IASCUD General Assembly Manchester ICHST

Date and Time:

Tue 23 July, 16:10–17:40 Location: University Place 4.214

Fri 26 July, 16:10–17:40. Location Uni Place 4.212

People present: Karine Chemla, Olival Freire, Kam-Wing Fung, Irfan Habib, Kenji Ito, Takashi Nishiyama, Tomislav Petkovic, Kapil Raj, and (on Friday) John Dimoia

1.- Report of the treasurer

 Kenji Ito reported the financial situation of IASCUD. IASCUD now has 640559JPY, which is very roughly 6,000USD. Although we have been actively organizing symposia in the past years, we have not spent as much money as expected. This might cause a problem when we request further grants from IUHPS/DHST (International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science/ Division of History of Science and Technology). We should perhaps formalize a travel grant for junior scholars who present at symposia we organize but do not have institutional support to attend conferences. We also decided that we are not going to charge membership fees on IASCUD members. For the moment, IASCUD remains a loose network of the scholars who are interested in the issue of science and cultural diversity. Karine Chemla added that due to the fact that the website was hacked, the person hired to do it did not want any funding and did not want to do it any further. This is why we have not yet spent the related amount, but it should be spent in a near future. Perhaps also in the future, it will be needed to reestablish fees for members or/and find resources !

 The details of the financial activities of IASCUD are in the Appendix.

2. Report on the activity of IASCUD in the last four years

 IASCUD has organized a symposium in the ICHST in Budapest (2009), a symposium at the ESHS in Barcelona (2010) and in Athens (2012). In Manchester, two sessions were hosted by IASCUD.

 One of them was based on the statement for IASCUD, prepared while in Barcelona.

 The main issues remain : reestablish the website after its destruction by hackers and the expansion of membership for IASCUD. The membership should be developed through the website, statement of interest, mailing list.

 Olival Freire explains the situation in Latin America and thinks that membership can be established there easily. A possibility suggested by Kapil Raj and discussed is that of changing the name of IASCUD.

3. - Election of the officers to serve on the bureau for the years 2013-2017

 **Officers**

President: Kenji Ito

Vice-president: Carla Nappi

Secretary General: Magali Romero

Treasurer: Takashi Nishiyama

Assistant Secretary General: Olival Freire

Assessors : Irfan Habib, Kapil Raj, Karine Chemla, Benedikt Loewe

**Names of potential scholars who could be adjoined to our group** Grace Shen (New York), Marwa Elshakry (Columbia), Sean Lei, Dagmar Schaefer (University of Manchester), Clinton Godart (Univ of Southern California).

4. Activities to develop and plans for future development for IASCUD

 Benedikt Loewe from DLMPS has accepted to be on the board and we hope that we can thereby connect activities on mathematical cultures and IASCUD. Moreover, we also hope that IASCUD can develop into a joint commission. Another potential community that IASCUD should try to establish contacts with is that dealing with ethnosciences.

 We hope that the list of members that was available on the former website can be retrieved and that they can join IASCUD again. Moreover, a list of members will be established on the basis of those manifesting interest through the website. It will be the basis for a mailing list providing information (see below).

We will have a website. In the past few years, IASCUD created a provisional website, but it was hacked and its content was deleted. It was proposed and decided that the website will be created in Brazil. It might be done in Japan, but it could turn out rather expensive to hire IT professionals in Japan (especially when the website has to be in English). How we proceed remains to be discussed.

It is also decided that we are going to have a mailing list for circulation of related information among the members, including related conferences, seminars and references of relevant literature. Perhaps, as a loose network of interested scholars, a mailing list will play the vital role.

It was decided that IASCUD organizes a symposium at the next European Society for the History of Science meeting in Lisbon in September 2014 (September 4 to 7). Its conference theme is "Communicating Science." The deadline of proposal set by the ESHS for symposia will be December 1, 2013. There are many possibilities of topics we can organize in relation to this theme, and we did not decide one in Manchester. Instead, we decided to call for proposals from among members. However, ideas could be to address communication between cultures or What is cultural about communication? John DiMoia suggested something in relation to geography and power.

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Report established by Secretary General Karine Chemla, with the help of the new president Kenji Ito, August 2013

Appendix

The financial activities of IASCUD from 2009-2013

