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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING.

The President of FISP, Prof. MORAN, opened the meeting. He thanked the Argentinean hosts of the UNTREF for the organisation of the CD meeting and the preparation of the joint conference “Becoming Human by Science and Art”. On behalf of FISP he expressed his special thanks to Prof. Lorenzano for inviting the CD to Buenos Aires and hosting its last general meeting before the WCP, 2018.

He thanked also all CD members present there and acquainted them with the agenda.



2. VERIFICATION OF PROXIES

The Secretary-general, Prof. Luca Maria SCARANTINO, presented the list of proxies, and informed the CD that some colleagues had to cancel their participation at the very last moment.

The updated list of the proxies, as noted above, was approved by the CD.

3. INTERVENTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF FISP

Prof. MORAN opened the floor for the intervention of the representatives of three member societies of FISP in Argentina, namely:

Asociación Filosófica Argentina (AFRA), represented by its President Prof. Verónica Tozzi and its Secretary Prof. Federico Penelas;

Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico (SADAF), represented by its President Prof. Eleonora Eva Orlando;

Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas (CIF), represented by its President Prof. Pablo E. Pavesi.

They briefly introduced their societies to the CD members beginning with the history of their creation and continuing with the number of members, the societies' main activities, annual meetings, edited journals and publications.

The President of FISP, Prof. MORAN, thanked the representatives of these societies and expressed his satisfaction at having witnessed how active the philosophical community of Argentina was. He invited them to take an active part in the WCP 2018 by organising society sessions, round tables or invited sessions. He explained the rules for organizing each of these events.

“You can consider this meeting here as an official invitation to your societies, as well as to the entire philosophical community in Argentina to participate, by all possible manners, in the WCP in China”, added the Secretary-general, Prof. SCARANTINO. He recalled that these three societies of Argentina were very active at the WCP held in Athens (2013) and expressed his hope that they will do the same at the WCP in Beijing.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE CD MEETING IN ABIDJAN (JUNE 3-4, 2016)

The Secretary-general recalled that the Minutes from Abidjan were circulated within the CD in February; he explained that he had received very minor requests of changes from the CD members, mainly of formal nature; these modifications were taken into account in the revised version of the Minutes, now submitted to the approval of the Steering Committee. He recalled that according to the rules, the Minutes should be endorsed by the CD in order to become official.

Prof. MORAN asked the CD members whether they had other particular remarks or corrections regarding the Minutes from Abidjan. He used the occasion to express, once again, his sincere thanks to the Vice-President, Prof. Tanella BONI, for having hosted the CD meeting in Abidjan, and underlined the wonderful organisation of the meeting, as well as of the related to it conference “Politics of dignity” (“Politiques de la dignité”).

No comments or objections being raised, the Minutes of the CD meeting held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on June 3-4, 2016 were approved unanimously.

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President MORAN presented his report both in English and French.



This is my fourth annual President's Report. There is now less than one-and-half years before the 24th World Congress World Congress and the FISP General Assembly in Beijing in August 2018. I am delighted that we are able to assemble here in Buenos Aires. I want to thank our current hosts, especially our CD member, Professor César Lorenzano, for inviting us. I especially want to thank the local team in Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, especially Dr Gabriela Valente and Dr Verónica Tozzi, for their assistance and hospitality.

The past year has once again has been busy. Again, I thank the General Secretary Luca Scarantino, our new Treasurer Gerhard Seel, Past President, Bill McBride, and our three Vice-Presidents, as well as all the members of the CD for their advice and assistance.

The main reason why this year was so busy for me was that, as President, I had to write personal letters of invitation to all the proposed plenary and symposia speakers and chairs, as well as to the proposed speakers and chairs for the Endowed Lectures, and to the proposed co-chairs of the 99 sections of contributed papers. This task – and the ensuing correspondence took up practically my whole summer – from the conclusion of the CD meeting in Abidjan in June 2016 to the Programme Committee meeting in Beijing in September 2016. In total I wrote more than 400 email letters and in many cases I had to follow up with airmail hardcopies. I am pleased to say that most of those nominated accepted graciously. The greatest difficulty was tracking down the email addresses, especially for our Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Russian, Indian, and African colleagues, who are not as visible on the World Wide Web as some of our Western colleagues primarily because of reasons of language. No doubt this visibility will improve rapidly in the coming years. In the meantime, I had to draw on the assistance of colleagues so I would especially like to thank LiuZhe, Heisook Kim, Ken-ichi Sasaki, Marietta Stepaniants, and Mogobe Ramose for their assistance.

24th IPO Meeting, Ghent, Belgium, 12-15 May 2016. The 24th Meeting of the IPO took place in Ghent, Belgium in May 2016 sponsored by the University of Ghent (Prof. Danny Praet, Pascal Vanhoecke, and their team), and supported by the philosophy departments of the universities of Antwerp (UA), Brussels (VUB), and the University of Liège. The opening ceremony at City Hall was presided over by the mayor of Ghent. Three members of the Executive of FISP attended: General Secretary Luca Maria Scarantino, Treasurer Gerhard Seel, and myself. The three of us were also the panel of judges (with the addition of Dr Shinji Kajitani, Tokyo University and Dr Florina Otet, Bucharest, Romania). There were 94 students in the competition, representing 44 countries. The theme was war and peace, and the event included visits to the memorial sites associated with the First World War. There were a number of special lectures: Professor Gerhard Seel delivered a lecture at Ghent University and Professor Scarantino gave a concluding lecture entitled “Violence and Intercultural Dialogue: A Philosophical Reflection”.

The 25th International Philosophy Olympiad (IPO) will take place in Rotterdam, 25-28 May 2017.

Aristotle 2400 World Congress, Thessaloniki, Greece, 23-28 May 2016. As President of FISP, I attended the Aristotle World Congress in Thessaloniki, Greece, 23-28 May 2016, organized by Professor Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou, Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies, and by Professor Periklis Mitkas, Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The conference was held under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr Prokopius Pavlopoulos and sponsored by FISP, as agreed at its CD meeting in Bangkok in March 2015. I participated in the opening ceremony, and I also gave a paper, entitled “Aristotle's Conception of Ousia in the Medieval Christian Tradition: Some Neoplatonic Reflections”. It was a most impressive and memorable occasion with visits to Aristotle's home town of Stageira and in ancient Mieza, the place where, according to ancient tradition, Aristotle taught Alexander the Great.



It was wonderful to see so many friends of FISP including Professor Evangelos Moutsopoulos, Professor Myrto Dragona-Monachou, Professor Tomas Calvo, Herta and Ludwig Nagl, and many others.

CD Meeting in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 4-5 June 2016. Once again, on behalf of FISP, I want to thank FISP Vice-President, Professor Tanella Boni, and her colleague Professor Séverin Yapo, for the most hospitable reception in the Université Houphouët-Boigny d'Abidjan-Cocody, Abidjan. We had an excellent conference on the Politics of Dignity/Politiques de la dignité and even a visit to a local village presided over by a philosopher chief. We had a highly productive CD meeting. Over two days, we managed to decide all the names to be invited for the Plenaries, Symposia, Endowed Lectures. We also agreed two special lectures: A bi-centennial lecture on Karl Marx, to be delivered by FISP Past President Professor William McBride and a new endowed lecture, to be named the Simone de Beauvoir Lecture, which will be inaugurated in Beijing in 2018. I am happy to report that the Chinese Organising Committee have agreed to fund this lecture (travel and accommodation) and the invited speaker will be Judith Butler of the University of California, Berkeley.

World Congress in Philosophy: The Philosophy of Aristotle, University of Athens, Athens, Greece 9-15 July 2016. As President of FISP, I attended the Aristotle Congress in Philosophy in Athens in July 2016 (<http://www.wcp2016.gr/en/circular-program/>) organized by Professor Konstantinos Boudouris, who was our host for the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy in Athens in 2013. Our Treasurer Gerhard Seel gave a memorable address on Aristotle's conception of democracy in the ancient site of the Lyceum. Former CD member Myrto Dragona-Mentzou was also present.

Meeting of the Programme Committee for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, 3-4 Sept 2016. The Third Meeting of the Programme Committee for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy took place in September 2016 in Peking University, generously hosted by Professors Wang Bo and LiuZhe. We were offered wonderful hospitality including a meal in a traditional restaurant, Bai Jia Da Yuan, or the Grand Courtyard of the Family Bai, on our first night. After exhaustive discussions, the committee finalized the Co-Chairs of the 99 Sections of Contributed papers. We also decided to include a special session on the History of FISP. Two new endowed lectures were discussed – the Wang Yang Ming lecture and the Simone de Beauvoir lecture. Simone de Beauvoir visited China with Jean-Paul Sartre on an academic trip, so that there is a historical connection with China; and he strongly supported the possibility of a Chinese funding for this Lecture. In addition, another special session has been added to the Programme of the WCP 2018: a Public Lecture to be delivered by Jürgen Habermas and chaired by Abdusalam Guseinov (Russia), sponsored by the Chinese Organising Committee. Finally, following a proposal from the Honorary president of FISP, Prof. Agazzi, a special session concerning the 70th anniversary of FISP will be held during the Congress; this session will highlight the history of FISP. A tentative date for the General Assembly of FISP was agreed for Thursday, August 16 2018. We had a very helpful presentation from members of the Peking University conference bureau.

An Executive Committee was also elected according to the Statutes of FISP. Prof. Wang Bo and Prof. Xie Dikun were elected as the local members of the Executive Committee, along with President, Prof. Moran, the Secretary-general, Prof. Scarantino, and Professor Riccardo Pozzo, outgoing Chairperson of the Programme Committee. Prof. Scarantino was appointed as chair of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of FISP, I want to thank the members of the Programme Committee who worked so hard over the past three years and especially Chairperson Riccardo Pozzo. Their work will now be continued by the Executive Committee which will have its first meeting in Beijing, 8-9 April 2017.

XII International Ontology Congress, University of the Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain, 3-7 October 2016. As President of FISP, I attended the conference – Luca Scarantino was also participant. Other CD members included Tomas Calvo. We participated in a special session on “Learning to be Human”.



World Philosophy Day, UNESCO, Paris, France, 16-18 November 2016. UNESCO sponsored this meeting once again, organized by Dr John Crowley, and Professor Tom Rockmore, Peking University participated in the event. Events included:

- 15th International Encounters on New Philosophical Practices (16-17 November)
- Roundtable on Tolerance (17 November)
- Launch of the UNESCO Chair on the Practice of Philosophy with Children (18 November)
- Roundtable on Teaching Aristotle (18 November)
- A Night of Philosophy (18-19 November)

Visit to Tokyo, December 2016. On the occasion of a visit to the University of Tokyo in December 2017, I had the opportunity to meet FISP Vice-President Ken-ichi Sasaki, professor Junichi Murata, Kohji Ishihara, Notomi Noburu, Kono Tetsuya, for informal discussions. The Japanese Society for Philosophy is anxious to assist FISP in the future planning of World Congresses.

FISP Treasurer: Thanks to Professor Guido Küng. As you know, FISP Treasurer Guido Küng has been having some health problems that have forced him to retire from the position as Treasurer. I want to record my sincere thanks to him on your behalf for his outstanding and diligent work as Treasurer over many years. I also wish him speedy recovery and a happy “retirement” from FISP duties.

I also thank Professor Gerhard Seel, for agreeing to act as Acting Treasurer from January to June 2016, and then as Treasurer, which was confirmed at the Abidjan CD meeting in June 2016. Professor Seel has been assiduously bringing our membership accounts up to date.

Thanks to Bureau and CD Members. I want to thank all of the CD members for their activities on behalf of FISP. I especially want to thank the FISP Bureau, the Past President and the three Vice-Presidents whom I have consulted regularly on FISP business and whose prudent counsel I have been glad to receive. Again I want to thank General Secretary, Professor Luca Maria Scarantino, and the Administrative Secretary Mme Emiliya Ivanova for their work in preparing the CD Minutes and agenda and other documents.

Special Thanks to Administrative Secretary Ms Emiliya Ivanova. I want to finish by warmly thanking Ms Emiliya Ivanova for her long service to FISP. She has been the administrative secretary of FISP since 2009 and has served under two Presidents, Bill McBride and myself. She has been a key member of our Executive and has taken Minutes not only at CD meetings but also at the Programme Meetings in Beijing, an extremely challenging task. Emiliya has also become friendly with many of us and has been very helpful to colleagues – for instance when Marietta Stepaniants became ill in Beijing, Emiliya provided invaluable assistance. I want to thank her for her loyal service to FISP and wish her well in her future career.

I look forward to seeing you all next year in the CD meeting, which will take place, probably on 12 August 2018, just before the World Congress opens. Of course a new CD will be elected in the General Assembly and the first meeting of the new CD will take place just after the Congress concludes. It has been a great honour to serve FISP as President but I am looking forward to handing over to the next President of FISP in August next year.

Yours sincerely

Dermot Moran
President, FISP.
5 March 2017.

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Ceci est mon quatrième rapport annuel en tant que président. Il reste désormais moins d'un an et demi avant le 24^e congrès mondial et l'assemblée générale de la FISP, qui auront lieu à Pékin en août 2018. Je



suis ravi que nous ayons pu nous rassembler ici à Buenos Aires. Je souhaite remercier nos hôtes actuels, en particulier le membre de notre CD, le professeur César Lorenzano, de nous avoir invités. Je remercie particulièrement l'équipe académique de l'Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Dr Gabriela Valente et Dr Verónica Tozzi, pour leur aide et leur hospitalité.

L'année passée a encore été une année chargée. Je remercie une nouvelle fois le secrétaire général, Luca Maria Scarantino, notre nouveau trésorier, Gerhard Seel, l'ancien président, Bill McBride, et nos trois présidents adjoints, ainsi que tous les membres du CD pour leurs conseils et leur soutien.

Cette année a été si chargée pour moi pour la principale raison que, en tant que président, j'ai dû écrire des lettres d'invitation personnelles à tous les intervenants et modérateurs choisis pour les séances plénières et les symposiums, ainsi qu'aux intervenants et modérateurs programmés pour les conférences inaugurales et les 99 sections regroupant les futures présentations. Cette tâche, et l'abondante correspondance qui lui incombe, m'ont occupé presque tout l'été, depuis la fin de la réunion du CD à Abidjan en juin 2016 jusqu'à la réunion du comité d'organisation à Pékin en septembre 2016. En tout, j'ai écrit plus de 400 e-mails d'invitation et dans de nombreux cas j'ai dû les faire suivre par courrier aérien. Je suis content d'annoncer que la plupart des nominés ont gracieusement accepté. La difficulté majeure a été de trouver leurs adresses e-mail, en particulier celles de nos collègues chinois, coréens, japonais, russes, indiens et africains, qui ne sont pas aussi présents sur Internet que nos collègues occidentaux, ce principalement pour des raisons linguistiques. Il ne fait aucun doute que cette visibilité augmentera rapidement dans les prochaines années. En attendant, j'ai eu recours à l'aide de nos collègues et je voudrais donc remercier tout particulièrement LiuZhe, Heisook Kim, Ken-ichi Sasaki, Marietta Stepaniants, et Mogobe Ramose pour leur aide.

