionally, the delegate mentioned another proposal for a conference to come in the future.

CASS was introduced as a premier academic organization and comprehensive research center specializing in philosophy, humanities, and social sciences. It was highlighted that CASS has established 31 research institutes and 45 research centers, which carry out research activities covering nearly 300 sub-disciplines. CASS has established a constructive relationship with over 200 research organizations, academic communities, institutions of higher learning, foundations, covering more than 80 countries and regions. CASS has played a key role in the Chinese edition of the *Diogenes*, translating selected papers from French and English into Chinese. The Chinese version of *Diogenes* started in 1985 and is published twice a year. Up to now, 32 issues have been published. The Chinese version covers diverse topics such as traditional humanities and interdisciplinary fields like philosophy, religion, literature, history, politics, anthropology, and linguistics. This version has received acclaim from scholars and educators in China for its contribution to the revitalization and development of humanities. As a member of CIPSH, CASS has been responsible for maintaining the CIPSH website and coordinating with the CIPSH website for nearly eight years. Several conferences and events hosted by CASS were mentioned, including the Dialogue between Chinese and African Civilization, International Forum on Democracy and Shared Human Values, Build a closer China-Central Asia community, and the International Symposium on China-Japan Relations. CIPSH intervened in some of CASS conferences. It was emphasized CASS's commitment to fostering exchanges, cooperation, and mutual learning among civilizations through these initiatives. Looking ahead, it was expressed would like to support CIPSH's activities in the future.

ANHN discussed its role as a network for institutions and individuals working on humanities projects in Asia, focusing on resource-sharing. They became a member of CIPSH in 2015 and established a governing

board for the next three years, with several members attending the current meeting. It was outlined ANHN's activities over the last three years, as detailed in pages 52 to 57 of their report. The first activity centered around a research project funded by Tencent on Digital Humanities. ANHN organized an international conference at Hangzhou Normal University in November 2021, which focused on the values of play from a cultural and educational perspective. They also held a symposium at Hang Seng University of Hong Kong on the significance of the phenomenon of play. The second activity involved an international conference on humanities organized by Taiwan University in Beijing in July 2022. The delegate emphasized these key activities conducted over the last three years and expressed anticipation for the next cycle of activities, hoping for further collaboration with other institutions.

APHELEIA explained its focus on the role of Humanities in societies governance, throughout history and in the present; yearly seminars and publications; Fast growth; New constitution; projects in 60 countries; South American Conference this year. APHELEIA is a relatively recent member of CIPSH and is an interdisciplinary international association focused on studying landscape management through history, spanning from prehistory to contemporary society. While primarily consisting of humanities scholars, the association also engages colleagues from social sciences and related fields in natural sciences. Initially a European network, it has expanded to an international association and has evolved from organizing seminars to conducting research projects in multiple countries. APHELEIA recently amended its constitution to accommodate its growing membership, which now includes a wider range of individuals beyond just heads of departments. The association publishes papers and at least one group of papers annually, aiming to advance theoretical knowledge in its field. They mentioned their involvement with UNESCO's "BRIDGES" initiative, which began as a collaboration between CIPSH and UNESCO during an event in 2019. APHELEIA will be hosting its first non-Europe-based international conference in late October in Brazil, focusing on South America.

CHCI highlighted the evolution of the organization from a primarily North American focus to becoming an international network of humanities centers and institutes. They discussed a shift towards sponsoring international and inter-institutional collaborations, including the Global Humanities Institutes supported by the Mellon Foundation. These institutes address various global issues such as childhood suffering, post-extractive legacies, and global racisms. It was emphasized CHCI's collaboration with CIPSH in producing the World Humanities Report. They mentioned that the project began in late 2019 and included contributions from different regions. Due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, the project adapted to virtual collaboration. The outcomes of the project include regional contributions, recommendations for policymakers and universities, and a synthetic chapter that summarizes the research and recommendations. The report is divided by regions and releases of contributions are ongoing, with the Americas, the Arab region, Australia, and Russia already published, and Africa and a synthetic report to be released in the coming months. The delegate also noted that Europe released its own research and recommendations in 2021. The report aims to inform policymakers, educators, and the public about the state of humanities research and its significance in various regions.

The IAA (International Association for Aesthetics) discussed the association's focus on the theory and history of art and aesthetics. They mentioned that the IAA has a history dating back to 1913, with modern operations beginning in 1988. The association acts as an umbrella organization, connecting national and regional aesthetics societies, with approximately 30 members. The IAA organizes congresses every three or four years and also holds interim events to showcase its activities. They publish newsletters and yearbooks accessible through their website to share their work with the public. It was highlighted a new collaboration with Brill Academic Publishers for a book series titled "Transcultural Aesthetics", emphasizing a comparative approach to aesthetics worldwide. IAA's collaborations with CIPSH since 2015 was mentioned, including participation in projects like "Global History of Humankind" and the "World Humanities Report". The IAA

is also involved in the Lisbon Declaration and Jena Declaration, expressing appreciation for the collaboration and looking forward to continuing partnerships and establishing new projects in the future.

FILLM reported on the federation's progress over the last three years. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, FILLM has experienced growth and stability. Membership has increased, finances are in good shape, and a new contract for their book series has been negotiated. FILLM has actively participated in initiatives organized by CIPSH, including the World Logic Day and the European Humanities Conference. One of their members contributed a video clip to the World Logic Day event, highlighting the importance of language and literature in logic. Another member presented at the European Humanities Conference on linguistic repertoires of Africans in Vienna and legal aspects concerning Africans in Guangzhou, China. Looking ahead, FILLM aims to continue expanding its book series and intends to organize an in-person conference in Accra in October 2023.

IGU highlighted their organization's collaboration with CIPSH and their journey since joining. The delegate referred to their president's report, emphasizing the celebration of IGU's 100th birthday and the importance of improving the reputation of geography on an international level. IGU encompasses both the scientific and philosophical aspects of geography, combining human and physical sciences. They have numerous commissions on various geographical subjects that contribute to their collaborative efforts. IGU aims to promote more commissions and deepen engagement with CIPSH's activities, recognizing the mutual benefits of collaboration. They expressed their commitment to the mission of CIPSH and their dedication to supporting the goals of the partnership.

IUHPST/DLMPST provided a brief report on their division's recent activities. They reminded the Assembly that DLMPST is one of the two divisions of IUHPST, the other one being DHST and highlighted the organisation of their International Congress held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with around 600 to 700 attendees under the conference theme of "Science and Values in an Uncertain World". They mentioned their particular role in the coordination of World Logic Day. Additionally, they reported that the LOGIC mailing list, a list that connects logicians worldwide and serves as a platform for communication among around 1700 members, was recently taken over administratively by DLMPST. The report concluded with the announcement that the division would host the IUHPST/DLMPST Congress in 2027 in Kobe, Japan.

