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MINUTES

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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President of FISP, Prof. SCARANTINO, opened the meeting. He congratulated all participants for attending the first meeting of the Steering Committee since 2019 and emphasized the pleasure that everyone expressed for being together again. He thanked Roskilde University and Prof. RENDTORFF for inviting the Steering Committee to Denmark and welcomed those participants who attended remotely due to travel or health restrictions. Many of them, he remarked, were connected from distant time zones, and at very unusual times.



2. COMMEMORATION OF MS EMILIYA IVANOVA, FORMER ASSISTANT OF FISP

Prof. KUKOC gave a brief speech to commemorate Ms Emiliya IVANOVA, who served as administrative assistant at FISP for many years and recently passed away:

EMILIYA IVANOVA († 2021)

We recently received the sad news that Emiliya Ivanova, our long-time colleague and above all a friend, has passed away in her hometown, Sofia in Bulgaria.

She served for nearly a decade as coordinator and administrative secretary of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) and was deeply involved in the organizing of the recent World Congresses of Philosophy in Seoul, Athens, and Beijing.

Emiliya was not only an administrative secretary; she was professionally, by her vocation, engaged in philosophy: she began her graduate studies at the Institute of Philosophy of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia and continued them at the Institut Catholique in Paris, from which she obtained a degree of Master II and continued her doctoral research. In addition to Berdiaev's religious philosophy, her special research interests included Emmanuel Mounier and the French Personalist movement, as well as the philosophy of Gabriel Marcel, of Teilhard de Chardin, and other contemporary French philosophers with a religious orientation. She was also interested in the comparative study of Eastern and Western religious philosophies.

I met Emilia during the WCP in Seoul, Korea, 2008, maybe a year before I organized the first annual CD meeting in Croatia. Emiliya for me was not only a very diligent and efficient FISP administrative secretary, but much more than that. Emilia was above all a wonderful person, a dear close friend. We spent a very pleasant time together during our CD meetings all over the world. I will always remember, I believe, all of us who knew her and hung out with her, her cheerful spirit, joy, gentle and warm nature. Rest, dear Emiliya, in peace.

Several members of the Steering Committee expressed fond memories of Emiliya. It was also recalled that she began working with FISP in 2008, immediately after the Seoul Congress. At that time, President MCBRIDE suggested that FISP should have a permanent seat in Paris, and suggested that Ms Ivanova could take that duty, at least on a part-time basis.

Then, following a proposal by Prof. KUKOČ, the Steering Committee asked Prof. KOLEV to attend a memorial service for Emiliya, scheduled for the same day in Sofia, on behalf of FISP. At the same moment, the CD would pay one minute of silence in memory of Emiliya Ivanova.

3. VERIFICATION OF PROXIES

The list of proxies was presented and raised no objection. It was decided that, in case of votes, members of the Steering Committee who were connected remotely would decide either to let their proxy vote or to express their vote publicly.

The list of proxies, as noted above, was approved by the Steering Committee.

4. MINUTES OF THE MOSTAR MEETING -- MAY 22, 2019

President SCARANTINO apologized for the lack of minutes concerning the previous meeting in Mostar. He took a personal commitment to make them available by the next meeting of the Steering Committee, at least as a Summary of decisions.

The Steering Committee approved this proposal and postponed the approval of the minutes to its next session.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President SCARANTINO presented his report. Several parts of it triggered immediate discussions that, for the sake of clarity, were gathered at the end of this section.



Dear Colleagues,

Our first duty is to express our gratitude to Roskilde University, and particularly to Jacob Rendtorff, for accepting to host this meeting on a very short notice. It was only two months ago that we had to admit that it would not be possible to hold our session in Hanoi, Vietnam, as we intended to do. Immediately, Jacob accepted to host us here in Roskilde. Dear Jacob: this was not an easy task. You managed to arrange our meeting very swiftly and very well, and you made a great service to FISP. We are very grateful to you -- Thank you.

Despite our limited travel opportunities, many relevant things for FISP happened in the last two years. We have a very charged agenda. I will not go into the details of every single point; instead, let me try to summarize the most relevant activities of the last months, and maybe mention some of the main issues at stake in our agenda.