24^e Réunion de l'OIP, Gand, Belgique, 12-15 mai 2016. La 24^e Réunion de l'OIP a eu lieu à Gand, en Belgique, en mai 2016, grâce au parrainage de l'Université de Gand, aux professeurs Danny Praet, Pascal Vanhoecke, et leur équipe, et au soutien des départements de philosophie des universités d'Anvers (UA), Bruxelles (VUB) et de l'Université de Liège. La cérémonie d'ouverture à l'Hôtel de Ville a été présidée par le maire de Gand. Trois membres du comité exécutif de la FISP y ont assisté : le secrétaire général de la FISP, Luca Maria Scarantino, le trésorier, Gerhard Seel, et moi-même. Nous faisons tous les trois également partie du jury (en compagnie du Dr Shinji Kajitani de l'université de Tokyo et du Dr Florina Otet, de l'université de Bucarest en Roumanie). 94 étudiants ont participé à la compétition et 44 pays étaient représentés. Le thème de cette année était la guerre et la paix, et l'événement comprenait également la visite de sites commémoratifs associés à la Première Guerre Mondiale. Un certain nombre de conférences spécialisées ont eu lieu : le professeur Gerhard Seel a donné une conférence à l'université de Gand et le professeur Luca Scarantino a prononcé le discours de fermeture, intitulé « Violence et dialogue interculturel : une réflexion philosophique » (*“Violence and Intercultural Dialogue: A Philosophical Reflection”*).

La 25^e Olympiade internationale de philosophie (OIP) aura lieu à Rotterdam, du 25 au 28 mai 2017.

Congrès mondial Aristote 2400, Salonique, Grèce, 23-28 mai 2016. En qualité de président de la FISP, j'ai assisté au Congrès mondial sur Aristote à Salonique, en Grèce, du 23 au 28 mai 2016, organisé par la professeure Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou, directrice du centre interdisciplinaire d'études sur Aristote, et par le professeur Periklis Mitkas, recteur de l'université Aristote de Salonique. Le congrès s'est tenu sous les auspices du président de la république hellénique, M. Prokopius Pavlopoulos, et a été parrainé par la FISP, comme convenu lors de la réunion du CD à Bangkok en mars 2015. J'ai participé à la cérémonie d'ouverture et ai également présenté un exposé intitulé : « La conception aristotélicienne de l'*ousia* dans la tradition chrétienne : quelques réflexions néo-platoniciennes » (*“Aristotle's Conception of Ousia in the Medieval Christian Tradition: Some Neoplatonic Reflections”*). Ce fut une grande et mémorable occasion, notamment la visite de la ville d'origine d'Aristote, Stagire, et de l'antique Mieza, le lieu où, selon la tradition, Aristote fut le précepteur d'Alexandre le Grand.



Cela était merveilleux de voir tant d'amis de la FISP, dont les professeurs Evangelos Moutsopoulos, Myrto Dragona-Monachou, Tomas Calvo, ainsi que Herta and Ludwig Nagl et bien d'autres.

Réunion du CD à Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 4-5 juin 2016. Une nouvelle fois, de la part de la FISP, je veux remercier la vice-présidente de la FISP, la professeure Tanella Boni, et son collègue, le professeur Séverin Yapo, pour leur accueil des plus chaleureux à l'université Houphouët-Boigny d'Abidjan-Cocody, à Abidjan. Nous avons assisté à une excellente conférence autour du thème « *the Politics of Dignity* / Politiques de la dignité » et avons même eu droit à la visite d'un village local présidée par un chef philosophe. Notre réunion du CD fut hautement productive. Sur deux jours, nous avons réussi à décider de tous les noms à inviter pour les séances plénières, les symposiums et les conférences inaugurales. Nous nous sommes également mis d'accord sur deux conférences exceptionnelles, l'une pour le bicentenaire de la naissance de Karl Marx, qui sera prononcée par l'ancien président de la FISP, Bill McBride, et une nouvelle conférence inaugurale, appelée d'après Simone de Beauvoir, et qui sera inaugurée à Pékin en 2018. Je suis heureux de signaler que le comité d'organisation chinois a accepté de financer cette conférence (voyage, logement) et que l'intervenante principale sera Judith Butler de l'université de Californie, Berkeley.

Congrès mondial de philosophie: La philosophie d'Aristote, Université d'Athènes, Athènes, Grèce 9-15 juillet 2016. En tant que président de la FISP, j'ai assisté au congrès sur Aristote et la philosophie, à Athènes, en juillet 2016 (<http://www.wcp2016.gr/en/circular-program/>), organisée par le professeur Konstantinos Boudouris, qui avait accueilli le 23^{ème} congrès mondial de philosophie à Athènes en 2013. Notre trésorier, Gerhard Seel, a prononcé un discours mémorable sur la conception aristotélicienne de la démocratie, sur le site antique du Lycée. L'ancien membre du CD Myrto Dragona-Mentzou y était aussi présent.

Réunion du comité d'organisation pour le 24^e congrès mondial de philosophie (CMP), Pékin, Chine, 3-4 septembre 2016. La troisième réunion du comité d'organisation du 24^e congrès mondial de philosophie a eu lieu en septembre 2016 à l'université de Pékin où nous avons été généreusement accueillis par les professeurs Wang Bo et Liu Zhe. Nous avons bénéficié d'une merveilleuse hospitalité, dont un dîner dans un restaurant traditionnel, Bai Jia Da Yuan, signifiant La Grande Cour de la Famille Bai, lors de notre premier soir. Après des discussions exhaustives, le comité a finalisé la liste des présidents de séances pour les 99 sections regroupant les futures présentations. Nous avons également décidé d'inclure une session spéciale sur l'histoire de la FISP. Il a aussi été question de deux nouvelles conférences inaugurales exceptionnelles, nommées d'après Wang Yang Ming et Simone de Beauvoir. Simone Beauvoir a visité la Chine avec Jean-Paul Sartre lors d'un séjour universitaire et elle entretient donc une relation historique avec la Chine ; quant au premier, il s'est fortement exprimé en faveur d'un financement chinois pour la mise en place de cette conférence. De surcroît, une session spéciale a été ajoutée au programme du CMP de 2018 : une allocution publique de Jürgen Habermas, présidée par Abdusalam Guseinov (Russie), et parrainée par le comité d'organisation chinois. Enfin, suite à une proposition formulée par le président honoraire de la FISP, le professeur Agazzi, une session spéciale dédiée au 70^e anniversaire de la FISP se tiendra pendant le congrès ; cette session présentera les moments forts de l'histoire de la FISP. Nous nous sommes mis d'accord sur une date provisoire pour l'assemblée générale de la FISP, soit le jeudi 16 août 2018. Nous avons assisté à un exposé très utile présenté par les membres du centre de conférence de l'université de Pékin.

Un comité exécutif a été aussi élu suivant les statuts de la FISP. Les professeurs Wang Bo et Xie Dikun ont été élus en tant que membres locaux du comité exécutif aux côtés du président de la FISP, Dermot Moran, de son secrétaire général, le professeur Luca Maria Scarantino, et du professeur Riccardo Pozzo, président sortant du comité d'organisation. Le professeur Scarantino a été nommé président du comité exécutif.

De la part de la FISP, je veux remercier les membres du comité d'organisation qui ont travaillé si dur au cours des trois dernières années, en particulier le président du comité, Richard Pozzo. Leur travail sera désormais poursuivi par le comité exécutif qui se réunira pour la première fois à Pékin les 8 et 9 avril 2017.



XII^e Congrès international d'ontologie, Université du Pays basque, Saint-Sébastien, Espagne, 3-7 octobre 2016. En qualité de président, j'ai aussi assisté à cette conférence dont Luca Scarantino était l'un des intervenants. Parmi les autres membres du CD présents se trouvait Tomas Calvo. Nous avons pris part à une session spéciale intitulée : « Apprendre à être humain » (*“Learning to be Human”*).

Journées mondiale de la philosophie, UNESCO, Paris, France, 16-18 novembre 2016. L'UNESCO a renouvelé le parrainage de ce rassemblement, organisé par le Dr John Crowley, et le professeur Tom Rockmore, de l'université de Pékin, y a participé. Parmi les événements organisés lors de ces journées :

- les 15^{es} Rencontres internationales sur les nouvelles pratiques philosophiques (16-17 novembre)
- une table-ronde sur la tolérance (17 novembre)
- le lancement de la chaire UNESCO de la pratique philosophique avec les enfants (18 novembre)
- une table-ronde sur l'enseignement d'Aristote (18 novembre)
- la Nuit de la philosophie (18-19 novembre)

Visite à Tokyo, décembre 2016. À l'occasion d'une visite à l'université de Tokyo en décembre 2017, j'ai eu l'opportunité de rencontrer le vice-président de la FISP Ken-ichi Sasaki, les professeurs Junichi Murata, Kohji Ishihara, Notomi Noburu, Kono Tetsuya, autour de conversations informelles. La Société japonaise de philosophie a hâte d'apporter sa contribution à FISP dans l'organisation des congrès mondiaux à venir.

Trésorerie de la FISP : Remerciements au professeur Guido Küng. Comme vous le savez, le trésorier de la FISP, Guido Küng, a souffert de problèmes de santé qui l'ont obligé à se retirer de son rôle de trésorier. Je veux présentement lui témoigner ma gratitude la plus sincère en notre nom à tous pour le travail diligent et exceptionnel effectué en sa qualité de trésorier pendant de nombreuses années. Je lui souhaite aussi un prompt rétablissement et une bonne “retraite” de ses fonctions au sein de la FISP.

Je remercie également le professeur Gerhard Seel d'avoir accepté le rôle de trésorier intérimaire de janvier à juin 2016, puis de trésorier, comme convenu et acté à la réunion du CD à Abidjan en juin 2016. Le professeur Seel a mis à jour avec assiduité les comptes de nos adhérents.

Remerciements au bureau et aux membres du CD. Je veux remercier tous les membres du CD pour leurs activités dans la FISP. Je remercie tout spécialement le secrétariat de la FISP, l'ancien président et les trois présidents adjoints que j'ai régulièrement consultés concernant la FISP et dont j'ai été content de recevoir les prudents conseils. Je veux encore remercier le secrétaire général, le professeur Luca Maria Scarantino, et la secrétaire administrative, Mme Emiliya Ivanova, pour leur travail sur la rédaction des comptes-rendus des réunions du CD, la mise en place du calendrier et des autres documents.

Remerciements particuliers à la secrétaire administrative, Mme Emiliya Ivanova. Je finirai en remerciant chaleureusement Mme Emiliya Ivanova pour son long service au sein de la FISP. Elle a été la secrétaire administrative de la FISP depuis 2009 et ce pendant deux présidences, celle de Bill McBride et la mienne. Elle a été un membre-clé du comité exécutif et a non seulement rédigé les comptes rendus des réunions du CD mais aussi ceux du comité d'organisation, tenues à Pékin, soit une tâche d'une grande exigence. Emiliya est aussi devenue l'amie de beaucoup d'entre nous et a été d'une grande aide pour certains collègues ; par exemple, lorsque Marietta Stepanians est tombée malade à Pékin, Emiliya a été d'un secours inestimable. Je veux la remercier pour ses bons et loyaux services au sein de la FISP et lui souhaite le meilleur pour sa carrière future.

J'attends avec impatience de vous revoir l'année prochaine lors de la réunion du CD qui aura lieu probablement le 12 août 2018, juste avant l'ouverture du congrès mondial. Bien évidemment, un nouveau CD sera élu lors de l'assemblée générale et la première réunion du nouveau CD se tiendra juste après la



fermeture du congrès. Cela fut pour moi un grand honneur de servir en tant que président mais j'ai hâte de confier ce rôle au nouveau ou à la nouvelle présidente de la FISP en août de l'année prochaine.

Sincères amitiés,

Dermot Moran
Président de la FISP.
5 mars 2017

Traduit de l'anglais par Clémence Saintemarie.

The President's report was followed by some discussion concerning one of the main points treated in it, namely the relations between FISP and UNESCO.

Observing that the weak relationship with UNESCO is a long standing problem and is a personal challenge even for him, Prof. SWEET asked whether there could be any way to try to resolve this problem, either by the representation in some UNESCO commission or by someone who has closer relations with UNESCO. He observed that it was his impression that FISP has no influence on anything in philosophy that the UNESCO carries out.

Prof. MORAN replied said that Prof. SWEET was summarizing everybody's experience. "UNESCO used to cooperate with FISP around World Philosophy Day, but more recently FISP has been excluded from the arrangements for the WPD and no longer has any direct input into it", Prof. Moran noted. "Last year I wrote to Dr. John Crowley and he promised me that we will be consulted, but nothing happened", the President continued. "In 2015, I wrote to him and proposed that Didier Deleule take part in the WPD on behalf of FISP and he did that but this was just one late involvement and it was only because D. Deleule was available", he specified.

Prof. MORAN also expressed his conviction that a hope to go forward in this respect and to resolve this problem is through CIPSH; he recalled that Prof. MCBRIDE is a member of the Executive Committee of CIPSH; and he announced that CIPSH will have a meeting and a humanities conference, which is being partially sponsored by UNESCO. He informed CD members that he, Prof. MCBRIDE, and the Secretary-general, Prof. SCARANTINO, will be present there. "The current Secretary of CIPSH, Luiz Oosterbeek, seems to be confident of having closer association with UNESCO through Dr. Crowley with whom he has good relations. The Secretary Luiz Oosterbeek is very aware of FISP's contribution to the WPD and of the fact that FISP is a major member of CIPSH", the President added, before concluding that according to him one possible way of getting closer relations with UNESCO and more influence on the activities related to the WPD could be through CIPSH.

