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MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Bangkok, March 29th, 2015

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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING.

The President of FISP, Prof. Dermot MORAN, opened the meeting. He thanked all CD members for their presence and announced that the bilingual tradition would be respected. On behalf of FISP, he expressed his special thanks to Prof. Suwanna SATHA-ANAND and her assistants for organizing the meeting in conjunction with the Symposium “Philosophies in Dialogues: Bridging the Great Philosophical Divides” hosted by the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University. He extended FISP’s gratitude to the sponsors of these meetings, particularly the Chula Global Network and the Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for the Faculty of Arts Foundation.

Then he informed the CD members of the agenda of the meeting.

2. VERIFICATION OF PROXIES.

The Secretary-general, Prof. Luca Maria SCARANTINO, presented the proxies, as noted above. The list of proxies was approved by the CD.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE CD MEETING IN BEIJING (MARCH 28-29, 2014).

President MORAN observed that the Minutes of the CD meeting held on March 28-29, 2014, in Beijing, had been circulated among the CD members and posted on the FISP website. He asked whether there were any comments or remarks concerning them.

There were no comments or remarks on those minutes, except for the need to correct the name of Beijing Normal University, which had been listed as “Beijing National University” in reference to the WCP Programme Committee.

The Minutes of the CD meeting held in Beijing on March 28-29, 2014, were approved.

4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Before giving his report, Prof. MORAN expressed his thanks to the members of the Chinese Organizing Committee of the WCP 2018 for their work related to the preparation of the Congress, as well as for having organized and hosted the meeting of the Programme Committee in Beijing in September 2014. He thanked also the members of the PC who had attended the meeting and contributed to the development of the programme of the WCP 2018, which was about to be submitted to the CD of FISP for its endorsement.

Then Prof. MORAN presented his report, both in French and in English.

Cher(e)s collègues,

Ceci est mon deuxième rapport en tant que président. Il ne me semble guère qu’une année entière se soit écoulée depuis mon premier rapport présidentiel. Il y a pourtant exactement un an, les 28 et 29 mars 2015, notre CD se réunissait à Pékin grâce à l’accueil généreux de l’Université de Pékin. Cette année a été très chargée mais je constate que nous faisons des progrès constants, tant dans l’organisation du Congrès Mondial que dans nos autres projets.

Tout d’abord, je veux remercier nos hôtes, la « Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for the Faculty of Arts Foundation », le professeur Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, doyen de la faculté des humanités, le département de philosophie de l’Université Chulalongkorn et en particulier notre collègue et membre du CD, le professeur Suwanna Satha-Anand, de nous avoir accordés le privilège de nous réunir dans ce beau décor à Bangkok et de nous avoir généreusement invités à participer au colloque organisé par l’Université Chulalongkorn sur le thème «Philosophies in Dialogue: Bridging the Great Philosophical Divides».

Réunion du CD à Pékin, 28-29 mars 2014. Comme le montre le compte rendu qui vous a été distribué, la réunion du CD à Pékin, les 28 et 29 mars 2014, a été des plus dynamiques et exténuantes, mais aussi des plus productives. De nouveau, je souhaite remercier nos hôtes de l’Université de Pékin, dont notre membre du CD, le professeur Tu Weiming, et l’efficacité de son équipe à l’Institut Supérieur des Etudes Humanistes, ainsi que les professeurs Wang Bo and Liu Zhe du département de philosophie de l’université de Pékin. Leur prévenance et leur hospitalité auront fait de la réunion un événement des plus mémorables. Un remerciement tout particulier revient à la secrétaire administrative, Mme Zhu Weiping, que je veux ici féliciter au nom de la FISP pour la naissance de sa fille. Nous lui souhaitons, à elle et sa famille, toute la santé et le bonheur possibles.

Le premier jour de notre visite, le mercredi 26 mars 2014, le protocole d’accord entre l’Université de Pékin et la FISP fut signé lors d’une très belle cérémonie, dans une salle donnant sur le lac Weiming du campus de l’Université de Pékin. A l’origine, cette signature devait avoir lieu à la fin de notre réunion du CD mais le président de la PKU, le professeur Wang, avait un autre engagement à l’étranger et, à la demande de l’Université de Pékin, cette cérémonie fut anticipée au premier jour de notre séance. De la part de la FISP, je veux témoigner toute notre gratitude au président Wang En’ge qui a signé le protocole pour l’Université de Pékin. Le professeur Wang est depuis parti à la retraite et nous lui souhaitons tout le succès possible à l’avenir. Nous avons désormais hâte de travailler avec son successeur à la présidence de l’Université de Pékin, le professeur Lin Jianhua. Au cours de cette réunion du CD, nous avons convenu du thème général du Congrès, «Apprendre à Être Humain » et avons décidé du Comité scientifique du XXIV^e Congrès Mondial. Le compte rendu ayant été distribué, il n’est pas nécessaire d’en rappeler ici la composition.

Durant notre visite, le professeur Scarantino et moi avons aussi rencontré des membres distingués de l’administration de l’Université de Pékin, dont le professeur Li Yansong, le vice-président aux relations

internationales de l'Université de Pékin, le professeur Chen Shiyi, le directeur de l'école doctorale de l'Université de Pékin, et M. Zhu Shanliu, le président du conseil universitaire de l'Université de Pékin. Le secrétaire général, Luca Maria Scarantino, et moi nous sommes aussi entretenus en profondeur avec des personnalités éminentes de la vie publique chinoise. Nous avons eu un entretien privé avec Madame Xu Lin, la directrice générale du siège social des Instituts Confucius et avec son directeur adjoint, le Dr Jing Wei.

Cet entretien eut lieu grâce au professeur Tu Weiming et sa femme AiBei. Ce fut une rencontre très utile. L'Hanban, c'est à dire, le Bureau du Conseil international de la langue chinoise, est une institution culturelle chinoise importante et son soutien au congrès sera un facteur essentiel pour le succès de ce dernier.

Le Comité Scientifique du XXIV^e Congrès Mondial de Philosophie, 4-5 septembre 2014. Le Comité Scientifique du XXIV^e Congrès Mondial de Philosophie, présidé par le professeur Ricardo POZZO, a tenu sa première réunion à Pékin, à l'Université de Pékin, les 4 et 5 septembre 2014. La discussion concernant la traduction du thème de la conférence dans différentes langues officielles, dont le chinois, a été des plus instructives et nous a rappelé combien une sensibilité herméneutique est requise dans la traduction d'une langue à l'autre afin de ne pas introduire un sens étranger ou indésirable dans notre texte. Le débat concernant les traductions possibles de l'adjectif substantivé « humain » dans « Apprendre à être humain » fût des plus intéressants. Le compte rendu de la réunion du Comité Scientifique ne donne qu'un aperçu de l'énergie avec laquelle cette discussion fort enrichissante s'est déroulée, en particulier parmi nos membres sinophones. Tandis que nous débattions de la structure des séances plénières et des symposiums, il est clairement apparu que la problématique autour de l'être humain est loin d'être close et qu'il est nécessaire de faire toute leur place aux débats contemporains autour du nonhumain, du « post-humain » et du « trans-humain ». Un aboutissement important du comité scientifique qu'il me faut ici souligner, et dont nous reparlerons lors de notre réunion du CD aujourd'hui, est la décision de traduire le titre de notre congrès en arabe. J'accueille ce progrès avec enthousiasme.

La IV^e Conférence Internationale de Sinologie, Université Renmin, 6-7 septembre 2014. En tant que président de la FISP, j'ai été reçu comme invité d'honneur lors de l'ouverture officielle de la IV^e Conférence Internationale de Sinologie, qui s'est déroulée à l'université Renmin le samedi 6 et le dimanche 7 septembre 2014. Le secrétaire général, le professeur Luca Maria Scarantino, le président du comité scientifique du Congrès, le professeur Riccardo POZZO, et un certain nombre de membres du CD ont également participé à cette conférence. La conférence fut officiellement ouverte par le vice-premier ministre de la République Populaire de Chine, Madame Liu Yandong, qui a mentionné la FISP lors de son discours. J'ai été très honoré de présider le symposium d'ouverture où notre collègue du CD, le professeur Tu Weiming, a présenté une importante communication sur le futur du confucianisme en Chine et à l'étranger. Ce symposium a également vu la participation du professeur Masyonikov de l'Académie Russe des Sciences. En tant que président de la FISP, j'ai été invité à un banquet organisé par le professeur Chen Yulu, président de l'Université Renmin. Le professeur Scarantino, le professeur POZZO et moi avons également pris part à la cérémonie de clôture. Après cette cérémonie, j'ai eu un entretien avec le professeur Xu Dialu, de l'Ecole Normale de Pékin.

Journée Mondiale de Philosophie – 20 novembre 2014. Les 20 et 21 novembre 2014, en tant que président de la FISP, j'ai été invité par l'Institut de Philosophie de l'Académie Russe des Sciences, où j'ai présenté une communication et participé à une conférence consacrée à « La Philosophie dans l'Espace Public » à l'occasion de la célébration de la Journée Mondiale de Philosophie. Ayant été présent à la dernière célébration de la journée mondiale de philosophie à Moscou en novembre 2009, je me souviens de nos discussions mémorables ainsi que de la décision du Comité Directeur d'introduire le chinois comme langue officielle de Congrès Mondial de Philosophie. Lors de la Journée Mondiale de Philosophie de 2014, je fus très heureux de pouvoir m'entretenir avec le directeur de l'Institut de Philosophie, l'académicien A.A.Guseynov, le professeur Vladislav Lektorski, et l'actuel membre du CD, le professeur Marietta STEPANYANTS, et de participer à l'atelier « Ecole de jeunes philosophes » où des doctorants et étudiants en

études postdoctorales de l'Institut et d'autres universités ont présenté des exposés auxquels je devais répondre et que je devais commenter. J'ai été impressionné par la très grande qualité des exposés, qui portaient sur une très grande variété de sujets et qui promettent à mon avis un très bel avenir à la philosophie en Russie. Bien entendu, j'ai également appris que les conditions économiques, comme ailleurs, ont un effet négatif sur les universités russes et que là-bas aussi les universités et l'administration sont poussées à s'adapter aux exigences controversées des classements, de la bibliométrie et autres contraintes qui vous sont familières.

Les Olympiades Internationales de Philosophie. Je suis heureux de vous informer que la tradition des Olympiades Internationales de Philosophie (OIP) est toujours aussi vivace. Cette année, les olympiades se tiendront à Tartu, en Estonie. Malheureusement, à cause d'un autre engagement, je ne pourrai pas m'y rendre en tant que Président du Jury. J'ai donc désigné mon prédécesseur à la Présidence de la Fédération, le professeur William MCBRIDE, en tant que remplaçant. Les membres de la FISP qui accompagneront William MCBRIDE sont Stelios VIRVIDAKIS et Gerhard Seel. Tous les trois ont déjà siégé au jury des OIP dans le passé et possèdent donc une expérience directe des Olympiades.

Le Congrès Mondial sur Aristote, 2016. Je me réjouis d'avoir été invité à être membre du comité scientifique pour le Congrès Mondial sur Aristote qui aura lieu en Grèce en 2016 et qui est organisé par le professeur Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou. La première réunion du comité d'organisation a eu lieu récemment. Je me réjouis de la présence au sein du comité scientifique d'un ancien membre du CD, le professeur Myrto Dragona-Monachou, et du professeur Evangelos Moutsopoulos qui nous ont grandement aidés lors des préparatifs du XXIII^e Congrès Mondial de la Philosophie à Athènes en 2013.

En juin 2015, je représenterai la FISP à la conférence Fiat Lux qui se tiendra à Rome à l'université La Sapienza. Un certain nombre de membres du CD de la FISP sont parmi les organisateurs de cet événement, parmi eux Lourdes Velasquez et Evandro AGAZZI. Je les remercie tous.

La Philosophie et le monde universitaire. J'aimerais pouvoir me réjouir de l'amélioration de la situation de la philosophie dans le monde universitaire, mais on m'informe de plus en plus du déclin du nombre de postes académiques permanents aux États-Unis comme ailleurs. Il y a un recours grandissant à l'emploi de personnel enseignant en contrat à durée déterminée, connu en Amérique du Nord sous le nom d'« adjunct faculty » et souvent appelé « teaching fellows » en Europe. L'on attend de plus en plus souvent des candidats ayant récemment obtenu leur doctorat qu'ils soient en compétition pour des financements de recherche et qu'ils passent entre trois et cinq ans en bourses de recherche postdoctorale. Ces bourses sont bienvenues dans la mesure où elles permettent aux chercheurs en début de carrière de multiplier leur publications académiques ; souvent, toutefois, elles n'aboutissent plus à des postes académiques permanents.

J'ai également appris à ce propos que le nombre d'entretiens d'embauche effectués par la division orientale de l'APA a diminué alors qu'un nombre croissant d'universités subissent des coupes budgétaires pour leur recrutement et réduisent leurs coûts en conduisant des entretiens individuels par Skype. Cela a conduit à nombre de problèmes dans la profession et à une interrogation quant à la viabilité des grandes réunions régionales de l'APA.

Je laisserai au secrétaire général Luca Maria SCARANTINO le soin de vous informer quant à l'état actuel du CIPSH, le Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines, et à nos relations avec l'UNESCO. Je souhaite simplement féliciter ici le professeur MCBRIDE, l'ancien président de la FISP, pour son élection au comité directeur du CIPSH lors de la réunion de ce dernier à Paris.

Site internet de la FISP et archives de la FISP. Comme vous le savez, je travaille à la mise à jour et à la rationalisation du site internet de la FISP. Je suis conscient du fait que le site internet de la FISP est le lieu incontournable pour les personnes cherchant des informations sur les congrès mondiaux. Dans le passé, et aujourd'hui encore, les hôtes locaux préparaient un site internet qui restait en ligne le temps de la conférence et quelque temps après. Certains sites des Congrès passés ont complètement disparus de la Toile. C'est une situation malencontreuse. Je crois que nous devrions récupérer ces informations et les conserver. Autrement,

il devient difficile de se rendre compte par exemple de ce qui a été dit au Congrès d'Istanbul. Aussi, l'excellent site coréen a-t-il été retiré. Cependant, le site du congrès de Boston de 1998 est toujours en ligne. Je pense que nous devons nous assurer que tous les sites internet des congrès restent accessibles de la façon la plus permanente possible dans la mesure où les sites d'hébergement actuels le permettent. Peut-être qu'à l'avenir nous devrons intégrer cette clause dans les protocoles signés avec les institutions d'accueil.

Remerciements. Je me réjouis de constater que le nouveau comité sur le Gender de la FISP a été établi et tiendra sa réunion inaugurale à Bangkok. Je suis heureux que nous ayons de nombreuses réunions de comités, en particulier celle du comité d'histoire de la philosophie ainsi que du comité pour la coopération internationale. Je remercie toutes celles et tous ceux qui s'y sont engagés.

Je souhaite remercier tous les membres du CD ainsi que les membres du Comité scientifique du Congrès pour les efforts qu'ils réalisent en vue de la préparation du congrès mondial ; puis-je élargir notre gratitude à ces membres du CD qui nous ont transmis leur aimable invitation à accueillir les réunions du CD.

Enfin, je veux remercier le professeur Bill MCBRIDE pour son travail sur la newsletter de la FISP, le professeur Luca Maria Scarantino pour son travail sans relâche en tant que secrétaire général et Mme Emily Ivanova pour son travail administratif.

Dermot MORAN
Président de la FISP

Dear Colleagues,

This is my second annual President's Report. It hardly seems to be a full year since I presented my first President's Report exactly a year ago at our last CD meeting in Beijing on 28--29 March 2014, hosted very generously by Peking University. It has been a very busy year and I am confident that we are making steady progress both in the planning of the 24th World Congress and in our other activities.

