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Cres, Croatia, September 21-22, 2011

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MINUTES

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was opened by the President of FISP, Prof. McBride, who thanked the members of the Croatian Philosophical Society, and especially Prof. Kukoc, for their generosity and hospitality.

He presented the agenda, prepared by the Secretary-general, Dr. Luca Maria Scarantino, which was approved unanimously without additional proposals.

2. VERIFICATION OF PROXIES.

The Secretary-general, Dr. Luca Maria Scarantino, gave a list of the proxies held by CD members (as shown above).

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEXICO CITY CD MEETING.

[The Minutes of the Mexico CD meeting, Nov. 9-10, 2010, were endorsed without any objections.](#)

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McBride presented his mid-term report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE FISP CD CRES, SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2011

It seems a little odd to me to think back on our previous meeting in Croatia; it took place not very far from here, in Mali Lošinj, four years and three months ago. Some of you were there, while of course others of you were first elected to the CD a little more than a year later, at the World Congress in Seoul. There was much anticipation both of that Congress and of those elections: Soon thereafter, the call for nominations was sent out to our member societies. Since then, as the inscription on a Goya painting that hangs in the Musée des Beaux Arts in Lille, a city in which I once lived many years ago, puts it, “¿Qué tal?” As anyone who may happen to be familiar with the painting

knows, it is very somber. And that is the way I often feel. I think of the deaths of our esteemed colleagues, Sémou Pathé Guèye and David Evans; of the financial tsunami that began rolling over the world shortly after our gathering in Seoul, the effects of which have still not really abated; of the physical tsunami that wrought such havoc in Japan earlier this year; of the continuing physical violence in so many places; and of the ongoing rhetorical violence that so often characterizes discussions of the role of the humanities in general and of philosophy in particular in a higher education climate that is increasingly politicized, industrialized, and degraded – very much in keeping with our atmospheric climate.

On the other hand, however tempest-tossed we may be, we find ourselves as a group once again in the land of Illyria, the beneficiaries of the extreme good will of the Croatian Philosophical Society. And we may well repeat the famous words of Miranda, one of the survivors of the shipwreck with which Shakespeare's play, *The Tempest*, which as you know is supposedly set in Illyria, begins: "O, wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, That has such people in't!"

First, let me mention the conferences that I attended at which I represented FISP since our CD meeting last November in Mexico City. First, there was the Interamerican Congress of Philosophy a short time later in Mazatlán, which was well attended. The following month there was the biennial joint meeting, which will be triennial henceforth, of CIPSH and CISS – the International Council for Philosophy and the Human Sciences and its social science counterpart – in Nagoya, Japan. Both of these were also attended by Luca Scarantino, who may wish to say something more particularly about the latter meetings by virtue of his position as the Deputy Secretary-general of CIPSH. Another colleague of ours, Bhuvan Chandel, is a member of the Board of CIPSH. Questions about the changing priorities of Unesco, with which these two Councils are affiliated, and of the nature of these affiliations were raised in Nagoya and again some months later, as I understand it, at the Executive Committee's meetings in India, and these questions are an item on our agenda for further discussion here. Incidentally, just before leaving Japan, I was the recipient of the excellent hospitality of our colleague Ken-ichi Sasaki at a luncheon in Tokyo, to which he also invited a couple of his colleagues.

Next there was the very successful one-day meeting in early January in Rome, organized by our colleague Riccardo Pozzo, under the auspices of the FISP Committee on the History of Philosophy, and sponsored by the Commissione Nazionale Italiana per l'Unesco and the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, "On Migrating Alphabets: Intercultural Perspectives in History of Philosophy and the Challenge of Digital Humanities." Luca Scarantino also attended that conference, and our colleague Gholamreza Aavani, from whom I learned a good deal about Farsi on that day, was one of the speakers. Other colleagues who attended were Marcelo Dascal, Maija Kūle, Hans Poser, David Schrader, and Gerhard Seel.

In addition, FISP advertised and supported the 400th anniversary celebration of the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. William Sweet was the one FISP Steering Committee member in attendance. I wish that I could have gone there myself, but in any case my message of congratulations was printed in the handsome program that was prepared for the occasion.

In mid-April the venue was a particularly accessible one for me: my own university, Purdue. My philosophy colleague Leonard Harris, with assistance from some students, had worked tirelessly to stage a conference on "Philosophical Dialogue between Africa and the Americas: Africa and Its Diaspora," which was supported by Unesco, ISESCO (the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), the Unesco Commissions of Senegal and Uruguay, the Alain Locke Society, and of course the university itself. It was well attended by delegates from Africa, especially Francophone Africa, from Latin America, from the Caribbean, and from North America and Europe – including our colleague Tanella Boni – and was videotaped and made available in four languages (English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese) at several live sites on three continents. I spoke on behalf of FISP at the opening session. The entire affair, which because some sessions were simultaneous is about 18 hours in length, can be viewed on the website, www.cla.purdue.edu/unesco.

At the end of April I had the privilege of attending the constitutional convention, so to speak, and inaugural session of the Société Sénégalaise de Philosophie in Dakar. Also in attendance was the current President of CIPSH, Adama Samassékou of Mali. The convention was not without its controversies, but in the end it was a very positive event, the arrangements for which owed much to Oumar Dia, a former assistant to Sémou Pathé Guèye and a young professor in his own right, with whom we have had considerable correspondence in recent years. This trip also enabled me to stop by Unesco to visit the office of Ms. Moufida Goucha as well as our own office in Paris *en route*.

For the first time since 2003 I was not one of the FISP committee members for the International Philosophy Olympiad, which took place in Vienna in May, and in which Luca Scarantino, Gerhard Seel, and Stelios Virvidakis participated. I heard very good reports about it. I did play a role, as did David Schrader, in helping to expedite the participation of an American delegation there for the first time in many years, thanks in large measure to the decision of the IPO committee, and approved by us as well, to allow Spanish to be used in addition to English, French, and German as an accepted language. (Remember, the contestants must write their essays in a language different from their mother tongue.)

A substantial amount of my time since early April, particularly during the spring months, has been occupied with sending out invitations to those selected by you as invitees to the plenary sessions and symposia of the World Congress and to be section chairs or co-chairs. (I also sent the invitation for the Ibn' Rushd Endowed Lecture, while Ernie Lepore has been involved with the invitation for the Maimonides Lecture and the Kierkegaard Lecture is to be delivered by Peter Kemp.) This task is statutorily assigned to the President, and it is a time-consuming one. In all cases involving symposia and plenary sessions I sent a signed invitation on FISP stationery electronically, in pdf format, and then sent the original by post. For those invited to be section chairs or co-chairs, I relied on regular e-mail correspondence. As I have already informed you, the responses to my invitations have been on the whole very positive, with the number of acceptances far surpassing the number of rejections, and with some of the explanations given in the latter cases, many of them grounded in physical disabilities, being very touching as well as flattering to FISP. We will of course be considering later the relatively small amount of unfinished business in this domain.

Probably the most prominent issue involving philosophers that has called for an official FISP remonstrance since our meeting last year is the one involving several Hungarian philosophers, who have been judicially accused of having been seriously "over-funded" with grants given by the previous government. I have chosen this somewhat whimsical and vague way of putting it because the issues are complex and in many ways highly political, and to enter into them in extensive detail here would be beyond my competence or desire, but everything that I have read about the situation, including reports from some Hungarian philosophers who are not among those currently accused, makes me confident both of the truth of what I have just said and that these philosophers' rights as philosophers have been placed in jeopardy. We shall continue to monitor this situation.

We also expressed our strong opposition to the proposed closing of the Department of Philosophy (as well as some other departments) at the University of Keele in the United Kingdom. The worldwide uproar over this proposal led at least to a delay and reconsideration of the matter by the administration of that university.

Of course there is a sense in which all of us professional philosophers, or at least a great many of us, are under siege – as are, to be candid, people involved in many other areas of the humanities and even, though I think to a lesser extent, in the social sciences. A major part of the underlying reason for this is traceable to the economic situation in which we all find ourselves today, but there are other underlying causes as well, including an anti-intellectualism that is affiliated, very paradoxically, with a certain cult of global economic structures and institutions. We shall no doubt touch on this matter as our meetings proceed. As we do so, you will no doubt find no relief at all, but you may find some amusement, from the fact that your President is a person of exceptional experience in this respect, being probably the only individual in this group who can claim actually to have worked, during summers when I was a student, on Wall Street.

The report of the President was accepted without discussion.

5. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The meeting continued with the mid-term report of the Secretary-general, Dr. Luca Scarantino.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

This report will consist of three main parts. The first relates to Fisp membership. The second discusses the current situation of philosophy and the humanities inasmuch as it involves Fisp action and, in particular, its relation to Unesco. The third part presents the ongoing status of preparation of the next World Congress (Athens 2013).

Membership. As I mentioned in previous reports, Fisp is pursuing its policy of inclusion of member societies from different regions of the world. I personally believe that this is an essential feature of our Federation. Since our Mexico meeting, last November, we received nine applications: two from Europe (Austrian Philosophical Society & Spanish Society of Philosophy Professors), two from North America (Alain Locke Society & Karl Jaspers Society of North America), three from Asia (Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand, Islamic Pakistani Association, & Jain Vishva Bharati), one from the Caucasian region (Association of Global and Civilizational Studies, Azerbaijan), and one from an international organization whose President is in Israel and whose Secretary is in Italy (International Association for the Study of Controversies). This draws an appreciable widening of the geographic basis of the Federation, particularly in the Asian countries.

At the same time, we must register two defections: the Canadian Philosophical Society quit the Federation on financial grounds, and the Italian Association of Aesthetic Studies (AISE) merged into the Italian Society of Aesthetics (SIE), which is not yet a member of Fisp. However, the former President of the AISE, Professor Laura Macor, informed me that the SIE “should replace AISE within Fisp”. We can therefore expect to have a brand new member in the next months.

Philosophy and Humanities in Trouble. The last months have witnessed a series of threats to philosophical centres, institutes and Departments, that in many cases called for a support of Fisp. We all recall the international mobilization in favour of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, under menace of dislodging. The numerous interventions of scholars throughout the world, initiated by Fisp, successfully allowed the Institute to make sure that it will maintain its historical location for the next years, in view of a further resettlement in an equally prestigious and functional building. At the recent meeting of the International Institute of Philosophy, held in Moscow just a few days before our CD meeting, the Director of the Institute, Professor Abdussalam Guseinov, expressed his satisfaction thereupon and conveyed his thanks to the international philosophical community for this massive expression of solidarity.