On the other hand the Secretary-general, Prof. SCARANTINO, expressed his rather pessimistic view about UNESCO's activities in the field of philosophy and the humanities. He recalled in this respect that the WPD was initiated by FISP. "It was proposed by Prof. I. Kucuradi, at a time when philosophy was regarded as a core activity in the humanities in UNESCO. At that time FISP was prominently involved with UNESCO, which had lots of activities in philosophy: they had the WPD, they prepared a world report on the teaching of philosophy, they stressed intercultural and interregional dialogue in philosophy... Philosophy was really an important part of their activities in the domain of scholarly cooperation", the Secretary-general explained. He added that these activities were basically discontinued in 2011-2012. "Since then, UNESCO has dramatically reduced its activities in this domain", he said, adding that "in the case of the WPD, for instance, now there are just some round tables and panels that are held at the Unesco HQ in Paris; significant activities, on the contrary, are initiated at the national level by local philosophical associations, societies, and groups." He explained that UNESCO does not really put significant resources into activities related to philosophy. For instance, in the case of the WCP in Athens it was the national commission of UNESCO which was engaged in it, so resources were raised thanks to the Greek ministry.

Some FISP members then proposed that FISP takes on itself the responsibility of organizing the WPD.



Prof. SWEET remarked that if FISP has just some minor input into WPD, because of the UNESCO attitude to philosophy, it would be pertinent to think about taking on itself the responsibility of the organization of this event. “We have a CD meeting every year with regard to the WCP and we can use this meeting for the preparation of the WPD also; there would be some kind of synergy between the two events,” he affirmed.

In answer to this observation, President MORAN noted that he agreed with this, but that there was an important problem in this respect, namely that the organization of the WPD would require a considerable financial effort, which might be beyond FISP capacity. A similar concern were voiced by the Secretary-general, who nonetheless agreed that some way for FISP to get involved more actively in an international celebration of the WPD could be found. He underlined, though, that FISP societies are very active locally, and that most activities related to the WPD fall already under the responsibility of national or regional member societies of FISP.

Prof. MCBRIDE, on his side, drew attention to the importance of keeping the relations between UNESCO and FISP, even though UNESCO does not sponsor many philosophical activities, because of the symbolic power of UNESCO, which is beneficial for FISP’s actions in the field.

“The financial support from UNESCO is one thing but that there is another point, related to the symbolic power of UNESCO”, Prof. TU Weiming indicated in contribution to this discussion. “Even though UNESCO does not give money for philosophy, even though the national events in this respect are organized by the national commissions of UNESCO with the blessing of UNESCO and without financial support, the relations with UNESCO are symbolically significant”, he noted. However “our relationship with this organization,” he stressed, “is quite delicate. Imagine that we have a situation in which the UNESCO administration has an idea, with which we do not agree, an idea to which we are opposed. UNESCO is politically engaged all over the world. So, if we take a position against some people involved in UNESCO business, that can create some problems”, he underlined. He argued further that UNESCO itself is very fluid in its strategy and recalled the WPD that had been planned for Iran: “It was decided one week before to move it from Iran to Paris because of political reasons”, Prof. TU said, observing that UNESCO people take some decisions under international political and financial pressure. In conclusion he expressed his hope that in the future UNESCO politics and practice could change.

The Secretary-general agreed that FISP should maintain and nurture a good partnership with UNESCO. He recalled that for the two Aristotle congresses in Greece, as for the IPO, UNESCO did not provide any funding, but did give its logo to the events; this kind of involvement may reveal very helpful for the organizers of these events, he noted. “We should definitely keep this kind of relationship”, he summarized.

Prof. POZZO asked whether UNESCO is involved in some way in the organization of the IPO. Prof. MORAN explained that this was the case before, but it is no longer so. He recalled that the last time when UNESCO was present in some way in the WPD was in Moscow (2009) and, with regard to the IPO, in Oslo.

In conclusion, President MORAN expressed his feeling that FISP can try encouraging its member societies to celebrate the World Philosophy Day at the national level in their own countries and keeping records on this, which means to be published in the FISP newsletter and posted on FISP website. He noted again that FISP can coordinate this event, but cannot take it in charge for the moment because this requires a huge amount of investments.

The discussion ended with the general agreement that FISP involvement in the WPD and cooperation of FISP with UNESCO should be pursued.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Dear Colleagues,

This is my tenth report to the Steering Committee. Please let me begin it by warmly thanking our Colleague and CD member César Lorenzano, as well as our hosts here in Buenos Aires.



It is not just a matter of gratitude for inviting the CD to meet here; there is a deeper significance in our presence here. It is actually after several members from Latin America voiced their desire to bring the Steering Committee to this region that César Lorenzano proposed Buenos Aires as the venue for our current session. His invitation was particularly timely for various reasons. First, it followed the distressing failure to organize it in Brazil; secondly, it provided a timely and appropriate response to a common concern of the Latin American members of the Steering Committee, and through them to our member societies and associations in this region; third, it strengthens the presence of Argentinean scholarship within Fisp global network, after too many years of discreet, when not silent presence of this major philosophical community.

As regards the relations between Argentina and Fisp, we can see this meeting as the outcome of a long process that started with the acceptance of the Centro de Investigaciones Filosóficas as a new member of Fisp, in 2009, continued with two Argentinean nominations for this Steering Committee, and led to the elect César Lorenzano in Athens. In my view, this significant evolution can contribute to establish new links between philosophers in this country and Fisp, and to enhance the presence of Argentinean scholars in the upcoming World Congresses of Philosophy. This is why I would like to thank César Lorenzano not only for hosting us during these days, but also for facilitating a strategic evolution in the partnership between Fisp and Latin American scholars.

Let me now move to the main activities that took place after our meeting in Abidjan.

World Congress 2018. As you know, the last meeting of the Programme Committee of the World Congress took place in Beijing on Sep 3-4 2016. The last details of the programme were defined on that occasion; the programme is now available on the web page of the Congress, along with all relevant information concerning the chairs of thematic sections, the modalities for online registration, and other useful information. The minutes of the Programme Committee meeting were circulated to the CD last month.

The Executive Committee of the Congress was also formed, in agreement with the instructions received by the Steering Committee. Two new members were appointed upon recommendation of the Chinese organizing committee, i. e. Professors Wang Bo and Xie Dikun; they joined Dermot Moran, Riccardo Pozzo, and myself who am also serving as chair. The Committee is now fully established, and will hold its next meeting in Beijing on April 8-9, 2017. May I ask you to provide any useful input in view of that meeting; it is my engagement to take it into serious account.

It is now time to move on to the logistic arrangements for the Congress. This include issuing air tickets for the invited speakers and chairs, circulating information concerning hotels and other options for accommodation, establishing reasonable fares for publishing houses in view of a large book exhibit, and taking into account the needs of international participants. During our last meeting, in September, we had a very encouraging report from the head of the Overseas Exchange Center at Peking University – the professional conference organizer at PKU. They demonstrated full awareness of the complexity of the task, and provided a thorough account of the actions to be taken.

What is probably still lacking is a full sense of the correct timing requested for such an international event. My feeling is that it is time to speed up the preparation of the Congress, especially in those areas where external actors are involved. In particular, participants from abroad need to receive confirmation that their papers are accepted, or that their proposals for round tables are agreed of, in order to request the necessary grants to prepare their trip to China. This is probably an issue that would require an increased awareness from the local organizing committee; here is one of the tasks for the upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee.



We also hope to reach some fair agreement about the proposal to pay back part of the Congress registration fees to Fisp as a compensation for the increased costs of the Steering Committee's travel expenses related to the preparation of the Congress.

A few hours ago, I received an activities report from our Chinese colleagues. We will read it together as I have not had the time to go through it in detail.

I am particularly pleased to stress the active role played by the Committee on Gender, and by its chair Professor Sigrídur Thorgeirsdóttir, in the programme of the Congress. Two special activities were planned and agreed upon by the organizing committee: a calendar of women philosophers and possibly a photo exhibit. We will discuss them in detail later in the agenda. We shall also discuss the details of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of Fisp, proposed by the Honorary President of Fisp Professor Evandro Agazzi and to be included in the programme of the Congress under his responsibility.

Nominations for CD and Presidency. Our next General Assembly will take care during the World Congress in Beijing. Tentatively, the Assembly has been scheduled in the programme on Thursday, August 16; a CD meeting should probably take place on Aug 11-12, as customary; and the new Steering Committee should probably meet before the end of the Congress, in order to allow all new members to attend it: I submit these proposals to your consideration and further deliberation.

As usual, I will send out a call for nominations throughout our constituency. This will include a form for nominations, a clear deadline, and other relevant information to ensure a smooth process. You may be familiar with the fact that the Steering Committee plays a significant role in this process. Because of our regular exchanges and meetings, we have a sort of overview on what needs to be improved, changed, of strengthened; and we may encourage nominations that reflect such concerns.

You may have seen the list of non re-eligible members, elected in 2003, from which Fisp will sadly part ways. Thirty-one members are re-eligible; only seven of them are women; and I believe that a better gender balance should be sought in the composition of the next Steering Committee. In my view, nomination should ideally seek scholarly quality as a first requirement, and reflect at the same time a fair balance of disciplinary, geocultural, age, and gender diversity.

Three issues should be mentioned at this stage.

1. It is a tradition of the Steering Committee to nominate all its re-eligible members for a new term. This opportunity is provided in accordance to art. 5 of our Bye-Laws, which states that "Nominations for the election of the President of the Federation by the General Assembly, and for the election of the members of the Steering Committee, are made by the societies and institutions which are members of the Federation and by the Steering Committee". May I recommend to follow this tradition for the next term as well.

2. It is also customary that the country organizing a World Congress nominates at least two representatives for the CD. In consideration of the complexity of the organization process of the Beijing Congress, I would like to propose to the CD to consider the possibility of nominating some colleagues that have played a key role in preparing the Congress, in a way that would include representatives of the most influential philosophical and academic communities in the country.

3. The third point would probably require some discussion. An internal report of the Committee of general policy, prepared by our colleague Professor David Schrader, has concluded to the opportunity of abandoning the nationality rule in the election of CD members. I will certainly leave to David Schrader the task of illustrating the reasons for this proposal, which I fully share. This nationality rule was introduced for excellent reasons, in particular to avoid the overwhelming presence of a limited number of countries, and to encourage cultural diversity within the CD. But its wording is ambiguous, its application



dubious, and its effects are often infelicitous. Why nationality should apply to individuals rather than to member societies, who are our constituency, remains, in my view, problematic under various points of views. It not inappropriate to say that this rule, in its current wording, has created more confusion and unease that it has helped reach a smooth representation within the CD. These considerations may not fully apply to the existing ceiling of voting representatives per country; but this is probably a less controversial issue.

Next World Congresses. No earlier than last week, the Chair of the Australasian Association of Philosophy, Professor Graham Oppy, informed me that the AAP intends to submit a bid for the WCP 2023 for Melbourne, Australia. The bid will be submitted in connection with the Melbourne Convention Bureau. As I reported to you last year, the AAP has gathered relevant information in the last two years; Prof. Oppy's message now formally announced a bid for 2023.

A bid for 2023 might also come from our colleagues in Japan. I have provided them with the preliminary information they requested, and I understand that the President of Fisp, Professor Dermot Moran, had a meeting with a delegation of Japanese scholars. I assume that our colleague Professor Ken-ichi Sasaki will provide us with further information, or at least answer any query we might have.

I should add that last September I received a brief request of information from Prof. Louise Morel, Executive Director of the Canadian Philosophical Association; she informed me that the CPA was interested in bidding for the WCP 2023, and that the Board of the Association would discuss this matter. I have not heard from her after that, though; and I look at our colleague and friend, Professor William Sweet, for information about any further developments.

Conferences and applications for membership. I will spare you a detailed account of the conferences and congresses I attended on behalf of Fisp. These include the Kazakh Philosophical Congress, last October, the international Ontology Congress in Donostia/San Sebastian, the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the School of Philosophy at Fudan University, and other scholarly meetings of more circumscribed scope.

In some cases, these events provided the opportunity for new developments in Fisp network. The membership application from the Belarus Institute of Philosophy, for instance, proceeds from talks with the Director of this same Institute, Professor Anatoly Lazarevich, and with the Director of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian academy of Sciences, Prof. Andrey Smirnov; it is related to the current project of an Eurasian philosophy network; and it reinforces Fisp as a significant scholarly partner of philosophical communities in this geographic and cultural area. In other cases, as for the Ontology congress in Spain, Fisp's support helped the organizers raise local funds; this partly explains why the chairperson of the Ontology Congress, Professor Víctor Gómez Pin, is already requesting Fisp Patronage for the next edition of the Congress.

I would like to stress the importance of these activities. They show how Fisp plays a significant role for scholarly cooperation beyond the World Congress, and how it represents a support for many and diverse scholarly communities across the world. I would like to mention, in this context, the Red iberoamericana de filosofía, supported by our colleague Professor Gabriel Vargas Lozano in his capacity of chair of the Committee of Teaching of Philosophy and in conjunction with the Red española de filosofía, a recently admitted member of Fisp; or the role played by our Vice-President Prof. Lourdes Velázquez in encouraging the membership application of the Philosophical Association of the Colombian Caribbean. These initiatives are likely to reinforce the ties between Fisp and Latin American scholars, and should probably be welcomed by the CD, especially here in Buenos Aires.

International Philosophy Olympiads. This year, the IPO will take place in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on May 25-28. As you know, Fisp plays a central role in the jury. According to the IPO



regulations, the chair of the Committee on Teaching of Philosophy has the right to attend the IPO meeting; but this has not always been possible in the past. We shall therefore decide the composition of Fisp delegation, and inform our colleagues in the Netherlands.

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I would like to conclude on a personal note, if you allow me to do so. Two days ago, our colleague Professor Wolfgang Kaltenbacher presented a tribute to the late President of the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies, Gerardo Marotta. Please forgive me if, for once, I break the rule of impartiality towards our members to spend a few words in memory of Gerardo Marotta, who passed away a few weeks ago.

My feeling is that this exceptional figure, life, and work justify this excursus. In a time where Italian academia was in deep trouble, Gerardo Marotta has almost single-handedly created, funded, and developed an international research centre of extraordinary quality, reach, and influence. It is not exaggerated to say that virtually all scholars of my generation in Italy have received direct or indirect support from the Institute. I certainly do not know any colleague of my age who has published, travelled, taught, or researched without the help of Gerardo Marotta; the extent of this action was so large, and so diverse, that in some cases scholars were not even aware that the Institute was indirectly backing their work. Its role in Italian, and possibly European scholarship in the last 30 years remains unpaired. Besides the actual scholarly and editorial heritage of the Institute, this historic action of support seems to me to be the major contribution of the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies to the scholarly and cultural life of our country.