IAPG highlighted the association's accomplishments and objectives. In its first decade, the IAPG has extended its focus beyond ethics in the geosciences, aiming to promote geoethics as a global ethics applicable to society. This expansion involved developing a more robust theoretical foundation for geoethics and launching several editorial initiatives to promote geoethical discussion, such as the Journal of Geoethics and Social Geosciences, along with SpringerBriefs in Geoethics series. Educational efforts, such as the School on Geoethics were initiated to disseminate the geoethical thought. The IAPG has also established the Commission on Geoethics within the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and worked to incorporate geoethics into international congresses. With affiliations, cooperation agreements, and partnerships, the association's network spans 128 countries and involves over 3,000 members, solidifying its commitment to promoting ethical practices in the geosciences and fostering international collaboration.

The World Philology Union (WPU) emphasized the significance of philology as a fundamental tool for accessing historical sources and fostering understanding within the humanities. The WPU aims to promote philology as a discipline and bridge the gap in its appreciation and recognition. The union was established in 2021, with the goal of revitalizing and unifying philology worldwide. It was highlighted the need for philology's inclusion in educational curricula at various levels and discussed the union's efforts in coordinating international endeavors to strengthen philology's position in academia. They encouraged philologists and those interested in the field to register as members and contribute to the discipline's resurgence. The WPU seeks to foster global collaboration and support for philology in its various forms and languages.

WAU report 2021-2023:

The World Anthropological Union consist of two separate but constituent chambers, the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA).

IUAES organized the following congresses:

- **IUAES2020:** 9-14 March 2021, Sibenik, Croatia (had to be postponed because of COVID-19)
“Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and Next Generation Anthropology”
- **IUAES2021:** 9-13 November 2021, Yucatan, Mexico
“Heritages, Global Interconnections in a Possible World”
- **IUAES2022:** 25-31 May 2022, St. Petersburg, Russia
“World on the Move: Migration and Communication”
- **World Anthropology Congress:** 14-20 October 2023, New Delhi, India
“Marginalities, Uncertainties, and World Anthropologies: Enlivening Past and Envisioning Future”

IUAES currently has 27 active scientific commissions, which are governed by the Council of Commissions. Listing up all their activities over the last couple of years (including workshops, conferences, webinars, and publications) would take up too much space here. The most important project that IUAES launched is the IUAES Archiving Project, which aims to establish an institutional archive, with both online and off-site components (located on various locations across the globe). A special task force was created for this purpose.

WCAA continues publishing *Déjà Lu* (“Already read”), quarterly newsletters, and *En sus propios términos*, and working papers. It also has a large repository of online videos, including webinars and interviews. The activities of the WCAA involve Task Forces on ongoing matters of concern to anthropologists.

While WAU was only officially inaugurated in 2018, the idea is to increase activities that involve both IUAES and WCAA chambers. A Task Force for WAU Projects was created to that effect. In the last couple of years, some initiatives have been launched:

- WAU Online Workshops (for teaching/training of participants)
- #WAU HASHGTAG THIS! Short Video Challenge (to promote anthropology as a discipline)
- WAU Statements

5. Election of new Board and new Executive Committee

The election of a new board and a new executive committee was conducted as a secret ballot, combining in presence casted votes from the delegates present in Tokyo and online voting by delegates at distance. Delegates that were candidates for any specific position did not vote on their own proposal. The results were as follows, all candidates having been elected:

| Position | Candidates | Voters | Yes | No | Abst |
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| President | Luiz Oosterbeek | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Secretary General | Hsiung Ping-chen | 51 | 44 | 4 | 3 |
| Treasurer | Jesús de La Villa | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| UAI | Luísa Migliorati | 45 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| UAI | Soichi Sato | 45 | 41 | 3 | 1 |
| UAI | Torbjorn Loden | 45 | 44 | 1 | 0 |
| ANHN | Desmond Hui | 44 | 42 | 2 | 0 |

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| APHELEIA | Renaldas Gudauskas | 44 | 44 | 0 | 0 |
| CASS | Chen Xia | 44 | 41 | 2 | 1 |
| CHCI | Stephen Best | 45 | 44 | 0 | 1 |
| CIPL | Frieda Steurs | 45 | 40 | 0 | 5 |
| CISH | Matthias Middell | 44 | 38 | 1 | 5 |
| FILLM | Adams Bodomo | 45 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| FISP | William McBride | 45 | 43 | 0 | 2 |
| IAA | Zoltán Somhegyi | 45 | 43 | 2 | 0 |
| IAHR | Satoko Fujiwara | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| IAPG | Giuseppe di Capua | 45 | 44 | 0 | 1 |
| IGU | Elena dell'Agnese | 47 | 46 | 1 | 0 |
| IUAES-WAU | Noel Salazar | 49 | 46 | 3 | 0 |
| IUHPST/DLMPST | Benedikt Löwe | 45 | 44 | 1 | 0 |
| WPU | Jens Braarvig | 47 | 47 | 0 | 0 |

6. Reform of Statutes and By-laws

During the meeting, Tim Jensen provided detailed insights into the proposal of amendment of the organization's bylaws. He explained that the process of revising the constitution had spanned several years. Although they had completed a version ready for presentation at an extraordinary General Assembly in 2021, they decided to postpone its implementation due to challenges such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other logistical considerations.

Tim highlighted that the President, along with both past and incoming presidential members, actively participated in these discussions. They reached out to each member association and engaged in conversations to gather opinions about the draft. However, the feedback received was limited in terms of substantial suggestions, and the draft closely aligned with the board's recommendations.

Tim noted some areas in the draft that required clarification and refinement. He emphasized the importance of explicitly distinguishing between members and affiliates, stressing that this classification wasn't intended to establish a hierarchy within the organization but rather to broaden its scope and inclusivity. Delving into the proposed changes to different articles within the constitution, Tim elaborated on key topics. He highlighted the process of reconstituting the Executive Committee after each General Assembly, which involved designating representatives from member associations. He addressed the election of officers, which included the President, Secretary General, and Treasurer, as well as the suggested addition of two Vice Presidents, a Deputy Secretary General, and a Deputy Treasurer. He also touched upon the concept of continuity and renewal within the board, indicating a need for a balance between experienced members and fresh perspectives. Moreover, Tim identified areas of concern and ambiguity within the draft's wording. He pointed out that certain clauses required further clarity, and he offered potential rephrasing suggestions. Specifically, Tim proposed a clear process for electing officers following the approval of the revised constitution. He suggested that the elected board should be responsible for proposing candidates for these positions. Subsequently, the Executive Committee should endorse these proposals in writing within a specified timeframe. Addressing the

process of amending the constitution, Tim recommended a more explicit and refined procedure to ensure transparency and coherence.

Luiz Oosterbeek expressed his gratitude to Tim for delivering a clear presentation and affirmed his agreement with the proposed changes. He provided specific suggestions, starting with the modification of phrasing in the board member election process, favoring a more formal structure by using a point instead of "except for". Luiz suggested a streamlined approach where the Board would propose candidates for their initial term, and the General Assembly would then mandate the Executive Committee to conduct the election within two months. Acknowledging an earlier point, he had raised, Luiz underlined the need for prompt minutes preparation, suggesting a maximum of 15 days after a meeting, with subsequent approval within 30 days to prevent crucial details from being forgotten. Addressing CIPSH's potential growth, he recommended considering the inclusion of two to four Vice Presidents in the Constitution to manage the expanding responsibilities brought about by the new structure. Lastly, Luiz highlighted the significance of maintaining proper oversight, advocating for an Executive Committee meeting at least once a year to accommodate the need for yearly budgets, proposing that these meetings could be conducted online while ensuring essential approvals and coordination.