First of all, I want to thank our current hosts, the Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for the Faculty of Arts Foundation, Professor Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, the Department of Philosophy, Chulalongkorn University, and, in particular, our colleague CD member Professor Suwanna Satha-Anand, for the privilege of being able to convene here in these pleasant surroundings in Bangkok and for generously inviting us to participate in the conference "Philosophies in Dialogue: Bridging the Great Philosophical Divides" hosted in Chulalongkorn University.

CD Meeting in Beijing, 28-29 March 2014. As you will see from the Minutes that have been circulated, we had a very intense, exhausting, but most productive CD meeting over two days in Beijing on 28 and 29 March 2014. Once again, I want to thank our hosts at Peking University, including our own CD colleague Professor Tu Weiming and his efficient staff at the Institute of Advanced Humanistic Studies, as well as Professors Wang Bo and Liu Zhe of the Philosophy Department, Peking University. Their attentiveness and hospitality made the meeting so memorable. A special thanks must go to the administrative assistant, Ms. Zhu Weiping, and on behalf of FISP I want to congratulate her on the birth of her daughter. We wish her and her family every health and happiness in the future.

On the first day of our visit, Wed 26th March 2014, the Memorandum of Agreement between Peking University and FISP was signed at a very pleasant signing ceremony overlooking the Weiming Lake on the Peking University campus. This signing was originally scheduled to take place at the end of our CD meeting but the President of PKU, Professor Wang En'ge, had an engagement abroad and, at the request of Peking University, the signing ceremony was rescheduled for the first day of our conference. On behalf of FISP, I want to record our thanks to President Wang En'ge, who signed the Memorandum on behalf of Peking University. Professor Wang has now retired from his position and we wish him every success in the future. We now look forward to working with his successor as President of Peking University, Professor LIN Jianhua. In the course of this CD meeting, we agreed the conference general theme 'Learning To be Human'

and decided the composition of the Programme Committee for our 24th World Congress. The Minutes have been circulated so I do not need to repeat our decisions here.

During our visit, Professor Scarantino and I also met with a number of senior figures in the Peking University administration, including Professor Li Yansong, Vice President for International Relations, Peking University; Professor Chen Shiyi, Dean of the Graduate School, Peking University, Professor Wu Zhipan, Vice President, Peking University and Mr. Zhu Shanliu, Chairman of the University Council of Peking University. General Secretary Luca Maria Scarantino and I also had a number of very productive meetings with some influential decision makers within Chinese public life. We had a private meeting with Madame Xu Lin, Chief Executive of Confucius Institutes Headquarters and her Deputy President, Dr Jing Wei. This meeting was arranged by Professor TU Weiming and his wife AiBei. It was a very useful meeting. The Hanban is a very important Chinese cultural organization and its support for the Congress will be a key element in its success.

The Programme Committee for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, 45 Sept 2014. The Programme Committee for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, chaired by Professor Ricardo Pozzo, held its first meeting in Beijing, hosted by Peking University, on 4 and 5 September 2014. The discussion of the translation of the conference theme into various official languages, including Chinese, was highly instructive and one was reminded of the need for considerable hermeneutic sensitivity in the translation from one language to another in order not to import a foreign or unwanted meaning into one's text. The debate about the various ways to translate "human" in "Learning to be human" was most interesting. The Minutes of the Programme Meeting give only a hint of the vitality of the informative discussion that took place especially among our Chinese-speaking members. It also became clear, as we debated the structure of the Plenaries and Symposia, that the issue of human being is not at all settled and there is need to recognize current debates about the non-human, the "posthuman" and the "transhuman". One important outcome of the Programme Committee which I think is worth noting – and which will be discussed by our CD meeting today – Is the agreement to translate the title of our Congress into Arabic. This in my view is a very welcome development.

The 4th International Conference on Sinology, Renmin University, 6-7 Sept 2014. As President of FISP, I was honoured to be a distinguished guest participating in the official opening of the 4th International Conference on Sinology held in Renmin University, on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2014. The Secretary General, Luca Maria Scarantino, the President of the Programme Committee Riccardo Pozzo, and a number of CD members participated in this conference. The conference was officially opened by the Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China, Madame Liu Yandong who mentioned FISP in her speech. I was very honoured to chair the opening symposium where our CD colleague Professor Tu Weiming delivered an important address about the future of Confucianism in China and abroad. This symposium also featured Professor Masyonikov, of the Russian Academy of the Sciences. As President of FISP, I was invited to a private banquet hosted by Professor Chen Yulu, President, Renmin University. Professor Scarantino, Professor Pozzo and I also participated in the closing ceremony. After that ceremony I had a meeting with Professor Xu Dialu, Beijing Normal University.

World Philosophy Day, 20 November 2014. On 20-21 November 2014, as President of FISP, I was a guest of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of the Sciences, where I gave an address and took part in a conference on the theme of "Philosophy in the Public Space" to celebrate World Philosophy Day. I was present at the previous World Philosophy celebration in Moscow in November 2009 and recall the memorable discussions and the decision taken by the CD to include Chinese as an official language of FISP. At the 2014 World Philosophy Day, I was very pleased to have meetings with the Director of the Institute of Philosophy, Academician A. A. Guseynov, Professor Vladislav Lektorski, and current CD member Professor Marietta Stepanyants and also participated in a workshop, "School of the Young Philosophers" where graduate students and postdoctoral fellows of the Institute and other universities presented papers, on which I commented. I was impressed by the very high quality of the papers – on a very

wide range of topics which gives me great hope for the future of philosophy in Russia. Of course, I also learned that economic conditions, as elsewhere, are adversely affecting Russian universities and that here too universities and the educational administration are being drawn into the vexed question of rankings, publication bibliometrics, and other matters with which you as academics will all be familiar.

International Philosophical Olympiad. I am pleased to report that the International Philosophical Olympiad (IPO) tradition continues to be vibrant. This year the Olympiad will be held in Tallinn, Estonia. Unfortunately due to a prior commitment, I will not be able to travel as one of the FISP adjudicators to this year's IPO. I have therefore nominated Past President Professor William McBride to travel in my place. The FISP members who will attend this year's event are: William McBride, Stelios Virvidakis and Gerhard Seel. All three are judges with previous experience of IPO contests.

Aristotle World Congress 2016. I am pleased to have been invited to be a member of the Scientific Committee for the Aristotle World Congress being organized in Greece in 2016 by a former CD member Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou. The first meeting of the Programme Committee has just taken place. I am pleased to say that this Scientific Committee includes former CD member Professor Myrto Dragona-Monachou and Professor Evangelos Moutsopoulos, who greatly assisted us in the realization of 23rd world Congress of Philosophy in Athens in 2013.

In June 2015 I will represent FISP at the conference Fiat Lux to be held in Rome at Sapienza University. A number of FISP CD members are among the organisers of this event, notably Professors Lourdes Velazquez and Evandro Agazzi. I thank them for the invitation.

Philosophy in Academia. I wish I could report that the situation for philosophy was improving internationally but I learn more and more of the decline in the number of permanent academic positions in the US and elsewhere.

There is a growing dependence on the use of limited term contract teaching staff who are known in North America as "adjunct faculty" and who are often described in Europe as "teaching fellows". It is also increasingly the case the recently graduated PhD students are expected to compete for research funding and often will spend 3 to 5 years in postdoctoral fellowships. These fellowships are a very welcome development in that they allow early-career academic philosophers to develop their publications but often they do not lead to permanent academic positions. I learn that the number of interviews taking place at the Eastern Division of the APA has decreased, as more and more universities are facing cutbacks in hiring and also saving expenses by conducting interviews by candidates on Skype. This has led to a number of issues in the profession and a questioning of the continued viability of the big APA divisional meetings.

I will leave Secretary General Luca Scarantino to update you on the current state of CIPSH and our relations with UNESCO. I want here simply to congratulate Professor Bill McBride, Past President of FISP, on his election to the Steering Committee of CIPSH at their meeting in Paris.

FISP Website and FISP Archives. As you all know, I am working to update the FISP website and make it more informative. I am aware that the FISP website is now the first port of call for people seeking information on the world congresses. In the past, and indeed currently, the local hosts set up a website which is maintained up to the time of the conference and for a short time after that. Some conference websites have disappeared completely from the web. This is most unfortunate. I believe we should capture all this information and store it. Otherwise it becomes difficult to see (for example) what the first circular from Istanbul said. Sadly, for instance, the excellent Korean site has been taken down. Yet the 1998 Boston site remains working. I think we need to ensure that all Congress websites are set up in as permanent a way as the internet currently allows. Perhaps this should be a specific item in any future Memorandum of Agreement signed with a host institution.

Thanks. I am pleased to see that the new FISP Committee on Gender has been set up and will hold its inaugural meeting here in Bangkok. Indeed, I am very pleased that we have active committees meeting including the Committee on History of Philosophy, and Committee on International Co-operation. Thanks to everyone involved.

I want to thank all members of the CD and also the members of the Programme Committee for the hard work they are putting into the preparation for the World Congress and also I would like to thank CD members for the very generous invitations to host CD meetings.

Finally, I want to thank Professor Bill McBride for his work on the FISP Newsletter, Professor Luca Maria Scarantino for his tireless work as General Secretary and Ms Emiliya Ivanova for her administrative work on behalf of FISP.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot MORAN
President, FISP

The report of the President, Prof. MORAN, was approved.

5. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Structured around six main points, the report of the Secretary-general was presented in a synoptic way. What follows here is the complete text of his Report.

Chères et chers collègues,

Compte tenu des contraintes de temps qui pèsent sur notre réunion et contrairement à mon usage, je me limiterai à vous résumer les points saillants de mon rapport, que j'espère développer pendant nos débats. J'en ai compté six.

1. Congrès mondial de 2018. Au cours des derniers mois, notre travail a été principalement axé sur la préparation du Congrès mondial de Pékin. C'est aux côtés du Président, Dermot Moran, et sous sa supervision statutaire, que j'ai essayé de refléter les préoccupations et les vœux du Comité Directeur auprès de nos collègues chinois et des autorités académiques et institutionnelles du pays qui va nous accueillir : la Chine.

Permettez-moi de rappeler d'emblée que nos partenaires chinois ont fait preuve d'une disponibilité totale : ils mesurent parfaitement les enjeux du Congrès et tout est fait pour nous faciliter les choses. Je souhaite évoquer, en particulier, l'engagement et les efforts déployés par notre collègue Tu Weiming. À l'instar du Département de philosophie, l'Institut d'études avancées en sciences humaines qu'il dirige auprès de l'université de Pékin est notre partenaire privilégié : je peux témoigner de l'efficacité remarquable par laquelle son équipe réagit à toute demande, requête ou préoccupation dont nous leur faisons part. Le Professeur Moran vient d'évoquer les collègues chinois que nous avons eu l'opportunité de rencontrer: qu'il me soit simplement permis de joindre mes remerciements aux siens.

Sur un certain nombre d'aspects, le tableau reste cependant en demi-teinte. Vous me pardonneriez de les évoquer ici sans réticences. D'abord, l'établissement d'un Comité organisateur chinois reste dans le vague. Nous n'avons aucune information à ce sujet. Nous manquons d'un interlocuteur attitré et en charge du dossier : on a parfois le sentiment que la chaîne des responsabilités reste indéfinie. Pour reprendre un vieux mot célèbre, nous n'avons pas de numéro de téléphone (ou d'adresse électronique) du Comité organisateur.

Les effets de cette faiblesse dépassent le cadre logistique. J'ai bien dit « la Chine » : car c'est dans la capacité d'impliquer les communautés savantes et les institutions universitaires à l'échelle du pays que se jouera le succès du Congrès. En août dernier, peu avant la réunion du Comité du programme, l'Institut de M. Tu a invité M. Moran et moi-même à participer au Forum de Songchan pour y présenter les enjeux et la

portée du Congrès de 2018. Les responsables de plusieurs Département de philosophie et « Schools of Humanities » étaient présents : j'ai constaté à cette occasion à quel point le désir de participer à cet événement historique est intense à travers le pays. Immédiatement après le colloque de Songchan, j'ai été invité à visiter un certain nombre d'institutions académiques à travers le pays (l'université du Sud-Est à Nankin, la Wenlan Academy à Hangzhou, la School of Humanities de l'université Renmin à Pékin, entre autres) ; à chaque fois, j'ai recueilli leur demande d'être associés à la préparation du Congrès. De toute évidence, le Comité organisateur devra s'adjoindre les représentants des principales institutions académiques en philosophie s'il veut acquérir une envergure nationale : je ne fais que répéter ce qu'a exprimé Dermot Moran en septembre dernier, et à maintes fois, durant la réunion du Comité du programme. Pourtant, le retour d'information que nous recevons de nos collègues à travers la Chine semble indiquer qu'il n'en est rien à ce jour. Je pense qu'il y a là un risque majeur pour le Congrès lui-même.

2. La Première circulaire du Congrès. Elle devrait circuler au printemps, une fois que toutes les décisions concernant la structure du Congrès auront été arrêtées par ce Comité Directeur. Or, envoyer la Première circulaire du Congrès à travers le monde signifie provoquer un ensemble de réactions de la part de la communauté philosophique internationale : les gens vont réagir, poser des questions, peut-être envoyer déjà des documents. Est-ce que les structures techniques permettant de faire face à ces réactions sont en place ? Y a-t-il une équipe prête à recevoir des courriers, à les traiter rapidement, à répondre aux multiples questions qui pourront surgir, à classer les documents, à recevoir les informations concernant nos sociétés et ainsi de suite ? Nous n'avons aucune information à cet effet. J'ai moi-même reçu un certain nombre de demandes provenant de sociétés membres de la FISP qui voudraient déjà s'assurer qu'elles disposeront d'un créneau dans le programme du Congrès : je leur explique à chaque fois qu'il est encore tôt pour cela, mais je les rassure quant au fait que toute société, association ou institut membre de la Fédération pourra évidemment se réunir dans le contexte du Congrès. Y a-t-il à Pékin une équipe en mesure de traiter ces demandes ?

Je laisserai à M. Pozzo, qui préside le Comité du programme, le soin de vous illustrer en détail les différentes propositions formulées par ce Comité quant à la structure du Congrès. Mais je souhaite témoigner ici de la très haute qualité des débats qui ont eu lieu au sein du Comité : j'espère que vous les trouverez reflétées dans les propositions que nous sommes appelé(e)s à examiner.

3. Prochaines réunions du CD. Nous avons pris l'an dernier un engagement ferme pour nous réunir à Abidjan en 2016. Tanella Boni, Vice-présidente de la FISP, nous avait à cette occasion expliqué les raisons qui poussaient l'université Houphouët-Boigny à nous inviter : il s'agissait de marquer le soutien de la FISP à la communauté philosophique ivoirienne après les années de crise politique et sociale qu'a connus le pays. Il s'agit là d'une mission statutaire de la Fédération et, en ce qui me concerne, d'une priorité en termes de coopération intellectuelle : il ne peut pas y avoir de Congrès mondial réussi sans une participation des philosophes des tous les continents et notamment africains. Or l'invitation à aller en Côte d'Ivoire a été accompagnée d'un projet de colloque savant consacré à « Politiques de la dignité, dignité du politique » et susceptible de réunir des philosophes, intellectuels et écrivains de plusieurs pays d'Afrique et d'ailleurs.