You may notice that while I try to pay a tribute to a person, I focus on an institution. There was a symbiotic relation between Gerardo Marotta and the Institute for Philosophical Studies he founded. His entire life, resources, and personal wealth were given to the scholarly, intellectual, and social vision embodied in the activities of the Institute.

Fisp held two CD meeting at the Institute. The first in 1999, when Ioanna Kuçuradi, after a Cisp meeting held in Naples, asked me to establish a link between Fisp and Gerardo Marotta; and in 2009, exactly ten years later, when we met on the nearby island of Ischia. But countless meetings related with our network have taken place in Naples, and in many cases could only take place thanks to the support of the Institute; I am particularly honored to recall here the meeting of the Eco-ethics institute, organized by Noriko Hashimoto and Peter Kemp a few years ago in cooperation with Marotta's institute.

I guess this is all I had to say at this stage. Thank you.

Prof. MORAN opened the debate on the Secretary-general's report by invoking the memories of two other persons closely involved in the work of FISP.

First he paid public tribute to Prof. Juha Savolainen, who hosted the IPO in Helsinki in 2013 and passed away in 2016. He pronounced a few words in honor of his memory, and underlined that Juha was a very active IPO member. He also attended the World Congresses in Athens and in Seoul, and was appointed as chair of one of the section of the 24th World Congress in Beijing.

He also paid tribute to Prof. George McLean, who died in 2016. President MORAN recalled that Father Mclean was strongly involved in FISP activities, and used to organize regular conferences in conjunction with the World Congresses. The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, that he founded and chaired, was a very active member of FISP; and Prof. MORAN expressed a general wish that it would contribute to FISP activities in the future too.

The discussion continued with several remarks as to the preparation of the WCP.



Prof. SWEET remarked that there was no effective communication with local co-chairs both in Athens and in Seoul. He asked whether some mechanism would help this cooperation work better. He also raised the matter of the future publication of papers from the Beijing Congress: will they be published in a volume, as was the case in Athens, or will they just be posted online?

Prof. MORAN observed that in the recent Congresses there were as a rule 3 or 4 co-chairs for each section; they would be able to evaluate papers in various languages; and no formal mechanism was indeed established to facilitate cooperation between these co-chairs. He also mentioned that chairs are expected to consult other colleagues when they consider it appropriate in the evaluation process of a particular paper.

With regard to the publications of papers, he recalled that one volume from the Athens WCP had already appeared: it included papers from the plenary sessions and the symposia. Prof. Moran indicated that the book could be ordered online through the Philosophy Documentation Center directed by George Leaman.

“This volume has been already sent to the participants”, added, on his part, Prof. MCBRIDE. He explained that the Greek organizers of the WCP in Athens were still working on the other publications, namely that of the contributed papers: the latter will be published on a CD, long delayed due to the high number of papers to be included in it; but it is about to appear.

The Secretary-general mentioned the increasing request to publish on an Open Access basis, especially for scholars based in European academic institutions; and he observed that online publication would best suit this tendency. He also recalled that all co-chairs of the thematic sections of the Congress will be listed online, so that every one of them will be able to contact the other co-chairs.

The report of the Secretary-general was unanimously approved.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer’s report was presented in French while the English version was shown on the screen.

The following four items were appended to this Report, and are included as annexes in these Minutes:

- Bilan FISP 01.05.2016 – 28.02.2017.
- Fonds Congrès Mondiaux : Bilan 01.05.2016 – 28.02.2017.
- FISP State of membership payment – summary (28.02.2017)
- État des paiements des sociétés 28.02.2017.

NB: 1 EUR (Euro) = 1.06 CHF (Swiss Franc); 1 USD (US-Dollar) = 1.007 CHF (Swiss Franc)

Preliminary Remark. This is my first report as treasurer of FISP. I thank the CD for the trust they placed in me and I shall try to justify it. I also want to thank my predecessor, Professor Guido King, for the excellent job he did since 1983 and for his precious help and advice during the transition. Passing all the necessary information and establishing a smoothly functioning office took actually some time. Most recently I had to find a trustworthy person to replace Frau Caroline Bolz as secretary. I am confident that Madame Johanna Lott Fischer will be as reliable as Frau Bolz was. The E-mail address of the new secretary is: lottfischer@gmail.com

Please send all your future requests and information to her.

The Financial Situation. On May, 01, 2016 the general assets of FISP amounted to 106’313.- Swiss Francs; on February 28, 2017 they amounted to 100’405.- Swiss Francs only. This corresponds to a loss of 5’907.- Swiss Francs. This means that for the second consecutive year we suffered a loss, notwithstanding the profit of 13’858 Swiss Francs we made with our investments. Without this profit the loss would be considerably greater and amount to 19’765 Swiss Francs.



This situation causes some concern. I see the following causes for this negative development: as the overview of the state of payment of membership fees shows, the payment habits of our members are not what they should be. It is not acceptable that only 44% are up-to-date with their payments. The second factor of the worsening of our financial situation is the high level of the travel subsidies we paid in 2016 for the meeting in Abidjan and the participation in the IPO. The subsidies for the meeting in Buenos Aires will again turn out to be relatively high. I should also mention that we currently pay the services of two secretaries. Together with our President and the Secretary General I am exploring ways to improve our financial situation both by reducing our expenses and by increasing our incomes.

The Fund for the Endowed Lectures. The funds for the Endowed lectures at World Congresses are being kept separately.

The endowment for the Maimonides Lecture is being kept in Fribourg. On May 01, 2016 it amounted to 12'381.- Swiss Francs. On February 28th 2017 the assets amounted to 12'777.- Swiss Francs. This means that we made a profit of 395.- Swiss Francs. This gain is due to the favourable development of the international financial markets.

In addition there exist the following three endowed Lectures:

- the Philosophical Society of Turkey is paying for the Ibn Rushd Lecture,
- the Soeren Kierkegaard Research Center at the University of Copenhagen is paying for the Soeren Kierkegaard Lecture,
- the Korean Philosophical Association is paying for the East-West Lecture.

Payments of the Member Societies. The list of the Member Societies of FISP and the State of Membership Payment Summary, both included in the annex, informs you about the current state of payment of fees.

As of February 28th 2017, we have listed 134 Member Societies. Out of these:

- 60 societies have paid dues for 2016 and/or beyond: these societies are in good standing;
- 31 societies are not more than 2 years behind: they will hopefully pay their dues at least in 2018;
- 44 are more than 2 years behind with their payment or have never paid. These societies are problematic and, if nothing changes, they shall be excluded from FISP by the General Assembly in 2018;
- 3 societies are new members and have not yet paid.
- 2 new members admitted in 2015 have not paid either.

Last year, the payment situation was already bad; it didn't improve since then, notwithstanding our reminder.

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

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 (gseel@net2000.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.

Bern, the 28th of February, 2017.

Prof. em. Gerhard Seel.
Treasurer.



President MORAN thanked Prof. Seel for his report and welcomed him again as the new Treasurer of FISP. He paid tribute to the long-standing work of Prof. Kueng, and stressed the importance of the Treasurer's action in the year preceding the WCP, when the payments of societies are likely to come in all at once.

Prof. AGAZZI commented the financial situation of FISP was more or less the same that he found when he became Treasurer of FISP in 1973. He recalled that his first decision was to centralise FISP bank account in Switzerland; he then moved, with the approval of the Bureau and the CD, to the adoption of the Swiss franc as the standard currency of the Federation; and made some investments that paid off later. When he transitioned from Treasurer to Secretary General, he asked Prof. Guido Kueng to become Treasurer. In performing their functions as Treasurers, both of them could rely on the assistance of their personal secretary. "It would be good, if it is possible, to go back to this situation: otherwise, if a Treasurer or a Secretary-general needs assistance for their work a person should be found, preferably paid by his/her own institution", he concluded.

Concerning those societies that have paid no fees for several years, he remarked that payments may depend on the persons who are in charge of the different member societies; and within each societies there might be different views about this specific action. He finally regretted the discontinuation of FISP printed bulletin, which in the past was circulated among societies and where member societies published their announcements and reports as regards their philosophical activities.

In reaction to the last point, the SECRETARY-GENERAL recalled that the newsletter in print version was replaced by an electronic one, prepared by Prof. McBride and regularly available on the website of FISP. He added that, in his view, even this newsletter should be replaced by a permanent flow of information concerning the activities of FISP member societies, as an essential part of the website. For each society there should be a link to its activities and website, when available, while the most significant activities should be highlighted on the main page of FISP; however, he admitted, the current structure and management of the website limit the possibility of moving ahead in this direction.

Concluding his intervention, Prof. AGAZZI remarked that if there were societies which have not paid for the last 5 years FISP should reconsider their membership. President MORAN agreed on this point, yet he expressed the wish that societies which have not paid might eventually come through with back payments rather than having to renew their membership into FISP.

As to the actual financial situation of FISP, mentioned in the Treasurer's report, the SECRETARY-GENERAL indicated that FISP has undertaken steps to raise a limited amount of money in relation with the organisation of the WCP. He expressed his hope that this will work for the WCP 2018, thanks to the comprehension of the Chinese Organising committee, adding that he believed that this could be established as an official condition for the organisation of the future WCPs. In fact, he argued, the Steering Committee is investing a considerable amount of money to travel across the continents in order to mobilise local scholarly communities to attend the WCP; the related costs can no longer be fully funded by FISP only, but should be considered in the financial agreement with the local organizers, possibly by recovering a small percentage of the Congress registration fees.

Prof. SEEL concurred, presenting some financial details concerning the expenses for the last CD meetings. "The meeting in Abidjan costed 12,805 USD to FISP, and the previous one, in Bangkok, over 9,000", he said. Expenses increase because of three main factors: the larger scope of FISP membership, the effort to meet in different continents, and the ongoing reduction of travel funds in many academic institutions across the world.

Finally, Prof. SEEL mentioned that Daniel Schulthess, an auditor of FISP accounts, had asked to change the financial reports from a July-to-June basis to a calendar year; by suggesting this minor technical adjustment, he concluded his report.

Following the abovementioned discussion, the Treasurer's report was approved.



8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Prof. POZZO presented the preliminary program of the WCP, and announced that several participants have already registered.

He acquainted the CD members with the final version of the Program, beginning with the plenary sessions, and noting some free positions still need to be filled. He then presented the Endowed Lectures, the invited sessions and the round tables; he recalled that two newly endowed lectures will take place in Beijing, namely the Simone de Beauvoir lecture, organized by the Committee on Gender and the Wang Yangming lecture, sponsored by the Chinese Organizing committee. Two special lectures will equally be organized: one on Karl Marx, given by Prof. McBride, and one by Prof. Habermas.

Prof. POZZO thanked Prof. Virvidakis for his help in gathering proposals for round tables and invited session; he reported on the logistics and venues of the Congress; and he thanked the members of the Programme Committee as well as of the Chinese Organizing Committee for their work.

President MORAN thanked Prof. Pozzo for his work and his report. He remarked that some details in the program were still not on the website; the latter would be updated after the meeting of the Executive Committee in April 2017. Commenting on the program, he expressed his satisfaction with the fact that most of the people that have been invited as speakers and chairs for plenary sessions and symposia did accept the invitation.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL added that some last minute defections should be anticipated, as it usually occurs. In case such cancellation would involve prominent speakers, such as for Plenary sessions or Endowed Lectures, he informed the CD of his intention to consult the Steering Committee about alternate speakers. He then presented the report of the Chinese Organizing committee that he received on the eve of the Steering Committee meeting. This report concerned various aspects of the organization, such as the status of the Congress website, the coordination with the Overseas Exchange Center of Peking University, the recruitment of the Secretariat of the WCP, the preparation of the Second circular, Round Tables, Invited sessions, student sessions, society meetings and paper submissions, as well as of the book exhibitions, exhibition of women philosophers and other events, discussed at the last meeting of the PC. This report is attached to these minutes.

Prof. MORAN announced that PKU has a new President, Prof. Lin Chan, who was encouraging the renovation of all the Congress venues and the installation of disabled facilities. “He will include the Congress in the celebration activities of the 120th anniversary of PKU”, Prof. Moran continued. He also indicated that a new chairperson of the University Board had been appointed, Prof. Hao Ping, who strongly supports the WCP. As a very positive point he noted the implementation of the website of the Congress, which already allows registration on line. He drew attention on the fact that the COC intends to engage in the organization of the Congress the chairs of all philosophy departments in mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Macao, and Singapore.

Prof. MORAN also observed that the COC is looking for a suitable person from the philosophy department of PKU who will be in charge of the evaluation of the Chinese proposals for Round Tables and Invited sessions. He expressed his satisfaction that the Chinese hosts are trying to involve students affiliated to Chinese universities; and he underlined that according to the report some papers have already been submitted through the website.

Prof. MORAN added that the main problem was not about the way how the organization of the Congress is carried out, but rather about its timing. He stressed the importance for international participants to be informed early about hotel accommodations, to receive the letters of invitation on time, and to have enough information about visas. “The local hosts should make considerable efforts to facilitate all these things, including the circulation of submitted papers to the co-chairs of the sections”, he concluded.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS indicated that people were asking him about the deadline for round tables and invited sessions. He urged that such deadlines should be set up and that the societies be informed of them in order to avoid getting proposals at the very last minute.



“The final deadline for submitted papers and registration is listed in the First Circular”, answered Prof. MORAN. “Concerning the deadlines for round tables and Invited sessions, proposals will be accepted at least until the end of February 2018. During the upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee, I will propose to set formal deadlines for these sessions and to make them public”, added the SECRETARY-GENERAL. Prof. MORAN added that proposals for Invited Sessions for the Athens Congress were accepted until the end of June 2013.

Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR expressed some worries that were conveyed to her by Prof. Herta Nagl as regards the dissemination of the first circular and of the information about the organization of the WCP. President MORAN replied that the first circular would be sent again to all FISP members, and that the Second circular, containing more information about the Congress, will be ready soon. He recalled that the basic information about the Congress is already available on the Congress website.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS noticed that information about the WCP should be spread by the Chinese Organizing committee. He recalled that the Greek Organizing Committee had sent such information before the Congress to philosophy departments all over the world, and expressed his opinion that the Chinese organizers should advertise the WCP among the world philosophical community.

More worries were expressed by Prof. KUKOC. He recalled that one year before the Athens Congress the chairs of thematic sections already had reviewed contributed papers, while until now they do not have any and it seems that the process in this respect is not started. “Before the CD meeting in Benin I had reviewed 20 papers for thematic sections and now, on the eve of the WCP in Beijing, I have not gotten even one”, he stressed.