An urgent case, also mentioned by President McBride in his report, had (and probably, still has) to do with the Hungarian philosophical community, threatened by a number of restrictions in freedom of expression as presented by the current government. President McBride made a vigorous intervention, on behalf of Fisp, before the Hungarian Academy of Science: if such a strong expression of support provided some relief to the local scholarly community, we must remain attentive to the situation in Hungary, as long as it remains serious and possibly critical in terms of freedom of expression.

You are also aware of the crisis that hit the Department of Philosophy of Middlesex university, first relayed to the CD by our colleague Dermot Moran, as well as of the “Aarhus crisis” mainly dealt with by former President Peter Kemp. If we add the long list of complaints, cuts, and threats of closure that involve institutes, centres and Departments in other domains of the humanities, we should probably conclude that, in a time of financial crisis, too often the short-term solution of hitting academic centers devoted to long-term education and research is adopted.

Things do not look happier as far as one of our main non-academic partners, Unesco, is involved. While philosophy has been the spearhead of Unesco activities in the humanities for the last

years, a general reorientation towards the applied social sciences seems to be dramatically reducing Unesco interest towards philosophical communities throughout the world. Thus, following the troubles that went along with the 2010 World Philosophy Day, the celebration of this year will mainly take place in Paris, and so is likely to be the case for the following ones. Worse, no feedback, advice or suggestion has been requested neither to Fisp nor to Cipsh – who might have conveyed to Unesco the views of the international scholarly community. The Interregional Dialogues in philosophy, a very performing series of meeting that took place in the last several years, is also to be terminated: a last meeting is announced for November, most probably in the Philippines. Oddly enough, a new series of such encounters, between Africa and North America, was inaugurated just a few months ago in Purdue: unfortunately, that first meeting is likely to remain a unicum. While the persons in charge of these meetings have been aware of their importance to establish new, intercultural networks of scholars, the officers in charge of the Social and Human Sciences at Unesco seem much less sensitive to it.

The very cooperation with Cipsh seems to be at risk as well, and even more Unesco support to Diogenes, nowadays the sole scholarly journal in the humanities formally associated to Unesco. The President of Cipsh, Dr Adama Samassékou, has written to the Director-General a few days ago to express the concern of the scholarly community for this trend, and I have evidence that this unease is shared by large sectors of Unesco constituency. An exchange of letters with Ms Bokova has also been initiated by the President of Fisp, W. McBride, as he mentioned in his report. Although I was not aware of the content of these letters when they were sent, I had evidence, as President McBride did, that they did not go unnoticed within Unesco mechanisms. It is my conviction, though, that a more steady involvement of the different National Commissions, provoked by each of us, would prove particularly effective.

World Congress, Athens 2013. This item requires several comments.

Main premises. Last April, our colleague Stelios Virvidakis was kind enough to take me to visit what should be the venues of the Congress, i.e. the University of Athens Philosophy, Arts and Humanities building, located in Panepistimioupolis. We spent an entire afternoon there, and I came out of the visit with very positive feelings. The premises seem definitely fit to host an event of the magnitude of the World Congress. Each of the nine floors of the building includes many classrooms, ranging from small size (25-30 places) to bigger ones (50-60). At a first approximation, their number seems largely sufficient. In case of further needs, Prof. Virvidakis recalled that the adjacent building (Physics and Mathematics) may also be used. The Philosophy, Arts and Humanities building also includes 3 or 4 amphitheatres (~150-200 places each), which we could not access because they were closed, and a beautiful Aula Magna, which may contain up to 650 people sitting, and probably over 850 with additional chairs. The air-conditioning system seems perfectly working, and diffusers are everywhere. According to a colleague belonging to the Classical Studies Institute, whom we met on site, a/c system is very powerful and makes summer working “very pleasant”. Hopefully it will still be the case in Aug 2013.

Yet, the building needs to be prepared and refreshed. To this effect, the HOC should probably involve the Rector, although it seems that new legislation about university in Greece might make things more complicated than originally planned. An internal shuttle service during Congress time seems to be needed too, given the distance between the entrance of the campus and the building and the temperature that we are likely to find in August. In any case, all these tasks shall be dealt with by the organizing committee. All I could verify for the time being is that the overall structure of the premises seems adequate to hosting the WCP.

Other premises. Prof. Boudouris, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, has informed us a few days ago of other venues of the Congress: the opening ceremony will take place at the Herodion Atticus Theater, as originally suggested, while four “open air” sessions shall take place in four major Archaeological sites of Athens: Plato’s Academy, Aristotle’s Lyceum, the Pnyx, and Hagia Photini. As professor Boudouris wrote us a few days ago:

“the relevant authorities of the Ministry of Culture have already consented to conduct the Official Opening of the 23rd WCP at Herodium of Atticus Theater under the Acropolis. They have also agreed and given permission in order to organize four (4) Special Open Air Sessions in Archaeological sites (Plato’s Academy, Lyceum of Aristotle, Pnyx, and Hagia Photine)”.

All I can add is a deep appreciation for the choice of the Herodium for the opening session, as well as for the involvement of the other sites, all of great symbolic and historical significance.

Prof. Virvidakis also showed me other venues that might be used for activities linked to the Congress, e.g. CD meetings or other events: among them, the Palamàs building and the old University building, both next to Syntagma square.

Accommodation. Professor Karasmanis, President of the Greek Philosophical Society, informed us that he is taking care of possible hotel accommodation for CD members, plenary speakers and symposia speakers. As he wrote a few days ago, “I found very good prices in one of the best hotels in Athens for 80 rooms”. I believe that we should express to him our appreciation for his commitment to the organization of the Congress.

We have no news, on the contrary, about possible accommodation for other participants and students. While it is not the task of the HOC to provide accommodation for them, it would obviously be appreciated for the local organizers to facilitate all participants to be accommodated in Athens, and possibly in the surroundings of the Congress premises. Prof. Virvidakis showed me two groups of student dormitories next to the venues (Unicampus and National Technical University), which might be proposed to participants as a possible accommodation during the Congress.

Current situation and budget. Let us come now to the current situation of the organising process. After several messages sent by the President of Fisp and myself, we received in the very last days two substantial communications from Proff. Karasmanis and Boudouris. Let me quote from the letter that Prof. Boudouris has sent us:

“The state of affairs concerning the Organisation procedure of the 23rd WCP is as follows:

1. The final meeting with the Minister of Culture is still pending and we hope to see him in the near future.
2. Meanwhile the relevant authorities of the Ministry of Culture have already consented to conduct the Official Opening of the 23rd WCP at Herodium of Atticus Theater under the Acropolis.
3. They have also agreed and given permission in order to organize four (4) Special Open Air Sessions in Archaeological sites (Plato’s Academy, Lyceum of Aristotle, Pnyx, and Hagia Photine).
4. We are arranged to meet the Mayor of Athens, since his support is vital in order to carry out successfully the organization of the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy.
5. We have already received more than 150 emails concerning the Congress (a number of these emails are very enthusiastic for conducting the Congress in Athens) and a number of persons have already sent their Abstract, without filling out the Template Form N1.

We will send again the First Circular with additional information concerning the procedure, since, as you know, we belong to Schengen agreement zone (please send us an update version of email lists of FISP Societies and persons).

6. We have already started collecting material and information for the second Circular.
7. We have already started to collect money for the Congress and we have sent relevant letter to all Members of Greek Philosophical Society and to Greek members of International Association of Greek Philosophy. A number of them have already responded positively. We will intensify this effort next month, and we hope that the economic climate will improve.
8. In the next meeting of the Council of GPS matters concerning the Congress (Secretaries etc) will be discussed and decided.
9. We are sending you the list with the names of Greek speaking persons (priority order from left to right) for the Chairs of the sections of Contributed Papers:
 - a. There are two (2) persons in each section, except the sections (2ii), (69) and (72) {three persons}
 - b. Upon finalizing your decision we will send you the relevant addresses.
10. We are also sending you the Budget of the Congress.”

And here goes the budget of the Congress, as it has been sent us by Prof. Boudouris:

BUDGET OF 23RD WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

INTERPRETERS-PERSONS	105 283
TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF INTERPRETATION	43 314
HOSPITALITY OF INVITED SPEAKERS	76 200
HOSPITALITY OF FISP MEMBERS	25 925
FARES OF INVITED SPEAKERS	33 000
MEETINGS OF INT. PROGR. COMMITTEE	30 000
WEBSITE OF 23 WCP	12 000
BOOKS OF ABSTRACTS OF THE 23 WCP	38 000
CONGRESS PROGRAMME	12 000
SMALL POSTERS (AFISES)	5 000
POSTERS	5 000
MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS FOR SPONSORS	10 000
CONGRESS CERTIFICATES FOR PARTICIPANTS	1 000
CONGRESS INVITATIONS	2 000
DECORATION OF THE CONGRESS AREA	3 000
CORRESPONDENCE EXPENSES	10 000
LABELS FOR PARTICIPANTS	3 000
LABELS FOR VOLUNTEERS	2 000
CONGRESS T-SHIRTS FOR PARTICIPANTS	13 200
CONGRES T-SHIRTS FOR VOLUNTEERS	1 600
CONGRESS BAGS FOR PARTICIPANTS	17 250
PAPER BLOCKS FOR PARTICIPANTS	1 500
PENS FOR PARTICIPANTS	3 000
CONGRESS DESK AND OFFICE MATERIAL	7 000
GIGANT MONITORS & ELECTRONIC DEVICES	6 000
TRANSPORTATION, RENT	10 000
CONGRESS SECRETARIAT	115 000
COMPUTERS, PRINTERS & PROJECTORS	8 000
HOSPITALITY OF VOLUNTEERS	28 000
BUS EXPENSES	5 000
CONGRESS OFFICIAL OPENING –HERODIUM	18 000
FOUR SPECIAL CONGRESS MEETINGS	39 000
MUSIC,SOCIAL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS	50 000
EXPENSES FOR CONGRESS ADVERTISEMENTS	10 000
EXTRA EXPENSES	12 000
TOTAL	748 872
PUBLICATION OF CONGRESS PAPERS-VOLUMES	500 000
FINAL TOTAL	1 248 872

INCOME

DONATIONS OF MEMBERS OF GPS	20 000
DONATIONS OF MEMBERS OF INTL ASSOCIATION OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY	10 000
SPONSORSHIPS	150 000
SALE OF T-SHIRTS ETC	21 000
CONGRESS FEES 2100X200	420 000
CONGRESS FEES 100X100	10 000
CONGRESS FEES 800X50	40 000
TOTAL	671 000

If we do not take into account the €500,000 set aside for the publication of the Proceedings, which seem to be overestimated, we have a total income of €670,000, and a total amount of expenses

of €750,000. In such case, the possibility of filling the €80,000 gap, either through reduction of expenses or through further sponsorships, does not seem unrealistic. However, some concerns might be expressed e.g. about the total amount of fees, perhaps a bit optimistic. I should mention, in relation to previous remarks I made, that the capacity of attracting 3,000 participants, as anticipated by the budget, also depends on the amount of information and help that will be provided about accommodation, facilities, and other logistic needs. It is not clear either if the “Sponsorships” are actual or expected (Prof. Karasmanis’ message seems to imply that they are not granted yet), and there is no income from universities either, while they might hopefully contribute, nor from governmental sources.