Several questions were raised during the discussion, namely on whether inflation should be taken into account concerning fees (Jean-Luc De Paepe), on the number of votes of UAI (Rachel Ankeny), on the need to clarify that online meetings cannot change the constitution (Stephen Best) and on rendering more clear the difference between members and affiliates (Guillaume Ratel).

Following the discussions, the statutes and by-laws, with some amendments, were unanimously approved in the end of the General Assembly. The approved versions are attached to these minutes.

7. CIPSH strategy and task forces

Concerning *Diogenes*, Luiz provided an overview of the situation concerning the management of the journal. He explained that the management of *Diogenes* had been contracted to FISP, until the end of 2024. The contract stipulated that *Diogenes* is currently under the editorial control of FISP, with the responsibility for its budget lying outside of CIPSH's purview. Luiz noted that at the end of 2024, the contract could either be renewed or terminated, with no financial obligations towards CIPSH should the latter option be chosen. He discussed the transition from the previous publisher, Sage, to the current one, Cambridge University Press, and mentioned the need for improved cooperation, especially in relation to the Advisory Board. Luiz expressed concern over the procedural aspects of the transition, emphasizing the importance of proper institutional procedures in such matters. He recommended authorizing the board to establish a new commission to address the issue and hold a meeting with FISP to clarify and formalize the management procedure for *Diogenes*. He stressed the significance of a correct procedure to ensure a successful and collaborative management arrangement beyond 2024.

Luisa Migliorati reminded that the situation of the *Diogenes* journal was drawn up by a working group appointed by the Board on 20 March 2023, consisting of Catherine Jami, Luisa Migliorati, Tim Jensen. The WG detected the issues relating to the irregularity of the reports on the Journal received by CIPSH, the non-involvement of CIPSH in the decision to change publishers (not obligatory, but desirable), the journal's predominantly philosophical topics, and the non-updated names of the scholars on the Advisory and Editorial boards.

In the discussion, Torbjorn Loden mentioned it had been very difficult to publish the Ethics volume. He considered that the relations with Luca Scarantino are correct and the options taken by FISP are good, but that the procedure was poor and must be revised so that a solid relation and support of the journal can be reinforced.

Otherwise, CIPSH would need to take back the management after the end of the current agreement. Jean-Luc De Paepe stressed the need to clarify who is the director of the journal, to receive a copy of the contract with CUP and that the front page of *Diogenes* should clarify ownership. He also mentioned the need to receive copies of volumes and to properly prepare the future of the journal. Rachel Ankeny mentioned the need to register the journal.

Following the discussion, in the last day the General Assembly unanimously approved to constitute a *Diogenes* team including Luiz Oosterbeek, Luisa Migliorati, Tim Jensen and William McBride, to meet and discuss with Luca Scarantino on the present and future of the journal.

During the meeting, the new CIPSH website was presented by Tim Jensen and Hsiung Ping-chen, and there was discussion about its development and management. The previous web manager, CASS, who had maintained the website for many years, had ceased cooperation, leading to the decision to revamp the website. Challenges were encountered in finding a suitable replacement and handling the technical aspects of the transition, especially due to international considerations and political factors. Eventually, a US-based web manager with extensive experience took over the task and successfully migrated the website's management from China to Europe. The new website, hosted in Denmark, is intended to better serve CIPSH's members and foster interaction. The technical aspects of managing the website were explained, involving the collection of requests for updates from members and consolidation through the web manager. It was emphasized that contributions from members would help make the website more dynamic and useful. The efforts of various individuals and entities, including CASS and the technical team, were acknowledged for making this transition possible. It was affirmed that the new web manager was efficient and reliable. The importance of the new website, especially for the upcoming Tokyo meeting, was highlighted, and participants were invited to provide further comments and suggestions for the website's improvement.

In the discussion, Torbjorn Loden stressed the need for everyone to revise the website, while Noel Salazar considered the need for a wider communication strategy, that would then be implemented by diverse media, namely the website. He considered that if the purpose of the website is to announce information it is not efficient and that there should be a strategy, also with other channels. He gave the example of WAU, for which the website is not for communication, which is done by the newsletters and social media (that feed the website). Rachel Ankeny considered that the site must not replicate the information of each MO but, instead, to establish the correct links with the MOs websites. On a complementary basis, Harold Sjurson (guest) was invited to present a series of creative podcasts.

In his report as coordinator of the CIPSH Chairs programme, William McBride highlighted the committee's activities for the years 2021 and 2022. He mentioned that Duane Davis collaborated with the committee as an outside member, and Professor Pieter Muyskens served until early 2022 but sadly passed away. The committee made a decision not to replace Muyskens due to the anticipation of consensus among the members regarding applications. The report detailed the receipt and evaluation of applications, with two complete applications received from Brunei and Germany in 2021, two from South Korea and Italy in 2023, and none in 2022, possibly due to the pandemic's impact. The committee carefully reviewed the applications, considering factors such as academic quality and financial support. While there were reservations about funding in some cases, the confidence expressed by the applicants was deemed genuine. The committee approved all four applications, with three recommendations being accepted by the leadership. One application from South Korea was temporarily rejected, pending further consideration. Additionally, a 2023 application from Switzerland was found and met with unanimous approval. McBride expressed gratitude to his colleagues for their support and

emphasized his belief in the value of the initiative. He suggested that committee members receive better updates on the achievements and challenges faced by the recipients of the chair designation.

The report and proposals were, in the last day of the General Assembly, unanimously approved.

Luiz Oosterbeek presented the CIPSH Academy project, which aims to organize annual seminars bringing together scholars from China, Southeast Asia, Europe, and eventually other regions. The original plan was to hold in-person events over the course of a week, including seminars and site visits, but the pandemic forced adaptations. The first two sessions, focusing on global ethics, were successfully conducted online, under the coordination of Torbjorn Loden. The contents met the program's expectations and created opportunities for research and collaboration. The third Academy was held in Lisbon and centered on the role of artists and creators in shaping the image of the global world post-17th century. The seminar explored how this contribution impacted the dialogue between Europe and Southeast Asia, resulting in valuable discussions that were both in-person and online. A book based on the seminar discussions is being prepared for publication by Springer. The fourth Academy will address global ethics and is scheduled to take place in Stockholm. There's also an open call for proposals for a seminar in 2024. Luiz praised the project as a successful space for interdisciplinary collaboration, involving various member organizations in its preparation and execution. In the general strategic discussion on the project, besides the topics above special attention was given to education, following the suggestion of Jesús de La Villa, who proposed to have a team working on Education.

Following the discussion, in the last day the General Assembly approved the proposal of Jesús de La Villa.