The 25th World Congress of Philosophy (Rome, 2024). Our main concern is probably the upcoming World Congress of Philosophy. As you know, we had to consider a change of venue for reasons that escaped the responsibility of any of us. You have been informed of the context that led the Australasian Philosophical Society to acknowledge that they would no longer be able to host the Congress, and you were involved in our subsequent discussions and decisions. Let us try to focus on the current state of things.

- a. *Relations with the IOC.* The Italian Philosophical Society has appointed a national Organizing Committee (IOC), which effectively represents the Italian scholarly and academic community in philosophy. This Organizing Committee held two online sessions since it was formed. While the inclusiveness of the IOC is a pledge for a successful involvement of Italian philosophical and academic bodies, we are experiencing a relatively slow pace regarding local organization, fundraising, and relations with the hosting institution, Sapienza University.

This process is likely to increase its speed in the next months. As for each Congress, though, it might be time to draw a first alarm. The chair of the Italian Organizing Committee, Professor Emidio Spinelli, who is also Vice-rector at Sapienza, is certainly much committed to involve local academic authorities in the Congress. Yet his efforts do not seem to be met by a full awareness of the magnitude of a World Congress, particularly at a local level. This might well be caused by a lack of specific experience, considering that Italy has not hosted a World Congress since 1958 and that it never took place in Rome. Indeed we might reasonably expect to see things take a more constructive turn in the upcoming months. However, it seems fair, at this stage, to report on the current state of affairs, with its contrasting aspects.

- b. *Programme of the WCP.* The Programme committee has drafted a timely, society-oriented, and scholarly pertinent programme. The Programme committee explicitly discussed whether the Congress should present philosophy as exclusively talking about itself, or whether it should rather conceive it as a set of powerful, theoretical tools to explore our social and cultural worlds. The tentative scheme that we received reflects a very large consensus for the second option. The Committee agreed that the Congress would be a major opportunity for philosophy to address multiple concerns of cultural, social, and spiritual nature. We will look closely into their proposals later on. At this stage, let me simply mention that this seems to me a very timely attitude for FISP and for the World Congress – regardless of any adjustments or changes that we may decide to make.
- c. *Online participation.* This is a potentially controversial issue, which we should tentatively address at this early stage. While I am personally not in favor of taking online participation in the Congress into account, we must admit that this is a serious issue which deserves to be carefully assessed. Possibly at our next meeting, we should decide about the possibility of allowing online participation, with the risk that people would not come and probably change the nature of the Congress; or rather consider that online participation is not an issue, and maybe we can record something and then post them after the Congress. This was briefly mentioned during the Program committee meeting and it should probably be more thoroughly discussed



within the Programme committee itself. We can easily anticipate scholars from different parts of the world asking about this option. It is also important to provide initial guidelines to the Italian Organizing Committee, to share with them our sense about this particular issue.

- d. *Book fair.* We need to make an executive decision on the bookfair. World Congresses always include a book exhibit, which in some cases was large in size. During the program committee meeting, my proposal was to transform the book exhibit in a book fair of philosophical books, a “salon du livre philosophique”. The idea is to embed a real book fair in the Congress, in order to have authors meeting critics, publishers’ corners to present authors, even a sort of “market” for publishers and authors to meet, and other similar activities: in short, it will not just be a space for displaying or selling books, but an active constituent of the Congress. A book fair would provide publishers with an extraordinary opportunity to meet potential authors from all over the world, in a same place and for a whole week. Obviously enough, it should be entrusted to a professional book fair organizer, under the authority of FISP and in partnership with our hosts. Luckily, Italy has considerable, well-established expertise in this domain; initial inquiries have shown potential for a large support on a nationwide basis. Since this proposal was endorsed by the Programme committee, it is now my honor to ask the Steering Committee to take it into account, to either ratify or cancel it.
- e. *Relations with the Vatican in Rome.* A few months ago, I was invited to meet with the Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See, H.M.R.E. Card. Pietro Parolin. The meeting was also attended by Prof. Emidio Spinelli, on behalf of the IOC, and by our colleague Prof. Giovanni Scarafile. It was intended to provide initial information about the Congress, its reach, inclusiveness, and expected social and intellectual impact worldwide. We can see it as a sign of the strong interest the Congress is already raising within religious communities, press, and authorities, in Rome and beyond. We can hope that Italian authorities would show a comparable level of involvement.