These data might be supplemented by a message sent a few days ago by Prof. Karasmanis, President of the Greek Philosophical Society. Since Prof. Karasmanis’ message was addressed to President McBride, I prefer not to quote from it, and I will simply resume what appear to me as its most interesting elements.

- Prof. Karasmanis says that the Minister of Culture “promised” to provide some funding, although Karasmanis himself is not able to quantify that commitment.
- The Bank of Greece has also “promised” him support.
- Prof. Karasmanis established a list of 70 to 80 major economic companies or foundations in Greece to which support might be asked.
- The Secretary-General of the Minister of Culture agreed to give all the archaeological sites they asked for.
- Prof. Karasmanis had a first meeting with the mayor of Athens, and shall meet him again within September for details.
- Prof. Karasmanis thinks that to have positive results from his contacts in the government and in the world of business a small secretariat “with 2-3 young people” in charge of the everyday work (telephones, letters, booking, appointments, information etc.) is needed.
- He also believes that “a small group of 5-7 people, preferably young”, should be established within the organizing committee in order to run the everyday work.
- He considers that the next two months will be critical for a positive outcome of the whole enterprise.

[The report of the Secretary-general generated wide discussions.](#)

5.1. Discussion on the report of the Secretary-general.

The first point about which some CD members expressed their concern had to do with the change in the Presidency of the Greek Philosophical Society (GPS). The former President of the GPS, Prof. Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou, who signed the Memorandum of agreement with FISP, has been succeeded in this position by Prof. Boudouris, then by Prof. Karasmanis. In his capacity as current President of the GPS, Prof. Karasmanis wrote a letter to the President of FISP, to the Secretary-general, and to the Chair of the Programme Committee explaining how the preparation of WCP 2013 is proceeding.

Members of the CD who know Prof. Karasmanis personally expressed their confidence that the preparation of the Congress would continue apace. Observing that he knows him quite well, Prof. Seel said that Prof. Karasmanis is a very competent, very efficient and dynamic person and would be an asset to the organisation of the Congress. Prof. Virvidakis added that Prof. Karasmanis had a lot of experience in organising large events, and has been the Director of the European Cultural Center in Delphi for over ten years. Prof. Virvidakis expressed his optimism regarding a fruitful future collaboration between the Greek Philosophical Society and the HOC in the preparation of the WCP 2013.

Answering some questions related to the collaboration between the two institutions, President McBride explained how, according to the Memorandum of agreement, the organisation of the WCP was to be shared between the Greek Philosophical Society and the HOC.

In his remarks on the same subject, Prof. Pozzo noted how important a good coordination between the two institutions, as well as the involvement of many coordinators and highly motivated people in the organising process, is for the successful preparation of the Congress.

However, the main focus in the discussion of the Secretary-general's report was on the financial aspect of the preparation of the Congress.

Prof. Nagl-Docekal expressed several concerns. At the moment there are only verbal promises as for possible sources of financial support to the Congress, and no signed commitments. She therefore urged that the HOC and the Greek Philosophical Society attend to this as quickly as possible. She pointed out that for the WCP in Seoul the necessary funds were allocated in advance with duly signed commitments. She also insisted on the necessity of having a signed commitment from the University of Athens concerning the classrooms and other spaces to be provided as venues of the Congress. In fact, she observed that there is no budgetary line for that, while there is no certitude that the venues will be available for the Congress without charge.

All of the CD members agreed that commitments regarding the financial support of the Congress should be made as soon as possible. In particular, the classrooms should be booked immediately, and it should be made sure that the University of Athens will allow their use *gratis*.

CD members' opinions differed on another point: namely, to what extent it will be advisable for the Greek organisers to seek out and hire a professional agency which could be useful both in the technical preparation of the Congress and in raising the funds for it. Some members supported this suggestion, while others maintained that, given the amount of fees charged by such agencies, it is not reasonable for the HOC to engage a professional agency in the preparation of the Congress. Prof. Abel observed that universities often have their own agency, which is usually less expensive than external ones, and that an internal university agency – if any – might be involved in the preparation of the event. But he stressed that it is the responsibility of the HOC to make the decision on the matter.

A generally shared opinion, however, was that it would be good for the HOC to establish contact with a tourist or travel agency that would take care of the tourist programme of the Congress.

CD members also agreed that some economies could be made in the Congress Secretariat, for which a considerable sum is earmarked in the draft budget.

The concerns on this point resulted in different proposals by way of searching for possible effective economies.

Prof. Nagl-Docekal suggested that besides young people, who generally have a limited experience in organising large events, it would be advisable for the HOC to involve university staff and faculty with teaching experience (for example, assistant professors), as well as students having previous experience in organising conferences.

Another suggestion, proposed by Prof. Sweet, concerned the possible engagement of full time secretaries for the last two years of the WCP preparation.

All members shared Prof. Aavani's opinion that the two year period remaining before the Congress is not a long time and that commitments on the previously mentioned points – finances, university rooms, tourist agency and people to be engaged in the preparation - should be made immediately.

[As a result of the discussion there was unanimous agreement that FISP should press for commitments on these matters and urge the HOC to make them as soon as possible.](#)

The President of FISP agreed with the observation that obtaining signed commitments on the points discussed is all that FISP can hope at the moment.

As a representative of FISP in the HOC, Prof. Virvidakis promised to convey to the HOC the concerns expressed and the suggestions made concerning these matters.

Discussion continued on the subject of principal concern with regard to the WCP preparation, namely the ways of raising money for the Congress. As was indicated in the report of the Secretary-general, a part of the

money is expected to come from the government, more precisely from the Ministry of Culture. But this sum is relatively small compared with the total budget required. For the rest of the money needed, the Greek organisers are counting on banks, some foundations and some large companies, a list of which they have already prepared, as well as on the financial and logistic support of the Mayor of Athens.

Prof. Lee reported that for the WCP in Seoul the Organising Committee previewed a minimal and a maximal budget. He suggested that, given the unstable political situation in Greece and the difficult economic climate, it would be appropriate for the Greek organisers to do the same. This situation was described as unpredictable by Prof. Virvidakis, who at the same time emphasized the good will and the strong intention of the Greek Philosophical Society and the HOC to host the WCP 2013.

Given the overall uncertainty that characterizes the Congress organization, and the short time remaining to 2013, Prof. Herta Nagl-Docekal proposed to hold an extraordinary CD meeting early 2012. In fact, she argued, next Fall will be too late for the CD to react and take any decision were financial weakness in Greece to block the organisation of the Congress. This suggestion was supported by several CD members with further arguments. Prof. Dascal observed that it would be good to have another meeting of the CD before October 2012 not only to check the situation in Greece, but also to show FISP's support to the HOC and Greek Philosophical Society, as well as FISP's solidarity with their efforts of organising the WCP 2013.

In the subsequent discussion on the matter some members of the CD expressed their doubts that such a meeting could be held very soon (late January/early February), raising three main arguments:

- 1/ there is not enough time for organising a meeting of the CD in such a short period;
- 2/ given the difficult financial situation in Greece it would be hard for the HOC to host the CD;
- 3/ there is not a real need for the CD as a whole to have a meeting in Athens in the suggested period. It could be represented, instead, by the Board and the Chair of the PC, as well by other members of the CD who would be willing to go to Athens and would be able to do so at their own expense.

A long discussion on this subject confirmed the last argument and ended into the CD endorsing the following decision:

Represented by its Board, the Chair of the PC, and some other members willing to do this on their own, FISP can meet with the HOC in Athens in late January or early February (depending on the possibility and the willingness of the HOC to host them) in order to review the situation, to discuss the preparation of the Congress, and to show to the Greek organisers its support and its solidarity. Participants to this meeting will cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

6. RELATIONS WITH UNESCO

Another point in the report of the Secretary-general that provoked a lively discussion and suggestions was that concerning the current situation of the humanities, and specifically of philosophy, within Unesco. In his report, Dr. Scarantino described this situation as critical and referred to the tensions that characterize the current state of affairs. "The humanities and philosophy are actually at risk," and we "should struggle to preserve their place as one of the priorities of Unesco," he said in his report. New decisions taken recently at Unesco illustrate this situation. The WPD, which traditionally was scheduled every year in different countries, has now been moved back to Paris. The various countries that are willing to organise such events on a local basis are encouraged to do so, but the main WPD celebration, dramatically reduced in its size, will take place, according to this new orientation, at Unesco headquarters in Paris. FISP, which traditionally has been involved in the event and participated in the organisation of the WPD, is no longer consulted on the subject. At the moment when the CD meeting took place, Cipsh had not been consulted either. At the same time the delegates of many governments do not support, in the General Assembly, the place of the humanities and philosophy among the priorities of Unesco. Under these circumstances, concluded Dr. Scarantino, we should be concerned about the future partnership between FISP and Unesco.

President McBride informed the CD that he has undertaken some actions in order to support the role of the humanities and philosophy within Unesco. In particular, he has written two letters:

- the first one to the Director General of Unesco, Irina Bokova, in which he stressed the historical tradition regarding the place of the humanities and philosophy as being part of Unesco's priorities;
- the second one to the American ambassador to Unesco in which he claimed that there was a morale crisis among certain persons working in the field of humanities because of this critical situation.