Au cours des derniers mois, j'ai cependant entendu un nombre croissant de soucis émanant de membres du Comité Directeur, inquiets de l'écllosion de l'épidémie d'Ébola dans la région. Je mesure à quel point la question est épineuse. La Côte d'Ivoire, que je sache, n'a pas été touchée : mais il serait imprudent d'ignorer ces préoccupations. Je ne peux donc que les enregistrer et les porter à l'attention de ce Comité. J'en ai par ailleurs informé notre collègue Tanella Boni en début d'année.

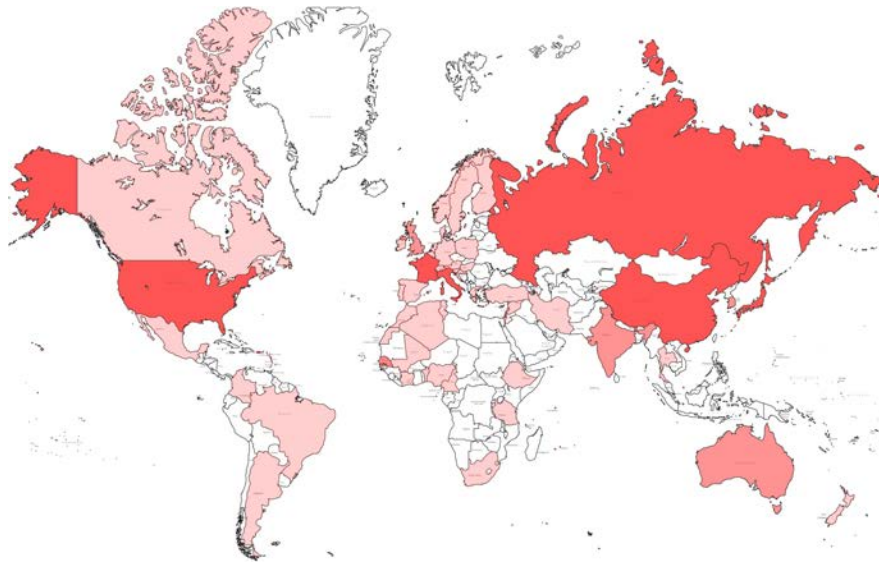
4. CIPSH et Diogène. L'assemblée générale du CIPSH a eu lieu à Paris en octobre dernier ; j'y ai représenté la FISP. Les conditions de cette réunion ont été particulièrement désagréables : permettez-moi de ne pas y revenir. J'ai pour ma part tenu à souligner la position de la FISP, telle que nous l'avions synthétisée dans un courrier envoyé en septembre dernier¹ : malgré nos doutes quant à l'avenir du Conseil, désormais

¹ Voir annexes.

privé du soutien financier de l'Unesco, notre Fédération souhaite accorder une chance à l'équipe qui a voulu se charger de la responsabilité du CIPSH. Elle réunit notamment le président Chao Gejin, le secrétaire général Luiz Oosterbeek et le trésorier Franco Montanari. Nous avons marqué cette disponibilité par la candidature de l'ancien président de la FISP, William L. McBride, au Bureau du CIPSH : il y a été élu et je souhaite le remercier d'avoir accepté cette tâche pas forcément plaisante.

Deux activités semblent épuiser l'horizon du CIPSH. D'abord, le projet d'une Conférence internationale sur les sciences humaines, qui devrait avoir lieu à Liège, en Belgique, en 2017. Elle se déroulera sous la présidence conjointe de Robert Halleux et d'Adama Samassékou. Je ne saurai vous en dire davantage et je laisserai volontiers Bill McBride compléter l'information sur ce dossier.

Le deuxième élément est représenté par la revue *Diogène*. Du point de vue éditorial, la revue se porte bien : elle circule à travers le monde en mesure croissante et la distribution géographique des lecteurs comme des auteurs ne cesse de s'élargir. Voici un tableau représentatif des auteurs ayant publié dans la revue au cours des cinq dernières années, les pays plus représentés étant en rouge foncé :



Quelques craintes semblent en revanche justifiées par rapport aux pratiques administratives que proposera le nouveau Bureau du CIPSH. Ainsi, on a souhaité à plusieurs reprises que l'équipe de rédaction de la revue, tout comme les traducteurs, travaillent à titre gratuit ; on a observé des démarches visant à faire de cette revue savante un organe d'information des activités du CIPSH ; et j'ai appris par des lettres circulaires du nouveau secrétaire général que l'avenir de la revue serait débattu au sein d'une équipe interne... dont j'ignore tout. Je ne vous cache pas une certaine fatigue. La vocation transculturelle et transdisciplinaire de *Diogène* requiert un effort considérable au niveau rédactionnel : je ne suis pas sûr de vouloir le poursuivre dans ces conditions déplaisantes.

5. Bulletin de la FISP et site web. Parmi les tâches que nos Statuts assignent au Secrétaire général de la FISP, il y a la préparation et diffusion du Bulletin d'information de la FISP. Je ne vous cacherai pas que cette fonction est assurée depuis longtemps par Bill McBride et Emilya Ivanova. Il est temps de les remercier publiquement pour le temps qu'ils y consacrent et pour avoir si aimablement pallié à mes négligences dans ce volet de mes fonctions. En ce qui concerne le site web, le Président Moran a tout dit dans son rapport : je ne peux que m'associer sans réserves à ses propos.

6. Considérations finales. Permettez-moi de conclure sur quelques notes heureuses. Les demandes d'adhésion à la FISP se multiplient, comme on le verra plus tard dans notre réunion. J'y vois le signe d'une capacité d'attraction constante de la part de la Fédération, mais aussi une opportunité susceptible d'accroître

notre capacité d'intervenir dans l'organisation de la recherche à l'échelle internationale, de défendre la place de la philosophie dans les systèmes d'enseignement et celle des philosophes dans les espaces publics, de soutenir en mesure croissante les approches théoriques axées sur l'ouverture, l'inclusion, la disponibilité.

Nos comités consultatifs, par ailleurs, semblent s'engager résolument dans une ouverture à l'extérieur du CD qui ne peut que profiter au travail que nous sommes appelées à réaliser.

Finalement, je souhaite m'associer aux remerciements déjà formulés par le Président Moran à l'égard de nos hôtes thaïlandais : la Fondation Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, le Chula Global Network et son Président M. Suthipand Chirathivat, la Faculté des Arts de l'université Chulalongkorn et son Doyen M. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, le Département de Philosophie de la même université et sa directrice Mme Kanit Sirichan, ainsi que toute l'équipe qui les a soutenus et que nous avons appris à connaître au cours des derniers jours. Et surtout, notre collègue Suwanna Satha-Anand, qui a rendu tout ceci possible. Merci.

Luca Maria Scarantino
Secrétaire général de la FISP.

Dear Colleagues,

The time of our meeting is so short compared to the many decisions we must make today. I will therefore simply summarize the main points of my report, so that we may discuss them together. I could identify six main themes.

1. World Congress 2018. In the last few months, our work was mainly focused on the preparatory work for the Beijing World Congress. Along with our President Dermot Moran, and under his constitutional supervision, I tried to bring the concerns and wishes of the Steering Committee to the attention of our Chinese colleagues and of the academic and institutional authorities of the country that will host us: China.

Let me underline straightaway how fully supportive and cooperative our Chinese colleagues have been. They are fully aware of the importance and impact of the Congress, and all is being done to make things easier for all parties involved. May I mention, in particular, the commitment and efforts deployed by our colleague Tu Weiming. Along with the Department of Philosophy, the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IAHS) that he runs at Peking University is our main partner: I have experienced the remarkable efficacy of his team in responding to all queries, requests, or concerns that we bring to their attention. Prof. Moran has already informed you about the distinguished Chinese colleagues we had the chance to meet: let me join him and express our gratitude to all of them.

On a certain number of issues, though, the picture remains blurry. You will forgive me, I hope, if I mention them here. First, the establishment of a Chinese Organizing Committee is still unknown to us. We thus lack an empowered interlocutor, someone who is officially entitled to deal with our concerns in their entirety: hence a feeling that the chain of responsibilities remains somewhat undefined. To update an old joke, we still have neither a phone number nor an e-mail address for the Organizing Committee.

The effects of this weakness go beyond the mere logistics. I said "China": it is indeed the capacity of involving the scholarly communities and the academic institutions all over the country that the success of the Congress will be measured against. Last August, shortly before the meeting of the Programme Committee, Prof. Moran and myself were invited by the IAHS to attend the Songchan Forum, and to present there the scope and goals of the World Congress 2018. The heads of several Departments of Philosophy and Schools of Humanities were present: I could witness their deep desire to take part in this historical event. Immediately after the Forum, I was invited to visit several academic institutions in the country (the South-East University in Nanjing, the Wenlan Academy in Hangzhou, the School of Humanities at Renmin University in Beijing, among others); each time, I had to record their demand to be involved in the preparation of the Congress. Clearly, the Organizing Committee shall include the representatives of the main academic institutions in philosophy, if it is to acquire a national dimension: let me repeat it, after Dermot Moran already expressed it last September, during the Programme Committee meeting. Yet, the feedback we

are receiving from our colleagues throughout China shows no clear sign of such involvement. I see there a major risk for the Congress itself.

2. The First Circular of the Congress. It should be circulated in Spring, once the structure of the Congress is decided by the Steering Committee – this being obviously our task today. Now, sending the Circular to the outer world implies calling for a whole set of potential reactions coming from the international philosophical community: people will react, ask questions, maybe even send documents already. Are the technical structures to deal with these reactions in place? Is there a team ready to receive mail, process it, reply to the foreseeable multiple queries, file the documents, receive the information about our member societies, and so on? We have no information about it. I have myself been contacted by several societies within the Federation, who would like to know if they will have a slot in the programme of the Congress, and other related information. So far, I could only answer that it is still early for that, but I ensured them that all member societies, associations, or institutes of Fisp will obtain appropriate slots to hold their meetings within the Congress. Is there a team in Beijing who can process these queries already?

As for the structure of the Congress, Prof. Pozzo, who chairs the Programme Committee, will report about the work of this Committee. I would simply like to testify here of the highest quality of discussions that took place within the Committee: I hope you will find it in the quality of the proposals that we shall examine today.

3. Next CD meetings. Last year, we took a firm commitment to hold our 2016 meeting in Abidjan. Prof. Tanella Boni, Vice-President of FISP, provided us in Beijing with the reasons why the Houphouët-Boigny University invited us: it was about marking FISP's support to the Ivorian philosophical community after years of political and social crisis that shattered the country. Let me comment this, by simply saying that this support is a constitutional mission of our Federation. To my eyes, it is furthermore a priority in terms of intellectual cooperation: no World Congress can be successful without the participation of philosophers from all continents, and particularly of African scholars, and the invitation to go to Ivory Coast came with a conference project on "Politics of Dignity, Dignity of Politics" that was likely to gather philosophers, scholars, and writers from many countries in Africa and elsewhere.

Over the last months, a growing number of CD members have nonetheless informed me of their concerns about the Ebola epidemic in the region. I realize how delicate a matter this is. As far as I know, Ivory Coast has no known cases of Ebola: but it would be ill-advised to simply ignore those concerns. All I can do is record them, and submit them to your consideration. I have on the other hand brought these worries to the attention of Prof. Boni at the beginning of the year.

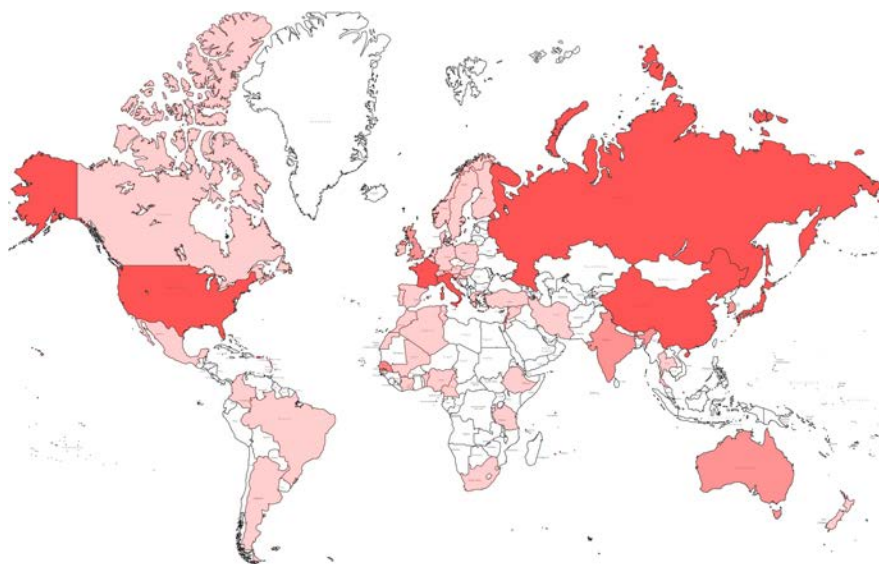
4. CIPSH and Diogène. The General Assembly of CIPSH took place in Paris last October; I represented FISP. The conditions under which that meeting took place were particularly unpleasant: with your permission, I prefer to skip them. I have defended the position of FISP as we had summarized it in a letter we sent in September². Despite our doubts about the future of the Council, after UNESCO has discontinued its financial support, our Federation is wishing to give a chance to the team that took over the responsibility of CIPSH. This team is namely composed of Prof. Chao Gejin as President, Prof. Luiz Oosterbeek as Secretary-general, and Prof. Franco Montanari as Treasurer. We agreed to nominate our Past President William L. McBride to join the Board of CIPSH: he was elected. I would like to thank him for accepting this task, which may not be all too pleasant.

Two activities seem to fill the horizon of CIPSH. First, the project of an International Conference on the Humanities, to be held in Liege, Belgium, in 2017, under the joint Chairpersonship of Robert Halleux and Adama Samassékou. I am unable to tell you more, and will readily leave Bill McBride to provide you with more information on this file.

The second element is represented by the journal *Diogenes*. From an editorial point of view, the journal is in good health: it increasingly circulates throughout the world, and the geographical distribution of

² See Annex.

readers and contributors keeps growing. Here is a table referring to the authors who published in the journal over the last five years (the darker the red, the higher the number of contributors):



Some worries seem justified as to the administrative tone that the new Board of CIPSH will propose. It has been repeatedly proposed that the editorial team of the journal and the translators work for free; initiatives took places in order to turn this scholarly, peer-reviewed journal into a newsletter devoted to CIPSH activities; and circular letters sent out by the new secretary-general mentioned a “task force” in charge of the future of the journal... of which I know strictly nothing. The transcultural and transdisciplinary nature of *Diogenes* implies a considerable editorial effort: I am not sure that I want to carry on with this task under such unpleasant conditions.

5. FISP Newsletter and website. One of the tasks that our Constitution assigns to the Secretary-general of FISP is the preparation of our Newsletter. I will not hide from you the fact that this duty has been fulfilled for a while already by Bill McBride and Emilya Ivanova. It is time to thank them publicly, for the time they devote to it, and for having so kindly palliated my negligence in this field. As for the website, President Moran has already said it all in his report: I can only join his words in full.

6. Final considerations. A few happy notes to conclude. The applications for FISP membership keep coming in, as we will see later today. I see in this the sign of a continuing capacity of attraction by the Federation; but also an opportunity to increase our presence in the global organization of research, to defend the place of philosophy in the educational systems and the place of philosophers in the public sphere, to increasingly enhance theoretical approaches based on opening, inclusion, and goodwill.

Our consultative committees, on the other hand, are clearly engaged in expanding beyond the CD; this will undoubtedly benefit the tasks that we are to realize.

Finally, I would like to join our President in acknowledging our Thai partners and hosts: the Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for the Faculty of Arts Foundation, the Chula Global Network and its President Dr. Suthipand Chirathivat, the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, and its Dean Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, the Department of Philosophy of the same university and its Chair Dr. Kanit Sirichan, as well as the entire team that worked for them, and that we have been acquainted with in the last days. And, above all, our colleague Suwanna Satha-Anand, who made all this possible. Thank you.