FISP Statutes. A minor, yet potentially tricky problem with our Constitution is related to our decision to move the Congress to 2024. Our Treasurer, Prof. Seel, remarked that while the President’s term goes from Congress to Congress, the Statutes explicitly state that “members of the Steering Committee are elected for five years”. While this might appear as a merely formal inconvenience, we shall nonetheless process and fix it. As the Statutes are involved, it might be necessary to call for an extraordinary session of the General Assembly. Although there is some time ahead of us, it might be wise to take note of the matter and register that some action must be taken.

Conferences and meetings. In light of the sudden travel restrictions that were imposed on most countries in March 2020, I attended a very small number of physical conferences since our last meeting in Mostar. Let me mention here the most relevant one for FISP.

- a. In November of 2019, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (a member of FISP) organized a meeting in Shanghai as a part of the Hongqiao Economic Forum. This event followed up on a previous conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations, held in Beijing in May 2019 and on which I reported in Mostar. Other meetings, planned for 2020, were eventually postponed due to the surge of the pandemic. Recently, I received a letter from CASS inviting FISP to join a new think tank on democracy that they are planning to establish. The main goals of their initiative are to hold forums to discuss democracy every two years, to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with FISP, and to provide intellectual support for advancing common development. I would like to seek your advice about this kind invitation.
- b. In July of 2021, the Association des Sociétés Philosophiques de Langue Française (ASPLF), a long-lasting member of FISP, held its Congress in Paris. This was the final session of an innovative format, by which the Congress was spread in a series of online meetings spanned over several weeks, ending with a conference that took place, in presence, in the historical setting of the Sorbonne. Colleagues in the ASPLF voiced their concern that Francophone scholarship is partly losing ground internationally, with particular reference to large international bodies, like FISP, and events, such as the World Congress. The ASPLF itself is currently trying to

enlarge its scholarly reach within and beyond the Francophone world. My sense is that we should join them and support their efforts for defending Francophone traditions of thought. Let me mention in this regard that I was invited to join the Board of the Association. While in my opinion incumbent Presidents of FISP should in principle refrain from joining member societies, it seemed to me that this proposal met our desire to enhance the presence of Francophone communities within our Federation. I informed our Bureau of my intention to accept this invitation and received their approval. I am obviously open to reconsidering my stance were any disagreement on your part to be raised.

- c. On the eve of this meeting, I attended the first international Philosophy Conference in Saudi Arabia, in Riyadh. The conference was organized by Prof. Joseph Cohen from University College Dublin, and brought together many prominent scholars from Europe, Israel, the United States, South Africa, and the Middle East; the Saudi Arabian Philosophical Association, a recently formed society that established early contact with Fisp at the beginning of the year, was one of its main partners. Debates were remarkably open, with a very diverse audience in gender, origin, and languages. It is interesting to note that the leading figures in the SAPA are young scholars, mostly in their 40s, who are wishing to develop philosophy in close connection with international partners worldwide; they emphasized their desire to establish durable scholarly ties with international organizations as FISP, which in my view is something we should take into serious account. Saudi scholarly community may potentially become a scholarly hub for academic communities in the Middle East and Northern Africa, along with other communities in the region; and FISP may wish to play an active role in this process, which has the potential to significantly change the scholarly dynamics in the region. In light of the ongoing changes that Saudi society is going through, and of their complex dynamics, philosophy might become a driving intellectual force that we could effectively support.

I would like to add, with your permission, that these connections reveal a picture that is not limited to specific academic issues; it reveals a global projection of FISP as a significant intellectual player – in relation to the French-speaking world, to China, and to the Islamic world, among others. They show how FISP is increasingly seen as a credible and influential interlocutor by a number of scholarly and intellectual communities worldwide, which in turn suggests a progressive shift in the public, international role of our Federation.

IPO 2022. After two editions fully online, the International Philosophy Olympiad is resuming with an actual session, scheduled to take place in Portugal at the end of May 2022. We are expected to appoint three members of the Steering Board to serve as part of the jury of the Olympiad. This will be our later business today. May I kindly advise the Steering Committee to take cultural and gender diversity into account in selecting our representatives at the IPO, compatible with the travel restrictions that would be in place at that time.