In response to this remark, President MORAN observed that the progress of the organization is more or less as it was in Athens. “Now the people will begin to submit papers and what is important is that these papers be sent quickly to the chairs for evaluation” he said and recalled that, in terms of the practical organization, all of the plenary speakers have been invited, as well as all of the symposia speakers and chairs, even though there still are some gaps to be filled. Concerning the issue raised by Prof. Kukoc, he noted that according to the report of the COC there are, up to the moment, 6 submitted papers; he agreed that the COC should make more efforts for advertising the WCP in order to receive more submissions.

Prof. SCARANTINO remarked that the process related to submission of papers was considerably delayed by the fact that the website was not functioning until recently. “It was not ready until a few weeks ago, and yet several parts of it need to be adjusted, such as the lists of speakers for plenary sessions and symposia”, he stressed.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS raised the issue of visas. “If people apply at the last minute they can have problems with the visa”, he noted. He also underlined the importance of having all necessary information and documents on time.

Prof. SWEET agreed that people should be encouraged to make visa arrangements early enough. He recalled the problem with visas that affected the delegation from Nigeria at the WCP in Greece, and which was worsened by the lack of time. He recommended to the Executive Committee to prepare the information concerning visa application very early and to urge people to apply for it as soon as possible. He also noticed that the report of the Programme Committee mentioned the possibility for societies to meet in venues outside PKU, and recommended to inform participants in advance. Prof. MORAN observed that this option was mentioned to facilitate the participation of more universities in the Beijing region and the rest of China; but it is not sure yet whether it will be actually possible. Prof. SCHRADER underlined that people should receive complete information about public transportation in Beijing.

Prof. LORENZANO wondered about the meaning of the section “Philosophy at the margins”. Prof. MORAN explained that this section was proposed during the first meeting of the Programme Committee; Prof. VIRVIDAKIS noticed that, after Derrida, some people think that philosophizing from the margins is an advantage because that way philosophical discourse is decentralized; some radical philosophers like to argue from the margins, he explained.



Prof. KUKOC observed that the programme of the WCP includes some unfilled places for the chairs of symposia; he proposed Prof. Agazzi as chair for the symposium *Human, Non-Human, Post-Human*, arguing that Prof. Agazzi, as an internationally recognized specialist in the philosophy of science and bioethics fields, would be the most appropriate person for chairing this symposium.

Prof. MORAN agreed with the argument, but remarked that the proposal needed to be discussed with the COC, as there had already been a nomination of a Chinese chair for this symposium, although it was indeed not shown on the website of the Congress. Prof. TU supported this opinion.

Summarizing the discussion, the SECRETARY-GENERAL gave assurance that all remarks would be sent to the COC, and brought to the attention of the Executive Committee in April.

9. NOMINATION OF THE RE-ELIGIBLE CD MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT TERM (2018-2023)

The SECRETARY-GENERAL informed the Steering Committee that the following members have served for three terms and are therefore no longer re-eligible:

Tomás Calvo-Martínez
Betül Çotuksöken
Marcelo Dascal
Thalía Fung Riverón

Ivan Kaltchev
Luca M. Scarantino
Marietta Stepaniants
William Sweet

He recalled that, according to the Bye-laws, the CD can nominate all the other members for re-election; he recalled that in the last terms the Steering Committee had nominated all re-eligible members; and he asked the CD whether it wished to continue this tradition.

Prof. MORAN thanked all outgoing CD members for having served FISP for 15 years, and opened the discussion about the nomination of re-eligible members.

Prof. SCHRADER proposed to nominate for the new Steering Committee only those CD members who had attended at least one meeting since the last WCP, not counting the meeting in August 2013. He argued that the CD should nominate those who have taken their responsibility as regard the work of FISP. Prof. AGAZZI supported this proposal; he affirmed that automatic nominations should be avoided; and favored the nominations of “active CD members, who have contributed to the work of the CD”.

Prof. SCHRADER also observed that so far the gender and geographical balances are not appropriately respected in the composition of the CD, as the Secretary-general noted in his report. Hence, he proposed that more positions were opened to balance gender and cultural diversity.

Prof. KUKOC agreed with this suggestion. He claimed that there are no reasons to nominate members who have not attended any CD meeting since the last Congress, even though some of them were very active in the previous Committees. Prof. RENDTORFF also supported the proposal, but remarked that, among the re-eligible members, only two or three did not attend any CD meeting since the last WCP. Prof. SWEET agreed that members who did not attend any meeting since their election at the last Congress should not be considered for a new term, and that this should become a general rule for FISP.

President MORAN convened that those who did not attend any CD meeting since the last Congress should not be nominated for re-election automatically as it has been the tradition until now. Prof. SCHRADER then clarified that his proposal applies to those who did not attend any CD meeting since January 2014, as the CD meeting in August 2013 would not be taken into account.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS pointed out that re-eligible CD members who would like to continue their work for FISP could be nominated by a member society.



In the subsequent discussion some voices were raised in favor of making an exception to the suggestion of Prof. Schrader for those CD members persons who did not attend any meeting since the last Congress but have been very active previously. However, this idea did not receive the agreement of the majority of CD members, who discarded the idea of such exceptions.

During the discussion, Prof. SASAKI announced his desire to not be nominated for a further term. He asked to remove his name from the list of re-eligible members. After several comments from the floor, Prof. MORAN thanked him for all of his service during his two mandates, as well as for his commitment to FISP as Vice-President.

Summarizing the discussion, President MORAN observed that there was a general consensus on Prof. Schrader's proposal, i.e. that re-eligible CD members who have not attended any meeting since January 2014 would not be nominated automatically for re-election, although they could obviously be nominated by a national or international member society of FISP.

The CD endorsed the decision that re-eligible CD members who did not attend any CD meeting after January 2014, will not be nominated for re-election. It asked the Secretary-general to inform all CD members of this decision.

The discussion continued upon Prof. MORAN's remark that the CD has a right to nominate other people, such as colleagues who are not members of the Steering Committee but have actively participated in the preparation of the Congress.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS invited to give priority to a geographical balance in the composition of the CD when proceeding with nominations; he mentioned the case of India, which is absent from the current CD.

Prof. SCHRADER opposed to the idea that the CD nominates external candidates; he argued that a nomination by the CD would make someone a favored candidate; and he suggested that nominations for vacant places in the CD should be made by member societies.

Prof. AGAZZI argued that there was no problem for a philosopher from one country to be nominated by a society from another country: "every national society can nominate people even outside its country, so if the Italian philosophical society would like to propose some Indian philosopher for CD member, it can do it", he pointed out.

Prof. KUKOC agreed that the CD should include representatives from all over the world and that one significant country that is not represented currently is India. He recommended instead that nominations be solicited by CD members to member societies, with a particular care for geographical diversity.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL supported this suggestion. "The CD should actually encourage the nomination of scholars from India", he argued. He also mentioned the case of Chinese scholars who were actively involved in the preparation of the WCP, and who might be nominated as CD members.

Prof. TU recommended that Chinese scholars be nominated by the members of FISP in China, i.e. the Institute of Philosophy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Institute of Philosophy of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. He also suggested that the Executive Committee of the Congress might encourage these Chinese members of FISP to nominate candidates for the CD by proposing them a tentative choice of candidates. He finally pointed out that nomination is just the first step of a process, whereas it is important for the nominated persons to be well informed about their functions as members of CD.

In conclusion the SECRETARY-GENERAL agreed that it would be preferable to bring the issue of Chinese nominations to the attention of the Chinese philosophical community, possibly in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Congress.

As a result of the discussion, the CD agreed to encourage FISP member societies to submit candidatures for the next term of the Steering Committee.



Prof. VIRVIDAKIS raised the issue of the advertising of the WCP. He observed that some scholars, especially young ones, hesitate to apply for the WCP as they may not have enough funding to attend the Congress. He suggested that FISP might provide some financial support for young persons (students, PhD students, and post-doc students) in order to help them attend the WCP.

In the frame of this discussion, Prof. POZZO informed CD members that, according to information gathered in Beijing, it is unlikely for students to be accommodated in dormitories on PKU campus. He stressed the importance of this issue, as students might be unable to pay 8 nights in Beijing.

Prof. MORAN indicated that he had discussed this issue with the Vice-President of Peking University. He was explained that PKU can not provide student's dormitories for the accommodation of Congress participants because, according to local academic rules, students are not obliged to leave their dorms in the summer. Consequently, the organizers cannot know in advance how many rooms will be available during the Congress. However, the Vice-President assured him that there is a new dormitory under construction which will be ready in Spring 2018 ; this new building could be used for the Congress.

Prof. TU underlined that accommodation in Beijing could be very difficult and quite expensive. He agreed that the use of the student's dorms might be problematic as, by contrast with American universities, students in China do not leave their rooms in the summer. He equally suggested to establish a written agreement with PKU about the possibility of using the new building for the Congress.

It was agreed that the President and the Secretary-general would discuss this issue during the upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee.

Then Prof. MORAN raised the issue about the nomination of the new President. He recalled that it has been a tradition and practice that the Secretary-general becomes President and voiced strongly the nomination of Prof. Scarantino as next President of FISP.

Prof. SCARANTINO thanked the President for the confidence in him; he underlined that the governance of the Federation should continue reflecting cultural, geographic, and gender diversity; and he conveyed that it is a tradition, and a duty of the Secretary-general, to keep serving FISP. "I have received several encouragements in this direction", he concluded, accepting a nomination for the presidency of FISP and expressing his gratitude for the Committee's trust.

Before moving to the next item, President MORAN presented a special gift to Ms Emiliya Ivanova, who was attending her last CD meeting. He thanked her for her steady commitment to FISP, that dates back to 2009, and expressed the wish to be in touch with her until the end of her cooperation with FISP, in June 2017.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE RED IBEROAMERICANA DE FILOSOFÍA.

Prof. VARGAS LOZANO presented the newly established Iberoamerican Philosophical Network – Red Iberoamericana de Filosofía, which includes members from both Spain and Latin-American countries, such as Chile, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Paraguay, and Guatemala. He extensively illustrated its main activities and goals, its publications, meetings, conferences and future projects. Information about the activities of this network can be found on the web page teachingphilosophy-fisp.org/index.php/rif.

Prof. MORAN thanked Prof. Lozano for presenting the Iberoamerican Philosophical Network. He urged all CD members to contribute to the activities of the Committee for teaching of philosophy by providing information related to the actions undertaken in this respect by the philosophical communities of their own countries.

11. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL informed the Steering Committee of 4 new requests for membership. Three of them were proceeding from national societies, one from an international society.



11.1. Philosophy Sharing Foundation, Malta

Prof. SCARANTINO explained that this foundation supports philosophy teaching and debate. It gather a small group of scholars, teachers, and people interested in philosophy in Malta; their main activity is philosophy teaching, but they also organize public lectures, philosophical conferences, and scholarly discussions, which may generate publications.

He supported this application stressing that this would be an opportunity to include philosophers from Malta in the larger FISP network.

Prof. KUKOC remarked that FISP should accept philosophical societies from countries where from FISP has still no members. Prof. SWEET also who drew attention onto the open, inclusive character of FISP as organization. So did Prof. POZZO and Prof. AGAZZI. At the end, Prof. MORAN underlined that the PSF fulfills membership rules, and that it may play a significant role in Malta, and concluded by endorsing its the acceptance within FISP.

[The Philosophy Sharing Foundation was accepted as a full member of FISP.](#)

11.2. Asociación Filosófica del Caribe Colombiano – AFCA

This application was submitted upon recommendation of the Vice-President, Prof. Velázquez, who presented it to the Steering Committee. She strongly recommended its acceptance as a member of FISP.

The proposal was supported by the President and the Secretary-general. Prof. MORAN underlined the strong development of Colombian philosophy in recent times, particularly in the Caribbean region. It was noted as well that the application meets all requested criteria for membership.

[The Asociación Filosófica del Caribe Colombiano was accepted as a full member of FISP.](#)

11.3. Institute of Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that the Institute of Philosophy is a part of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus; its status is therefore comparable to the Institute of Philosophy of the RAS, which is a member of FISP. He added that Russian members of FISP had been informed of this application, and raised with no objection.

This application was also endorsed by Prof. MORAN and Prof. SEEL.

[The Institute of Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus was accepted as a full member of FISP.](#)

11.4. Friedrich Nietzsche Society.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL presented the application received by the Friedrich Nietzsche Society. Several CD members (MORAN, POZZO, SEEL, SWEET, THORGEIRDÓTTIR) stressed that it is a very solid international society, with important activities and very respected members.

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

Prof. SASAKI asked the floor to inquiry about the membership status of the International Association of Aesthetics. This might indeed have an impact on their capacity to nominate someone of the Steering Committee.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that the IAA was admitted in 2012 as a full member of FISP with two votes, although since they requested to be considered as a Corresponding member instead. They would be eligible to



change their status into full members, Prof. SCARANTINO added; he also asked Prof. SASAKI whether he could inquiry with the IAA about the status they would prefer; in case they would be willing to become a full member of FISP, the IAA status could be revised at the next CD meeting.

Prof. SASAKI explained that he would consult the IAA about this. He wondered whether they would be entitled to nominate a candidate even as Corresponding member; since he would quit the chairpersonship of the Committee on Aesthetics, Prof. SASAKI would like to promote a nomination from the IAA to replace him. To this effect, Prof. Agazzi recalled that it would be perfectly possible for a Corresponding member to submit a nomination for the CD.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS informed members that he was recently approached by the newly formed **European society for the study of ethics**, who expressed their interest in applying for FISP membership. He presented briefly this society and asked whether it could apply for membership.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that he had also been contacted by a representative of this society in the past, but that no formal step followed. Prof. MORAN added that since the society in question was established recently, it was unlikely to meet the criterion of the two years of existence.

12. REQUESTS FOR PATRONAGE

Two requests for FISP's patronage were received by the Secretary-general.

The International Ontology Congress requested FISP Patronage for its next edition, in 2018. Prof. SCARANTINO explained that FISP had given its sponsorship to this Congress in the past; that its support helped organizers raise money for the last edition of the Congress; and that this request was strongly endorsed by Prof. Calvo Martínez.

[The patronage of FISP to the International Ontology Congress, 2018 was approved.](#)

Former CD member Prof. Hontoundji requested FISP Patronage for the International Conference “Être humain en Afrique aujourd’hui”, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, on November 29 to December 1, 2017. This meeting was presented by Prof. Hountondji as an African contribution to the preparation of the WCP in Beijing.