He then read to the CD excerpts from the answer that he received in response to the first of these letters from the Director General of Unesco, Ms. Irina Bokova.

This information was followed by a discussion of the matter.

Prof. Boni suggested that a representative of every FISP member society contact the ambassador of his/her country to Unesco in order to make him/her aware of the situation of the humanities and philosophy at the present time and try to convince him/her to support them as a priority of Unesco's activities.

The CD members endorsed this suggestion.

As a result of this discussion, the Report of the Secretary-general was approved.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Prof. Seel presented to the CD the treasurer's report on behalf of Prof. Guido Küng, the treasurer of FISP, who had been forced to be absent from the meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

for the meeting of the Comité Directeur of Fisp on September 21-22, 2011 in Cres (Croatia)

Together with this report I submit to you (attached):

- FISP & Fonds Congrès Mondiaux : AVOIR 31.08.2011
- FISP Bilan 30.06.2011
- FISP Recettes & Dépenses 01.07.2010 - 30.06.2011
- FISP État des paiements des sociétés 31.08.2011

A) As you can see, on August 31, 2011 *the general assets of FISP (= FISP : AVOIR)* amounted to 87'230 Swiss Francs (i.e. 75'114 Euros or 108'455 US\$)¹.

A comparison with the general assets of a last year (as reported on October 26, 2010 to the CD in Mexico) is very interesting. It shows that it is important in which currency the situation is being considered:

- if we count in Swiss Francs, then the assets have diminished by 2.18% ;
- but if we count in Euros, then they have increased by 13.29% ;
- and if we count in US\$, then the assets have increased by 16.70% !

The difference is due to the strong rise in value of the Swiss Franc, and to the decline of the Euro and of the US\$. Luckily we keep almost all our bank accounts in solid Swiss Francs, we keep only one account in Euros (to receive the membership fees that now are mostly being paid in Euros).

B) In addition to its general assets, FISP has also *assets for endowed lectures at World Congresses (Fonds Congrès mondiaux)* :

- The sum for the Maimonides Lecture is being kept in Fribourg. On August 31, 2011 it amounted to 10'818.36 Swiss Francs (i.e. 9'315.73 Euros or 13'450.65 US\$). Last year (on October 26, 2010) it had amounted to 11'434 Swiss Francs (i.e. 8'501 Euros or 11'917 US\$) ; thus this investment, too, has slightly diminished when counting in Swiss Francs and it has increased when counting in Euros or in US\$.

¹ Rates at Aug 31, 2008: 1€ = 1.1613 CHF ; 1 US\$ = 0.8043 CHF.

- An additional sum (for the Ibn Rushd Lecture) is being kept by Prof. Ioanna Kucuradi in Ankara. In June 2008 it had amounted to about 14'000 US-Dollars (I have not have received any news about its actual amount).

- Furthermore the Kierkegaard Centre in Copenhagen pays for the Kierkegaard Lecturer.

C) I have also drawn up the table of the FISP income (*recettes*) and expenditures (*dépenses*) during the year 2010/2011 (in order to allow for comparison with past years, this table is labelled entirely in Swiss Francs, and the period runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

- In the past year the membership fees received from our member societies have amounted to 19'633 Swiss Francs. In the five years before the Seoul World Congress the average annual amount had been 19'040 Swiss Francs. Thus there is stability.

In Seoul we had increased the membership fee asked from our member societies by 20% and labelled it in Euro. But compared to today and counting in today's strong Swiss Francs, the annual membership fee asked from our member societies has not risen, but it has diminished by 12.9%, as is shown by the calculation here below:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF FULL MEMBERS WITH 1 VOTE

	RATES	CHF	€	US\$
2008.06.30	1€ = ca. 1.6 CHF 1 US\$ = ca. 1 CHF	200.—	125.—	200.—
2011.08.31	1€ = 1.1613 CHF 1 US\$ = 0.8043 CHF	174.20	150.—	216.58
VARIATION		-12.90%	+20%	+8.29%

The fact that despite this reduction by 12.90% (counting in Swiss Francs), the total amount received from our member societies (counting in Swiss Francs) has not decreased, is therefore a good sign.

- The contributions to the Compensation Fund have been low: 1'617.57 Swiss Francs. But before the WCP in Seoul the average annual amount had also been a meager 1'014 Swiss Francs.

- The main expenditures of FISP are the partial subsidies for travel (*indemnités de voyage*: 11'192 Swiss Francs) and the cost of the secretariat (7'604 Swiss Francs). Together this amounts to 18'796 Swiss Francs. As you can see I always have to make sure that the main expenditures are roughly equal to the membership fees received from our member societies.

Notice that income and expenditures could only be balanced because the President, the Secretary-general, and the Treasurer did not need any subsidy for their work.

D) Enclosed herewith you also find the list of the member societies of FISP indicating their payment of dues (*Etat des paiements des sociétés*):

As of August 31, 2011 FISP has 114 Member Societies:

66 societies have paid their dues for 2011 or even for 2012 or 2013.

27 societies have made their last payment for 2009 or 2010.

14 societies have made their last payment for 2008 or even before the Seoul World Congress.

Prof. Guido Küng.

The report of the Treasurer was approved after discussion concerning societies not having paid their fees for several years already.

During the discussion it was observed that some societies become more active in paying their fees with the approach of the WPC, while a few other societies that are still listed do not exist any more. Regarding the last point, Prof Seel asked the CD members who might have relevant information on the topic to send it to the Treasurer, Prof. Kueng.

8. INVITATION TO THE WORLD CONGRESS OF JUCHE IDEAS.

Discussion continued on the matter of the Invitation to the World Congress of Juche Ideas – an invitation extended by the government of North Korea (the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea).

The President of FISP briefly presented the history of this invitation: the Second Secretary of the North Korean Embassy in Switzerland, Mr Pak Yong Su, wrote to the Treasurer and to the Secretary-general inviting FISP to the World Congress of Juche Ideas, to be held in Pyongyang in April 2012. The Congress is intended to celebrate the Juche, the official philosophy/ideology of North Korea. Mr Pak then went to Fribourg to present the details of this invitation in person to the Treasurer of FISP, Prof. Kueng. Prof. Kueng and Dr Scarantino informed Prof. McBride of this incoming invitation.

The President explained that this invitation came from the Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS), which is a member of FISP. In the invitation it was emphasized that the Association would like to develop further its relations with FISP, and therefore invited FISP to send an official delegation of up to 5 persons to the World Congress of Juche Ideas. All costs other than transportation would be taken in charge by the organisers.

In the discussion of this matter it became clear that the CD members in general appreciated the invitation and believe that FISP is and should remain an open organisation which facilitates contacts among the world’s philosophical communities. However, they were not favourable to the idea of an official FISP delegation. CD members supported, instead, the possibility of several CD members, perhaps up to 5 as suggested by the North Koreans, attending the Congress on a personal basis. The main argument in support of this suggestion was that maintaining relations with philosophical communities in all countries helps in the development of philosophical ideas throughout the world.

As a result of the discussion the CD endorsed the decision that FISP will not send an official delegation to the World Congress of Juche Ideas, but up to 5 members of the CD might be willing to attend the Congress, thus showing FISP’s interest in exploring possible forms of support to the North Korean philosophical community.

9. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

9.1. Plenaries, Symposia, Invited Sessions, Endowed Lectures and Thematic Sections.

In the absence of the Chairperson of the Programme Committee, Prof. Dermot Moran, the Secretary-general presented his report. He started by stressing the exceptionally good work done by the Committee in preparing the programme and indicated that it is nearly complete.

President McBride then informed the CD members of the results of the invitations he had sent to those nominated by the PC and the CD as chairs and speakers for Plenary Sessions, Symposia, and as chairs of the Thematic Sections. In his brief report on these results he observed that the great majority of those he invited have responded positively to the invitation. A few declined the invitation for personal reasons, others because of other engagements already made. He then briefly discussed the status of the Endowed Lectures, after which he presented to the CD the short list of missing positions for speakers (and in some cases for chairs) at the Plenary Sessions and Symposia and for chairs or co-chairs of the Thematic Sections.

The Secretary-general informed the CD members about all of the proposals for Invited Sessions addressed to the PC after its first meeting in Athens, and the new ones received since. He added that if there are more proposals for Invited Sessions they can be sent either to Prof. Moran or to him.

The discussion continued with the nominations of chairs and speakers for missing positions.

As a result of this discussion the CD endorsed a full list of chairs, speakers and alternates for missing positions in Plenary Sessions, Symposia and Thematic Sections. This list will be posted onto the website of the Congress and published in the Second Circular.

9.2. Composition of the Executive Committee.

The report of the Chairperson of the Programme Committee was followed by the election of the Executive Committee.

The President of FISP, Prof. McBride, explained that once the WCP programme has been completed the PC, according to the rules, is to be replaced by an Executive Committee which will supervise the preparation of the Congress in its final stages. This Committee is constituted by 3 members of the CD, one of whom serves as Chair, and 2 members of the host organisation. He observed that the tradition in recent times has been that the 3 members of the CD are: 1/ the President of FISP, 2/ the Secretary-general, and 3/ the Chair of the PC. This latter would also serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. The HOC should propose their two representatives to complete the composition of the Executive Committee.

In the subsequent discussion on the subject the CD members agreed to follow the tradition.

As a result of the discussion the CD endorsed unanimously the above proposed composition of the Executive Committee, intended to replace the PC and designed for supervising the preparation of the WCP.

9.3. Proposal for a statue of Socrates in Athens Agora.

In the framework of discussion about the WCP programme, the President of FISP informed the members of the CD that a proposal for a statue of Socrates to be erected in Athens was sent to him by Prof. James Young (University of Victoria, British Columbia). Prof. Young has spent a lot of time in Athens and has a great enthusiasm for Greece.

Hoping to have such a statue erected on the occasion of the WCP, Prof. Young wrote to the President requesting an endorsement of his idea from FISP.

The discussion of the subject concluded that it would be premature to give such an endorsement: CD members do not have information either as to what this statue would look like or what kind of permissions from the Greek authorities would be needed in order to obtain the authorisation for erecting such a monument in Athens.

As a result of the discussion the CD encouraged the idea but, under present circumstances, were not able to endorse it officially.

President McBride, indicated that he would write to Prof. Young saying that during the FISP meeting in Cres the question had been brought up and that the CD has not endorsed this proposal but has expressed its interest in it.