Luca Maria Scarantino
Secretary-general of FISP.

The Secretary General's report prompted some discussion.

The first major point of this discussion was related to the ongoing preparation of the WCP 2018 and the concerns expressed by the Secretary-general.

Prof. MORAN indicated, in this respect, that he was somewhat less concerned than Prof. SCARANTINO about the state of preparations for the World Congress in Beijing. He agreed that other Chinese universities and scholars are looking forward to being involved in the preparation of the WCP 2018, and expressed his conviction that Peking University has the technical capacities for it. "But we need one or more persons whom we can contact regularly", he remarked. Prof. MORAN also stressed the need for a quick approval of the first Circular of the Congress.

Sharing the concerns of the Secretary-general, Prof. TU Weiming expressed his feeling that a professional group of people in charge of the preparation of the Congress was being organized under the supervision of Prof. Li Yansong, Vice-president of Peking University; he considered that the preparation of the Congress would gain increased guidance from Fisp; and he mentioned that the preparation team had already drafted a website of the WCP. He added that the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities is ready and willing to help in the preparation. The IAHS decision to invite the forthcoming meeting of the International Institute of Philosophy in 2015 should be seen as a test for the capacity of Chinese institutions to co-operate, despite the reduced dimension of IIP meetings.

Prof. TU maintained that other universities and prominent research centers in China are informed of the Congress, and will be progressively involved. In addition, he expressed his hope that the "Chinese diaspora" (in Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macao, and such other countries as the United States) would become more involved in the planning of the World Congress. He also announced that upon his return to Beijing, he would meet with the new President of Peking University, and discuss all these matters with him.

Hon. President KUÇURADI emphasized the necessity of sticking to the regulations in the WCP's preparation. "Since we have the regulations governing the World Congresses, there should be no problem in principle about working out the details and moving forward", she remarked.

Past President MCBRIDE recalled, on his side, the International Association for Aesthetics' meeting in which he participated several years ago, at the urging of Professor SASAKI, at Peking University. "It drew some 800 or more participants and was very well run" he said. In addition, Prof. SASAKI remarked that this conference had been organized and managed, essentially, by just one individual professor in Beijing, thus giving voice to his trust in Peking University's capacities of hosting a big event such as the WCP.

On the other hand, Prof. AGAZZI, Hon. President of FISP, recalled circumstances surrounding the World Congress in Moscow, when the changes in the political situation of the Soviet Union and an increasingly difficult communication with the authorities in charge of the preparation of the Congress led FISP to explore other possibilities. However, the conjoined efforts of FISP and the Russian Organizing Committee made it possible to hold the WCP 1993 in Moscow.

Prof. AAVANI shared that he had been teaching at Peking University for several months in the last two years and had been very pleased with the arrangements. He equally mentioned a big conference on Islamic philosophy that took place there, and stressed the high quality of the papers that were presented on that occasion.

Summarizing the discussion on the subject, President MORAN thanked all participants for their remarks and comments, and asked Prof. TU to take all steps he would consider helpful to improve the preparation process of the WCP 2018. On the other hand, Prof. MORAN confirmed the engagement of FISP and its partnership with Peking University and the Chinese Organizing Committee.

The second point of the Secretary-general's report which provoked a lively discussion was the situation of CIPSH and the membership of FISP in this organization, as well as the actual state of the journal *Diogenes*.

President MORAN asked Prof. MCBRIDE – a newly elected member of the CIPSH Bureau – to clarify its current situation and express his opinion on the future of this organization. Prof. MCBRIDE reviewed the situation of CIPSH, with an enthusiastic new Secretary-general, Luiz Oosterbeek, and plans for a large humanities conference, supported (but probably not financially) by UNESCO, in Liège, Belgium, in 2017, but with the very serious lack of funding about which Prof. SCARANTINO had spoken. It can reasonably be foreseen that the future of this organization may be less than certain due to its financial difficulties.

Prof. KALTENBACHER observed that the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Studies, with which he also has ties, is also a member of CIPSH. The SECRETARY-GENERAL informed the CD that UIAES has not taken part in CIPSH's activities for years already, and that they stopped paying their membership fees in 2009. He also mentioned that another member of CIPSH, the International Federation of Modern Languages and Literatures, announced in 2014 that they would not pay their annual membership fees for at least the following three years. He added that according to the data provided at the General Assembly of CIPSH, the International Committee of Historical Sciences has also paid its dues irregularly in the last years.

With regard to the financial difficulties of CIPSH that substantially affects the publication of Diogenes, Prof. LEPORE asked whether FISP could not simply propose to buy the journal from CIPSH, and thereby assuring its future. In response, Prof. SCARANTINO first indicated that Diogenes appears in three editions – French, English, and, twice a year, in a Chinese anthology. The Chinese edition is edited by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and is rather autonomous, both editorially and financially: there is no exchange of money with the CASS, he stressed. As for the overall budget of the journal, Sage Publ., the publisher of the English edition, contributes 9,000GBP/year; IULM University in Milan, where Prof. SCARANTINO teaches, contributes 20,000€/year; smaller contributions, usually not exceeding 3,000 to 4,000€/year altogether, may come from other academic or institutional sources. He also explained that the French edition is very expensive due to translation costs, the production system (the French publisher requests a camera-ready format), and the smaller distribution than the English version. As for the legal status of Diogenes, although it is somewhat unclear, there is a general agreement that it is a journal of CIPSH.

As a result of the discussion, the SECRETARY-GENERAL extended once again the proposal to maintain FISP's membership in CIPSH at least until December 2015, when a new General Assembly of CIPSH would take place; he equally agreed that FISP fees should be withheld until then. [This proposal was approved by the Steering Committee.](#)

Prof. MORAN added he would attend the General Assembly of CIPSH scheduled for December in Beijing, where the case of Diogenes could be discussed. He suggested also writing, on behalf of FISP, a letter to UNESCO expressing FISP's concerns about the future of Diogenes. [President Moran's proposal was approved by the Steering Committee.](#)

With reference to another point of the SECRETARY-GENERAL's report, namely the new membership applications, Prof. FUNG RIVERÓN suggested that FISP should include more organizations from Latin America and should reinforce its collaboration with the new members from the region, such as the recently accepted ones from Brazil.

[After the discussion the report of the Secretary-general was approved.](#)

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer's report was presented, on behalf of Prof. KÜNG, by Prof. SEEL, the Treasurer's delegate. He began the report by saying that there were three principal points around which it is centered, namely:

- 1/ the actual financial situation of FISP;
- 2/ the funds concerning the WCP 2018;
- 3/ the payments of member societies.

The main statements on these 3 points were as follows:

The financial situation is good, thanks especially to the fact that most of our assets are being kept in Swiss francs, which have increased considerably in value over the past several months.

The only funds for the World Congress Endowed Lectures that are kept in Switzerland are for the Maimonides Lectures.

There are some societies which did not pay their membership fees (especially 19 societies which have not paid their fees for some time and are considered as problematical ones). Therefore, CD members who have some connections with officers of those societies are kindly asked to request payment of dues from them (as per the accompanying list) since 2013.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

for the Meeting of the Comité Directeur of FISP on March 29, 2015 in Bangkok

For the details see the following four items appended to this Report [annexed to these Minutes]:

- FISP Bilan (Mar 17, 2014 - Mar 11, 2015)
- FISP Bilan en Euros (Mar 17, 2014 - Mar 11, 2015)
- Fonds Congrès Mondiaux: Bilan (Mar 17, 2014 - Mar 11, 2015)
- FISP état des paiements des sociétés (Mar 11, 2015)

NB. 1 EUR (Euro) = 1.07 CHF (Swiss Francs); 1 USD (US-Dollar) = 1 CHF (Swiss Francs)

1. The financial situation of FISP is quite stable. On March 11, 2015 the general assets of FISP amounted to 112'472.- Swiss Francs (i.e. 105'080.- Euros or 112'472.- US Dollars). This is 2'597.- Swiss Francs higher than last year ; this gain and further income arriving this year will be used for partial refunds of travel costs of this year's CD meeting in Bangkok. – For your information I am also including a balance sheet calculated in Euro. There the resulting net gain is 14'505.- Euros : this high amount is due to the fact that luckily most of our assets are being kept in Swiss Francs ; and since the exchange rate of the Euro has dropped from 1.21 in 2014 to 1.07 in 2015, our Swiss Francs are equivalent to much more Euros in 2015.
2. The funds for the Endowed lectures at World Congresses, that are destined to pay for the Endowed lectures, are being kept separately.
 - a. The endowment for the Maimonides Lecture is being kept in Fribourg. On March 17, 2015 the assets amounted to 12'801.- Swiss Francs (i.e. 11'960.- Euros or 12'801.- US-Dollars) This is 659.- Swiss Francs more than last year.
 - b. In addition there exist the following three Endowed lectures:
 - i. the Philosophical Society of Turkey is paying for the Ibn Rushd Lecture;
 - ii. the Søren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen is paying for the Søren Kierkegaard Lecture;
 - iii. the Korean Philosophical Association is paying for the East-West Lecture.
3. The list of the member societies of FISP tells you about their payment of fees. As of March 11, 2015, we have listed 124 Member Societies:
 - 65 societies have paid dues after 2013 (those societies are in good standing);
 - 40 societies have made their last payment for 2013 (those societies will hopefully pay their dues at least in 2018);
 - 19 societies have made their last payment before 2013 or have never paid (those societies are problematic cases, if nothing changes they will have to be excluded from FISP by the General Assembly in 2018).

Notice that the lack of diligence of some of our Member Societies in paying their fees is not really due to financial reasons; for to financially weak societies FISP can grant (upon documented request) partial reductions of their membership fees.

If members of the Steering Committee of FISP have good relations to some societies in the last two categories, it would be helpful if they could encourage those societies to pay their fees or to contact the Treasurer of FISP (guido.kueng@unifr.ch). Notice also that sometimes the addresses of societies or their board members have changed; so please check on our website – www.fisp.org – whether the list of our member societies contains information that are obsolete.

Fribourg, March 16, 2015

Prof. em. Guido Küng, Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer was followed by some comments and remarks.

Prof. AGAZZI mentioned that it is sometimes difficult to know who the current officers of some societies are, especially when they fail to inform us. He also recalled that some societies are reluctant to pay since they do not see enough results in their partnership with FISP. Often this opinion is expressed by the corresponding members, specified Prof. AGAZZI, stressing that as a former treasurer of FISP he is well familiar with the situation.

In response to this remark, Prof. SEEL noted that the situation differs from society to society and from time to time.

Prof. STEPANYANTS observed that the Russian society regularly pays its fees but very often there is a change of its Presidency, which sometimes hinders communication. Prof. Küng, she underlined, takes all this into consideration; at each change of Presidency, he sends a letter of congratulation to the new President. There are always some difficulties raised by officers of member societies in their correspondence with him, and he is always both polite and detailed, sending a report which shows the importance of FISP when that seems warranted. She suggested, therefore, that Prof. Küng is owed a message of thanks from FISP for his accurate work.

President MORAN affirmed that such a letter of thanks will be sent to the Treasurer, Prof. Küng. He also indicated, in relation to the possible introduction of new Endowed Lectures, that an endowment of about \$12,000 (US) is needed to support an Endowed Lecture every 5 years.

With regard to the last point, Prof. KIM informed the CD that the Korean Philosophical Association is proposing to the CD a change in the name of the Endowed Lecture they fund (see *infra*, § 7.4).

At the end of the discussion, Prof. MORAN thanked Prof. KÜNG and Prof. SEEL for the Treasurer's report.

[The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted by the CD.](#)

7. DECISIONS ABOUT THE WCP 2018.

Moving on to the following topic, President MORAN gave the floor to the chair of the Programme Committee, Prof. POZZO. He also remarked that the meeting of the PC held in September in Beijing was very fruitful; he also recalled that the proposals of the Committee submitted for endorsement to the CD had already been sent to the members of the Steering Committee.

Prof. POZZO presented the report of the Programme Committee. He firstly expressed his thanks to the SECRETARY-GENERAL for the wonderful Minutes of the meeting he drafted. "The meeting of the PC, held in Beijing on September 4 and 5, 2014, was very constructive", he said. He also thanked all the PC members who attended the meeting and contributed to the development of the WCP's 2018 programme.

Then he observed that the main subjects discussed at the meeting were already noted in the agenda, and proposed to the President to proceed with the analysis of each of them.

7.1. Dates, official languages of the Congress and translations of the Congress's theme

The dates of the WCP 2018, announced Prof. POZZO, were set for August 13-20, 2018. Concerning these dates, he specified, there was some initial confusion as to whether the final day would be reserved strictly for the meeting of the newly-elected Steering Committee, or whether it would also have regular sessions.

Prof. MCBRIDE, Prof. SCHRADER and Prof. KEMP observed that many would not stay if the final day were reserved simply for the new Steering Committee's meeting. This opinion was supported by the other CD members. Prof. POZZO agreed that there should be regular sessions on August 20th as well.

The CD agreed to hold the WCP 2018 on August 13 to 20, 2018.

Then Prof. MORAN gave the floor to the SECRETARY-GENERAL, who presented the suggestions for the translations of the Congress's title into the official Congress languages. Prof. SCARANTINO recalled the discussions that took place about the Chinese, German, and Spanish translations. He indicated, in particular, that the Programme Committee decided to submit two alternative Spanish wordings to the CD, viz. "Aprendiendo a ser humano" and "Aprender a ser humano", since there seemed to be no general agreement on either of them. He also recalled that, upon proposal by Prof. POZZO, the PC recommended to provide a translation of the Congress' theme in Arabic.

The list of proposals prepared by the Programme committee was as follows:

in English : « Learning to Be Human »
in Chinese : « 學以成人 »
in French: « Apprendre à être humain »
in German: « Lernen Mensch zu sein »
in Spanish: « Aprendiendo a ser humano » or « Aprender a ser humano » [to be decided by the CD]
in Russian: « УЧИТЬСЯ БЫТЬ ЧЕЛОВЕКОМ »

In the subsequent discussion, Prof. FUNG RIVERÓN RIVERÓN expressed her preference for the Spanish translation "Aprender a ser humano". Prof. AGAZZI and Prof. SCARANTINO agreed with her.

The Spanish translation "Aprender a ser humano" was approved.

The German translation also provoked a small discussion.

Prof. KEMP observed that "menschlich zu sein" would be better than "Mensch zu sein". Prof. VIRVIDAKIS disagreed, remarking that the adjective would be awkward in Greek as well, whereas the noun άνθρωπος would be much better. Prof. SEEL argued in favor of maintaining "Mensch", and so did Prof. KALTENBACHER. Prof. Kukoć wondered whether "Mensch zu werden" might not be better. Prof. MORAN remarked that almost exactly the same discussion had taken place at the PC meetings.

Finally, the existing German version was retained.

Concerning the Arabic, President MORAN suggested to ask Prof. AAVANI to work out an Arabic version of the Congress theme, to be used in the First Circular. The CD approved this suggestion.

As a result of the discussion, the following themes of the Congress were approved, with the clause that an Arabic version would be added to the First Circular:

1. Learning to Be Human
2. 學以成人
3. Apprendre à être humain
4. Aprender a ser humano
5. Lernen Mensch zu sein
6. УЧИТЬСЯ БЫТЬ ЧЕЛОВЕКОМ

7.2. Logo of the WCP 2018

The discussion then turned to the choice of a logo for the WCP 2018.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL showed logos of the last three Congresses (in Istanbul, Seoul, Athens), and the proposals for a logo of WCP 2018 submitted by the Chinese hosts on the eve of the CD meeting.