[The Patronage of FISP to the International Conference “Être humain en Afrique aujourd’hui” was approved.](#)

13. NEXT CD MEETING

The SECRETARY-GENERAL recalled that the next CD meeting will be held in Beijing on the eve of the WCP 2018. He explained that the decision for further meeting should be left to the new Steering Committee, to be elected in Beijing. To ensure a smooth transition, he invited re-eligible members to consider inviting the CD in 2019 or 2020, as it might be hard for newly elected members to host a CD meeting on their first year.

President MORAN recalled that normally the CD meetings would be held in Spring, and agreed with the Secretary-general that it would be wise to schedule potential invitations in advance.

Prof. THORGEIRSDÓTTIR inquired about the form of the meeting. She asked whether a CD meeting should always be connected with a large conference as was the case in Abidjan. “If I organize a meeting like that or just a meeting related to a big conference, I would need two years for preparing it, especially for raising the necessary funds”, she explained. She wondered whether it would be possible to change the format of the CD meeting in order to include just CD members, or at most a small accompanying conference.

Prof. SCARANTINO explained that the format of the CD meeting might definitely be transformed. In general, he explained, such format depends on the wishes and concerns of the hosting community, which in most cases is also what causes the CD to be invited to meet in that particular place. “You can have large scholarly meetings as we



had recently in Abidjan or in Bangkok, but you can also host a CD meeting with a very small conference, such as in Ischia in 2009”, he noted.

Prof. SCHRADER added that another possibility would be to gather a small group of local philosophers and students, whose papers might be discussed with CD members.

In conclusion, Prof. MORAN remarked that the format of the CD meeting is very flexible. He appealed to re-eligible CD members who might be willing to host future CD meetings to start planning them, and have their proposals ready in 2018.

14. 25TH WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY (2023).

The SECRETARY-GENERAL recalled that so far two member societies have expressed their wish to bid for the WCP 2023: the Australasian Association of Philosophy, which has announced its intention to submit a bid to host the Congress in Melbourne, Australia, and the Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies, which has shown interest in hosting the WCP but is still debating of the feasibility of such a bid.

Prof. SCARANTINO added that, according to the information provided by Prof. Chateaubriand, it is unlikely to receive a bid from Brazil, although he cannot exclude that a new bid would come from the group which presented the candidacy of Rio de Janeiro in Athens.

He informed the CD that preliminary information was also requested by, and provided to, the Canadian Philosophical Association, in late September 2016; he received no further information since.

At the end, he underlined that he was not aware of any other proposal at this stage, but that the possibility of additional bids before the Beijing Congress cannot be excluded. At the end, he concluded, the Assembly will have to vote on all viable bids.

Prof. SWEET expressed his concerns regarding the possibility of having a WCP in Australia in August. This would be in concordance with the tradition of FISP, but not with the Australian academic calendar; he asked whether there were timing regulations with regard to the organization of the WCP and whether it would be possible to change the time of the WCP, e.g. to June or late July.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that there is no strict regulation in this respect. The tradition of organizing them in August, or around the end of July, proceeds from considerations about academic calendars, he added: this gives a clear predominance to scholars from the Northern hemisphere, and should not be considered as a rule. He observed that a World Congress of History of Art was held in Melbourne in January 2008; a WCP could hypothetically be held around the end of the year too, if the organizers’ were to suggest this solution; a fortiori, June, July, or September would also be viable dates.

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS supported the candidacy of Australia. He considered that it would open new horizons, new possibilities for philosophical exchanges. “I believe that this proposal should be considered very seriously; we would go not just to a new continent, but to a community of philosophers who are very good; that will be an enrichment, some kind of raising the level and scale of the WCP in general” he argued. “I always thought that we should attract philosophers from communities such as Australia: this could change not only the quality of the WCP, but also the way in which the WCP is viewed by other philosophers” Prof. VIRVIDAKIS added.

President MORAN commented on the interest expressed by the Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies. “When I was in December in Japan, I met a number of Japanese philosophers who were interested in hosting the WCP; they are seriously discussing the issue; at this stage, their main concern is of financial nature, given



the large scale of a World Congress. In both Japan and Australia, he said, universities do not have access to centralised state funding as they do in China.

These concerns were confirmed by Prof. SASAKI, who nonetheless recalled that the younger generation of Japanese scholars is very active and eager to host a World Congress. Preliminary discussions on this possibility have been going on for a while across the philosophical and academic community of Japan; and a final decision will be made once all the necessary conditions will be filled.

Prof. MORAN ended the discussion in an optimistic tone: “We have at least two important proposals for the WCP 2023, coming from two philosophically strong countries – Australia and Japan”, he said.

15. REPORTS OF FISP COMMITTEES.

President Moran opened the floor for the reports of the consultative committees of Fisp.

15.1. Committee on Aesthetics.

The report of the Committee on Aesthetics, submitted by Prof. Sasaki, was structured in three main points:

1. the need for a new chairpersonship of the Committee;
2. the activities proposed for the WCP 2018, namely the organisation of three invited sessions;
3. future activities, including the edition of a book on *Aesthetics in the 20th Century*.

In the aftermath of the CD meeting, Prof. SASAKI sent the following report:

Dear all,

In Buenos Aires, we had two meetings and I reported the results to the CD of Fisp as follows:

1. Under the current constitution of the members, we have a serious anxiety about the survival of our Committee in the next term of Fisp. Especially we need a candidate for new chair (I expressed my wish to retire from the CD of Fisp). We find such a candidate in Prof. Curtis Carter (now an external member), and wish to explore the possibility of his election.

2. As Invited Sessions on aesthetics at the Beijing Congress, we proposed the following three:

- a. Aesthetic Consciousness in East Asia, chaired by Prof. Josik Min (Korea);
- b. City Life and Rural Life, chaired by Prof. Jianping Gao (China);
- c. Aesthetics and Art Criticism, chaired by Prof. Curtis Carter (USA).

3. As a proper project of the Committee, we proposed to edit a brochure/book on the subject of “Aesthetics in the 20th Century”. We experienced a radical change of aesthetics in the last century. Therefore it should be useful to gather brief descriptions of the history of 20th century aesthetics in different countries.

Prof. Ken-ichi Sasaki
Chair of the Committee of Aesthetics

President MORAN thanked Prof. SASAKI for the report, as well as for all his work as Chair of the Committee of Aesthetics. He also pointed out that all invited sessions will be noted in the Second circular.

15.2. Committee on General Policy

The report was presented by the Chair of the Committee on General Policy, Prof. David SCHRADER.



Emphasis was put on the proposal to revise the Bye-laws in the part related to the geographical composition of the CD. Prof. SCHRADER observed that this rule was introduced in 1973 and that it was a good thing at that time, as it took into account the general concern for linguistic diversity by deciding that there could be only one representative from any one country; the only exception would apply to someone who would be proposed by an international society. He remarked that nowadays this rule creates serious complications and subsequently suggested the elimination of Chapter II, Article 5 of the Bye-laws.

Report of the Committee on General Policy

The Committee on General Policy carried on electronic communication prior to the 2017 CD meeting in order to consider Statutes and Bye-laws revisions to be presented to the 2018 Congress.

After the 2013 Congress in Athens there seemed to be considerable agreement that a revision was required in the last paragraph of Chapter II, Article 5 of the Bye-Laws. That paragraph currently reads:

“In order to secure a fair geographical composition of the Steering Committee, no country will have more than one member elected to the Steering Committee (not taking into consideration the President and the Secretary General), with the following exceptions: (i) The United States of America may have up to two representatives; (ii) The same privilege is extended to the country hosting a World Congress of Philosophy (in the sense that, as a consequence of the elections held at the General Assembly taking place on the occasion of that Congress, the resulting Steering Committee may include up to two members from this country); (iii) A country may have an additional member if this is the result of the fact that he or she was a candidate nominated by an international member society of FISP and received the necessary number of votes.”

There was a question raised some years ago over the proper interpretation of the paragraph. On one interpretation a country could gain one (and only one) additional member of the Steering Committee so long as that member was nominated by an International Member Society. The other interpretation, which was adopted, was that a country could gain multiple additional members so long as each of those additional members was nominated by an International Member Society.

The second interpretation, which has been operative for some time, made the entire paragraph moot. It allowed in principle for the possibility of the entire CD being from the same country, so long as they were nominated by International Member Societies. Clearly, that interpretation has not produced significant problems of geographical composition. As long as, among the current CD membership, Wolfgang Kaltenbacher is regarded as Austrian rather than Italian and Wenchao Li is regarded as German rather than Chinese, the only country that has more than two CD members is Mexico.

The Committee on General Policy agreed to propose that the CD recommend to the 2018 General Assembly that the above-noted paragraph should simply be deleted from the Bye-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Prof. David E. Schrader
Chair, Committee on General Policy.

The report was followed by a short discussion.

President MORAN remarked decisions on the rules should be taken by the General Assembly: the Steering Committee could just suggest to the Assembly to eliminate this paragraph.

Prof. AGAZZI supported the Committee's proposal, arguing that it is not justified to have one representative from large countries with many member societies. “At the time of my Presidency”, he said “we should have 1 representative for one country even for a country as big as the Soviet Union.” He also suggested that if a candidate receives, say, 25 votes at the Assembly, that candidate should be elected regardless of which country he or she comes



from. He concluded by specifying that members of the Steering Committee should not be considered as representatives of their native country.

Following a vote, the Steering Committee unanimously agreed to propose to the General Assembly to remove the last paragraph of Chapter II, article 5 of the Bye-laws.

15.3. Committee on Intercultural Philosophy – Report.

Over the past 4 ½ years, the Committee has been modestly active. It has not been able to schedule a meeting during the Fisp CD meetings, but it has been able to accomplish a few things.

1) A volume entitled, *What is Intercultural Philosophy?*, was published 2 years ago, and is available in print and electronically. I edited this volume, and invited members of the CD as well as some international scholars to contribute to it.

2) The Committee regularly collaborates with the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (CRVP) in organizing and participating in conferences. As the CD knows, the CRVP has an established relationship with the Committee and with Fisp, such that CRVP meetings can be designated as co-sponsored by Fisp.

In December 2015, a small group interested in the work of the CRVP (including Robert Neville, Charles Taylor, Jose Casanova, Indra Nath Choudhury, William Sweet), met with the late George McLean to discuss activities leading up to the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, in Beijing. The theme decided on was “Re-learning to be Human” – which resonates with that of the World Congress itself. Since then, some 15 conferences have been organized in Asia (including China and India), Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe on this theme and on various sub-themes. Through our association with the CRVP, members of the Committee, such as Professors Aavani, Agbakoba, and Sweet, have participated in a number of these conferences.

3) The Committee plans to contribute to future CRVP conferences, and will forward a list to members of the CD in the event that they would like to participate.

Prof. William Sweet
Chair, Committee on Intercultural Philosophy

Prof. SWEET added that the Committee plans to organise in the current and next year some conferences in affiliation with the WCP; the contributions from the already held conferences will be published in different volumes.

Prof. MORAN thanked him for the report and suggested including a link to the Committee's website in the website of Fisp.

15.4. Committee on Teaching of Philosophy – Report.

Philosophy has experienced a series of problems throughout the last few years in terms of its reduced teaching in high schools and at the university level and in the levels of public recognition of its social value.

This phenomenon has diverse causes but in general can be attributed to the increasing domination of the mercantilization of all of the spheres of life and the promotion of a type of education which emphasizes technological dimensions.

In various countries in the Ibero-American region the teaching of philosophy at the high school and university levels has been eliminated or severely limited, but nonetheless we do not yet have a precise diagnosis as to the overall status of its teaching and dissemination in the region.

It is for this reason that the Red Española de filosofía (REF, Spanish Philosophical Network); the Observatorio Filosófico de México (OFM, the Philosophical Observatory of Mexico); the Asociación Filosófica de México (AFM, the Mexican Philosophical Association) and the Instituto de filosofía del CSIC (España, the



Philosophical Institute of Spain) have issued a call for the formation of a Latin American Network of Philosophical Societies which will meet on April 19th and 20th, 2017, under the auspices of the Universidad Federal of Bahía (Brazil).

In order to gather some initial data regarding the status of philosophy in the region, we have sent out the following questions:

- Are philosophical disciplines included as required courses at the middle or high school level?
- Have required courses in philosophy been eliminated recently? And if this is so, what have been the reasons given for such changes?
- Are there permanent channels available for the dissemination of philosophical content, and what is their effectiveness?
- Any additional comments.

Dr. Antonio Campillo, the President of the Spanish Philosophical Network, has formulated a more detailed survey focused on contexts of higher education.

Philosophical associations located in the following countries have responded so far:

Argentina, Brasil, Cuba, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, España, Honduras, México, Panamá, Portugal, República Dominicana, Uruguay, Venezuela.

These responses are available online here at the website of the Committee, teachingphilosophy-fisp.org/index.php/fisp-filos-in-world-m

Some highlights of the responses thus far include:

1. NO TEACHING OF PHILOSOPHY.

In some countries such as the Dominican Republic and others in Central America, philosophy has not been taught for some time at the middle and high school levels.

2. PHILOSOPHY COURSES WERE ELIMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT THIS MEASURE WAS REVERSED DUE TO PUBLIC PRESSURE.

In other countries such as Mexico, the government decided in 2008 to eliminate the philosophical disciplines (ethics, logic, esthetics, introduction to philosophy) that had been required courses for decades. The opposition to these measures organized by the Philosophical Observatory of Mexico was successful in pressuring the government to restore the overall framework of the humanities and the philosophical disciplines which had been eliminated.

3. CONTINUING STRUGGLES IN DEFENSE OF PHILOSOPHICAL DISCIPLINES.

In Chile, the government sought to institute an educational reform to eliminate philosophy but these plans were revealed and Chilean philosophy professors were able to compel the government to establish forums for public debate as to these proposed measures. The proposed reforms are still pending.

4. PHILOSOPHICAL DISCIPLINES HAVE BEEN CUT BACK BUT EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE THEM CONTINUE.

In Spain there were four required courses with philosophical dimensions:

“Education for citizenship and human rights”, “Civic Ethics”, “Philosophy”, and “History of Philosophy”.

An educational reform law promoted by the government eliminated three of these courses and left only one that was still required, the Philosophy course. A required course in Religion was maintained with another focused on Ethical Values instituted as an alternative option, and a course regarding the History of Spain was substituted instead of the course on the History of Philosophy.