8. Initiatives and projects

Luiz Oosterbeek introduced the BRIDGES programme, which is a follow-up to the UNESCO initiative "Broadening the Concept of Sustainability Science", initially proposed by CIPSH. This initiative aims to create a UNESCO program rooted in the humanities, emphasizing their role in building sustainability strategies. The project emerged from discussions about how the humanities can contribute to a world system approach and align with sustainability discussions. BRIDGES seeks to harmonize the concepts of human unity and diversity, asserting that they are not contradictory but interconnected. It highlights that sustainability is not solely a matter of adapting to future challenges, as communities are already adapting to current circumstances. BRIDGES showcases real-world examples of communities worldwide that are actively working towards sustainability. These diverse projects demonstrate how communities, even those facing challenges such as conflict or devastation, can transform by embracing a collective, sustainable approach. The project's governance structure, involving multiple organizations, is set up to ensure its success. The intention is for BRIDGES to function as a platform that underlines the significance of the humanities in shaping sustainable outcomes. This initiative represents a valuable opportunity for CIPSH member organizations to engage in practical social transformation processes and advocate for the pivotal role of the humanities in driving positive change.

In the discussion, Benedikt Löwe pointed out that the United Nations General Assembly is likely to proclaim the decade between 2024 and 2035 to be the International Decade of Science and Sustainable Development (IDSSD), that the IDSSD organisers are keen to include the humanities in their understanding of "science", and that it might be beneficial to get involved in their activities.

Adams Bodomo asked about the funding commitments of UNESCO, a prospect that is limited but is also supplemented by ongoing fund raising.

Benedikt Loewe presented the UNESCO World Logic Day, which takes place on January 14th every year. The day was established by the 40th UNESCO General Conference in 2019, and it aims to celebrate logic and its contributions to various fields. The day has its own website where events related to logic are showcased. While World Logic Day has been primarily virtual due to the pandemic, it fosters a community-driven approach, with grassroots events organized by communities worldwide. Benedikt Loewe emphasized that the World Logic Day doesn't have a centralized organization and instead relies on bottom-up initiatives. The events range from academic conferences to outreach activities, and their number typically ranges from 60 to 80 annually. Benedikt mentioned that the engagement of in-person events has been limited due to the pandemic's constraints, but virtual events have enabled broader participation. The initiative is not just about formal logic but also includes outreach efforts like puzzle columns to engage a wider audience. Benedikt Loewe also addressed the question of ownership of World Logic Day and acknowledged that its history has been influenced by certain controversies. He highlighted the need to ensure that the perception of World Logic Day remains focused on its positive and inclusive aspects. To that end, changes have been made to the organizational structure starting 1 October 2023, with a new coordinator (Dr Deniz Sarikaya) and an advisory panel to guide the initiative. This new structure was agreed in a cooperation document between CIPSH and DLMPST. The advisory panel is appointed by the CIPSH Board upon recommendation of the DLMPST Executive Committee; currently, the CIPSH Board is awaiting these recommendation for appointment of the first advisory panel. Lastly, the potential expansion of World Logic Day's influence into education was mentioned, with the creation of a new Commission on Logic Education by DLMPST (Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology) being noted as a positive step towards that goal.

Adams Bodomo concurred that CIPSH must take ownership of the WLD. Xia CHEN shares her experience of implementing CIPSH's advocacy in China as CIPSH's Executive Committee member, taking WLD as example. As she is also a Member of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), in Chinese government's Two Session period in 2023, she submitted a proposal related to promote logic education in all levels of Chinese educational institutions. She also called on media and scholars to have activities on "World Logic Day" to publicize the importance of logic and to promote the integration of logic into every day and academic activities.

On the last day of the General Assembly, it unanimously approved the structural changes agreed between DLMPST and CIPSH and the appointment of Dr Deniz Sarikaya as WLD Coordinator from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2027. It assigned Benedikt Löwe as the responsible member on the Executive Committee to liaise with the WLD Coordinator and the WLD Advisory Panel.

9. CIPSH programmes

Hsiu-hsi (Tony) Chen (guest) discussed the intersection of health and humanities, particularly within the context of the International Asian Cancer Screening (IACCS). He emphasized the importance of health humanities and its role in addressing health-related challenges and issues. The IACCS has been involved in cancer screening and early detection initiatives, collaborating with international organizations like the American Cancer Society and the World Health Organization. Tony Chen highlighted the significance of COVID-19 in prompting discussions on health and humanities. He described the efforts to capture the history and lessons learned from the pandemic through online meetings and interactions. The importance of maintaining a historical record of events and lessons for future reference was emphasized. He presented the IACCS Health Humanities website as a platform that has garnered substantial attention globally. The website serves as a repository of information, experiences, and insights related to health and humanities, reaching a diverse audience. Tony also discussed collaborations with other institutions and organizations in promoting health humanities. He shared details about conferences, publications, and initiatives that integrate health and

humanities, aiming to provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to addressing global health challenges. Furthermore, Tony Chen proposed the idea of organizing a health humanities conference in Taipei, focusing on the theme of "Global Health Security" and encompassing topics like one health, ethical considerations, and environmental concerns. He highlighted the significance of such conferences in fostering cross-disciplinary collaborations and addressing complex global health issues.

Adams Bodomo considered that the proposal of Tony Chen is very close to BRIDGES. Torbjorn Loden suggested that CIPSH should approach WHO on this theme and plan a conference or seminar in 2024 (early May) and to also prepare a program with a budget. He agreed there is a clear link with BRIDGES and this could become a BRIDGES-CIPSH project, under the concept of global health. Tony Chen considered that also technology (namely AI) should be considered in such an approach.

Following the debate, in the last day the General Assembly approved, with five abstentions, the proposal of holding a Health Humanities Conference and project, chaired by Tony Chen and Adams Bodomo.

Peng Qinglong (guest) reported on the *Journal of Techno-Humanities*, proposing attention to ethics of AI. Qinglong's presentation delved into the emerging realm of techno-humanities in East Asia, casting a spotlight on China, South Korea, and Japan. Qinglong underlined the significance of international cooperation and ethical considerations as essential components of navigating this transformative landscape. In his discourse, Qinglong outlined significant undertakings in each country. He spotlighted Japan's pioneering Digital Humanities Center for Japanese Arts and Culture, which orchestrates the convergence of industry, academia, and research. Likewise, he discussed South Korea's Biological Database project, a testament to the nation's commitment to digital advancement in humanities. While acknowledging China's digital efforts, Qinglong pointed out its relative lag behind Western counterparts due to deeply entrenched traditions. He noted China's push to accelerate digital studies, demonstrated by initiatives such as the Chinese Text Project, which has amassed a vast archive of transcribed Chinese text, preserving cultural heritage. Proposing actionable measures, Qinglong recommended a global commitment to clarifying responsibilities and obligations in science and technology governance, particularly concerning climate change. He called for inclusive participation in ethical norm-setting for AI, advocating for the representation of non-Western countries. Moreover, he emphasized the cultivation of responsible, capable global citizens by bolstering educational efforts.

In the debate intervened several delegates, focusing on the need to pay attention to data control, production and consumption, not only ethics but also the political dimension, but also on the Digital Humanities server proposal of DHST. This last one was unanimously approved in the last session of the General Assembly.