CIPSH and Diogenes. I am now coming to our relations with CIPSH and, more specifically, to the journal *Diogenes*. In light of some internal difficulties, an agreement was concluded with CIPSH to hand over the management of the journal to FISP. This positive step was made possible thanks to the cooperation of the President of CIPSH, Prof. Luiz Oosterbeek, and of its Secretary-general, Prof. Ping-chen Hsiung. A general meeting with the Board of CIPSH was attended by Gerhard, Suwanna, and myself; on that occasion, the agreement was finalized and fully endorsed. May I emphasize that FISP was thereby entrusted the administration of the journal, which is a significant commitment on our side, while we do not expect the editorial line of *Diogenes* to change. Our goal is indeed to make it possible for the journal to work more efficiently, not to change its fruitful, unique line. We are certainly not planning on transforming *Diogenes* in a journal in philosophy; it will remain a journal in the humanities at large, with a unique cross-cultural, gender-diverse editorial line that is open to the global scholarly community in the humanities. We simply expect that, by handing over the administrative management to FISP, the overall performance of the journal would be substantially improved, including the relationship with the publishers and other partners of the journal.



I should add that *Diogenes* is not just one journal. It represents a set of scholarly journals, with separate editions in French, English, and Chinese, and with a prospective partnership with Samara University and the Russian Academy of Sciences to initiate a Russian edition¹. Due to this particular structure, the *Diogenes* group might become the core of a set of leading scholarly journals in philosophy and the humanities. The goal would be to progressively build an influential network of scholarly journals promoting diversity, cross-cultural approaches, gender issues, and innovative approaches in the humanities at large.

Next meetings of the Steering Committee. An official letter of invitation was extended by Prof. Suh Yu-Suk on behalf of the Korean Philosophical Association to meet in Seoul in 2022. Please let me express our gratitude to our Korean colleagues for taking this initiative; in light of the travel restrictions we suffered in the last two years, we certainly deeply appreciate this proposal. The possibility of a meeting in Italy was also mentioned in recent talks with the Italian Philosophical Society; no official invitation was nonetheless issued as of today.

During the meeting of the Programme Committee, our colleague Prof. NOTOMI has publicly announced an invitation for the Steering Committee to meet in Japan in 2023. We gratefully note this prospective, which we will discuss later today. Prof. Pham VAN DUC also emphasized that the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences would like to maintain their invitation to host a meeting in Hanoi, as soon as the conditions would allow for it. In light of the multiple postponements that their invitation had to suffer since 2019, I believe that they deserve our thankfulness. We keep this door wide open for the future. Finally, the ASPLF has been planning a session of the Steering Committee in Brussels, with no further follow-up in this case either. I will certainly inform the Steering Committee of any further development on this side.

Thank you for your patience.

The President's report triggered several moments of debate. They have been summarized in the following parts of these minutes.

Particular concern was raised by the proposal of joining the international network initiated by CASS. Several members (VILLARMEA, JONKERS, VIRVIDAKIS, RENDTORFF, KUKOČ, PICAVET, KARASMANIS, KUÇURADI, MUKHERJEE, POZZO, and SEEL) expressed diverse views, emphasizing opportunities and concerns that this invitation could trigger. As a result, it was decided that the President would collect more information about the scope of this newly established think tank, and report to the Steering Committee about the actual possibilities of participation in it.

Finally, Professor Aavani took the floor to warn about the risk of enhancing the role of Saudi scholarly community within Fisp. In light of the lack of a philosophical tradition of its own, and of its traditional emphasis on anti-rationalist stances, Saudi Arabian community might provide a distorted outlook on philosophy within the Islamic world. President Scarantino took note of these remarks, noting that, at the present stage, Saudi philosophers seem to be mainly focused on connecting with international scholarly bodies.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-general presented her report at the end of the first day.

Dear Colleagues,

As we all know too well, the global pandemic situation has posed severe limitations on what can be done in person for money and activities. But there have been several efforts which continue to build momentum for our next Congress. I will share with you information regarding what I have done in the past two years since our last meeting in Mostar in May 2019. There are four main activities of the secretary general,

¹ A Memorandum of Agreement was actually signed with Samara University in late December 2021 to start a Russian edition of *Diogenes*. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, in February 2022, led the Presidency of FISP to suspend the implementation of the Memorandum.



namely. First is the World Congress venue change. Second is research on this pluralism. Third is a collaborative Philosophy Conference in Southeast Asia, and fourth is drafting a coherent structure for the program.