Despite the opposition of all of the relevant schools, institutes, associations, and opposition of political parties, the country's conservative government has persisted in its efforts to eliminate these courses.

5. DISSEMINATION

In some of the countries surveyed there are specialized journals and large numbers of books published but there are no journals or ongoing media for mass dissemination of philosophical content. There is also a generalized social perception that philosophy is not useful.

There is a widespread debate regarding the causes of the weakening or disappearance of philosophy attributable to:

Educational policies at the global level

The critical character of philosophy

The impact of economic, political, and ideological transformations, including challenges related to the characteristics of the digital revolution and other related factors.

We need the support of Fisp to establish a Latin American Network of Philosophical Societies as well as in view of future actions to strengthen philosophy and its place.

Prof. Gabriel Vargas Lozano.

Profesor titular del Departamento de Filosofía

Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Unidad Iztapala,

Presidente de la comisión sobre la enseñanza de la filosofía de la

Federación Internacional de Sociedades de Filosofía (FISP),

Director de la Enciclopedia electrónica de la Filosofía Mexicana

Prof. VARGAS LOZANO also announced that the Committee on Teaching of Philosophy will organize, along with the Mexican Philosophical Association and the Metropolitan Autonomous University, a Colloquium entitled “The meaning of Philosophy in Education,” to be held on November 15-17, 2017 in Mexico city. Within this event, the organisers will celebrate also the World Philosophy Day at the Mexican Senate with the purpose to attract the public's attention to the importance of philosophy. Prof. LOZANO invited all CD members to attend it.

15.5. Committee on Gender issues – Report.

“The Committee on Gender issues is very active and takes seriously the importance of the WCP 2018; we are preparing different initiatives on gender issues for the WCP”, Prof. ÞORGEIRSDÓTTIR said in the beginning. Before presenting these initiatives, she expressed her worries about the few academic positions occupied by women philosophers in China. Then she presented the 4 issues that the Committee will try to implement in the WCP.

1. The Simone de Beauvoir Endowed Lecture. Speaker: Prof. Judith Butler.

It was decided that Gender Committee members make efforts to secure sustainable financing of the Endowed lecture series into the future. This means raising around 25,000US\$ for establishing the lecture series.

2. Calendar of Women Philosophers.

Begin the work of the Calendar and deliver a print ready copy to the WCP organizers in order to have the Calendar part of the Congress folder for registered congress participants. Robin Wang will check into how much it costs to print ca 5,000-6,000 copies of the calendar in China. Emphasis will be put on good paper and print quality.

We will have for every week a short text of women philosophers from all over the world along with pictures of them, in view of having a global representation of women philosophers. We will be very keen to show women philosophers from different parts of the world, different ages and different fields of philosophy: At this stage, the Committee has assembled over 150 names of women philosophers, from Greek philosophy on.

3. Exhibition of women philosophers at WCP, pending financial grant for the artist that she is applying for.



Prof. Þorgeirsdóttir will ask Catrine Val to send the Gender Committee a selection of photos to be proposed for an exhibition in Beijing. The Committee wants to secure regional representation of women thinkers.

4. A draft website of the Gender Committee was presented and discussed.

This draft version of includes information about the Gender Committee with its area of work – gender and philosophy; general information about the WCP along with the activities of the Committee in it; information about the Simone de Beauvoir lecture with a link to Judith Butler's page; reference to women's research centres in the world along with conferences that they are sponsoring; information on research on gender and philosophy and research centres, conferences, publications having to do with this; gender statistics in philosophy, and other related information. The current address of the website is: www.fispgender.weebly.com.

Prof. Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir
Chair of the Committee on Gender issues

Prof. VIRVIDAKIS suggested that the Committee gather people for two WCP roundtables: one on Women and Philosophy, and another on Philosophizing in Gender. He invited all CD members to provide information about women philosophers in their own countries, as well as on related philosophical events in their countries. He mentioned that groups of women philosophers in Greece do hold some events, although not very systematically.

Prof. SWEET proposed including in these round tables women philosophers from China and women thinkers in the field of gender.

In response to this remark, Prof. TU observed that in China there are many women in the humanities: literature, history, philosophy, etc., but with regard to the leadership positions taken by them the emergence of young women leaders is not frequent. So, he suggested that the Committee on Gender might also undertake research and prepares statistics about how many women in philosophy and the human sciences arrive at leadership positions.

Prof. Þorgeirsdóttir expressed her thanks for all suggestions and appealed to the CD members to send to the Committee on Gender useful information for the women's calendar, as well as information regarding statistics on women and their positions in philosophy and the human sciences.

15.6. Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation – Report.

The Committee was very successful under the Presidency of Prof. Maya Kule; she published 3 volumes of books on “Philosophy in the current situation” which include papers from 28 particular countries: USA, Canada, Finland, Baltic states, Germany, Czech Republic, Croatia, Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, Iran, China, Vietnam, Korea, Australia, Nigeria, Philippines, Japan, UK, Holland, Macedonia, Slovakia, Serbia, Romania, Slovenia, Armenia...

The Committee is trying to collect papers from different countries on the subject of the current situation of philosophy. The actual work of the Committee is to collect papers on the subject of contemporary philosophy from many countries and especially from the countries which are not already covered in the published volumes as some regions in the Balkans, Asia and Africa. A first deadline could be set on March 1, 2018.

Contributions should be focused mainly on the contemporary situation of philosophy in the region, on the actual philosophical tendencies there, along with information on current philosophical activity (journals, books, etc.) and concluding with perspectives on the development of philosophy in the region. All these articles will be published in Croatia, first in the International Journal of Philosophy, which is printed in 3 languages – English, French and German, and then in a separate book which will be the 4th volume of the Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation.

Prof. Mislav Kukoc.
Chair, Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation

President MORAN thanked Prof. Kukoc for this report.



15.7. Committee on Bioethics and the Ethics of the Sciences

Prof. RENDTORFF summarized the recent activities of the Committee.

He, as chair, gave a lecture on global responsibility in bioethics at the Universität Bayreuth, in 2016. He also participated in a conference on bioethics organised by Profs. Peter Kemp and Noriko Hashimoto in Istanbul in October 2016. The conference was on bioethics and justice and was held at the Swedish Research Institute in Turkey; during it there was some global exchange between East and West on the questions of ethics and bioethics. He also attended a conference related to the contemporary debates on the moral philosophy, organised by the new European society of moral philosophy, where he gave a paper on global bioethics.

The second point of the report was related to future activities planned by the Committee.

The Committee will organise at the WCP 2018 an Invited session on “Bioethics in Different Cultural Perspectives”. It intends to invite for this session persons from different countries: Denmark, Germany, USA, Balkans, etc. The aim is to gather together not only philosophers, specialists in bioethics, but also people working in economics and business ethics. One of the future projects of the Committee is the establishment of an interdisciplinary group to research problems of bioethics.

In the subsequent discussion, the SECRETARY-GENERAL asked for some information concerning the Invited session on “Bioethics in Different Cultural Perspectives” proposed by the Committee.

Prof. KUKOC, on behalf of the Committee, explained that the idea of this session was to present the visions of bioethics from different parts of the world: Prof. Schrader and Prof. Rendtorff will present the American and European principles of bioethics, Prof. Agazzi the Latin American vision on the topic and himself would talk about bioethics from a Mediterranean perspective.

He remarked, in addition, that the Committee was very interested in also having participants from China, India, and other different cultures who can present particular cultural approaches to the subject.

Prof. MORAN thanked Prof. Rendtorff for his report.

16. IPO

Prof. MORAN recalled that the IPO 2017 will be held in Rotterdam on May 25-28; its general theme will be “Tolerance”. As usual, three members of the Steering Committee of FISP shall be part of the Jury of the IPO. The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that, according to the IPO rules, they would include the President of FISP, who is also President of the Jury, the chair of the Committee for the Teaching of Philosophy, and another member.

Prof. MORAN indicated that he would be able to attend the IPO; not so Prof. VARGAS LOZANO. Hence, the CD was invited to nominate two representatives. Prof. MORAN added that cultural and gender balance should be sought in the composition of FISP delegation. He explained that the hosting country covers the accommodation expenses, while FISP would cover travel subsidies, and asked Prof. Hashimoto whether she would agree to serve as a judge at the IPO in Rotterdam. Following her positive reply, Prof. Kemp was nominated and accepted to be a member of the IPO jury.

[Prof. Moran, Prof. Kemp and Prof. Hashimoto were nominated as representatives of FISP at the IPO 2017¹.](#)

¹ Shortly after the CD meeting, Prof. Moran had to cancel his participation due to an unexpected commitment; Prof. Scarantino replaced him in the IPO Jury.



Prof. KALTENBACHER asked how the judges for the IPO 2018 will be nominated since there will be no CD meeting before May 2018. The SECRETARY-GENERAL explained that usually this decision is made through e-mail consultation of CD members, normally by early February.

At the end, Prof. MORAN informed the CD about a letter of complaint he received with regard to the selection process carried out by the Indian IPO committee. In reaction to this complaint, he wrote to the IPO Standing Committee as well as to the head of the Indian IPO committee in order to check the selection procedure. As a result of this correspondence, he was notified that India changed the rules for the national competition because of the large number of applications. “So, for the time being the selection process in India is different from the other countries; but it is important for FISP to keep a general oversight over the IPO”, he concluded.

17. CIPSH ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE ON THE HUMANITIES.

President MORAN announced that he and the Secretary-general would attend the upcoming Assembly of CIPSH, the International Council for Philosophy and the Human Sciences, to be held in Liège, Belgium, on 6-12 August, 2017. The Assembly would take place in the frame of a large Conference on the Humanities; Prof. McBride will also be present also as a member of the CIPSH Executive Committee.

Prof. MORAN expressed his hopes that this organisation will be able to re-establish the important international role it has played in the area of the human sciences. He observed that the current Secretary-general, Prof. Luiz Oosterbeek, wants to reinforce the relations of CIPSH with UNESCO.

Prof. MCBRIDE voiced some concerns about the little publicity about the Conference on the humanities. He underlined that the lack of any funding for CIPSH from UNESCO, which had long-lastingly provided funding for its activities, raised serious questions about its activities in the future.

18. VARIA

i. Letter of protest in defence of humanities.

Prof. LEPORE announced that very soon the new U.S. administration would likely be proposing the suppression of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He called for FISP intervention in the matter. More concretely, he requested that the President of FISP write a protest letter on behalf of FISP.

Prof. Schrader seconded this proposal, and indicated that copies of this letter should be sent to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and to the Majority Leader of the Senate.

[Prof. MORAN agreed to do this on behalf of FISP.](#)

ii. Archives of FISP

Prof. SWEET indicated that recently the Council of Research in Values and Philosophy has published a book on intercultural philosophy, and asked whether it can be included in the archives of FISP.

Prof. MORAN stated that the issue of FISP archives is a priority, and agreed that this book should be included in the Archives. He remarked also that it is important to increase the on-line records regarding the archives.

Prof. KEMP indicated that he was ready to give to the archives all the documents from the period of his presidency; he considered they could be useful for a future history of FISP.

Prof. AGAZZI recommended to contact the Director of the Düsseldorf Institute of Philosophy for all matters relating to FISP archives; according to his understanding he added, nobody is currently in charge of the archives.



Prof. MORAN promised to write a letter to the Director of Düsseldorf Institute as regard the archives of FISP. He recalled that the Director of the Philosophy Documentation Center George Leaman is interested in gathering all documents related to the WCP and has established an electronic archive, which can include other materials.

iii. Conference in Bariloche, Argentina.

At the end of the meeting, In answer to the interest, expressed by some CD members as regard the conference in Bariloche, Prof. LORENZANO gave some details on the history and rationale of the Bariloche philosophical symposia, and acquainted the Steering Committee with the actual theme of the 2017 symposium, that would begin just after the CD meeting in Buenos Aires. He also thanked the CD for accepting the invitation of the Universidad Tres Febrero and those who actually attended the meeting in Buenos Aires.

President Moran expressed his special thanks to Prof. Lorenzano, to the Universidad Tres Febrero, and to the philosophical community of Argentina for hosting the CD meeting in Buenos Aires and for attending the scholarly conference that preceded it.

There being no other matter of discussion, the meeting adjourned on March 14 at 13h30.

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Caisse	CHF	- . - -
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Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>55'547.00</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	106'313.53
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Avoir au 28.02.2017(1 Euro = 1.063928 CHF)

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Compte personnel G (EUR)		
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Titres (49 parts UBS(Lux)		
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	CHF	<u>69'405.00</u>

TOTAL AVOIR	CHF	100'405.66
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Selon les documents bancaires du 02.05.2016 et du 26.02.2017

FONDS CONGRES MONDIAUX (FISP) : BILAN au 28.02.2017

Avoir au 01.05.2016

Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 1'045.47
Titres (10 parts UBS(Lux)	
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Gain nette	CHF 395.53
	CHF 12'777.00

Avoir au 28.02.2017

Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 1'013
Titres (10 parts UBS(Lux)	
Strategy Fund Yield(CHF)A)	<u>CHF 11'764</u>
TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 12'777
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Selon les documents bancaires du 02.05.2016 et du 26.02.2017

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.