The Chinese partners had proposed three alternatives. One pyramidal, one inspired by two intertwined male and female figures with a constellation behind them, and one taking Leonardo da Vinci's drawing of the Vitruvian Man and the galaxy, with Ying and Yang symbols in the background. The three proposed logos are as follows:



Prof. MORAN explained that each of those proposals reflects in some way the general theme of the Congress, i.e. "Learning to be human".

Two main opinions were outlined in the subsequent discussion: 1/ the logo should reflect the general theme of the Congress, and 2/ the logo might at the same time have a universal embrace and be rooted into the culture of the place where the Congress would take place.

Prof. MCBRIDE raised some objections to #1, including its being featured on the United States \$1 bill and being symbolic of the Masonic Order, both being too particularistic for purposes of the Congress.

The pyramidal design is narrower in meaning than the others, agreed Prof. MORAN.

Prof. KARASMANIS remarked that proposal #1 is not aesthetically pleasing, and that proposal #3 is too culturally oriented. He expressed his preference for the second proposal.

Prof. TU shared his opinion that the proposal #2 combines in the best way the two sought meanings of a logo – the abstract and cultural ones.

Prof. SCARANTINO also favored proposal #2, observing that the latter was provided in two versions: 1/ straight up and 2/ sideways, as follows:



Some CD members raised their voice in favor of proposal #3. "The logo should refer to the place of the Congress; at the last Congress in Athens we had a logo related to the Greek culture; why not now choose a symbol representing the Chinese culture?" asked Prof. KUKOĆ. His opinion was supported by other CD members.

However, the debate continued with a focus on the second proposal. Prof. SCHRADER indicated a preference for the sideways version of it. Prof. BILETZKI remarked that the straight up version of #2 was

appealingly feminine and also expressed her liking for the sideways version of proposal 2. Prof. KIM suggested moving the lettering of this version a bit further to the right, to which Prof. POZZO objected. Prof. SEEL agreed that the aesthetic side of the logo is as important as its symbolic meaning.

Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR observed that the choice of colors reminded the logo of Boston. Prof. MORAN explained that, according to the explanation provided by the Chinese organizers, the choice of colors symbolized the dynamic of East and West. In reaction, Prof. RAMOSE objected that this would give a limited meaning to the logo. “It is fine to have the meeting of East and West symbolized by this design, but I wonder where Africa might fit in here”, he asked. The SECRETARY-GENERAL agreed with his view: the logo should have a universal embrace, he said, and exclude no culture or region of the world. Following the same line of reflection, Prof. AGBAKOBA suggested adding to the Congress logo some colors that would be symbolic for Africa. Stressing the importance of the logo, Prof. SCARANTINO wondered whether it would not be pertinent to ask the Chinese partners to reshape this proposal in such a way as to include Africa in it.

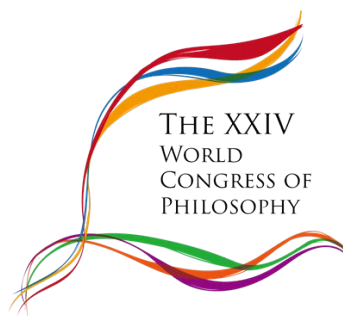
“The two colors should not be interpreted in a narrow sense”, Prof. TU observed. The symbol is polyvalent – it refers to the two main principles – male and female – to man and woman, in particular, and their union which gives birth to a new human life; it is also reminiscent of the double helix structure of the human DNA. The chosen colors – red and blue – are above all two primary colors, and are not intended to represent any specific country; they also reflect the earth and heaven, not only East and West; they can be interpreted further as dichotomous ways of thinking and of overcoming them, Prof. TU added.

Faced with the disapproval of this logo version by the representatives of Africa, some CD members referred to the possibility of postponing the decision about a logo. Prof. MORAN indicated that a decision on the logo should be reached as it must be included in the First Circular. Prof. MCBRIDE agreed that a decision should be taken at the moment and not postponed for later. The same opinion was expressed by other CD members.

Prof. TU suggested to adopt the logo without the narrative proposed by the Chinese colleagues, so that no reference would be made to a narrow East-West perspective. The PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY-GENERAL endorsed his proposal.

As a result, President MORAN called for a vote on the three proposed options for the logo. Since there seemed to be no liking for proposal #1, the choice would be among proposal #2 version straight up, as first proposed; #2 version sideways; and proposal #3. In the voting, #2 sideways received 17 votes, #2 straight up 6 votes, and #3 received 5 votes. Three abstentions (RAMOSE, AGBAKOBA [2 votes]) were registered.

NOTA BENE. Shortly after the CD meeting, a slightly modified version of the approved logo was prepared by the Chinese designers upon Prof. TU’s proposal. Following an online consultation of the Steering Committee, this revised version was endorsed by the CD, and became the official logo of the 24th World Congress of Philosophy. This final version is the following one:



7.3. Plenary Sessions and Symposia

Presenting the suggestions for the plenary sessions, Prof. POZZO said that the PC had decided to propose one-word themes for these sessions, rather than the usual lengthier titles. The argument for this proposal was that the plenary sessions should be most inclusive and this formulation opens the possibility for that. He equally indicated that the PC had submitted to the approval of the Steering Committee a programme consisting of 5 plenary sessions rather than the previous 4, and of 10 symposia (instead of 7). He also noted that the number of proposed thematic sections had been expanded to 94 (they were 74 in 2013).

The proposed titles for the plenary sessions were:

- 1/ Self
- 2/ Community
- 3/ Nature
- 4/ Spirituality
- 5/ Traditions

The proposed titles for the symposia were:

- i. Ren, Ubuntu, Love, and the Heart
- ii. Mind, Brain, Body, Consciousness, Emotions
- iii. Philosophy at the Margins: Domination, Freedom, and Solidarity
- iv. Rights, Responsibility, and Justice
- v. Human, Non-human, Post-human
- vi. Science, Technology, and the Environment
- vii. Aesthetic Sense and Symbol
- viii. Reason, Wisdom, and the Good Life
- ix. Expressibility, Dialogue, Translatability
- x. Symposium organized under the responsibility of the COC

A discussion on these topics followed. Some CD members wondered about the one-word formulation of the Plenary titles. “The titles should reflect the problems, not to be just one word”, they argued. Prof. POZZO explained, on his side, that the approach was a systematic one, as to how to label the plenaries.

However, many voices were raised in favor of having the plenary session titles that reflect a problem. “I prefer to have more than one word in the plenary session’s formulation: it should reflect a problem” said Prof. KUÇURADI. Prof. SEEL objected also that (a) having one word as the title for each of the plenary sessions was not sufficient and (b) that one category seemed to be especially lacking in the titles, namely, creativity. “We should link the topics of the plenary sessions to the general title of the WCP, *Learning to be human*”. Why not have a plenary session entitled “Becoming human through creation and art”, he asked. The dimension of human creativity should be reflected in some way, he said. His remarks were supported by Prof. HASHIMOTO.

President MORAN replied that the general themes formulated in the plenary sessions are developed in the Symposia and Thematic sections. The themes assigned to the 10 symposia dealt with such issues, breaking away from the themes of the plenary sessions, he observed.

Prof. KIM noted that the wish of Prof. SEEL in some way reflected the title of symposium no. 7 – Aesthetic Sense and Symbols – which deals with aesthetic sensitivity and creativity. One-word formulation of the Plenary sessions is good from the point of view of the Chinese translations of the titles in one character, she argued.

The discussion continued with other remarks and suggestions from the CD members on the plenary sessions.

Prof. KARASMANIS complained that there seemed to be no hard-core philosophy – meaning metaphysics, ethics, and so on – on this list of plenary themes; all of them seemed to him peripheral. “We have here a para-

philosophy but not a real philosophy”, he said, asking where, in these formulations, is philosophy as metaphysics, epistemology, ethics...

Wondering about including the theme of “Spirituality” as a Plenary session title, Prof. KUÇURADI observed that this formulation reflects rather a “cultural approach” than a strictly philosophical one; all this represents a non-Western approach to the matter, she said. Other CD members agreed with her opinion. President MORAN responded to this remark explaining that the construction of themes by the PC was meant to be from the top-down, with many of the individual Sections having the traditional Greek-based names.

Among the suggested plenary themes one of the most discussed was the one entitled “Community”. Prof. BILETZKI remarked that in this formulation the political dimension is missing, particularly as to the problem of human rights. Prof. KEMP proposed changing the title Community into Society, arguing that this title includes the political dimension. Other CD members agreed with this proposal (AGBAKOBA). Prof. BILETZKI suggested as a possible title Society and Politics.

Comments on the first plenary session – Self – were also made. Prof. MORAN explained that during the discussion in Beijing there was a proposal to call this session Identity; finally the concept of Self was retained because it is more abstract: it includes the problem of identity but also that of mind and self-understanding in different cultures. “We would like to show the different representations of this concept in different cultures”, he argued.

Prof. FUNG RIVERÓN remarked that in the proposed plenary session the global problems of humanity are not reflected. “We are in a state of disappearing as a species” she said and suggested including topics concerning the environment. Prof. MORAN answered that symposium numbers 5 and 6 include the problem of humanity, its environment and its future. The themes assigned to the 10 symposia deal with such issues, developing further the themes of the plenary sessions, he explained.

Prof. AGAZZI commented that the notion of systemic thinking should be represented in the plenary sessions or symposium titles, as well as the problem of globalization. He suggested integrating this notion in the themes of the plenary sessions, possibly within the session “Traditions”.

Prof. KUKOĆ remarked that 2018 will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx. He suggested devoting a session in the programme to that anniversary, particularly in relation to Marxist humanism and its relevance in contemporary world. The SECRETARY-GENERAL recalled that the topic Marxism (and Marxisms) was extensively discussed during the PC meeting and finally included in the thematic sections (number 30); however, he agreed with Prof. KUKOĆ that this anniversary deserves a proper space in the Congress.

Observations were made also on Symposium #5 – “Human, Non-human, Post-human” (THORGEIRSDÓTTIR, KARASMANIS, MORAN). After some discussion, it was agreed to confirm the title proposed by the Programme Committee.

Summarizing the various remarks on the subject, Prof. POZZO recalled once again that the one-word formulation of the plenary sessions had been adopted in order to make them as open as possible. President MORAN added that these plenary themes were chosen in cooperation with the Chinese hosts, who are eligible, as hosts, to present their own proposals. The PC has taken into account the themes they suggested, with the aim of drafting a most inclusive and philosophically grounded programme, he stressed.

Prof. SCHRADER cautioned the CD against undoing the work that the Programme Committee has achieved so far. He recalled the Steering Committee meeting in Mexico, during which there were major attempts to undo what the PC of that time had done. Defending the suggestions of the PC, he asked whether there was really anything in philosophy that could not be dealt with within the framework that the PC had proposed.

At the end, a vote was taken on the proposal to change the word Community in PS 2 to Society: 21 votes were expressed for Community; 11 for switching it to Society; and 1 abstention was registered. *The CD, therefore, approved the plenary sessions as proposed by the PC.*

Prof. SEEL demanded to include the notion of creativity within the title of the symposium on Aesthetics. Arguing that the titles of symposiums should be related to the general Congress theme, he suggested the following title: “Becoming human through creation and art”. Taking into account his remark, supported by other CD members, Prof. SCARANTINO argued in favor of integrating Prof. Seel’s preference for the term “creativity” within the work already realized by the Programme Committee; he suggested changing the title of the symposium “Aesthetic Sense and Symbol” to the following one: “Creativity, Symbol, and Aesthetic sense.” Prof. SEEL agreed, and the proposal was approved by the CD.

As a result, the following themes for the plenary sessions and symposia were approved:

PLENARY SESSIONS

1. Self
2. Community
3. Nature
4. Spirituality
5. Traditions

SYMPOSIA

- i. Ren, Ubuntu, Love, and the Heart
- ii. Mind, Brain, Body, Consciousness, Emotions
- iii. Philosophy at the Margins: Domination, Freedom, and Solidarity
- iv. Rights, Responsibility, and Justice
- v. Human, Non-human, Post-human
- vi. Science, Technology, and the Environment
- vii. Creativity, Symbol, and Aesthetic Sense
- viii. Reason, Wisdom, and the Good Life
- ix. Expressibility, Dialogue, Translatability
- x. *Symposium organized under the responsibility of the Chinese organizing committee*

7.4. Endowed Lectures

Prof. MORAN indicated that four Endowed Lectures are in existence so far, namely:

- 1/ Ibn Roshd
- 2/ Maimonides
- 3/ Kierkegaard
- 4/ East-West

Prof. KIM informed that the Korean Philosophical Association has decided to propose to the CD a change in the name of the Endowed Lecture they fund, in order to dedicate it to a prominent Korean philosopher: from “East-West Lecture” to “Dasan Lecture”.

Following the request of the Korean Philosophical Association, it was agreed to rename the “East-West Lecture” as “Dasan Lecture”.

Prof. TU reported that it was the intention of the Chinese organizers to propose a fifth Endowed Lecture, tentatively designated as Lecture on Chinese Philosophy, which might carry also the name of a Chinese philosopher – most likely Confucius.

The proposal of Confucius Endowed lecture was agreed by the CD.

Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR stated that the Committee on gender would like to create yet another Endowed lecture, provided an appropriate funding is obtained.

Prof. SCHRADER remarked that it would not be advisable to announce in the Programme a tentative lecture until the money is assured. Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR said that the Committee on gender will take charge of this issue.

President MORAN and the SECRETARY-GENERAL endorsed the proposal of this new lecture, and agreed to provide all necessary assistance to the Committee on gender in order to secure the necessary funding. Prof. MORAN suggested that this new Endowed Lecture might be dedicated to Simone de Beauvoir.

[The proposal of a new Endowed lecture sponsored by the Committee on gender was endorsed by the CD.](#)

7.5. List of the thematic sections of the Congress.

The discussion then turned on the subject of thematic sections.

The Chairperson of the PC, Prof. POZZO, explained the criteria adopted for choosing the proposed sections. He noted that some of the sections in the Athens' Programme were dropped; yet new ones were added. Then, he opened the discussion.

Prof. STEPANYANTS asked whether, when keeping a large number of the Athens thematic sections, the PC had first checked the number of participants in them. "One of the reasons to delete some sections was precisely the limited number of submissions in some of the sections in Athens", replied Prof. POZZO.

Prof. KUÇURADI asked, with respect to the numerous section titles beginning with the words "Philosophy of...", whether it might not be more appropriate to change them to "Philosophies of...", arguing that this would be a more academic approach.

Prof. KEMP suggested to keep the section "Philosophy of globalization", but proposed to add yet a section on "Cosmopolitanism". He recalled that the Invited session on that topic he organized in Athens was one of the most attended of the Congress. [This suggestion was approved.](#)

Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR proposed that section #56 "Philosophy of communication and information" be expanded to include a reference to the "digital age"; she also suggested that section #58, "Philosophy of death", might be expanded into "Philosophy of birth and death". This led to different formulations. Prof. MCBRIDE, in particular, argued against putting "digital age" and "communication" together. Philosophy of communication is completely different from philosophy of the digital, he argued: those who work in the philosophy of communication are interested in matters of rhetoric, and so on, not in electronics. Prof. BILETZKI suggested the formulation "Philosophy of communication, information and digital culture", or the possibility of having a second section on "Philosophy of information and the digital". Prof. MORAN proposed "Information and communication in the digital age", arguing in favor of separating sections on philosophy of communication and philosophy of information and the digital. As a result, it was agreed that it is more appropriate to divide the section "Philosophy of communication and information" into two: "Philosophy of communication" and "Philosophy of information and digital culture".