10. DATES AND PLACES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE CD.

Introducing this subject from the agenda, the President recalled the previous discussion about a possible CD meeting to be held in Athens in the very early months of 2012. A brief discussion concluded again that there is no need for the CD to meet that soon.

A proposal for a later CD meeting was made by Prof. Paulin J. Hountondji. He officially invited FISP CD to Benin in October 2012, noting that the CD meeting will be held in conjunction with an Inter-African conference on “Challenges of Thought in the Globalising World” (*« Les Défis de la pensée dans un monde globalisé »*). The African philosophical community, he stressed in his presentation, will be honoured and pleased to meet FISP representatives on that occasion.

The Secretary-general commented briefly on Prof. Hountondji’s proposal. He recalled that the invitation to Benin was the result of an agreement between Prof. Hountondji and Proff. Kucuradi and Çotüksöken, who at some point had suggested that the 2012 CD meeting might take place in Turkey. This had already been recalled by Dr. Scarantino at the 2010 CD meeting in Mexico (see the minutes of that meeting).

Prof. Hountondji asked for hints about possible dates for the meeting, and indicated that participants from outside Africa would need a visa and a vaccination record in order to be allowed to enter the country.

After some discussion about the possible dates of the meeting, the CD agreed that the next CD meeting will take place in Benin, Africa, during the week of 14 to 20 October 2012, in conjunction with the conference “Les Défis de la pensée dans un monde globalisé”.

11. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

The Secretary-general explained that, since the last CD in Mexico, 9 membership applications were received.

Austrian Philosophical Society. The Secretary-general presented this application as coming from a widely representative national society, fully academic, and such that the application would not raise any particular problem. He noted that, out of privacy concerns, the list of members was not attached to the application form, but that he had himself advised the current President of the Society, Prof. Elisabeth Nemeth, to join a statement mentioning that the members of the ÖGP fulfilled all the requirements made by FISP constitutions.

After a brief discussion of the rules with a view to clarifying whether they allow the approval of such a case, the CD unanimously endorsed the acceptance of the Austrian Philosophical Society (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie) as a full member of FISP.

Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand. A brief background presentation accompanied the submission of the second application. The Secretary-general explained that despite the name of the society, which includes the word “religion,” this is the major philosophical society in Thailand, whose philosophical community is wishing to establish increasing links with FISP. He recalled that the current President of the PRST, Prof. Warayuth Sriwarakuel, is also a member of the CD, and that his predecessor, Prof. Suwanna Satha-Anand, was invited as a Symposium speaker to the Athens Congress. The application was sent directly from Prof. Sriwarakuel. Dr Scarantino argued that this society deserved to be accepted as a member of FISP, and encouraged to hold a special session at the WCP 2013 in Athens.

The Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand was accepted as a full member of FISP.

Jain Society. The third application provoked a quite long discussion. When presenting the society, the Secretary-general pointed out that this was the second time they applied for membership – the first time, in 2006, the application was eventually rejected by the CD.

President McBride explained that the previous decision had been motivated by the concerns expressed within the CD with respect to the large place taken by religion within the activities of the society. At the same time, he pointed out that the religious orientation in the society’s activities is connected with the philosophical one, while this is one of the largest societies in India, counting more than 800 members. He recommended the approval of the membership application, arguing that the status of the society conforms to FISP’s bye-laws and that a philosophical orientation is strongly present in its activities.

However, many CD members expressed their reservations concerning the religious orientation of the society, stressing that FISP, as a philosophical organisation, is not supposed to accept communities of faith within its constituency. It was also noted that, as a general orientation, FISP should rather give preference to academic societies with purely philosophical activities.

Some voices were raised in favour of the approval of the application with the argument that in the Oriental and Indian traditions there is not a strict distinction between philosophy and religion and that FISP, being an open organisation, should allow different traditions to be represented among its members. Other members suggested postponing the decision in order to check thoroughly and point by point to what extent the statutes of the society corresponds to FISP’s bye-laws.

Since opinions on the matter diverged and since an eventual postponement of the decision would have been the second one, a preliminary vote was taken. It showed that there was not enough support for this membership application.

As a result of the vote the Jain Society was not accepted as member of FISP. However the CD encouraged the society to hold an Invited Session during the WCP 2013 in Athens.

International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC). The association was presented briefly by its President, Prof. Dascal. He described the main activities of the association, created 6 years ago, its publications, general meetings, past conferences and future projects.

The IASC was accepted as a full member of FISP.

Alain Locke Society. The Secretary-general acquainted the CD members with the profile of the society: a philosophical and thematic society, the membership application of which did not seem to raise any particular problem.

The Alain Locke Society was accepted as a full member of FISP.

Karl Jaspers Society of North America (KJSNA). The Karl Jaspers Society of North America presented a similar profile – a thematic, well-known philosophical society with members from North America and Canada.

The KJSNA was accepted as a full international member of FISP.

Islamic Philosophical Association of Pakistan (IPA). Some discussion in this case was provoked because of the relation between philosophy and religion in the activities of this society. However, the application form provided sufficient elements showing that the main accent in the activities of the society is placed on philosophy.

As a result of the discussion the Islamic Philosophical Association of Pakistan was accepted as a full member of FISP.

Sociedad Española de Profesores de Filosofía (SEPFI). The application of the Sociedad Española de Profesores de Filosofía was strongly supported by different members of the CD with the argument that links with philosophy teachers in secondary schools should be increased.

The Sociedad Española de Profesores de Filosofía (SEPFI) was accepted as a full member of FISP.

Association of Global and Civilizational Studies (Azerbaijan). A discussion took place concerning this application. Some questions were raised regarding the pure philosophical status of this Association. It was suggested that this Association could be accepted at the moment as an associate member with the option of a further review of this status, depending on the information that would be provided as to its activities.

The Association of Global and Civilizational Studies was accepted as a corresponding member of FISP.

12. WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY 2018.

The President and Secretary-general informed the CD that an exploratory message concerning the possible hosting of WCP 2018 had been sent by CD member Prof. Tu Weiming. He expressed to FISP the interest of China (Beijing) in such a possibility. A preliminary inquiry, discussed in Mexico, had also been made by the Australasian Philosophical Association, but it had since proved unfeasible.

13. REGULATIONS FOR FUTURE WORLD CONGRESSES.

The Secretary-general, who is also chairing of the Committee on General Policy, acquainted the CD members with the proposals for changes in the regulations of the WCP that had been proposed by the former Chair of the Committee, the late Prof. D. Evans, and discussed with Prof. McBride, Prof. Moran, and the other members of this Committee. Presenting to the CD the results of this discussion, that differ in some minor points from Prof. Evans' original suggestions, he pointed out that the suggested changes do not affect the principles of regulation but do make more precise the procedures for the preparation of future WCPs.

Among the suggested changes in the regulations, one is related to the signing of the Memorandum. The new proposal on the matter is that the Memorandum of agreement designed to ensure the preparation of the Congress should be signed both by the President of FISP and by the Secretary-general, and not only by the President as has been stipulated until now (World Congress Regulations, II.6). The Secretary-general argued in favour of this proposal, originally suggested by D. Evans, although in the course of the discussion an alternative suggestion came up, namely that the Memorandum might be signed either by the President of the FISP and/or the Secretary-general. Dr Scarantino maintained that it would be better to have also both signatures on the Memorandum of agreement, as a way to strengthen the position of FISP during the preparation process. He also mentioned the not unlikely possibility that the President of FISP be also the Chairperson of the inviting society.

Another point of discussion was related to the status of the PC regarding the preparation of the WCP's programme. In an exchange of message preceding the CD meeting, the Chair of the PC, Prof. Moran, expressed his opinion that the PC should be more independent in drawing up the Programme of the Congress. His suggestion had been endorsed by Prof. Niiniluoto.

Another open point related to the Chairperson of the Executive committee. The Secretary-general presented two possible options: leaving this Chairpersonship open, or attributing it *ex officio* to the President of FISP.

Further suggested changes envisage the publication on the FISP website of all information related to the Congress – the programme of the Congress (Plenary sessions, Symposia, Invited Sessions, Endowed lectures, Thematic Sections) and all other details related to its organisation.

In the discussion on the subject the CD members agreed that the suggestions proposed do not utterly change the principles of the WCP regulations but refine them and can prove useful for the preparation of future World Congresses of Philosophy.

As a result of this discussion the CD endorsed a revised set of regulations of the WCP. They are attached at the end of these minutes.

14. REPORTS OF THE FISP COMMITTEES

The meeting continued with the reports of the other FISP Committees. These reports are attached to these minutes.

Then, there being no further business for the moment, the meeting adjourned.

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F I S P : AVOIR au 31 août 2011

Caisse	CHF	-.--	
Compte personnel H (CHF)	CHF	8'703.95	
Compte personnel G (EUR)	CHF	11'250.71	= EUR 9'688.03
Compte d'épargne M1W (CHF)	CHF	16'731.71	
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)			
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>50'544.00</u>	

TOTAL AVOIR CHF 87'230.37 i.e. EUR 75'114.42
===== or USD 108'455.02

1 EUR = 1.1613 CHF ; 1 USD = 0.8043 CHF (31.08.2011)

COMPARAISON:

26.10.2010 (1 EUR = 1.3450 CHF ; 1 USD = 0.9595 CHF)

Total avoir **CHF 89'174.46 i.e. EUR 66'300.71 i.e. USD 92'938.46**

31.08.2011 (1 EUR = 1.1613 CHF ; 1 USD = 0.8043 CHF)

Total avoir **CHF 87'230.37 i.e. EUR 75'114.42 i.e. USD 108'455.02**

CHF -1'944.09	EUR +8'813.71	USD +15'516.56
-2.18%	+13.29%	+16.70%

FONDS CONGRES MONDIAUX (FISP) : AVOIR au 28 août 2011

Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF	503.36	
Titres (10 parts UBS(Lux)			
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>10'315.00</u>	

TOTAL AVOIR CHF 10'818.36 i.e. EUR 9'315.73
===== or USD 13'450.65

1 EUR = 1.1613 CHF ; 1 USD = 0.8043 CHF (31.08.2011)

- The Fonds Congrès Mondiaux has been created to pay for the Maimonides Lecture.
- In addition FISP owns the endowment of the Ibn Rushd Lecture, deposited with Prof. Ioanna Kucuradi in Ankara, which in 2008 had amounted to 14.399.03 US-Dollars, which (at the exchange rate of July 2, 2008) had been equivalent to 14'687.- CHF .
- Furthermore the Soeren Kierkegaard Lecture has been endowed by The Soeren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen. The Center pays the Lecturer at each World Congress of Philosophy.