The next World Congress. They reflect information regarding what has taken place at the national, regional, and global levels, all of which help pave way for the uprising of our next World Congress. But this is the will the Congress venue change in our last Congress in Beijing. It was agreed that the next avenue of the World Congress will take place in 2023 in Melbourne, Australia. However, several unfortunate turns of events in Australia, including the devastating bushfires and waves of the pandemic that made it extremely difficult for our Australian public to fulfil their commitment. Several online consultations were scheduled between rural members. Look at the remote, the heart and myself and our partners in Australia to explore a realistic option. Finally, on mutual agreement and in consultation with the members of the Steering Committee, we decided to change the venue of the next World Congress. Thanks to Luca, our president who had been working diligently with our colleagues in Italy, a wonderful alternative was promptly found that Sapienza University in Rome had agreed to host the 25th World Congress of Philosophy during early August in Rome 2024- This new option was warmly welcomed by all. We truly feel grateful for our Italian halls and our dedicated president. Second is the research on Buddhist pluralism. As the secretary general of FISP and as a senior research director of the Buddhist Pluralism Project, which is a three year program funded by the National Research Council of Thailand and Thailand Science Research and Innovation to Sarai, I organised a seminar and gave a report outlining an overview of the event, titled Buddhist Pluralism in India and China : From Otherness to Diversity on 7-8th of August 2020 in Bangkok, co-hosted by the Buddhist Studies Centre and University, The Buddhist Pluralism Project, and TIPS. This seminar offers historical and analytical investigation of the mutual integration between Buddhist and Chinese intellectual traditions, offering creative readings of the multiple layers of Buddhist confusion and Taoist ideas in the major classical literatures of China, including the famous journey to the West. Relevant social issues are also addressed. For example, a paper in the seminar was devoted to the changes that Buddhism had brought to the lives of women during the Tang Dynasty. Another paper addressing the PRC is shaping policies on organizations of Mai Tai Cultural the 20th century. This seminar was graced by the presence of the vice rector of academic affairs and university, who also maintained the theme Philosophies across boundaries of our next Congress to the audience, both on site and online of about 160 participants. Our FISP President also delivered a welcome address, we assume, for this seminar. The feedback from the seminar was very positive. I believe that this kind of event has greatly enhanced the visibility of FISP in the Thai Academy. Special mention should go to the fact that this seminar was probably the first time in many months that students, researchers and lecturers in the two Buddhist universities in Thailand had the opportunity to learn about the activities of FISP. I see this as a positive role of FISP in providing more philosophical reflections in the studies of religion, especially in non-secular universities such as this case in Thailand. Our presence in this seminar demonstrates the commitment of FISP to support initiatives which seek to address particular philosophical concerns in a way that would highlight across cultural and civilizational relevance. The themes of this project are deeply rooted within Asian spiritual traditions, while addressing the current concerns of cultural diversity and religious pluralism. They also echoes the theme of our next World Congress.

Third, collaborative philosophy, a conference in Southeast Asia. Since my first participation in the 2013 World Congress in Athens, I have always felt the need to encourage broader participation from philosophical communities in Southeast Asia. One major obstacle has been our very limited connections within the pillars of philosophical communities in this region. In the past year, in spite of the pandemic situation, there have been several collaborations among philosophical societies and other professional associations in this region. I was invited to give a keynote address to one of the events. The Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand, the Philosophical Association of the Philippines and the Union of Societies and Associations of Philosophy in the Philippines, together with FISP organized an online conference on 21-24 July 2021. The selected theme was Emerging Philosophies of Religions in Southeast Asia. On July 21st, I delivered a keynote address to an audience of more than a hundred participants on the theme of “Ultimate truth claims and national identity: The challenge of Buddhist parallelism for Thai society”. I was informed that



the hosts were very pleased that FISP President, Luca Maria Scarantino, agreed to deliver the closing remarks for the event. My keynote address was based on findings from my research on Buddhist pluralism and focused on the possible relevance of our findings for ongoing new concoctions of Thai national identity. Apart from his scholarly contributions, we aim at providing more dynamic intellectual resources for rethinking our national identities, which are badly needed during these times of disruptive changes, contagious conflicts, psychological disorientation, social and political polarization. In my view, this conference serves as a symbol of collaborative efforts in the philosophical communities of Southeast Asia. After the conference, I was informed of the intent of the organizers to use these events to build up momentum to encourage a larger number of delegates to participate in our next World Congress in 2024.