Prof. RAMOSE objected to the suggestion of extending "Philosophy of death" to "Philosophy of birth and death".

Another point of discussion referred to the place of Latin American philosophy in the list of thematic sections. Prof. FUNG RIVERÓN proposed that a section on Latin American philosophy be added. Prof. MORAN explained that the PC had decided to eliminate sections related to geographical areas, because at the last World Congress they had attracted very few submissions. The section "Philosophy of liberation" refers to Latin America, he stressed. Prof. AGAZZI responded that the phrase "Latin American philosophy" does not refer primarily to a geographical area; Latin American philosophy is a special area of research, and it does not overlap with the philosophy of liberation, he argued. He considered that both categories should be represented in the list of sections. Prof. KALTCHIEV agreed that "Philosophy in Latin America" does not refer necessarily to a geographical area. Later in the discussion he suggested reducing to a minimum the use of the formulation "Philosophy of...". The CD accepted the proposal of adding Latin American philosophy to the list of thematic sections, and to maintain the section Philosophy of Liberation.

On another domain, Prof. BONI suggested adding “Africana philosophy” to the list of thematic sections, saying that “African philosophy” and “Africana philosophy” were quite different things. Prof. RAMOSE supported the suggestion, giving more arguments in favor of it. Prof. SCARANTINO supported this proposal, recalling that a special issue of *Diogenes* had been devoted to Africana Philosophy just a few years ago. The CD agreed.

Some questions were raised regarding the sections with similar thematics. Prof. BILETZKI wondered why there were sections on both “Contemporary Philosophy” and “Contemporary Philosophies in China”. Prof. MORAN explained why the latter topic was needed in light of the situation of philosophy today in China, recalling that the discussion had been summarized in the minutes of the Programme committee meeting.

Prof. STEPANYANTS asked why there were separate sections for “Logic” and “Philosophy of logic” and suggested unifying the two sections. In reply, several interlocutors noted that these two categories were intended for two quite different sets of potential contributors.

NOTA BENE. The CD approved a list of 98 thematic sections. A few weeks after the Bangkok meeting, a request to raise the number of these sections to 99 was submitted by FISP’s Chinese partners, in agreement with the requirements of Chinese numerology. Following an online consultation of the CD, and despite the fact that the previous list of 98 sections had already circulated through FISP member societies, associations, and institutes, this request accepted without objections.

[As a result, a list of 99 thematic sections was approved. This list is annexed to these minutes.](#)

7.6. Rules for Invited Sessions, Round tables, Workshops, Student Sessions, and Society sessions.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL reminded the members of what the rules for Round tables and Invited sessions were and detailed the proposal of the PC on this topic.

Round tables are proposed by individuals, not necessarily from the CD, he said. They should include members from at least three different countries, although – he added – there has been some hesitation in the past as to whether the rule applies to the nationality of participants or to the country where they are based. Invited sessions are proposed, as a general rule, by Steering Committee or Programme Committee members. The organizing Committee of the Congress is not expected to cover the expenses of the panelists of Invited sessions, who are also expected to pay registration fees. The SECRETARY-GENERAL indicated that the PC has decided to keep the Student Sessions and Workshops as they were on the Programme of the Athens Congress. Societies are invited to propose their own sessions, he added. He recalled the common view of the members of the PC that Round tables should be included as a separate section in the first Circular.

Prof. KUKOĆ observed that panelists for Round Tables and Invited sessions should be distinguished philosophers. He added that it is necessary to adopt some criteria in order to ensure a good quality of contributed papers for thematic sections. We should think about the publication of Proceedings and select only papers of high quality both for Invited Sessions and Thematic Sections, Prof. KUKOĆ stressed.

[The CD endorsed the proposals of the PC on this matter.](#)

7.7. Registration fees

Moving to the next point of debate, Prof. POZZO indicated that the proposed registration fee for the WCP 2018 is \$200, which basically corresponds to the 200 Euros fee charged in Athens. After some discussion on the amount of fees, a general agreement was reached by the PC on the following figures, he said:

- 200 US\$ early registration prior to October 1, 2017.
- 225 US\$ for registration prior to February 1, 2018.
- 250 US\$ for registration after February 1, 2018.

100 US\$ for accompanying person.
50 US\$ for students.

To the question of Prof. STEPANYANTS as to what types of participants are exempted from fees, Prof. MORAN explained that those who are not required to pay are chairpersons and speakers at the Plenary Sessions, the Symposia, and the Endowed Lectures.

[The CD approved the PC's proposal for registration fees.](#)

7.8. Draft of the First Circular

Summarizing the discussion and decisions on the Programme and Logo of WCP 2018, President MORAN concluded that everything was now complete. This allows the preparation of the First Circular for the WCP, except for the website address where it should be posted. He recalled that the Circular shall appear in French, English, Chinese, and possibly in Arabic versions and will be sent to all interested institutions both physically and electronically.

As the structure of Congress was decided, the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY-GENERAL urged Steering Committee members to submit their proposals of speakers for the Symposia, Plenary Sessions, and Endowed Lectures. Prof. SCARANTINO mentioned that he would soon send out a circular letter to all member societies, CD members, and PC members to solicit relevant proposals to this effect.

8. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The SECRETARY-GENERAL indicated that 5 membership applications had been received, namely from:

- 1/ Association Ivoirienne des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPP)
- 2/ Sociedad filosófica del Uruguay
- 3/ Philosophical Society of Uzbekistan
- 4/ Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (SEFA)
- 5/ Kosovo Philosophical Association.

8.1. Association Ivoirienne des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPP)

Prof. BONI presented the application of the society of the AIPP. She underlined that it represents a large philosophical and teaching community. She presented briefly the society – year of foundation, members and main activities – stressing that during the period of war and unrest these activities had been suspended: now they have been resumed.

There being neither questions nor objections on this application, [the Association Ivoirienne des Professeurs de Philosophie \(AIPP\) was accepted as a full member of FISP.](#)

8.2. Sociedad filosófica del Uruguay

The Philosophical Society of Uruguay was presented by the Secretary-general, Prof. SCARANTINO: its foundation, members, and main activities. He mentioned that this application was encouraged by Prof. CHATEAUBRIAND, and expressed the wish that the CD would endorse it.

[The Philosophical Society of Uruguay was accepted as a full member of FISP.](#)

8.3. Philosophical Society of Uzbekistan

The Philosophical society of Uzbekistan was briefly presented by the Secretary-general, Prof. SCARANTINO.

The application provoked some comments and questions. Prof. STEPANYANTS indicated that she had three qualms concerning this application, or rather three questions that she wished to have answered, if possible: (1) Why

did the list of members include only scholars from Tashkent, and none from the Uzbekistan Institute of Philosophy? (2) Why were there so many names on the membership list without addresses? (3) Why did the statutes and statement place so much emphasis on Uzbek philosophy? She wished these issues to be clarified, while recommending the acceptance of the society.

Prof. KUÇURADI supported this application, noting that the society was very active. Prof. AAVANI noted, on his part, some controversial points in the application: Avicenna was not, as claimed in the documents submitted, Uzbek, but Iranian.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL proposed to accept the application, and announced that he would write an official letter to the society asking its Presidency to clarify these issues.

The Philosophical Society of Uzbekistan was accepted as a full member of FISP.

8.4. Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (SEFA)

Presenting the society, the SECRETARY-GENERAL noted that it was again Prof. CHATEAUBRIAND who had originally suggested its membership. In the subsequent discussion Prof. LEPORE and Prof. SCHRADER both indicated that they were familiar with this group and some of its members, and strongly recommended the endorsement of its membership.

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

8.5. Kosovo Philosophical Association

The application of the Kosovo Philosophical Association was introduced by Prof. SCARANTINO, with the understanding that, since it had only been created in July 2014, it would not yet meet the FISP condition for admission. However, he noted, he accepted to present it to the CD upon recommendation of Prof. KUKOĆ in consideration of the particular social and cultural situation of Kosovo.

Prof. KUKOĆ supported the application, indicating that although this is really a newly founded society, it is very active. Nevertheless, he did agree that the admission could be postponed to the next CD meeting when the society will have existed for almost two years. “We can encourage them to present their application at the next meeting”, he said. Prof. VIRVIDAKIS reported that there had been a recent reduction of funds for cultural activities in Kosovo, so this society was in need of FISP’s support. He also suggested encouraging them to present their application later.

Prof. SCHRADER moved in favor of admitting this society in 2016, with actual membership starting in July 2016, when the society will have been in existence for two years.

This suggestion was endorsed by the CD.

9. REQUESTS FOR PATRONAGE

Prof. AGAZZI announced that a conference on “Fiat Lux” will take place in Rome on June 3-5 at the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum. Several FISP CD members (MORAN, AGAZZI, VELÁZQUEZ, POZZO) will attend it. He asked the patronage of FISP for this event.

On the other hand, the SECRETARY-GENERAL reported that a new Philosophical Festival would take place on the island of Ischia, where the Steering Committee met in 2009, in co-operation with the Italian Institute of Philosophical Studies. They, too, requested the patronage of FISP. Prof. KALTENBACHER added that this festival is seeking support from FISP, and underlined that the projected festival has no political dimensions and that FISP could give its endorsement without any financial engagement.

Both requests for FISP’s patronage were agreed by the CD.

10. REPORTS OF FISP CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The first to report was Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR on behalf of the new Committee on gender. She presented the members of this Committee: BILETZKI, BONI, KIM, RAMOSE, SATHA-ANAND, SCARANTINO, MORAN, and herself, from within the CD; Maria BAGHRAMIAN, Herta NAGL-DOCEKAL, Susanne LETTOW, Hilde LINDEMANN, and Robin WANG as external members.

The Committee had a first meeting on March 27, 2014 at Chulalongkorn University. It is in the process of drafting its statutes. This committee would like, if it can obtain the funds, to support an Endowed Lecture, she confirmed. At its meeting, discussions centered on the dearth of women philosophers in some places and the desire to increase the number of women in the philosophical canon, Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR informed. She finally asked the agreement of the CD to invite new external members to join the committee, and received a favorable response.

Prof. SEEL, on behalf of the Committee on Aesthetics, reported that this committee is eager to bring more International Association of Aesthetics members as speakers at the World Congress in Beijing, and that it is closely monitoring the role being assigned to aesthetics in the preparations for that Congress.

In the absence of Prof. VARGAS LOZANO, Prof. MORAN presented his report for the Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy. It has created a website, which it wishes eventually to make into a major resource for the teaching of philosophy in English and Spanish (teachingphilosophy-fisp.org). The main contents and layout of the website had been sent to the PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY-GENERAL, and were shown to the CD³.

Prof. Wenchao LI presented the report of the Committee on the History of Philosophy. At its meeting, it discussed a mission statement. It wishes to promote discussion of the so-called “great philosophers”. It is also interested in scholarly texts and on the promotion of dialogue among different traditions. It likes to maintain special ties with the philosophy center in Latvia (directed by former CD member Maija Kūle), given its work in publishing reports on philosophy in different countries worldwide. It is working on developing a symposium on Leibniz, abetted by Prof. POZZO. Next year will mark the 300th anniversary of Leibniz’s death. Also, with the help of Prof. NAGL-DOCEKAL, there will be a Leibniz conference in Vienna.

The chair of the Committee on Human Rights, Prof. BILETZKI, presented its report. She mentioned that the Committee had met in Bangkok in the days that preceded the CD meeting, and recalled the committee members. The Committee will continue to have as members Prof. KUÇURADI, STEPANIANTS, and VIRVIDAKIS from within the CD; Profs. Myrto-Dragona MONACHOU, Stavroula TSINOREMA, Georgia APOSTOLOPOULOU, and Dimitris DIMITRAKOS, as external members. However, she observed that it needs to be more broadly based. The committee is capable of doing good work with respect to research and teaching, but she stressed the need to do more work on-the-ground.

The report of the Committee on International Cooperation was presented by its chair Prof. KUKOČ. He informed the CD, first, of the new members of this Committee – Profs. BONI, RAMOSE, SCHRADER, and KÜLE. Then he communicated the planned activities of the Committee. It hopes to continue to collect reports on philosophy in various countries and to publish them. It especially needs additional reports from Africa and Latin America. It wishes to hold some kind of special meeting at the World Congress in Beijing. And it would like to find a means of providing more information on ongoing international conferences.

Finally, Prof. RENDTORFF presented the report of the Committee on Bioethics. It has not been too active as of late, although it was quite active at the last World Congress. It hopes to be able to hold conferences with UNESCO on bioethics in various countries. It wishes to pursue further the problems of people with disabilities, of whom there are about 1 000 000 000 in the world. Professor RENDTORFF attended a conference on bioethics very recently, along with Prof. KEMP, in Santiago, Chile.

³ Since the Steering Committee meeting, a link to this website has been created on the first page of the FISP website.

11. IPO 2015

President MORAN informed the CD about the next meeting of the International Philosophy Olympiads, to be held in Tartu, Estonia, from May 14 to 18, 2015. The scholarly topic chosen for this edition is « Disagreements ». In accordance with a recent consultation of the whole Steering Committee, the representatives of FISP at the Olympiad this year will be Prof. MCBRIDE, Prof. SEEL and Prof. VIRVIDAKIS, he recalled.

12. NEXT CD MEETINGS

The SECRETARY-GENERAL mentioned that, after a decision was made to meet in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, in 2016, unexpected concerns had been expressed to him by some CD members. Some members had expressed hesitation regarding a CD meeting in Ivory Coast because of the recent epidemic of Ebola in three countries of West Africa. The Secretary General stated: “I am very much in favor of going to Ivory Coast, and one of the reasons for that is our will to show support from the international community for the rebuilding and expansion of the Université Houphouët-Boigny in Abidjan. At the CD meeting in Beijing 2014 we have taken the decision to have our CD meeting, 2016 in Abidjan. Yet, in the last months several CD members have showed a growing concern related with the outbreak of Ebola in neighboring countries to Ivory Coast”, the SECRETARY-GENERAL noted. He further recognized that there is no evidence of Ebola cases in Ivory Coast, but he had to report the members’ worries, and submit them to the attention of the CD. He added that these concerns were already recorded in the Minutes of the Programme Committee meeting, and that he had brought them to the attention of Prof. BONI in the months that preceded the CD meeting.

Prof. MORAN informed the Committee that, shortly before leaving for Bangkok, he has received an email with an attached letter of invitation from Prof. João Carlos SALLES, President of the Federal University of Bahia, in Brazil, who is an acquaintance of Prof. CHATEAUBRIAND. He read the letter to the meeting. Prof. Salles invites the CD members to attend a Conference on “Reason and Intuition”, and proposes to host a CD meeting in conjunction with the symposium. The proposed dates are April 11-14, 2016⁴. Prof. MORAN explained that he had not circulated this letter to the CD because of the existing invitation from Ivory Coast, but given the mentioned health concerns it might be taken in consideration. He added that he favored keeping up contact with the Brazilians, particularly in view of a possible bid by Brazil for the World Congress in 2023.

Prof. BONI responded, saying that she was not sure how to react in light of this unexpected questioning of an already decided issue. She said that the CD meeting in Abidjan would be held in conjunction with a conference on human dignity; members of the Steering Committee would be hosted by the Université Houphouët-Boigny in Abidjan, with the support of the official authorities of the country. Responding to a query by Prof. MORAN, she explained that the necessary resources were not secured yet; however, she expected them to be made available shortly. She finally added that, if the CD showed the wish to reconsider this already decided issue, she would withdraw the invitation to meet in Abidjan.

In the subsequent long and at some moments distressing discussion, some CD members suggested postponing the decision. Others, on the contrary, insisted that the issue should be decided now. “We are here more than 30 persons. We can decide now”, argued Prof. KUÇURADI.