Also, the report by Matthias Middell on the Global History of Humankind, and his mandate as chair of the project, have been unanimously approved in the last day of the General Assembly.

At this point, in absence of the UNESCO ADG for Social Sciences and Humanities, Gabriela Ramos, a message was presented online by Mariagrazia Squicciarini. The focus of the address was on the role and significance of philosophy and humanities in the current global landscape. The speaker highlighted the need for critical thinking as a catalyst for positive social change and emphasized the importance of empathy that humanities foster among citizens. The presentation underscored UNESCO's commitment to various programs, including the ethics of science and technology, general history of Africa, promotion of Arabic language and culture, and the organization's engagement in promoting philosophies. It was noted that GDP as a sole measure of societal progress neglects important values, and that a heightened emphasis on humanities might have led

to different approaches to global challenges like climate change. The speaker elaborated on UNESCO's endeavors to link knowledge with policy through its social transformation program. The concept of the nexus between research and policy was explained as a way to translate philosophical ideas into practical impact on people's lives. The significance of humanistic thinking in policy-making was exemplified through the European Humanities Conference and the Sustainable Development Goals. UNESCO's focus on addressing challenges in climate change, technology (specifically digital and AI), and youth education was highlighted. The organization's efforts to construct governance frameworks for transformative technologies such as AI were outlined, along with its commitment to ethics and inclusion in the digital realm. Additionally, UNESCO's advocacy for youth education in critical thinking, gender equality, and intercultural dialogue was mentioned, with emphasis on the UNESCO chair dedicated to philosophy with young people. Regarding climate change, UNESCO's approach centered on people to drive inclusive development, particularly empowering youth who play a pivotal role in addressing climate change. Initiatives such as the Youth Climate Action Network and the Global Youth Grant scheme were discussed, along with the upcoming Youth Forum to address the social impact of climate change. The presentation concluded by highlighting the importance of consistently acknowledging the role of humanities in modern society and promoting the wisdom and knowledge they offer. The speaker emphasized UNESCO's partnership with CIPSH in co-founding the BRIDGES initiative as a testament to their commitment to fostering global collaboration in these areas.

10. General discussion and preparation of the 75th anniversary of CIPSH

Several suggestions were made to integrate in the commemorations of the 75th anniversary, which must serve the strategy of CIPSH. These included:

- a) Preparing a Manifesto for the Humanities (with core principles and 5 to 10 proposals, including BRIDGES, The Jena Declaration and The Lisbon Declaration). This will be prepared by the board with the collaboration of Stephen Best, Torbjorn and Chen Xia, as unanimously approved in the last day of the General Assembly.
- b) Prepare a calendar of initiatives, building from the MOs planned events and adding other in relation to specific projects;
- c) To include in these the theme of Heritage;
- d) To consider launching prizes or awards;
- e) To redesign the website;
- f) To create a specific logo.
- g) It was also decided to create a team working on communication

In the discussion, a strong consensus was obtained on this strategy. Jean-Luc De Paepe stressed the importance of securing a CIPSH presence at address at the General Assembly of UAI, in October 3-5 in Philadelphia (hosted by the ACLS) and to also engage in direct conversation with ACLS. He also reminded the importance to address the General Conference of Unesco, in November this year.

ANNEX 1

| List of delegates and votes | votes |
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| 1. ANHN – Desmond HUI | 2 |
| 2. APHELEIA – Renaldas Gudauskas | 2 |
| 3. CASS – Chen Xia | 1 |
| 4. CASS – Shi Xuehua (online) | 1 |
| 5. CHCI – Stephen Best | 1 |
| 6. CHCI – Guillaume Ratel | 1 |
| 7. CIPL – Jean-Luc De Paepe (proxy) | 2 |
| 8. CISH – Matthias Middell | 1 |
| 9. CISH – Satoko Fujiwara (proxy) | 1 |
| 10. ECHIC – Noel Salazar (proxy) | 2 |
| 11. FIEC – J. de La Villa (online) | 2 |
| 12. FILLM – Adams Bodomo | 2 |
| 13. FISP – William McBride | 2 |
| 14. IAA – Zoltán Somhegyi (or Tyrus) | 2 |
| 15. IAHR – Tim Jensen | 1 |
| 16. IAHR – Satoko Fujiwara | 1 |
| 17. IAPG – Giuseppe Di Capua (or Torbjorn proxy) | 1 |
| 18. IAPG (Torbjorn – proxy) | 1 |
| 19. IGU – Yukio Himiyama | 2 |
| 20. IUAES-WAU – Noel Salazar | 2 |
| 21. IUHPST/DHST – Xingbo Luo | 2 |
| 22. IUHPST/DLMPST – B. Loewe | 1 |
| 23. IUHPST/DLMPST – Rachel Ankeny | 1 |
| 24. UAI – Jean-Luc De Paepe | 3 |
| 25. UAI – Shoichi Sato | 5 |
| 26. UAI – Torbjorn Loden | 5 |
| 27. UAI – Luisa Migliorati | 5 |
| 28. WPU – Jens Braarvig (online) | 2 |
| TOTAL | 54 |

ANNEX 2

CONSTITUTION

As accepted and confirmed January 18, 1949, in Paris, and as amended in Paris September 28, 1955, in Mexico September 21, 1963, in Rio de Janeiro September 14, 1973, in Dubrovnik September 23, 1975, in Montreal September 15, 1977, in Cairo November 21, 1986, in Beijing, December 8, 2015, and in Tokyo, August 22, 2023

ARTICLE I – NAME, SCOPE AND AIMS

- 1) The International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences/Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines, with the acronym CIPSH, was founded in Brussels in 1949, at the request of UNESCO and under its auspices, following a meeting organized by the Union Académique Internationale to bring together representatives of non-governmental organizations.
- 2) CIPSH is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organization comprised of international and regional *member* organisations as well as *affiliated* organisations that conduct and encourage research in philosophy and other disciplines belonging to the human sciences in the broadest sense of the term. CIPSH also has individual Honorary Members.
- 3) In addressing the concerns of the human sciences worldwide, CIPSH identifies as its principal aims:
 - a. To promote the international cooperation among non-governmental scholarly organisations that bring together scholars and scholarly communities specializing in the fields of philosophy and other human sciences and in the interfaces between these fields and the social and natural sciences, the arts, as well as in other endeavours that attempt to contribute to the understanding of human beings and their cultural expressions.
 - b. To promote the development of the relevant disciplines throughout the world, in order to enhance mutual understanding between scholars, and recognition of their different methods, and to share the most significant findings from their newest work. In this sense, the aim is to promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge. This should also contribute to the recognition and respect of present and past cultural differences in all their diversity and specificity, and to answering the need for a genuinely equitable sharing of knowledge.
 - c. To advocate and promote all scholarly research, whether concerned with cultural production, or with the variety of organizational and functional patterns manifested by different societies, and envisaged in the broadest possible spatial and temporal frame. This goal can be achieved only through dialogue among the disciplines, especially to bring the human sciences and the social and natural sciences closer together. Their common concern is with human beings, groups, and corresponding contextual conditions, and encompasses the ways in which human societies organize their thoughts, actions, lives, and value systems.
 - d. To communicate the results of research on civil society and governance in ways that make it broadly visible. Human societies are in need of the kind of analyses, understanding and explanations that are provided by the human as well as the social sciences, in order for these societies to better face the challenges of the contemporary world.
- 4) In order to achieve these aims, CIPSH undertakes:
 - a. To encourage cooperation and interconnection among the human sciences, as well as between these and the social and natural sciences, since this cooperation and interconnection is indispensable for the analysis and understanding of the complexities inherent in the phenomena under study.
 - b. To support the development of international initiatives and cooperative efforts which comply with the aims of CIPSH, namely promoting the collaboration between its members and affiliates and by supporting and complementing their own initiatives.

