

ICHTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes Tuesday 27 January 2026

The meeting came to order at 15:00 EST with President De Baets in the chair and D. Woolf serving as Secretary for the meeting. All other committee members were present (V. Tozzi; O. Adeboye [vice-president]; M. Hughes-Warrington [co-secretary-general]).

1. The **minutes** of the meeting of 7 March 2025 were approved (moved Woolf/Tozzi) unanimously.
2. With the addition of one item under “Other Business”, the provisional **agenda** for the meeting was approved (Hughes-Warrington/Woolf) unanimously.

3. ICHTH–INTH Book Prizes

The president reported the following:

- a. *Fora*: Book fora in *Rethinking History* – technical problems. The book fora featuring the previous competition’s winners are ready but there are technical issues at the publisher level delaying publication.
- b. *Prizes 2026*: 21 submissions from 17 countries (6 Best First Book; 14 Best Book; 1 disqualified as outside the scope of the prize).
- c. *Schedule*: mid-March: shortlist; mid-April: selection; 22 May: ceremony. The prize committee under the coordination of ICHTH Board member M. Tamm is at work reading books and will shortlist in mid-March and announce laureates 22 April. A ceremony will be organized for the Tallinn meeting, tentatively on 22 May, the last day of the conference. There are 4 more submissions than in the previous competition, even though this competition includes only 2 years of books as opposed to the previous 3 years. Results will be communicated on the ICHTH website. <https://www.ichth.net/prize>.

4. INTH Conference (Tallinn, Estonia, 19–22 May 2026)

The board submitted 6 papers and 4 complete panels; all but one paper were accepted, as were all 4 panels by the INTH conference organizers, so ICHTH has a strong presence, an increase in number on the previous (Lisbon) conference. The president thanked DW and MHW for their work soliciting and preparing the submissions. Other points:

- a. Joint dinner for Board members and partners on the evening of 19 May 2026. The president is consulting with M. Tamm with respect to restaurants for this year’s dinner.
- b. Program As of today’s meeting the program had not been published; MHW asked whether ICHTH sponsored papers and panels should be flagged in the program; president indicated this was the case and that he had reminded the INTH of this.
- c. VT asked about the prize ceremony and conference dinner dates; neither of these is firm at the moment pending the draft program.

5. ICHS/CISH Centenary Congress (Leipzig, Germany, 26–29 August 2026).

This is the meeting replacing the World Congress originally to have occurred in Jerusalem. In May of this year CISH will have existed for a century. The president again thanked the ICHTH program cochairs DW and MHW for submitting on behalf of the Board two panels (Future of Historiography; Publishers’ Panel) both of which were accepted by ICHTH.

- a. CISH General Assembly (27 August 2026) will appoint new CISH Board. The president will represent us officially there. Perhaps as many as two-thirds of the Board membership of CISH will turn over at this meeting. Olufunke was involved in the selection of candidates for election; T. Retz is the sole nominated candidate who is also an ICHTH member.
- b. Joint dinner for Board members and partners, probably on the evening of 26 August 2026 (the first evening of the conference).
- c. Program is available at <https://cish2026.recentglobe.org>. Suggestions for hotels are on the website.
- d. Video recording (4 minutes) of ICHTH activity for CISH. V. Tozzi pointed out that there should be a script for whomever does the video; it was agreed the membership would be solicited to work with the International Federation for Public History who will be producing videos on all CISH affiliates, in collaboration with the executive. A. De Baets commented that we do not have a great deal of material in our archives (<https://www.ichth.net/archive>) suitable for visual representation.

6. Upcoming meetings. Note was taken of the following meetings over the next several months.

- a. Feb. 2026: ICHTH Board meeting: a date should be fixed. MHW as co-secretary will be in charge of the Board arrangements and indicated the last week of February will be best for her; she will organize a doodle

poll to find a common date.

- b. May 2026: Tallinn Conference. Already discussed above.
- c. July 2026: Meeting of ICHTH Ex. Cttee with Prize Committee meeting: evaluation of Book prizes. The president proposes this small online meeting to prepare the next prize.
- d. August 2026: Leipzig Congress. . Already discussed above.
- e. January 2027: ICHTH Ex. Cttee meeting: planning until ICHTH General Assembly of August 2027 (which will be held online). A. De Baets plans to write a road map for organizing the next ICHTH general assembly once Leipzig is concluded, by way of making things easier for the next board and executive.

7. Newsletter

Under O. Adeboye's editorship, issues 5 and 6 were published in 2025; nos. 7 and 8 are scheduled for Feb. 2026 and Oct. 2026. O. Adeboye is in the midst of preparing edition no. 7. She thanked MHW for writing the welcome address for this issue, and thanked the president for his assistance.

8. Budget as of 31 Dec. 2025

The president updated the committee on the budget and assets; the past year was quite inexpensive except for the regular contribution to CISH. The figures below are now slightly out of date, further membership fees having trickled in during January.

- a. *Balance*: 5386,58 euros, of which 3037,45 euros from fees and 407,29 euros from donations.
- b. *Assets*: 8780,23 euros on bank and PayPal accounts.

9. Membership

The following details were reported and minuted.

- a. *Members*: 149 on 31 December 2025. See list on <https://www.ichth.net/members>. Now up to 151; names of new members are published on website.
- b. *Fees*: fees paid for 2025: 123 members; fees not paid for 2025: 17 members; honorary members (waived): 9.
- c. *Candidate members*: 20 new members (out of 32 candidate members approved and invited in two rounds). New rounds planned in May-June and November-December 2026. *We need more colleagues from Asia, Africa and Latin America*. A discussion ensued as to how this might be done; MHW has identified a potential candidate in Japan with a specialty in the history of business and the census. The next round will be in May-June. A. De Baets suggested co-nomination by two or more members of candidates in some cases may be appropriate.
- d. *Persistent non-paying members since 2022*: 21 have been struck from the list in 2025. This exercise will be repeated in June 2026.

10. Constitution

[New draft](#) approved by the Board is made available on website for comment in February 2024: no comments have yet been received.

11. Any other business: *Grokikipedia* entry since January 2026; the president commented that we were not consulted on this and points out that it is overly long and not well written but that its content is reasonably correct.

12. The meeting adjourned at 16:30 pm EST there being no further business.