F I S P : BILAN au 30 JUIN 2011

Avoir au 1.07.2010

Caisse	CHF	-.-
Compte personnel H	CHF	8'688.78
Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF	16'211.55
Compte personnel G (EUR)	CHF	9'841.26(1)
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux) Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>51'927.00(2)</u>
 TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	 86'668.59 =====

Gain net

CHF 2'532.34

CHF 89'200.93

Avoir au 30.06.2011

Caisse	CHF	-.-
Compte personnel H	CHF	8'553.95
Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF	16'731.71
Compte personnel G (EUR)	CHF	11'674.27
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux) Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>52'241.00(3)</u>
 TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	 89'200.93 =====

1 Euro = 1.2119 CHF (01.07.2011)

(1)Avoir G 30.06.2010 dans Bilan EUR 2010 était	CHF	10'768.62	(1 Euro = 1.3261 CHF (01.07.2010))
Avoir G 01.07.2011 dans Bilan EUR 2011 est	CHF	<u>9'841.26</u>	(1 Euro = 1.2119 CHF (01.07.2011))
Perte dans le change	CHF	927.36	

(2) Selon Beleg 119(2009/2010)

(3)Selon Beleg 122(2010/2011)

FISP : du 1.07.2010 au 30.06.2011

Recettes

Contributions des sociétés
(4010+4011;1000+1001+1010+1035) CHF 19'633.63

Fonds de compensation
(4050+4051;1010+1035) CHF 1'617.57

Recettes diverses
(4030;1010) CHF ---

Intérêts et Remboursement d'
impôts anticipés(4020;1010+1020) CHF 217.17

Dividende FISP général
(4060;1020) CHF 470.40

TOTAL RECETTES CHF 21'938.77
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Surplus de recettes CHF 2'218.34

Dépôt de titres (1040:S6)
Gain en valeur des titres CHF 314.00

Gain net CHF 2'532.34

Dépenses

Frais de Secrétariat
(3000+3001;1001+1010+1035) CHF 7'604.38

Indemnités de Voyages
(3060+3061;1000+1001+1010+1035) CHF 11'192.13

Cotisation pour le CIPSH (3096) CHF 727.14
Frais de News-Letter (3100;1010) CHF ---

Dépenses diverses
(3040;1010) CHF ---

Frais bancaires
(3070+3071;1010+1020+1035) CHF 196.78

TOTAL DÉPENSES CHF 19'720.43
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FISP - SOCIÉTÉS

Etat des paiements des cotisations jusqu'au 31.08.2011

Pays	Nom de la Société	v ¹	a ²
Afrique du Sud	Philosophical Society of Southern Africa	1	2010
Allemagne	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie	2	2011
Allemagne	Kantgesellschaft	1	2011
Argentine	Asociacion Filosofica Argentina (AFRA)	1	2009
Argentine	Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas (CIF)	1	2011
Argentine	Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico (SADAF)	1	2011
Argentine	Sociedad Argentina de Filosofia (Soarfil)	1	2009
Australasie	Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)	1	2011
Belgique	Belgian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (BSLPS)	1	2011
Belgique	Société Philosophique de Louvain	1	2011
Brésil	Instituto Brasileiro de Filosofia	1	2003
Bulgarie	Bulgarian Philosophical Association	1	2011
Canada	Canadian Philosophical Association - Association Canadienne de Philosophie	0	2011
Canada	Société de Philosophie du Québec (SPQ)	1	2011
Chine	Institute of Philosophy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1	2011
Chine	Institute of Philosophy of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences	1	2012
Chine	Chinese Association of Philosophy (CAP) in Taiwan, China	1	2012
Corée du Nord	Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS)	2	2007
Corée du Sud	Korean Philosophical Association	2	2011
Croatie	Croatian Philosophical Society - Hrvatsko filozofsko drustvo	1	2011
Cuba	Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosoficas (SCIF)	1	2012
Danemark	Danish Philosophical Association – Dansk Filosofisk Selskab	1	2011
Danemark	Forum Philosophique de Copenhague - Filosofisk Forum	1	2011
Espagne	Sociedad Académica de Filosofía (SAF)	1	2011
Etats-Unis-Amérique	American Philosophical Association (APA)	4	2011
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Center for Inquiry	1	2003
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Charles S. Peirce Society	1	2011
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC)	1	2009

¹ votes

² années (payé jusqu'à)

Etats-Unis-Amérique	Metaphysical Society of America	1	2007
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)	1	2012
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)	1	2011
Finlande	Philosophical Society of Finland - Suomen Filosofinen Yhdistys	1	2011
France	Société Française de Philosophie (SFP)	2	2011
Grande-Bretagne	Britisch Philosophical Association	1	2011
Grande-Bretagne	Royal Institute of Philosophy	2	2011
Grèce	Fondation de Recherche et d'Édition Philosophique Néohellénique	½	2011
Grèce	Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens	1	2011
Grèce	Société Grecque de Philosophie - Greek Philosophical Society	1	2010
Grèce	Société Hélienne d'Études Philosophiques	½	2011
Guatemala	Asociación Guatemalteca de Filosofía (AGF)	1	2011
Hongrie	Hungarian Philosophical Association - Magyar Filozofiai Tarsasag	2	2009
Inde	All India Philosophical Association - Akhila Bharatiya Darshan Parishad	1	2011
Inde	Centre for Studies in Civilizations.	1	2011
Inde	Indian Council of Philosophical Research	1	2011
Inde	Indian Philosophical Congress	1	2011
Iran	Iranian Philosophical Society (IPS) - Anjomane Elmie Hekmat va Falsafehe Iran	1	2010
Iran	Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (SIPRI)	1	2011
Irlande	Academy Committee for Philosophy and Ethics	2	2010
Irlande	Irish Philosophical Society - Cumann Fealsúnachta na hEireann	1	2011
Islande	Icelandic Philosophical Society	1	2004
Israël	New Israeli Philosophy Society	1	2011
Italie	Associazione Filosofica Ligure	1	2010
Italie	Associazione Italiana Studi di Estetica (AISE)	0	2006
Italie	Fondazione Centro Studi Filosofici di Gallarate	1	2011
Italie	Istituto di Studi Filosofici "Enrico Castelli" (Roma)	1	2000
Italie	Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici (IISF, Napoli)	1	2011
Italie	Società Filosofica Italiana	2	2011
Japon	Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS)	2	2011
Lettonie	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Latvia	1	2010
Luxembourg	Société Luxembourgeoise de Philosophie	1	2003
Macédoine (ARYM)	Philosophical Society of Macedonia – Filozofsko drustvo na Makedonija	1	2009
Maroc	Association Marocaine de Philosophie (AMP)	1	2008*

*sous condition d'un paiement encore à faire de

	400.- USD		
Mexique	Asociación Filosófica de México (AFM)	2	2011
Mexique	Sociedad Mexicana de Filosofía (SMF)	1	2012
Mongolie	Mongolian Association of Philosophy (MAP)	1	2011
Nepal	Society for Philosophy and Literary Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal	1	2008
Nigéria	Nigerian Philosophical Association Association	1	2010
Pays-Bas	Société Générale Néerlandaise de Philosophie – Algemene Nederlandse Vereniging voor Wijsbegeerte (ANVW)	1	2003
Philippines	Philippine Academy of Philosophical Research (PAPR)	1	2011
Philippines	Philosophical Association of the Philippines (PAP)	1	2011
Pologne	Polish Philosophical Society - Polskie Towarzystwo Filozoficzne	2	2009
Roumanie	Romanian Academy, Section of Philosophy, Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy	1	2010
Russie	Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences	2	2012
Russie	Philosophical Society of Russia	2	2009
Sénégal	École doctorale «Études sur l'homme et la société», Dakar (ET.HO.S.) (admitted in November 2010)	0	NEW
Slovaquie	Slovak Philosophical Association - Slovenské Filozofické Zdrúženie	1	2010
Suède	Swedish Philosophical Association - Svenska Filosofi Sällskapet	1	2006
Suisse	Société Suisse de Philosophie - Schweizerische Philosophische Gesellschaft	2	2011
Tchèque	Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic - Filosofický ústav Akademie věd ČR	1	2011
Turquie	Philosophical Society of Turkey - Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu	1	2010
Ukraine	Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation	1	2010
Venezuela	Sociedad Venezolana de Filosofía	1	2011
z-Internationale	Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences (AIPS)	1	2011
z-Internationale	Afro-Asian Philosophy Association (AAPA)	1	2008
z-Internationale	Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación (AFYL)	1	2008
z-Internationale	Association des Sociétés de Philosophie de Langue Française (ASPLF)	1	2011
z-Internationale	Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPPh)	1	2011
z-Internationale	Association of Philosophers from South-Eastern Europe	1	2009

z-Internationale	Conference on Philosophical Societies (CoPS)	1	2011
z-Internationale	Conseil Interafricain de Philosophie	1	2008
z-Internationale	Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)	1	2011
z-Internationale	Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft	1	2011
z-Internationale	Institut International de Philosophie	1	2011
z-Internationale	International Association for Greek Philosophy	1	2010
z-Internationale	International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)	0	2013
z-Internationale	International Association of Centers for Peirce Studies (IACPS)	0	2008
z-Internationale	International Association of Women Philosophers - Internationale Assoziation von Philosophinnen	1	2011
z-Internationale	International Plato Society (IPS)	1	2011
z-Internationale	International Society for Chinese Philosophy	1	2011
z-Internationale	International Society for Islamic Philosophy	1	2010
z-Internationale	International Society for Metaphysics	1	2008
z-Internationale	International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)	1	2006
z-Internationale	International Society for Universal Dialogue (ISUD)	1	2010
z-Internationale	International Society for Value Inquiry (ISVI)	1	2009
z-Internationale	Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft	0	2010
z-Internationale	Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung (Internationale Vereinigung zur Förderung des Studiums der Hegelschen Philosophie)	1	2008
z-Internationale	North American Sartre Society - La Société Sartrienne de l'Amérique du Nord	1	2009
z-Internationale	North American Society for Social Philosophy	1	2011
z-Internationale	Schopenhauer-Gesellschaft	0	2011
z-Internationale	Sociedade de filosofia da educação de língua portuguesa (SOFELP) - Portuguese-speaking Society of Philosophy of Education	1	2011
z-Internationale	Société Internationale pour l'Etude de la Philosophie Médiévale (SIEPM)	0	2005
z-Internationale	Tomonobu Imamichi Institute for Eco-Ethics	1	2011
z-Internationale	World Phenomenology Institute	1	2003
z-Internationale	World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies	1	2009
z-Société Amie	CIPSH (Conseil International de Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines – International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies)	--	
z-Société Amie	IUHPS/DLMPS (International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science/Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science)	--	
z-Société Amie	UNESCO/Section de la philosophie et des sciences humaines	--	



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WORLD CONGRESS REGULATIONS

As approved by the Steering Committee of FISP
in Cres, Croatia, on Nov 22nd, 2011.