- c. To identify, suggest, and support projects and research programs, inter alia by way of CIPSH chairs and the awarding of CIPSH prizes, that can inspire scholars from different disciplines and different regions of the world to address themes of common interest as well as strengthen communities of scholars involved in research.
- d. To hold a world academic conference every four years in conjunction with the CIPSH General Assembly
- e. To sponsor, co-sponsor or in other ways encourage and support regional, sectoral and other ad hoc conferences hosted by member organizations or affiliates.
- f. To publish and support its international and interdisciplinary journal *Diogenes* and other publications within the scope of CIPSH aims.
- g. To take every action that can reduce, and in the long run eliminate, the many inequalities, e.g. in terms of gender and power, which structure the production, validation, and circulation, as well as international recognition and the acquisition of knowledge, in the fields of study concerned.

ARTICLE II - COMPOSITION

- 1) *Members*: CIPSH is an international Confederation whose member organisations are international or regional scholarly organisations (federations, societies, associations, unions).
 - a. Members pay a membership fee, have the right to be represented by two delegates each in the General Assembly and to designate one representative to the Executive Committee. Members are entitled to propose candidates to the eligible offices of CIPSH.
 - b. A scholarly organisation may only be elected as a member on the condition that it enjoys well-established authority, that it plays a significant scholarly role on an international or regional level, that it is fully representative of one or more independent branches of study, that it has permanent governing, executive bodies and authorized representatives elected following standard practices of transparency and fairness, and, finally, that it engages solely in work supervised by a general assembly of its members.
 - c. The International Union of Academies has a special status among the members due to its historical role in the activities of CIPSH. This is reflected in the number of delegates to the General Assembly and of representatives in the Executive Committee, as defined in the by-laws.
- 2) *Affiliates*: CIPSH also admits, as affiliates, international, regional, national and local research units and scholarly networks, as well as related organizations that support research in the Humanities.
 - a. Affiliates, paying a smaller fee than full members, have the right to be represented by one delegate in the General Assembly, with speaking rights but no voting rights.
 - b. Affiliates will have one representative in the Executive Committee, elected by the General Assembly, with speaking rights, but no voting rights.
- 3) New members and affiliates are admitted to CIPSH, upon application and on the recommendation of the Board or 30% of the members of the Executive Committee, and by the decision of the General Assembly upon a majority of two-thirds of the cast votes.
- 4) The General Assembly may also, on the recommendation of the Board or 30% of the members of the Executive Committee, and upon a majority of two-thirds of the cast votes confer the status of Honorary Member to specific persons for their relevant contributions to knowledge in the Humanities and for their relevant services to the CIPSH. Honorary Members may attend meetings with speaking rights but have no voting rights.

ARTICLE III - HEADQUARTERS AND LEGAL REGISTRATION

- 1) CIPSH is legally registered in France as an association under the law of the 1st July 1901 and the decree of the 16th August 1901 (“*association relevant de la loi du 1er juillet 1901 et du décret du 16 août 1901*”). A corresponding French version of the current Constitution, adapted to French national legal regulations, is approved together with this English version.
- 2) The headquarters of CIPSH are currently located in Paris, France. The General Assembly of CIPSH may change the location of the CIPSH headquarters upon approval of two thirds of its members.
- 3) The Executive Committee, upon proposal of the Board, may establish other delegations.
- 4) The administrative secretary of CIPSH is seated in the location indicated by the secretary-general.
- 5) The treasury of CIPSH is seated in the location indicated by the secretary-general, providing his/her access to the bank account is secured.
- 6) The archives of CIPSH will be kept by the secretary-general in function for the duration of the mandate and will be transferred to the following secretary-general. Archives of no longer daily needed documentation will be deposited in an official archiving institution, preferably the Archives of UNESCO.

ARTICLE IV - RESOURCES OF CIPSH

- 1) Each member and affiliate shall contribute each year to CIPSH according to a graded scale of fees for respectively members and affiliates determined by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board and the Executive Committee. This will be included in the by-laws of CIPSH.
- 2) A member or affiliate that fails to pay the stipulated fee in due time may attend and intervene in the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Assembly, but without voting rights.
- 3) A member or affiliate who has not paid its membership fee for three consecutive years shall be considered suspended from its membership or affiliation to CIPSH.
- 4) The revenues of CIPSH are made up from:
 - a. Annual fees.
 - b. Research and project grants.
 - c. The revenue from the sale of publications, the organization of scientific events or the delivery of services.
 - d. Other subsidies, gifts and legacies; recognised by law and accepted by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – DELIBERATIVE BODIES

- 1) The deliberative bodies of CIPSH are:
 - a. The General Assembly.
 - b. The Executive Committee.
 - c. The Board.
- 2) All deliberative bodies may meet and take decisions either in presence or online, except when stated otherwise in the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1) The members and affiliates of CIPSH, represented by a specified number of delegates and votes, form the General Assembly.
- 2) The General Assembly is chaired by the President of CIPSH.

- 3) The General Assembly:
 - a. Approves the strategy of CIPSH upon the recommendation of the Board and the Executive Committee.
 - b. Elects the Board.
 - c. Approves the budget and annual fees to be paid by members and affiliates.
 - d. Decides on structural options concerning the scientific, editorial and other outreach policies of CIPSH.
 - e. Admits new members and affiliates as well as individual Honorary Members on the recommendation of the Executive Committee or the Board.
 - f. Approves the creation of special projects and designates the persons responsible for them.
 - g. Decides on the exclusion of any member or affiliate for reasons pertaining to the failure to pay annual fees and for any other reason.
 - h. Has the ultimate power of decision on all matters concerning the functioning of CIPSH and the accomplishment of its mission, including the modification of its Constitution.
- 4) The General Assembly shall meet in ordinary session every four years as defined in the By-Laws. It may meet in extraordinary session upon the call of the Board or at the request of members who are all up to date with the payment of their membership fee and who altogether represent at least one third of the votes of the members of CIPSH.
- 5) The provisional agenda for ordinary sessions shall be drawn up by the Board and communicated to the members and affiliates of CIPSH not less than one month before the opening of the session.
- 6) The General Assembly may meet electronically and take decisions through electronic ballot, on all its obligations, except changes in the Constitution.
- 7) The functioning of the General Assembly, the admitted number of votes and delegates are fixed by the dispositions of the By-Laws.
- 8) The dispositions regulating proxies are included in the By-Laws.
- 9) The rules defined in the By-Laws shall establish a fair balance between the rights and duties of the members, as well as the rights and duties of the affiliates, and secure an appropriate status to the International Union of Academies.
- 10) Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast, except when stated otherwise in the present Constitution.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) The Executive Committee is the main decision-making body in-between sessions of the General Assembly.
- 2) The Executive Committee is composed of:
 - a. The elected Board;
 - b. Two scholars proposed by the International Union of Academies;
 - c. One scholar with voting rights designated by each member;
 - d. One representative without voting rights appointed by each affiliate society;
 - e. One representative without voting rights appointed by each of the strategic CIPSH projects and upon the recommendation of the Board.
- 3) Former Presidents of CIPSH automatically become Honorary Members of CIPSH and have the right to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Assembly, without voting rights.
- 4) The terms of office of each member of the Executive Committee is decided by the members and affiliates who shall appoint their delegates/representatives. Normally, a member of the Executive Committee shall be appointed for the period between two consecutive General Assemblies.