STATE OF MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT (28.02.2017)

6 members paid until 2018

16 members paid until 2017

38 members paid in 2016

60 MEMBERS (44 %) ARE UP TO DATE WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES

15 members paid until 2015 (reminder)

12 members paid until 2014(reminder)

3 new members admitted in 2016 that have not paid yet (reminder)

2 new members admitted in 2015 that have not paid yet (reminder)

31 MEMBERS (23 %) ARE NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS BEHIND WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES

28 members paid until 2013 (reminder)

3 members paid until 2012 (reminder)

2 members paid until 2011 (reminder)

10 members paid until 2010 or before (reminder)

2 members never paid (reminder)

44 MEMBERS (33 %) ARE MORE THAN 2 YEARS BEHIND WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES

TOTAL 134 members



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Etat de paiement des membres au 28.02.2017

Pays	Nom de la Société	v[1]	a[2]
Afrique du Sud	Philosophical Society of Southern Africa	1	2016
Allemagne	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie	2	2016
Allemagne	Kantgesellschaft	1	2016
Argentine	Asociacion Filosófica Argentina (AFRA)	1	2015
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	2016
Autriche	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Philosophie (OeGP)	1	2016
Azerbaïdjan	Association of Global and Civilizational Studies	0	2014
Belgique	Belgian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (BSLPS)	1	2013
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	2015
Chine	Institute of Philosophy of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences	1	2016
Chine	Chinese Association of Philosophy (CAP) in Taiwan, China	1	2018
Côte d'Ivoire	Association Ivoirienne des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPP) (admitted in March 2015 in Bangkok)	1	NEW
Corée du Nord	Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS)	2	2011
Corée du Sud	Korean Philosophical Association	2	2016
Croatie	Croatian Philosophical Society - Hrvatsko filozofsko drustvo	1	2016
Cuba	Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosóficas (SCIF)	1	2018
Danemark	Danish Philosophical Association – Dansk Filosofisk Selskab	1	2016
Danemark	Filosofisk Forum - Forum Philosophique de Copenhagen	1	2016
Espagne	Sociedad Académica de Filosofía (SAF)	1	2013
Espagne	Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica (SEFA)	1	2017
Espagne	Sociedad Ibérica de Filosofía Griega – Sociedade Iberica de Filosofia Grega (SIFG)	1	2017
Espagne	Red Española de Filosofía – REF (admitted in June 2016 in Abidjan)	1	NEW
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Alain Locke Society (ALS)	1	2016

[1] votes

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[2] années (payé jusqu'à)



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Pays	Nom de la Société	v[1]	a[2]
Etats-Unis-Amérique	American Philosophical Association (APA)	4	2015
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Charles S. Peirce Society	1	2017
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC)	1	2009
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)	1	2017
Etats-Unis-Amérique	Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)	1	2017
Finlande	Philosophical Society of Finland - Suomen Filosofinen Yhdistys	1	2016
France	Société Française de Philosophie (SFP)	2	2016
Grande-Bretagne	British Philosophical Association	1	2016
Grande-Bretagne	Royal Institute of Philosophy	2	2016
Grèce	Fondation de Recherche et d'Édition Philosophique Néohellénique	0.5	2013
Grèce	Research Centre for Greek Philosophy of the Academy of Athens	1	2014
Grèce	Société Grecque de Philosophie - Greek Philosophical Society	1	2016
Grèce	Société Hellénique d'Études Philosophiques	0.5	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 (ABDP)	1	2017
Inde	Centre for Studies in Civilizations	1	2016
Inde	Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR)	1	2016
Inde	Indian Philosophical Congress (IPC)	1	2013
Iran	Iranian Philosophical Society (IPS) – Anjomane Elmie Hekmat va Falsafehe Iran	1	2016
Iran	Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (SIPRI)	1	2017
Irlande	Academy Committee for Philosophy and Ethics	2	2016
Irlande	Irish Philosophical Society - Cumann Fealsúnachta na hEireann	1	2013
Islande	Icelandic Philosophical Society - Felag Ahugamanna um Heimspeki	0	2016
Israël	New Israeli Philosophy Society	1	2014
Italie	Fondazione Centro Studi Filosofici di Gallarate	1	2015
Italie	Istituto di Studi Filosofici "Enrico Castelli" (Roma)	1	2000
Italie	Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici (IISF, Napoli)	1	2015
Italie	Società Filosofica Italiana (SFI)	2	2016
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	2015
Kasachstan	Philosophical Congress of Kazakhstan (admitted in June 2016 in Abidjan)	1	2017
Kosovo	Kosovo Philosophical Association (KPA)	1	2017
Lettonie	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Latvia – Latvijas Universitātes Filozofijas un Socioloģijas Institūts	1	2016
Luxembourg	Cercle de Philosophie (admitted in June 2016 in Abidjan)	1	NEW
Luxembourg	Société Luxembourgeoise de Philosophie	1	2003

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Macédoine (ARYM)	Philosophical Society of Macedonia – Filozofsko drustvo na Makedonija	1	2016
Maroc	Association Marocaine de Philosophie (AMP)	1	2008
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
Montenegro	Montenegro Association of Philosophy Teachers (admitted in June 2016 in Abidjan)	1	NEW
Nepal	Society for Philosophy and Literary Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal	1	2013
Nigéria	Nigerian Philosophical Association Association	1	2018
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	2017
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	2015
Russie	Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences	2	2016
Russie	Russian Philosophical Society - Rossijskoe Filozofskoe Obshchestvo	2	2016
Sénégal	Société Sénégalaise de Philosophie (SO.SE.PHI)	1	2015
Slovaquie	Slovak Philosophical Association - Slovenské Filozofické Združenie	1	2016
Suède	Swedish Philosophical Association - Svenska Filosofiska sällskapet	1	2006
Suisse	Société Suisse de Philosophie – Schweizerische Philosophische Gesellschaft	2	2016
Thaïlande	Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand (PARST)	1	2014
Tchèque	Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic - Filozofický ústav Akademie věd ČR	1	2013
Turquie	Philosophical Society of Turkey - Türkiye Felsefe Kurumu	1	2016
Ukraine	Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation - Ukrainskiy-filosofskiy-fond	1	2013
Uruguay	Sociedad Filosófica del Uruguay (SFU)	1	2016
Uzbekistan	Philosophical Society of Uzbekistan (PSU) - Uzbekistan falsafa jamiati (admitted in March 2015 in Bangkok)	1	NEW
Venezuela	Sociedad Venezolana de Filosofía	1	2013
z-Internationale	Académie Int. e de Philosophie des Sciences (AIPS)	1	2015
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	2016
z-Internationale	Association Int. e des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPPh)	1	2014

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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	2016
z-Internationale	Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft	1	2017
z-Internationale	Institut Int. de Philosophie (IIP)	1	2017
z-Internationale	Int. Association for Aesthetics (IAA)	0	2013
z-Internationale	Int. Association for Greek Philosophy	1	2016
z-Internationale	Int. Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)	0	2018
z-Internationale	Int. Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC)	1	2014
z-Internationale	Int. Association of Centers for Peirce Studies (IACPS)	0	2008
z-Internationale	Int. Association of Women Philosophers – Int. e Assoziation von Philosophinnen	1	2017
z-Internationale	Int. Plato Society (IPS)	1	2016
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP)	1	2017
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Islamic Philosophy (ISIP)	1	2016
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Metaphysics	1	2013
z-Internationale	Int. Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS)	1	2006
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Universal Dialogue (ISUD)	1	2016
z-Internationale	Int. Society for Value Inquiry (ISVI)	1	2013
z-Internationale	Int. e Hegel-Gesellschaft	0	2012
z-Internationale	Int. e Hegel-Vereinigung (Int. e 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	2017
z-Internationale	North American Society for Social Philosophy	1	2016
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	2015
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)		

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Nom de la Société

UNESCO/Section Sécurité humaine, démocratie et philosophie, Secteur
des sciences sociales et humaines

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The Report of Organization of the 24th World Congress of Philosophy

Since our last report in 2016, the organization of the 24th WCP has progressed very fast in Peking University. With the aid of FISP, the International Program Committee and presidents, vice-presidents and different sectors of the university, the organizing work has been remarkably improved here. Before this report, we would like to thank you, President Dermot Moran, General Secretary Luca Scarantino, President of the International Program Committee Riccardo Pozzo, all the members of the International Program Committee and all the CD members for your continuous encouragement, strong support and intelligent advice in the past years. Without the help from all of you, our organization of the Congress would be otherwise. Now the organization has rushed to the final phase this year and the next year. I hope that our report this year will not only make clear what's going on in PKU but also gather your clairvoyant suggestions in order to make better our work.

In the report, we would like to acknowledge all the major progress and improvement from 2016 to nowadays.

1. The successful transfer from the International Program Committee to the Executive Committee

On Sep. 5, 2016, the International Program Committee has the final meeting in Peking University. Toward the end of the meeting, 5 people were selected to constitute the Executive Committee which will take up the responsibility for continuing the organization of the WCP at the final phase. Now Prof. Dermot Moran, Prof. Luca Scarantino, Prof. Riccardo Pozzo were selected as international members

while Prof. Wang Bo and Prof. Xie Dikun as Chinese members in the Executive Committee. This and the next year, we will closely work with the Executive Committee to guarantee the actualization of all the approved principles and projects concerning the organization of the WCP.

2. The Meeting of University Council and Senate

In Oct., 2016, Prof. Wang Bo made a presentation about the progress and difficulties of the organization of the WCP in the regular meeting of University Council and Senate. President Lin Jianhua and other colleagues discussed about the next movement of the organization. In the discussion, President Lin Jianhua encouraged a renovation of all the Congress venues to facilitate the handicapped. The plan for the opening ceremony was delayed to a later communication to the government in near future. Colleagues did not come to an agreement about the accommodation of the students participants in the university dormitories because their conditions might not meet the demand of the Congress.

In Jan., 2017, Prof. Hao Ping replaced Prof. Zhu Shanlu to be the President of University Council in Peking University. In public talks, he has announced the organization of the WCP to be one of the 5 most important events on campus this and the next year.

It is a very happy news that both the Presidents of the University are in strong support of the WCP. In near future they will find opportunities to communicate to both the central and local government and to seek their great support and help.

3. Website of the WCP

In November of 2016, the information team of Peking University has set

the registration function on-line. Because of special banking and currency rules in China, the financial team of the university had a very difficult talk with a third-party financial institution (named Shou Xin Yi) before coming to a final agreement about all the rules of the payment. Only after the agreement had been signed were the information team allowed to construct an on-line connection to the institution for the payment of registration both in and outside of the country. As you may have already seen and even tried, the registration function works pretty well. So far 48 people have registered and 4 of them paid for their registration fees.

In December of 2016, the paper submission function was also set on-line. It also works very well. Now we have already received 9 papers from 6 people through the function. Apart from the submission on-line, we keep watching the mailbox of the secretariat of the WCP for receiving submitted papers.

Last week we had a meeting with the conference center of the university to make a detailed plan of all the organization issues and cultural tourism during the Congress. We have some plans from Chinese tourist agencies for different routes of cultural tourism both near and far from the Beijing city. Now we are waiting for their photos before making a public announcement on the website.

This week we are making beautiful and professional photos of our lecture halls, conference centers and campus restaurants which we plan to be the major venues of the WCP. These photos will be soon posted on the website to make an early show.

4. The Chinese Organizing Committee

After a couple of discussion in the department of philosophy, at the

university and with colleagues from other Chinese universities, we have fixed rules to organize the COC.

Now we plan to invite the Vice-Premier Liu Yandong of the state to be the President of the Honorary Committee. Some of the most senior Chinese philosophers and some friendly people from government and business will be invited to be members of the committee as well.

President Hao Ping and President Lin Jianhua of Peking University will be invited to be Presidents of the COC.

We will organize the academic sector to invite prestigious Chinese philosophers to join us.

In the COC, we will set a huge organizing sector to gather all the chairs of the philosophy departments in all the major universities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Tai Wan, Macao, and Singapor. They will help us to mobilize their colleagues and students to participate in the Congress.

Now the initial list of invitees has been made out. We are waiting for the discussion at the university later this month.

5. The Recruitment of New Secretary for the Secretariat of the WCP

Last July the previous secretary Mrs. Zhu Weiping left Peking University because of her new job. Her resign was a great loss for us. Fortunately we successfully recruited a new secretary Miss Xie Boyi to keep a full-time work in the secretariat of the WCP in the last Oct.

Her E-mail: xieby@pku.edu.cn

6. The First Executive Committee Meeting and the Second Circular

The first Executive Committee Meeting will take place in Peking University from April 7 to 9 in 2017. We have not yet had an agenda from President of the committee, Luca Scarantino. On our side, all the preparation has been done.

We have already started to collect information to prepare the second circular. We were informed that one of the major issues in the first Executive Committee Meeting concerns the second circular. We won't make the final design of the circular until the approved results of the meeting.

7. Round-tables, invited sessions, student sessions and societies meetings

We have already received a couple of submitted proposals for the round-tables, invited sessions and societies meetings. Now we are not yet clear of the approved procedure for the submission of the proposals. We helped people to communicate to President Dermot Moran and General Secretary Luca Scarantino. However we do hope that the CD meeting can approve a fixed procedure and correspondents for the submission and evaluation of the proposals in future, so that we can make an announcement on the website. The public announcement of the procedure will efficiently improve the organization of these sessions.

In the last meeting of the International Program Committee 2016, we are requested to find a Chinese colleague to help evaluate Chinese proposals for the

round-tables and invited sessions. Prof. Li Meng from the department of philosophy in Peking University will be responsible for the evaluation. His e-mail address:

limengemail@126.com

We are planning both some academic events of students affiliated to the Congress and a student session in the Congress together with other Chinese universities. Prof. Wu Tianyue and Mr. Li Lin from the department of philosophy in Peking University are responsible for all these.

8. Submission and evaluation of papers

The paper submission function started to work in December 2016. So far 6 people have submitted their papers through the website. We have already started to recruit students volunteers to help a communication of submitted papers. But we have not yet had complete information of the chairpersons of the 99 parallel sessions. So the evaluation of submitted papers have not yet started.

9. Books Exhibition, Exhibition of Women Philosophers and Others

We have just received the information about the space and price for a possible books exhibition during the Congress. We will quickly start to seek prestigious publishers both in China and abroad to organize the exhibition.

We have acknowledged to the university the exhibition of women philosophers. A team from the conference service center is considering an appropriate place to hold the exhibition.

We are also planning an exhibition of milestone philosophers in the growth of the philosophical development in Peking University since 1912. We have been suggested to have the exhibition in Feng Yulan's House (a very famous philosopher on Chinese philosophy) on campus.

We have been informed that a special session will be organized to celebrate the 70th anniversary of FISP during the Congress. We need more detailed information to find an appropriate venue.

10. Nomination of Chinese chairperson for the endowed lecture on Marx

In the last meeting of the International Program Committee, we learnt that there will be a special endowed lecture on Karl Marx to celebrate his 200th Birth Anniversary. Prof. William McBride has been invited to give the lecture. Due to the important role and prevalent influence of Marx in China, the COC was invited to nominate one Chinese philosopher as the chairperson of this lecture. Now we like to nominate one among the following three (in order of priority):

Prof. Zhang Yibin (NanJing University, China)

Prof. Sun Zhengyu (JiLin University, China)

Prof. Tong Shijun (East China Normal University, China)

Nowadays more and more people join in the organization of the WCP. We will soon communicate with the central and local government. Some satellite

conferences affiliated to the WCP will be organized either within one year before or after the Congress. These cultural events outside of the WCP will not only provide support to the Congress but also contribute to the philosophical culture in this very old country. Thank you!

The Secretariat of the 24th WCP

Prof. Wang Bo

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The Secretary of the COC of the 24th WCP

The Chair of the Department of Philosophy, Peking University

March 10, 2017