A. THE WORLD CONGRESS

1. In accordance with art 2 (g) of its Statutes, FISP aims to sponsor a World Congress of Philosophy, normally every five years. The present Regulations govern the decision to hold a Congress, its preparation and organisation, and the conduct of the event itself.
2. The Congress is to take place in accordance with the principles and rules set out in the Statutes and Bye-laws of FISP.
3. FISP is responsible for the philosophical aspects of the Congress. The financial and logistic arrangements are mainly the responsibility of the host Institution or Society.
4. The President of FISP is also President of the Congress.

B. SELECTION OF HOST OF THE CONGRESS

5. Invitations to host a World Congress will come from a philosophical institution, which will normally be a member society of FISP. Hereafter in these regulations this body will be called the "host institution". More than one Society may combine for this purpose. One of these will lead the presentation of the invitation.

Such invitations will be considered by FISP Steering Committee (CD) in the first instance, which will decide whether they contain sufficiently detailed information for the invitation to be presented before to the General Assembly of FISP. If it is the case, the General Assembly will hear presentations of the invitations and will choose the most suitable bid. In principle, the CD will follow the indication of the General Assembly. However, under extraordinary circumstances the CD may subsequently vary this indication.

In case no bid had been submitted before the General Assembly preceding the World Congress to be organized, the CD will be responsible for the choice of an appropriate venue.

6. A memorandum of agreement must be signed by FISP, represented by its President and Secretary-General, and by the host institution. In this agreement the host institution must undertake to guarantee the following:
 - 6.1. unrestricted freedom of participation, irrespective of race, nationality, gender, religion, political opinion, or other such ground;
 - 6.2. financing of all aspects of the Congress, which shall include the travel and accommodation expenses of the speakers and chairpersons in the plenary sessions and symposia as well as of the members of the Bureau of FISP, the accommodation expenses of the members of the

CD of FISP, of the speakers of the endowed lectures, and of the two auditors of the accounts of FISP, and any further financial provisions that may be specified in the financial plan to be drafted by the President of the Organizing Committee together with the President and the Secretary General of FISP;

- 6.3 the availability of premises and physical facilities suitable for the Congress;
- 6.4 the availability of all effective means of communication between FISP CD and the host institution;
- 6.5 the publication of the Proceedings of the Congress;
- 6.6 an undertaking to respect and abide by all the provisions included in the present Regulations.

C. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONGRESS

7. FISP will exercise, through its CD, control over the scholarly aspects of the Congress. It will approve proposals for the overall theme, logo, and subsidiary themes of the Congress, for speakers at each of the plenary sessions and symposia, for chairpersons of the Congress sections, for special sessions, and for any other decision concerning the programme and the structure of the Congress.

The details of this work will be delegated to a sub-committee, to be called the International Programme Committee. It will consist of a chair and ten members, of whom five will be members of the CD and five will be proposed by the host institution. The chair will be a member of FISP CD. The President and Secretary-general of FISP are members ex-officio of the International Programme Committee.

At each stage in its preparation for the Congress, the International Programme Committee will report to FISP CD for approval of its recommendations. All its proposals shall be submitted to a final approval by the CD, unless it has been previously authorized to decide.

Invitations consequent on such decisions must be signed by the President of FISP, who is also the President of the Congress.

8. Responsibility for all financial and technical arrangements will be left to an Organising Committee. This body will have its membership and chairpersonship established by the host institution.

The Organising Committee will perform all the work involved in preparing and organising the Congress at its venue. It will also be responsible for the work which is required after the Congress other than what falls within the remit of the International Programme Committee.

The chair of the Organising Committee is responsible to FISP, as well as to the authorities within his or her own country, for the smooth running of the Congress.

9. There will be a general call for papers in addition to those invited for plenary sessions and symposia. Submitted papers will be examined under the responsibility of the Chair of the relevant section. Each paper will either be accepted for inclusion in the relevant Section of the Congress or will be rejected.

10. After the Scientific Committee has completed its work, an Executive Committee will be appointed by FISP CD. It will consist of one chair and four members, of whom two will be designated by the host institution. The Executive Committee will take over the work, under the conditions previously defined, of the International Programme Committee, and will oversee collaboration between FISP CD and the Organising Committee of the Congress.

D. MEETINGS AND PUBLICITY

11. The International Programme Committee, the Organizing Committee, the Executive Committee, as well as any other ad hoc body to be appointed by FISP CD or by the host organization, will meet

according to periodicity established in the Memorandum of Agreement. The costs of such meetings will be borne by the host institution. Between two meetings, they will conduct their business by correspondence.

12. It will be the responsibility of the Organising Committee to publicise details of the Congress as its preparation develops, and to assure an adequate international diffusion to the different announcements, calls for papers, and circulars of the Congress. This will be done through a Congress website, which will be updated at each stage of the planning, and through posters. The website shall include all relevant information concerning the programme of the Congress, its logistics, travel and accommodation arrangements, fees, and any other information that may be useful to potential participants.

13. FISP will also give full publicity to the Congress through its website. This publicity will include the general theme of the Congress, the themes of the plenary sessions and names of speakers at them, details of the different sections, deadlines for submission of papers, timetable, and information about travel and accommodation.

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MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Cres, Croatia, September 21-22, 2011

REPORTS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

Report of the Committee on General Policy.

Members: Luca M. Scarantino (Chair), Ioanna Kuçuradi, Ilkka Niiniluoto, David Schrader, Tran Van Doan.

The new set of Regulations of the WCP is attached to these minutes.

Report of the Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation.

Members: Maija Kuule (Chair), Betül Çotuksöken, Bhuvan Chandel, Mislav Kukoc, Paulin J. Hountondji, Ivan Kaltchev, Herta Nagl-Docekal, Basilio Rojo Ruiz, William Sweet, Thalia Fung Riveron.

During the session of the FISP Steering Committee in Helsinki, 2005, it was decided that the FISP Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation would collect information about the current situation in philosophy in different world regions. The focus is on philosophy as it stands today, at the beginning of the 21st century. It would be of equal importance to know which philosophical traditions and currents are being regarded as productive for solving the problems which are imposed on thought by current developments of humankind and to promote philosophical collaboration around the world. The Director of the FISP project *Philosophy Worldwide* is Professor Maija Kuule. Already published volumes 1 and 2 (FISP 2007) of *Philosophy Worldwide: Current Situation* include papers about philosophy in the USA, Canada, Finland, the Baltic States, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, Greece, Croatia, the Balkans, Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Asia, China, Vietnam, Korea, Australia. Materials are published on the FISP webpage www.fisp.org.

During the years 2010-2011 the FISP Committee has collected and printed Volume No. 3: *Philosophy worldwide*, including the following papers: Joseph C. A. Agbakoba, "Philosophy in Nigeria Today"; Jove Jim S. Aguas, "Philosophy in the Philippines: Past and Present"; Shunsuke Kadowaki, "On Contemporary Japanese Philosophy"; David Evans †, "Philosophy in Britain and Ireland"; Dejan Donev, "Macedonian Philosophy"; Vasil Gluchman, "Philosophy and Ethics in Slovakia"; Slobodan Sadzakov, "Contemporary Serbian Philosophy"; Alexandru Surdu, "History of Romanian Philosophy: Synopsis"; Bojan Zalec, "The Contemporary Slovene Philosophy: a Survey"; Armen Sargsyan, "Contemporary Philosophical Thought in Armenia".

The Committee is thankful for the special activities of FISP CD member Mislav Kukoč, who organized the collecting of papers from Balkan countries. For the next period the Committee is interested in collecting papers for Volume 4 from Latin America and in getting more papers from Africa and Asia. The members of the Committee hope that FISP CD members from those regions will help in writing papers and collecting them.

Prof. Maija Kule.
Riga, August 31, 2011.

Report of the Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy.

Members: Riccardo Pozzo (Chair), Jean Ferrari, Gholamreza Aavani, Joseph C.A. Agbakoba, Tomas Calvo-Martínez, Betül Çotuksöken, David Evans, Thalia Fung Riveron, Sékou P. Guèye †, Gilbert Hottois, Ivan Kaltchev, Peter Kemp, Ioanna Kuçuradi, Dermot B. Moran, Hans Poser, Lourdes Velazquez, Stelios Virvidakis. External members: Nadia Boccara, Jean Leclercq.

The Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy met at Hotel Kimen, Cres, on Sep. 21, 2011, from 19h to 20h. Participants in the meeting were: Gholamreza Aavani, Joseph A.G. Agbakoba, Betül Çotuksöken, Ivan Kaltchev, Peter Kemp, William McBride, Hans Poser, Riccardo Pozzo, Luca Maria Scarantino, Stelios Virvidakis

1. Communications of the President

The proceedings of the Jan. 10, 2011 Workshop in Rome, Italy “On Migrating Alphabets” are in print. The cooperation with the Committee on the History of Philosophy is excellent.

The Committee intends to co-operate with the Committee on the History of Philosophy in order to support the teaching of the history of philosophy in universities and high schools.

2. Unesco Recommendations on the Teaching of Philosophy-Regional Survey

The Committee has considered with attention all recommendations released by Unesco in the wake of the Feb. 14-16 meeting in Milan, Italy.