- 5) The Executive Committee meets at least once a year: in between meetings of the General Assembly and before the meeting of the General Assembly, for:
 - a. Approval of minutes from the most recent meeting.
 - b. Approval of the annual report of activities.
 - c. Approval of the plan of activities for the following year.
 - d. Approval of the related specific budgets.
 - e. Approval of the reports, plans and budget of special projects.
 - f. Appointment of special and temporary committees.
 - g. Approval of the agenda prepared by the Board for the meetings of the General Assembly.
 - h. Endorsement of major projects in the field of the human sciences and award of grants for them.
 - i. Recommendation of new members and affiliates.
 - j. Approval of any other issues that may be considered relevant.
- 6) Following each of the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Secretary-General shall prepare, within 15 days, a first draft of the minutes of the meeting, including reports presented. After a revision of this draft of minutes by the Executive Committee, a final version will be adopted within 30 days from the meeting and the Secretary-General shall circulate it to all the members and affiliates of CIPSH.
- 7) The Executive Committee will make its decisions within the framework of the directives formulated by the General Assembly, especially where financial matters are concerned.
- 8) In case of justified need and upon approval of a majority of two thirds, the Executive Committee may meet via video-conference.
- 9) The Executive Committee may opt for an electronic ballot for the vote on any issues of its competence, except when stated otherwise in the Constitution, in the By-Laws or in deliberations of the Executive Committee itself.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD

- 1) The Board shall exercise the functions of the governing body of CIPSH between sessions of the Executive Committee and consists of the President, who is also President of CIPSH, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer, the immediate Past President, two to four Vice-Presidents, a Deputy Secretary-General, and a Deputy Treasurer.
- 2) The officers of the Board are elected by the General Assembly.
- 3) The Board shall meet at least twice a year for the transaction of such necessary business as may arise between meetings of the Executive Committee. It shall also meet when the Secretary-General faces the need to make decisions related to activities unforeseen in the plan of activities, or whenever the President or any of its members identifies such a need.
- 4) Members of the Executive Committee of CIPSH, as defined in article VII, article 2, may be invited to attend Board meetings.
- 5) The Board shall recommend to the Executive Committee the names of three persons to serve as Nominating Committee for the election of the new Board.
- 6) The Board can if needed meet by video-conference.
- 7) The Secretary-General shall prepare and circulate the minutes of such meetings to the Board members. Following a preliminary adoption of the minutes, the Secretary-General shall send the minutes to the Executive Committee.
- 8) The officers of the Board of CIPSH are re-eligible to the same office twice, thus serving for a maximum of two terms of four years in one office. An officer may be re-elected for another office for a period of maximum one term of four years. At each election of a new President, the immediate past President continues as a member of the Board until his or her successor remains in charge.

- 9) A member of the Board may thus be elected for different function, but shall not be on the Board for more than all in all twelve consecutive years.
- 10) In electing members of the Board, the Assembly shall try to ensure both continuity and renewal, which are equally indispensable, and strive for fair representation of fields, gender and regions.
- 11) The President of the Board:
 - a. Is the President of CIPSH.
 - b. Presides over the sessions of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Represents CIPSH in all official relations with other institutions.
 - d. Coordinates with the Secretary-General the activities and agenda of the Board.
 - e. May delegate her or his powers to the Secretary-General or other members of the Executive Committee.
 - f. Shall have a quality vote, in case of a tie in the deliberations of the Board, the Executive Committee and the General Assembly, except in case of election of new officers of CIPSH.
- 12) The Secretary-General, acting under the authority of the Board:
 - a. Directs and conducts the daily business of the CIPSH Board in cooperation with the President and the Treasurer
 - b. Represents CIPSH in all ordinary business circumstances, with the assent of the President.
 - c. Makes up the minutes from the CIPSH business meetings, dispatches these and other correspondence, organizes meetings, and prepares and distributes the publications authorized by the Board,
 - d. May delegate her or his authority to the Deputy Secretary-General or another member of the Executive Committee.
- 13) The Treasurer:
 - a. Shall make the payments of the CIPSH in accordance with the agreed-upon budget and decisions of the Board, the Executive Committee, and the General Assembly
 - b. Shall monitor the accounts of members and the affiliates showing the use made of subsidies granted by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board and the Executive Committee.
 - c. Maintains a regular correspondence with the Treasurers (or equivalent officers) of the member organizations and affiliates of CIPSH.
 - d. Shall draw up an annual financial report and a budget, which shall be submitted to the Executive Committee.
 - e. Shall propose to the Board, the Executive Committee, and the General Assembly the annual fees of respectively members and affiliated organisations.
 - f. Shall monitor and oversee the financial reports of CIPSH chairs, *Diogenes* and other projects of CIPSH.
 - g. Shall have the accounts of CIPSH audited by an expert accountant.
- 14) The Vice-Presidents will have special tasks and competences as defined by the Board. They may represent the President upon her/his request.
- 15) The Deputy Secretary-General and the Deputy Treasurer will assist, respectively, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer in the completion of their tasks.

ARTICLE IX - RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- 1) CIPSH may conclude agreements with organizations other than its members and affiliates. Such agreements shall be drawn up under the authority of the Board and shall come into force when approved by the Executive Committee.

- 2) Such agreements may be amended or rejected by the General Assembly upon a decision adopted by a majority of the two-thirds of the members of CIPSH.
- 3) Agreements involving external financial funding shall be monitored by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

- 1) A decision to dissolve CIPSH must be taken by a specifically summoned General Assembly and upon a resolution approved by a majority of two-thirds of the members of CIPSH.
- 2) In case of dissolution, the Assembly shall appoint three liquidators of different nationalities.
- 3) *Diogenes* and the other assets of CIPSH will, under such circumstances, be given to scientific associations chosen by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XI – BY-LAWS

- 1) The detailed application of the present Constitution shall be governed by the By-Laws.
- 2) The By-Laws shall be drawn up by the Board, and approved by both the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- 3) Decisions as to matters not covered by this Constitution are left to the Executive Committee, who will inform the members of CIPSH of any decision concerning the functioning of CIPSH.