The ensuing discussion on the matter involved various groups of opinions. Some CD members considered that, as a matter of principle, an already taken decision should be respected, arguing that there is no a real danger of Ebola in Ivory Coast (MCBRIDE, KUÇURADI, AGBAKOBA). Others insisted on the importance of the next CD meeting for the preparation of the WCP 2018 and argued that if just few members of the CD attended this meeting, the preparation of the Congress might be compromised. “The next CD meeting is the most important from the point of view of the Congress’s preparation. That is the meeting where we should decide practically everything of the WCP

⁴ See Annex.

2018: the programme, the main speakers, the invited sessions, etc.”, said Prof. AGAZZI; he recommended that the CD not miss the opportunity of the Brazilian invitation. He recalled that the CD has already faced similar situations: for instance, in 2010 the CD meeting was held in Mexico instead of the planned gathering in Tehran. He also suggested that the commitment to Ivory Coast might be respected in some other form.

In response to the objection raised by some CD members that this discussion might be indicative of a neglect of the African continent, others reminded them that the CD meeting in Benin was held just 3 years ago. The SECRETARY-GENERAL recalled that similar concerns emerged many years ago at CIPSH, when a planned Assembly in China had to face the “bird flu” crisis. Some members recalled the inconveniences they had had in obtaining the visa for Benin and wondered whether the same problem would not be the case for Ivory Coast.

Many voices were raised in favor of finding a well-balanced solution to the issue. “There is a formal decision for the next CD meeting, but there is also the reality of people’s worries”, said the SECRETARY-GENERAL, noting that he is for supporting the commitment. He suggested the possibility of having a meeting of the Bureau of FISP with along the planned conference. “We can look further (with the collaboration of Prof. Boni) into what kind of solution we can find in order to respect our commitment, which essentially aims at supporting the philosophical community of Ivory Coast after years of social unrest”, he stressed. Prof. RAMOSE invited the Committee to respect Prof. BONI’s decision to withdraw her invitation, and to move on. Prof. KUÇURADI and Prof. MCBRIDE noted that Prof. Boni withdrew her invitation under protest.

Prof. KIM and SATHA-ANAND considered that the concerns of CD members should not be discarded. Prof. SATHA-ANAND invited members to consider that, even if there is no actual danger of Ebola in Ivory Coast, the perception of danger plays a role in making decisions, and should be taken into account.

The idea of having a Bureau meeting in Abidjan along with the planned conference on Human dignity was supported by Hon. President KEMP and other CD members. “We can have a conference in Ivory Coast with a Bureau meeting there, and also take the opportunity to go to Brazil”, suggested Prof. RENDTORFF. He likewise mentioned the possibility of having two meetings next spring, namely a Steering Committee meeting in Brazil and a conference in Ivory Coast.

The delicacy of the concerns that arose during the discussion led to the decision to take no vote on the matter. Summarizing the debates, President MORAN stated that an agreement shall be sought with the Federal University of Salvador in order to negotiate the conditions for a CD meeting in Brazil, while looking for an alternative way to respect FISP commitment toward the scholarly community of Ivory Coast.

13. PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORLD CONGRESS IN ATHENS

At the end of the discussion on the previous issue, Prof. MCBRIDE was asked by Prof. MORAN to report on the status of the Proceedings of the World Congress in Athens. He was pleased to report that the printed volume, with all the major addresses, was in final pre-publication form and on the verge of being printed; the work on the CD-Rom gathering the other papers would begin soon.

14. VARIA

President MORAN recalled the decisions taken by the CD in Beijing to increase the visibility of FISP. He urged the CD members who have not yet sent their photos and bios to the bureau to do so as soon as possible in order to post this information on the FISP website.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 18h00.

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SYNOPSIS

DATES OF THE CONGRESS

August 13-20, 2018.

TITLE

- Learning to Be Human
- Apprendre à être humain
- 學以成人
- УЧИТЬСЯ БЫТЬ ЧЕЛОВЕКОМ
- Aprender a ser humano
- Lernen Mensch zu sein

PLENARY SESSIONS

1. Self
2. Community
3. Nature
4. Spirituality
5. Traditions

SYMPOSIA

- i. Ren, Ubuntu, Love, and the Heart
- ii. Mind, Brain, Body, Consciousness, Emotions
- iii. Philosophy at the Margins: Domination, Freedom, and Solidarity
- iv. Rights, Responsibility, and Justice
- v. Human, Non-human, Post-human
- vi. Science, Technology, and the Environment
- vii. Creativity, Symbol, and Aesthetic Sense
- viii. Reason, Wisdom, and the Good Life
- ix. Expressibility, Dialogue, Translatability
- x. *Symposium organized under the responsibility of the Chinese organizing committee*

SECTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

1. Aesthetics and philosophies of art
2. African philosophy
3. Africana philosophy
4. Ancient Greek philosophy
 - i. Presocratic philosophy
 - ii. Classical Greek philosophy
 - iii. Hellenistic philosophy
 - iv. Neo-Platonic philosophy
5. Bioethics
6. Buddhist philosophy
7. Business ethics
8. Byzantine philosophy
9. Chinese philosophy
 - i. Pre-Qin philosophy
 - ii. Philosophy from Han to Qing
 - iii. Modern Chinese philosophy
 - iv. Contemporary Chinese philosophy
10. Christian philosophy
11. Comparative philosophy
12. Conceptual history
13. Confucian philosophy
14. Contemporary philosophy
15. Contemporary philosophies in China
16. Cosmopolitanism
17. Daoist philosophy
18. Environmental philosophy
19. Ethics
20. Ethics in research
21. Existential Philosophy
22. Experimental Philosophy
23. History of Analytic Philosophy
24. History of philosophy
25. Humanism and post-humanism
26. Human rights
27. Indian philosophies
28. Intercultural philosophy
29. Islamic philosophy
30. Jewish philosophy
31. Latin-American philosophy
32. Logic
33. Marxist philosophy
34. Medical ethics
35. Medieval philosophy
36. Metaphilosophy
37. Metaphysics
38. Mystical traditions in philosophy
39. Moral psychology
40. Ontology
41. Phenomenology
42. Philosophical anthropology
43. Philosophical counseling and therapy
44. Philosophical hermeneutics
45. Philosophical issues about race
46. Philosophy and cinema
47. Philosophy and linguistics
48. Philosophy and literature
49. Philosophy and popular culture
50. Philosophy and oral traditions
51. Philosophy and psychoanalysis
52. Philosophy at the margins
53. Philosophy for children
54. Philosophy of action
55. Philosophy of architecture
56. Philosophy of argumentation
57. Philosophy of artificial intelligence
58. Philosophy of cognitive neurosciences
59. Philosophy of communication
60. Philosophy of culture
61. Philosophy of death
62. Philosophy of development
63. Philosophy of economics
64. Philosophy of education
65. Philosophy of family
66. Philosophy of food
67. Philosophy of gender
68. Philosophy of globalization
69. Philosophy of history
70. Philosophy of indigenous cultures
71. Philosophy of information and digital culture
72. Philosophy of language
73. Philosophy of law
74. Philosophy of liberation
75. Philosophy of logic
76. Philosophy of mathematics
77. Philosophy of mind
78. Philosophy of music
79. Philosophy of nature
80. Philosophy of physics
81. Philosophy of religion
82. Philosophy of science
83. Philosophy of sex and love
84. Philosophy of sport
85. Philosophy of technology
86. Philosophy of the axial age
87. Philosophy of the body
88. Philosophy of the human and social sciences
89. Philosophy of the life sciences
90. Philosophy of values
91. Political philosophy
92. Postmodernism
93. Renaissance and early modern philosophy
94. Russian philosophy
95. Social philosophy
96. Sociology of philosophy
97. Teaching philosophy
98. Theories of knowledge and epistemology
- 99.



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SÉANCES PLÉNIÈRES

1. Soi
2. Communauté
3. Nature
4. Spiritualité
5. Traditions

SYMPOSIA

- i. Ren, ubuntu, amour et le cœur
- ii. Esprit, cerveau, corps, conscience et émotions
- iii. La Philosophie dans les marges : domination, liberté et solidarité
- iv. Droits, responsabilité et justice
- v. Humain, non-humain, posthumain
- vi. Science, technique et environnement
- vii. Créativité, symbole et sens esthétique
- viii. Raison, sagesse et la vie bonne
- ix. Exprimer, dialoguer, traduire
- x. *Symposium organisé par les soins du Comité organisateur chinois*

SECTIONS THÉMATIQUES

1. Esthétique
et philosophies de l'art
2. Philosophie africaine
3. Philosophie Africana
4. Philosophie grecque ancienne
 - i. Philosophie présocratique
 - ii. Philosophie de la Grèce classique
 - iii. Philosophie hellénistique
 - iv. Philosophie néoplatoniste
5. Bioéthique
6. Philosophie bouddhiste
7. Éthique des affaires
8. Philosophie byzantine
9. Philosophie chinoise
 - i. Époque pré-Qin
 - ii. De l'époque Han à l'époque Qing
 - iii. Philosophie chinoise moderne
 - iv. Philosophie chinoise contemporaine
10. Philosophie chrétienne
11. Philosophie comparée
12. Histoire conceptuelle
13. Philosophie confucéenne
14. Philosophie contemporaine
15. Philosophies contemporaines en Chine
16. Cosmopolitisme
17. Philosophie daoïste
18. Philosophie de l'environnement
19. Éthique
20. Éthique de la recherche
21. Philosophie de l'existence
22. Philosophie expérimentale
23. Histoire de la philosophie analytique
24. Histoire de la philosophie
25. Humanisme et posthumanisme
26. Droits humains
27. Philosophies indiennes
28. Philosophie interculturelle
29. Philosophie islamique
30. Philosophie juive
31. Philosophie latino-américaine
32. Logique
33. Philosophie marxiste
34. Éthique médicale
35. Philosophie médiévale
36. Métaphilosophie
37. Métaphysique
38. Traditions mystiques en philosophie
39. Psychologie morale
40. Ontologie
41. Phénoménologie
42. Anthropologie philosophique
43. Conseil et thérapie philosophiques
44. Herméneutique philosophique
45. Questions philosophiques sur la race
46. Philosophie et cinéma
47. Philosophie et linguistique
48. Philosophie and littérature
49. Philosophie et culture populaire
50. Philosophie et traditions orales
51. Philosophie et psychanalyse
52. Philosophie dans les marges
53. Philosophie pour enfants
54. Philosophie de l'action
55. Philosophie de l'architecture
56. Philosophie de l'argumentation
57. Philosophie de l'intelligence artificielle
58. Philosophie des neurosciences cognitives
59. Philosophie de la communication
60. Philosophie de la culture
61. Philosophie de la mort
62. Philosophie du développement
63. Philosophie de l'économie
64. Philosophie de l'éducation
65. Philosophie de la famille
66. Philosophie de la nourriture
67. Philosophie du genre
68. Philosophie de la globalisation
69. Philosophie de l'histoire
70. Philosophie des cultures indigènes
71. Philosophie de l'information et de la culture numérique
72. Philosophie du langage
73. Philosophie du droit
74. Philosophie de la libération
75. Philosophie de la logique
76. Philosophie des mathématiques
77. Philosophie de l'esprit
78. Philosophie de la musique
79. Philosophie de la nature
80. Philosophie de la physique
81. Philosophie de la religion
82. Philosophie des sciences
83. Philosophie de la sexualité et de l'amour
84. Philosophie du sport
85. Philosophie de la technique
86. Philosophie de l'âge axial
87. Philosophie du corps
88. Philosophie des sciences humaines et sociales
89. Philosophie des sciences de la vie
90. Philosophie des valeurs
91. Philosophie politique
92. Postmodernisme
93. Philosophie de la Renaissance et de l'âge moderne
94. Philosophie russe
95. Philosophie sociale
96. Sociologie de la philosophie
97. Enseigner la philosophie
98. Théories de la connaissance et épistémologie
- 99.

FONDS CONGRES MONDIAUX (FISP) : BILAN au 11 MARS 2015

Avoir au 17.03.2014

Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 648.92
Titres (10 parts UBS(Lux)	
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	<u>CHF 11'493.00</u>
TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 12'141.92
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Gain net	CHF 659.04
	CHF 12'800.96

Avoir au 11.03.2015

Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 774.96
Titres (10 parts UBS(Lux)	
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	<u>CHF 12'026.00</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 12'800.96
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Selon les documents bancaires du 17.03.2014 et du 11.03.2015

The Fonds Congrès Mondiaux has been created to pay for the Maimonides Lecture.

In addition there exist the following three endowed Lectures:

>The Ibn Rushd Lecture has been endowed by the Philosophical Society of Turkey. The Philosophical Society of Turkey (Prof.Ioanna Kucuradi) pays the Lecturer at each World Congress of Philosophy.

>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.

>The East-West Lecture has been endowed in January 2012 by the Korean Philosophical Association. The Korean Philosophical Association pays the Lecturer at each World Congress of Philosophy.

FISP - SOCIÉTÉS

Etat des paiements des cotisations jusqu'au 11.03.2015

Pays	Nom de la Société	v¹	a²
Afrique du Sud	Philosophical Society of Southern Africa	1	2013
Allemagne	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie	2	2015
Allemagne	Kantgesellschaft	1	2016
Argentine	Asociacion Filosófica Argentina (AFRA)	1	2013
Argentine	Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas (CIF)	1	2017
Argentine	Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico (SADAF)	1	2015
Argentine	Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía (Soarfil)	1	2013
Australasie	Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)	1	2015
Autriche	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (OeGP)	1	2015
Azerbaïdjan	Association of Global and Civilizational Studies	0	2014
Belgique	Belgian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (BSLPS)	1	2012
Belgique	Société Philosophique de Louvain	1	2013
Brésil	Academia Brasileira de Filosofia (Rio de Janeiro)	1	2013
Brésil	Instituto Brasileiro de Filosofia (Sao Paulo)	1	2013
Brésil	Sociedade Brasileira de Filosofia Analítica	1	2015
Bulgarie	Bulgarian Philosophical Association	1	2015
Canada	Canadian Philosophical Association - Association Canadienne de Philosophie	0	2016
Canada	Société de Philosophie du Québec (SPQ)	1	2014
Chili	Asociación Chilena de Filosofía (ACHIF)	1	2016
Chine	Institute of Philosophy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1	2013
Chine	Institute of Philosophy of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences	1	2014
Chine	Chinese Association of Philosophy (CAP) in Taiwan	1	2014
Corée du Nord	Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS)	2	2011
Corée du Sud	Korean Philosophical Association	2	2015
Croatie	Croatian Philosophical Society - Hrvatsko filozofsko društvo	1	2015
Cuba	Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosóficas (SCIF)	1	2018
Danemark	Danish Philosophical Association – Dansk Filosofisk Selskab	1	2014
Danemark	Filosofisk Forum - Forum Philosophique de Copenhague	1	2014
Espagne	Sociedad Académica de Filosofía (SAF)	1	2013
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Alain Locke Society (ALS)	1	2014
Etats-Unis-Amérique	American Philosophical Association (APA)	4	2015
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Charles S. Peirce Society	1	2014
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC)	1	2009
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)	1	2014
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)	1	2013
Finlande	Philosophical Society of Finland - Suomen Filosofinen Yhdistys	1	2013
France	Société Française de Philosophie (SFP)	2	2014
Grande-Bretagne	Britisch Philosophical Association	1	2015
Grande-Bretagne	Royal Institute of Philosophy	2	2015
Grèce	Fondation de Recherche et d'Édition Philosophique Néohellénique	½	2013

¹ votes

² années (payé jusqu'à)