The Committee collaborates with Unesco in its strategy of promoting and advocating philosophy teaching at all levels of formal and informal education, and of fostering intercultural dialogue in this field, notably by supporting the translation of texts from different philosophical traditions, as well as research and mobility programs in favour of researchers from different cultures and nationalities. The Committee supports philosophical and pedagogical research on the conditions of possibility for children to philosophize, on the impact of such a practice on children’s social/ethical, cognitive, discursive and affective development, on a comparative study of the different approaches in philosophy with children and their applications, and on the relationship between the philosophical traditions and philosophy with children, notably through collaboration with the International Council of Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (CIPSH) and the creation of a working group on this matter.

3. Philosophy for Children.

The Committee follows with attention the initiatives and the proceedings of the International Council for Philosophical Inquiry with Children (ICPIC).

The Committee endorses the Unesco recommendation to encourage Unesco-associated schools to launch pilot projects on philosophy with children.

4. Philosophy in High School.

The Committee follows with attention the initiatives and the proceedings of the Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIIPH). The Committee participates in the organization of the International Philosophy Olympiads (IPO), the last gathering of which was held in Vienna, Austria.

The Committee endorses AIIPH recommendations as regards promoting the teaching of philosophy in the schools and universities of the member countries, providing information on philosophy teaching, ensuring that philosophy teaching be based on the fundamental condition of freedom of thought and expression, ensuring that working conditions for philosophy teaching guarantee its free and effective development, and eventually promoting the co-operation of national associations concerned with philosophy teaching with regard to the formation and implementation of its aims. It also endorses the IPO idea that Olympiads foster peace.

5. Philosophy in Higher Education.

The Committee receives and reacts to protests, denunciations, and governmental undertakings against the teaching of philosophy. Given the increase of different forms of violence, terrorism and other calamities all over

the world, the Committee promote, in cooperation with strategic partners, namely Unesco Chairs, CIPSH and other specialized bodies, research on the causes of such increase, and more specifically on rethinking the role of education, from a philosophical, humanistic and human rights-based perspective, so as to promote a culture of peace and non-violence.

The Committee endorses and actively supports all initiatives aimed at defending the teaching of philosophy from interferences - e.g. the Save Middlesex Philosophy initiative.

Report of the Committee on Bioethics and the Ethics of the Sciences.

Members: David Schrader (Chair), Gilbert Hottois, Jacob Dahl Rendtorff, Thalia Fung Riveron, Mislav Kukoc, Lourdes Velazquez. External members: Thomas Pawers, Stavroula Tsinorema.

First, I want to express my deep regret that I was unable to attend the meeting in Cres. The Committee on Bioethics and the Ethics of the Sciences has been compiling a database of organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, that are concerned with Bioethics or the Ethics of the Sciences. To date the committee has received information from sixteen FISP member societies, several of which identified more than one governmental or non-governmental organization. The database should be available sometime this spring.

Report of the Committee on Human Rights.

Members: Stelios Virvidakis (Chair), Ioanna Kuçuradi, Myrto Dragona-Monachou, Bhuvan Chandel. External members: Stavroula Tsinorema, Georgia Apostolopoulou, Dimitris Dimitrakos.

The Committee on Human Rights has remained inactive during the past year due to a failure of coordination of its few members. Unfortunately, no one showed up at the meeting arranged last November in Mexico City, and since then the Chairman of the Committee has been unable to undertake substantial work for family reasons. At the moment, there are only two members, including the Chairman, who are also members of the Steering Committee of FISP. Despite the fact that previous members and chairpersons of the Committee on Human Rights, such as Professors Ioanna Kuçuradi and Myrto Dragona-Monachou, are always eager to provide their advice and support, I believe that unless there are no other colleagues currently on the Steering Committee who would be willing to engage in research on issues related to Human Rights, we should reconsider the need for maintaining a special consultative committee as a forum for relevant discussions.

In any case, I would like to submit for consideration three basic proposals concerning the possible guidelines to be followed by the Committee on Human Rights, if it continues to pursue its activities in a new form: a) a more traditional approach, involving mostly abstract philosophical reflection and the critical analysis of debates on the theoretical foundation, elaboration and refinement of conceptions of human rights; b) a more or less straightforward continuation of the work of the previous members, focusing on the teaching of human rights in general education and in philosophical curricula, particularly within the framework of teaching ethics, and c) a new project aiming at the comparative study of the establishment and the practical implementation of laws for the protection of human rights in different countries, with a view to examining the eventual role of philosophy in assisting legislative and political practices.

I tend to favour the last, more ambitious proposal, but I am afraid that it calls for the collaboration of several colleagues able to engage in research in various places and contexts and to draw on the inter-disciplinary cooperation of philosophers, legislators, politicians, social scientists and activists involved in the defence of human rights. Thus, if the Committee continues to exist we may have to settle for a more modest agenda. It could perhaps try to prepare the ground for a more far reaching project, by seeking to promote specialized bibliographical research, but also establish contacts with people, institutions and NGOs, which might eventually contribute to the attainment of practical aims in the field of politics.

Prof. Stelios Virvidakis.
September 2011.

Report of the Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy.

Members: William Sweet (Chair), Gholamreza Aavani, Joseph Agbakoba, Tanella Boni, Marcelo Dascal, Didier Deleule, Ken-ichi Sasaki, Marietta Stepaniants, Basilio Rojo-Ruiz. External members: Wolfgang Kaltenbacher, Yubraj Aryal.

Activities

The Committee co-sponsored a conference on intercultural philosophy ('Universalism, Relativism and Intercultural Philosophy') held at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, on 3 to 5 February 2010

The Committee is currently preparing a collection of essays on the theme 'What is Intercultural Philosophy?'

Most of the articles for the collection have been received, 4 additional articles are awaited. It is hoped that the collection will appear early in 2012.

Activities over the longer term (previously announced)

1. The Committee plans to organize an invited session or Round table at the 2013 World Congress, on the theme of "Intercultural Philosophy".
2. The Committee proposes to organize a Round Table or seek to co-sponsor at least 1 conference each year on the theme of Intercultural Philosophy. It hopes particularly to involve or include Latin American perspectives, and those that draw on oral traditions in philosophy.
3. The Committee has, and will continue to, co-sponsor some of the conferences of the 'Council on Research and Values in Philosophy' which bear on this theme or which bring together philosophers of different cultural traditions – a matter approved several years ago by the CD.

Report of the Committee on the History of Philosophy.

Members: Hans Poser (Chair), Gholamreza Aavani, Tomas Calvo-Martinez, Betül Çotuksöken, Marcelo Dascal, Didier Deleule, Jean Ferrari, Thalia Fung Riveron, Hyung Chul Kim, Mislav Kukoc, Maija Kule, Samuel Lee, Dermot Moran, Riccardo Pozzo, Jacob Dahl Rendtorff, David Schrader, William Sweet. External member: Wolfgang Kaltenbacher.

The Committee met in Cres on Sep. 20, 2011, from 14h to 15h. Participants in the meeting were: Gholamreza Aavani, Betül Cotuksöksen, Marcelo Dascal, Didier Deleule, Maija Kule, Samuel Lee, William McBride, Hans Poser, Jacob Dahl Rendtorff, William Sweet, Stelios Virvidakis.

The points of the Committee Meeting at Rome were confirmed and specified as follows:

1. Critical Editions of Philosophy

Critical editions of philosophical texts are the fundament of research and teaching not only in the history of philosophy, but in philosophy as a whole since all our concepts and ideas depend on a problem history, which has to be taken into account. These editions have an important tradition since the 19th century in countries such as England, France and Germany, based on the cooperation of specialists in the fields of history of philosophy and of philology. But in other countries, such a tradition is missing – including the fact that even texts of importance have never been published up to now.

Therefore the Committee recommends:

As already formulated in Rome: FISP supports the idea of editions which are as critical as possible as the necessary means for research and for an intercultural history of philosophy. This holds especially for countries where such editions are missing: in particular, philosophical manuscripts and yet unpublished documents in many places on earth have to be seen as a part of the cultural heritage of the world and need support.

In order to bring scholars from all over the world together, who are interested in methods and forms of critical editions, the Committee will organize in Athens a Round Table on Importance, Forms and Methods of Critical Editions in Philosophy. Experienced editors will be asked to take part in the meeting.

2. Global History of Philosophy

In a globalized world we need a better understanding of other cultures. In philosophy a first step is undertaken through the approach of Comparative Philosophy; but this needs to be supplemented by a Global History of Philosophy. Its task has to be to deliver information which allows a better understanding of problem views differing from other traditions and cultures. This presupposes a kind of minimal global standards of philosophical texts worldwide.

Therefore the Committee recommends:

The Member Societies of FISP will be asked to prepare a list of such texts which they think represent the philosophical richness and tradition(s) of their countries. This list will be taken as a proposal for the project of Prof. R. Pozzo, whose institute ILIESI (Rome) is running a number of digital editions of philosophical and scientific sources, which shall become ideally the new canon for Europe's intellectual identity as the ideal multilingual library. Prof. Pozzo is willing to extend this project as a worldwide one: These editions will be done in the original language and at the same time in several world-languages. There will be no censorship by the Committee on the History of Philosophy or by FISP – the decision based on the proposals will be done by ILIESI depending on its formal standards and on possibilities with respect to existing translations, copyrights etc.

Dissemination of History of Philosophy to High School and University Students

The Committee intends to cooperate with the Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy in order to support the teaching of the history of philosophy in universities and high schools.

Report of the Committee on Aesthetics.

Members: Gerhard Seel (Chair), Tanella Boni, Günter Abel, Didier Deleule, Ken-ichi Sasaki.

The Committee met in Cres on the evening of Sep. 21, 2011.

The minutes of the last meeting in Mexico City were accepted unanimously.

The President expressed the gratitude of the Committee to Prof. Ken-ichi Sasaki for his successful initiative of publishing a volume on current trends in aesthetics and philosophy of art in Diogenes. The volume contains contributions of important specialists; it is ready for publication.

The Committee decided to launch an investigation among FISP member societies about the state of research and teaching of aesthetics and philosophy of art in their respective countries. The result of this investigation will serve for an analysis of the situation and for proposals with a view to improvement.

The possibility of a special Web page of the Committee was discussed. An attractive solution could be using the Diogenes Web page.

Finally the representation of topics in aesthetics and philosophy of art at the forthcoming World Congress was discussed. Some members of the committee expressed their disappointment about the current situation. The committee decided to propose an Invited Session in addition to the Symposium on Art and Culture.

The next meeting of the Committee will take place during the meeting of the Steering Committee in Benin.

Prof. Gerhard Seel.
Bern, Dec 6th, 2011.