ARTICLE XII - IMPLEMENTATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) This Constitution shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, French law.
- 2) This Constitution shall be drawn up in two languages: English and French. After the approval of amendments to the Constitution in one of the languages, a complete version in the other language shall be prepared within one month.
- 3) This constitution shall be implemented from the moment of its approval by the General Assembly.
 - a. For the term initiated in 2023, in the case of the election of Vice-Presidents and Deputy Secretary-General and Deputy Treasurer, as established in article VIII, paragraph 1, the Board elected under the previous Constitution structure will prepare a proposal, within 30 days after the XXXVI General Assembly, to be submitted for approval of the elected Executive Committee within 60 days from the same date.
- 4) This Constitution shall not be amended except by a decision of the General Assembly taken by a two thirds majority of its members. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted to the paid up members and affiliates two months before the meeting of the General Assembly. 1

BY-LAWS

I. On the offices of CIPSH

- 1) The CIPSH legal registered address is in Paris.
- 2) A main office may be established in a second city.
- 3) The board of CIPSH may establish other offices elsewhere, which will be dependent from the main office. A specific regulatory document will be approved by the board concerning the dependent offices' rights and obligations.
- 4) The General Assembly may change the location of the main office and confirm or cancel any of the other offices.

II. The General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly of CIPSH shall meet every four years.
- 2) The General Assembly has a quorum if 50% or more of the members are present in person at a meeting summoned as an in-person meeting, and the same rule pertains to a meeting summoned as a video-conference (electronic) meeting,
- 3) Besides representatives of CIPSH members and affiliates, the General Assembly may welcome other scholars or representatives of other organizations, invited by the Board as observers without voting rights.
- 4) The votes in the General Assembly will be distributed as follows:
 - a. The members will have a minimum of 70 % of the votes.
 - b. Within these limits:
 - i. Each union, federation or equivalent member of CIPSH, except the International Union of Academies, shall have two votes.
 - ii. The International Union of Academies shall have a number of votes corresponding to the remaining 30% of the total number of votes.
 - iii. Affiliates have no voting rights but may be represented by each one delegate with speaking rights.
 - iv. Individual Honorary Members have no voting rights but may attend the General Assembly with speaking rights.
- 5) The delegates to General Assemblies will be as follows:
 - a. The members may send up to two delegates.
 - b. The International Union of Academies may send a delegation made up of as many delegates as the number of votes it has, as defined in these By-Laws.
 - c. The affilitates may send one delegate.
- 6) Each delegate may be accompanied by an alternate and by one or more observers serving as technical advisers. The alternate may not vote except when he or she replaces the official delegate. However, an alternate or observer may have the floor upon permission of the President of the Assembly.
 - a. Proxies are allowed among delegates. No delegate to the General Assembly can receive proxies from more than two other members
 - b. Members of the Board may not serve as delegates. They shall have the right to speak, but not the right to vote, on any matter.'

III. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has a quorum if 50% or more of the members are present in person at a meeting summoned as an in-person meeting, and the same rule pertains to a meeting summoned as a video-conference (electronic) meeting,

IV. The Board

The Executive Committee has a quorum if the President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer are all present and in person, or, in the case of an online (electronic, video-conference), if the President or one of the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General, and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are participating.

V. On the General Assembly and Executive Committee discussions and procedure

- 1) The President of CIPSH shall be the President of the General Assembly. In case of absence, he or she shall be replaced by one Vice-President, to be named by the Board. In case of absence of all Vice-Presidents, the General Assembly shall designate an acting President of the General Assembly
- 2) The working languages of the General Assembly shall be English and French
- 3) The agenda and working papers of the General Assembly shall be sent to the participants a month before the opening of the session, unless stated otherwise in the Constitution
- 4) The Secretary-General may report to the General Assembly on any question submitted to him or her for discussion,
- 5) Draft resolutions, motions and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General.
 - a. After discussion, and before the submitted text is put to vote, the President shall read or have read aloud the text of the motion or resolution.
 - b. The President shall announce the result of all votes at the General Assembly.
 - c. The delegate who presents a motion shall have the right to speak first and last in the discussion concerning this resolution or motion. He or she may withdraw his or her motion with the permission of the General Assembly.
- 6) If several amendments to the same proposal are submitted, the President shall call first for a vote on the amendments that differ most from the original proposal.
- 7) The General Assembly may appoint any committee expedient for the work of CIPSH. It may delegate to the Board the responsibility for appointing a Committee.
 - 8) The election of the Board by the General Assembly will be prepared by the Nominating Committee.
 - 9) The Secretary General of CIPSH shall be responsible for organizing the General Assembly. She or he shall prepare the working papers, carry out the administrative work during the General Assembly, draw up the minutes and send them to the members and affiliates for correction.
 - 10) The minutes, as approved by the members and affiliates of the General Assembly, shall be made public by the Secretariat.

VI. Voting procedure

- 1) Voting shall normally be by a show of hands.
- 2) A roll-call vote is obligatory when it is requested by at least one-fifth of the delegates or decided upon by the President.
- 3) At the request of the Board or of at least one-fifth of the delegates, voting may take place by secret ballot.
 - a. The vote concerning the elections of the Board shall always be taken by secret ballot.
 - b. The election of the Board as well as of the Executive Committee may if needed take place electronically.
- 4) Votes are assigned as follows:
 - c. Decisions are normally made by a majority of the delegates present and voting, except for the case where a qualified majority of members (and not of those present or participating in the meeting) is required by the Constitution.
 - d. Abstention is considered as a vote.
- 5) If a motion receives a number of votes equal to half of the number of voters, that motion shall be considered rejected.

VII. Election of the Board

At least one year before each ordinary session of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee shall appoint three persons who, preferably, are not members of the Executive Committee and have attended the previous ordinary session or the General Assembly as delegates, to serve as Nominating Committee for the election of the new Board. These three persons will choose a chair amongst themselves. At least ten months before the next ordinary session of the General Assembly this chair shall issue a call for nominations. A valid nomination shall consist of a brief written statement of nomination from at least one member, an up to 1.500 characters Curriculum Vitae of the nominee, and a letter from the nominee confirming willingness to serve in the post for which she or he is nominated; it shall be received by the Nominating Committee no later than four months before the ordinary session of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall use its best endeavors to ensure that it receives at least two nominations for each elective office, and that the nominations have regard to the principles of gender balance and cultural diversity. The Nominating Committee shall verify the validity of the nominations it receives and circulate them to all members through the Secretary General within a month of the deadline for reception of nominations.

VIII. Budget and Fees

1) At least one year before each ordinary session of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee shall choose four persons to serve as members of a Budget Committee that shall draw up a draft budget for the four following years and propose annual fees for members and affiliates, to be submitted to the General Assembly. The suggestion must take into account the special status of the International Union of Academies.

- a. This committee shall consist of the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and two representatives of the member societies one of whom shall be designated as Chairperson, appointed by the Board.
- b. The Committee may consult members where the budgets of members and affiliates organizations are concerned.

IX. Amendments of the By-Laws

A revision of the By-Laws may be adopted by the majority of the votes of the delegates at the General Assembly. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary General in time for her or him to circulate it to all members two months before the meeting of the General Assembly. If adopted a proposal shall take effect only after the meeting.