Grèce	Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens	1	2014
Grèce	Société Grecque de Philosophie - Greek Philosophical Society	1	2013
Grèce	Société Hellénique d'Etudes Philosophiques	½	2013
Guatemala	Asociación Guatemalteca de Filosofía (AGF)	1	2013
Hongrie	Hungarian Philosophical Association - Magyar Filozófiai Társaság	2	2009
Inde	All India Philosophical Association - Akhila Bharatiya Darshan Parishad	1	2013
Inde	Centre for Studies in Civilizations.	1	2014
Inde	Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR)	1	2015
Inde	Indian Philosophical Congress (IPC)	1	2013
Iran	Iranian Philosophical Society (IPS) - Anjomane Elmie Hekmat va Falsafehe Iran	1	2014
Iran	Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (SIPRI)	1	2015
Irlande	Academy Committee for Philosophy and Ethics	2	2014
Irlande	Irish Philosophical Society - Cumann Fealsúnachta na hEireann	1	2013
Islande	Icelandic Philosophical Society - Felag Ahugamanna um Heimspeki	0	2015
Israël	New Israeli Philosophy Society	1	2014
Italie	Fondazione Centro Studi Filosofici di Gallarate	1	2014
Italie	Istituto di Studi Filosofici "Enrico Castelli" (Roma)	1	2000
Italie	Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici (IISF, Napoli)	1	2014
Italie	Società Filosofica Italiana (SFI)	2	2015
Italie	Società Italiana di Estetica (SIE) (should have replaced in 2012 the Associazione Italiana Studi di Estetica (AISE))	1	never paid
Japon	Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS)	2	2014
Lettonie	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Latvia - Latvijas Universitātes Filozofijas un Socioloģijas Instituts	1	2014
Luxembourg	Société Luxembourgeoise de Philosophie	1	2003
Macédoine (ARYM)	Philosophical Society of Macedonia – Filozofsko društvo na Makedonija	1	2009
Maroc	Association Marocaine de Philosophie (AMP) (En 2008, à Seoul, le Conseil International de Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines (CIPSH) a payé un acompte de 100 USD (équivalent alors à 100 CHF) en faveur de l'Association Marocaine de Philosophie)	1	1998
Mexique	Asociación Filosófica de México (AFM)	2	2013
Mexique	Sociedad Mexicana de Filosofía (SMF)	1	2014
Mongolie	Mongolian Association of Philosophy (MAP) - Mongolnyn Filosofijn Kholboo	1	2012
Nepal	Society for Philosophy and Literary Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal	1	2013
Nigéria	Nigerian Philosophical Association Association	1	2013
Pakistan	Islamic Philosophical Association of Pakistan (IPA)	1	2013
Pays-Bas	Société Générale Néerlandaise de Philosophie – Algemene Nederlandse Vereniging voor Wijsbegeerte (ANVW)	1	2013
Philippines	Philippine Academy of Philosophical Research (PAPR)	1	2013
Philippines	Philosophical Association of the Philippines (PAP)	1	2015
Pologne	Polish Philosophical Society - Polskie Towarzystwo Filozoficzne	2	2010
Portugal	Sociedade Portuguesa de Filosofia (SPF)	1	2014
Roumanie	Romanian Academy, Section of Philosophy, Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy	1	2013

Russie	Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences	2	2014 partly
Russie	Russian Philosophical Society - Rossijskoe Filosofovskoe Obshchestvo	2	2015
Sénégal	Société Sénégalaise de Philosophie (SO.SE.PHI)	1	2013
Slovaquie	Slovak Philosophical Association - Slovenské Filozofické Združenie	1	2014
Suède	Swedish Philosophical Association - Svenska Filosofiska sällskapet	1	2006
Suisse	Société Suisse de Philosophie - Schweizerische Philosophische Gesellschaft	2	2014
Thaïlande	Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand (PARST)	1	2014
Tchéquie	Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic - Filosofický ústav Akademie věd ČR	1	2013
Turquie	Philosophical Society of Turkey - Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu	1	2014
Ukraine	Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation - Ukrainskiy-filosofskiy-fond	1	2013
Venezuela	Sociedad Venezolana de Filosofía	1	2011
z-Internationale	Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences (AIPS)	1	2014
z-Internationale	Afro-Asian Philosophy Association (AAPA)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación (AFYL)	1	2018
z-Internationale	Association des Sociétés de Philosophie de Langue Française (ASPLF)	1	2015
z-Internationale	Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPPh)	1	2014
z-Internationale	Association of Chinese Philosophers in North America (admitted in October 2012)	1	never paid
z-Internationale	Conference on Philosophical Societies (CoPS)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Conseil Interafricain de Philosophie	1	2013
z-Internationale	Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)	1	2015
z-Internationale	George Santayana Society (GSS)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft	1	2014
z-Internationale	Institut International de Philosophie (IIP)	1	2015
z-Internationale	International Association for Aesthetics (IAA)	0	2013
z-Internationale	International Association for Greek Philosophy	1	2013
z-Internationale	International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)	0	2015
z-Internationale	International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC)	1	2014
z-Internationale	International Association of Centers for Peirce Studies (IACPS)	0	2008
z-Internationale	International Association of Women Philosophers - Internationale Assoziation von Philosophinnen	1	2014
z-Internationale	International Plato Society (IPS)	1	2013
z-Internationale	International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP)	1	2014
z-Internationale	International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)	1	2013
z-Internationale	International Society for Islamic Philosophy	1	2014
z-Internationale	International Society for Metaphysics	1	2013
z-Internationale	International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)	1	2006
z-Internationale	International Society for Universal Dialogue (ISUD)	1	2015
z-Internationale	International Society for Value Inquiry (ISVI)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Internationale Hegel-Gesellschaft	0	2012
z-Internationale	Internationale Hegel-Vereinigung (Internationale Vereinigung zur Förderung des Studiums der Hegelschen Philosophie)	1	2008

z-Internationale	Karl Jaspers Society of North America (KJSNA)	1	2018
z-Internationale	Latin American Association for Analytic Philosophy (ALFAn)	1	2014
z-Internationale	North American Sartre Society - La Société Sartrienne de l'Amérique du Nord	1	2014
z-Internationale	North American Society for Social Philosophy	1	2014
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	2013
z-Internationale	Tomonobu Imamichi Institute for Eco-Ethics	1	2013
z-Internationale	World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies	1	2013
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 Sécurité humaine, démocratie et philosophie, Secteur des sciences sociales et humaines	--	

F I S P : BILAN au 11 MARS 2015

Avoir au 17.03.2014 (1 Euro = 1.21306 CHF)

Caisse	CHF	- . - -
Compte personnel H	CHF	9'888.03
Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF	17'539.32
Compte personnel G (EUR)		
EUR 21'542.26 =	CHF	26'132.05
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)		
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>56'315.00</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	109'874.40
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Gain net	CHF	2'597.50
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	CHF	112'471.90
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Avoir au 11.03.2015 (1 Euro = 1.07034 CHF)

Caisse	CHF	- . - -
Compte personnel H	CHF	10'165.95
Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF	18'165.95
Compte personnel G (EUR)		
EUR 23'558.25 =	CHF	25'215.00
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)		
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>58'925.00</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	112'471.90
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F I S P : BILAN en Euro au 11 MARS 2015

Avoir au 17.03.2014 (1 Euro = 1.21306 CHF)

Caisse (CHF/EUR)	EUR	- . - -
Compte personnel H (CHF)		
CHF 9'888.03 =	EUR	8'151.31
Compte d'épargne M1W (CHF)		
CHF 17'539.32 =	EUR	14'458.74
Compte personnel G (EUR)	EUR	21'542.26
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)		
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)		
CHF 56'315.00 =	EUR	<u>46'423.92</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	EUR	90'576.23
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Gain net	EUR	14'504.62
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EUR 105'080.85

Avoir au 11.03.2015 (1 Euro = 1.07034 CHF)

Caisse (CHF/EUR)	EUR	- . - -
Compte personnel H (CHF)		
CHF 10'165.95 =	EUR	9'497.87
Compte d'épargne M1W (CHF)		
CHF 18'165.95 =	EUR	16'972.13
Compte personnel G (EUR)	EUR	23'558.25
Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)		
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)		
CHF 58'925.00 =	EUR	<u>55'052.60</u>

TOTAL AVOIR

EUR 105'080.85
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FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIÉTÉS DE PHILOSOPHIE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES

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To the Member Organisations of CIPSH.
Cc. : Members of CIPSH Bureau.

September 3rd, 2014.

Dear Colleagues,
Chères et Chers Collègues,

It is our duty to inform you that the Steering Committee of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP), during its last meeting held in Beijing, China, has taken into account the possibility of withdrawing from CIPSH. It was decided after some discussion that FISP, a founding member of CIPSH, would continue its membership for the current year; we agreed that we would reassess the matter at our next Steering Committee meeting, to be held in March 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. In addition, we were mandated by the Steering Committee to bring to your attention FISP's concerns about the ongoing state of affairs within CIPSH.

There is a sense within FISP that CIPSH ought to be seriously reformed. As an international organization created by UNESCO, and designed to work closely with it, CIPSH has relied since its inception on resources provided by UNESCO, and by UNESCO only. UNESCO's disengagement now forces CIPSH to redefine its missions, goals, programmes, and working modalities. In particular, it is our conviction that one of CIPSH's main features, the redistribution to our Federations of resources that UNESCO used to provide under different funding schemes, is gone forever.

We are aware that UNESCO's disengagement is no recent decision. A crucial step in this direction dates back to the mid-1990s, when UNESCO put an end to its system of annual subventions, which had made CIPSH's life possible for over 45 years, and replaced them by a new system of programme-based "framework agreements". This change went along with an all-in-one cut of 50% of the resources allotted to CIPSH. During the first decade of the new century, though, UNESCO's plan of activities granted a significant place to philosophy. This made it possible for CIPSH to maintain its role of main partner of UNESCO in the humanities; limited, yet sufficient resources were provided for the basic needs of its secretariat; financial support could still be provided to activities run by its Member societies. A positive dynamic led UNESCO to involve CIPSH into other programmes of humanistic import, such as the Proclamation of the Masterpieces of Intangible Heritage (2002-2005). Several issues of *Diogenes* were published in partnership with various UNESCO programmes, with mutual satisfaction.

In the last years, two main facts concurred to change this state of things. On the one hand, the financial crisis that followed the admission of Palestine as a member State, and the subsequent loss of all pending U.S. contributions; on the other hand, UNESCO seems to no longer consider the humanities as an essential part of its activities. This may roughly be seen as the effect of a long-lasting pressure by a significant number of Member States, whose representatives have

repeatedly argued in favor of a transfer of resources from the humanities to other sectors of activity.

The current crisis of CIPSH appears to our eyes as an effect of this turn in UNESCO's policy. It seems to us that three possible scenarios might be outlined in relation to CIPSH's future.

1/ We might wish to resume our partnership with UNESCO. This possibility seems unrealistic to us. UNESCO has virtually terminated its programmes in the humanities. All the projects in which CIPSH was involved, such as the "Pathways of Thought", the World Day of Philosophy, the Interregional Dialogues in Philosophy, or the follow-up of the UNESCO Report on Teaching Philosophy in the World, have been either discontinued or, as in the case of the WPD, substantially reduced. In this context, we consider a possible renewal of UNESCO's contributions to the activities of our Federations as wishful thinking.

We have no evidence that this tendency would soon be reversed. We observe, instead, opposite signals. A few months ago, UNESCO charged a significant rent for the offices used by CIPSH. This decision did not affect the totality of the organizations based within UNESCO, but only those that UNESCO declared "of no strategic relevance" for its policy. While the member States of UNESCO decided to reduce the place of the "humanities" and "philosophy" from the priorities of UNESCO's Activities Programme, the Secretariat showed no interest in renewing the Framework Agreement that has regulated the partnership with CIPSH since 1996. CIPSH has nowadays no formal partnership with UNESCO other than the official, semi-permanent status of "Formally associated NGO", which has no impact on the implementation of common activities and programmes – and no financial implication.

UNESCO's decision to grant a partial subsidy for our upcoming General Assembly shows that co-operation might still be possible on specific projects. Yet, this does not mean that the subsistence of CIPSH as an autonomous body would be granted by UNESCO ever again.

2/ CIPSH was created by UNESCO to work with and for UNESCO, and has always received the totality of its resources from UNESCO. An obvious effect of the current disengagement of UNESCO would lead to acknowledge that the conditions for CIPSH's work are not there anymore, and decide to close the shop. Dissolution does not appear as an unreasonable option. It should probably be seen as the most likely one, were CIPSH to continue in its current shape. Yet, we would regret the loss of an international, cross-disciplinary body where colleagues from diverse humanistic disciplines might have a chance to gather, discuss, and take initiatives about matters of common interest.

3/ Our feeling is that the efforts and resources that an organization like CIPSH requires would still be justified in case it underwent a serious reform process. We believe that the humanities could benefit from a global, independent, scholarly body that would be able to voice our concerns within and beyond UNESCO. Departments of humanities and akin research centers are increasingly under the threat of academic policies mainly, if not exclusively based on financial considerations; the resources allotted to the humanities by national as well as international funding agencies are altogether decreasing; cultural heritage is endangered by all sorts of natural agents, ideological drives, or simple unconcern. More fundamentally perhaps, in an increasingly conflictive world the voice of humanists is often neglected by rulers, stakeholders, and public opinion. This is why we still believe that it might be worthwhile to invest our time and resources in a global-scale body putting all of our disciplines together.

A new foundation of CIPSH is certainly what FISP hopes would happen in the next weeks and months. We also believe that a new start can hardly be the effect of hasty decisions. On the contrary, it requires a credible evaluation of the goals, the working modalities, and the resources

that need to be raised. It should also be decided whether we, as scholars, want a nomadic organism, with a rotating secretariat, or whether a permanent secretariat should be maintained – and, in this latter case, by what resources. The constituency of the Council should probably be revised as well, in order to ensure equal dignity to all member organizations.

It is the lack of any element of reflection, in this as in any other direction, that has brought the Steering Committee of FISP very close to withdrawal from CIPSH. We expect the upcoming General Assembly of CIPSH to be largely devoted to discussing these critical issues. We equally hope that the next Board of CIPSH – if any – will reflect a fair disciplinary, geographical, linguistic, and gender balance. We also think that the choice of the next Secretary-general – again, assuming CIPSH will survive – would largely depend on the choice between a permanent or a rotating secretariat. Finally, the Bureau of FISP decided to show its commitment for a new start of CIPSH by nominating the Past President of FISP, Professor William L. McBride, for the next Board.

We very much appreciated the letter circulated weeks ago by our colleagues of FILM. We hope that this brief outline of FISP's position may contribute to the debate about the future of CIPSH, regardless of what the final outcome would be.

Looking forward to meeting you soon in Paris,

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Dr. Dermot Moran, MRIA
President of FISP.



Prof. Dr. Luca Maria Scarantino
Secretary-general of FISP.



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Ofício nº. 240/2015-GAB/UFBA.

Salvador, March 16, 2015.

Professor Dermot Moran
President of FISP
Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie

Dear Professor Moran,

It is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to you and to the members of the Steering Committee of FISP to participate in our Colloquium "Reason and Intuition" that will be sponsored by the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador from April 11th to April 13th 2016. A meeting of the Steering Committee of FISP on April 14th will follow the Colloquium.

Salvador is the first colonial capital of Brazil and is well known for its history and architecture. We will provide all local hospitalities from April 10th to April 14th.

We look forward to a positive response to our invitation.

Sincerely yours,


João Carlos Salles Pires da Silva
President of the Universidade Federal da Bahia
Member of the Philosophy Department