I see these efforts as a very good sign of younger generations of philosophy scholars in Southeast Asia showing longer term view in their aspiration to participate in the larger global philosophical conferences. Perhaps during our preparatory meetings for the next Congress, we can help by facilitating participation for delegates from underrepresented philosophical communities from different regions of the world, especially from Southeast Asia and other regions.

Drafting a coherent structure for the program of the next World Congress, another important event in our preparation for the next world Congress is the Program Committee meeting in Rome on Nov 4-5 2021. This was made possible by the efforts of our president and our colleague from Sapienza University and the Italian Philosophical Association for this possibility. We are truly grateful. Although I could not participate in the program committee meeting in person, I thought my contribution would be to work out a draft of the structure for the program of the next World Congress. My understanding was that if you did not develop a draft of the structure for the program of the Congress first, before the actual program committee meeting, I was worried that it might take many long and exhausting hours to work out a commonly agreed structure. With that concern in mind, I set out to work on the draft. I must confess it was not an easy task, having to spend several days pondering on about 100 topics and themes proposed by our member societies in order to find some kind of an inclusive and coherent structure for the core sections of our Congress. After experimenting with several possibilities, I finally came up with the idea of using the concept of spheres of boundaries. Outlining seven main spheres, namely 1) embodiment, 2) symbols, 3) locality, 4) rules of thought, 5) norms of conduct, 6) the Earth and 7) the Boundless, as a starting point for the discussion in the program committee, I was very pleased to say that my initial draft was well received and has helped to generate directives and scopes for lively discussions of the two-day event in Sapienza University in Rome. The transformation of those terms has generated the program, that you have discussed today and will probably tomorrow. Lastly, given these four activities outlined above, I have the impression that the theme “Philosophy across Boundaries” for our next Congress is extremely timely and on target. Perhaps one of the signs of the time of a changing epoch is precisely the transformation of multiple sets of boundaries being created, critiqued, challenge process and perhaps transcended. We are all in the midst of this far-reaching changes, and that is a philosophical task of deep reflections, this much needed, and that will be attempted in our next World Congress. And I would like to end on a lighter note, as they used to say, all roads lead to Rome. Now, perhaps it's time to say all boundaries are challenged in Rome. Thank you.

The Secretary-general's report was unanimously approved.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer presented his report in English. The following items were appended to this Report, and are included as annexes in these Minutes:

- Account FISP May 1st 2019 – Nov 30th, 2021.
- Member Societies of FISP (Nov 30th, 2021) – List of payment of membership fees

NB: 1 EUR (Euro) = 1.04 CHF (Swiss Franc); 1 USD (US-Dollar) = 0.92 CHF (Swiss Franc)

**Preliminary Remark**

Due to the Covid-pandemic we didn't have a CD-meeting since April 2019. Therefore, the period covered by my present report is extraordinary long. Since my last report, important events changed the basic conditions of our work. The organizers of the projected WCP in Melbourne had to renounce and – thanks to the initiative of our president – a new place for the World Congress was found. I am happy to report that the Memory of Agreement signed on April 28th this year by the Rectress of Sapienza University of Rome, the president of the Italian Philosophical Society, our president and our secretary-general and myself as treasurer says in paragraph 18 “The Italian Organizing Committee -IOC will pay back to FISP a sum equivalent to twelve percent of the global registration revenue.” Reaching this agreement, we implemented the corresponding decision of the General Assembly in Beijing.

The Covid-pandemic and the fact that we had no Meeting of the Steering Committee since 2019 had also important consequences for our financial situation. One is positive and the other is negative. The positive consequence was that we didn't have to pay travel subsidies during this period – with the exception of the travel-expenses of our president during his negotiations with the Italian Organizers of the next WCP. The negative consequence was that - due to the Covid-pandemic and the following economic crisis – the financial situation of many member societies worsened to such a degree that some couldn't pay their fees at all and others asked for a reduction of their dues. Some societies even ended their membership. According to our traditional policy in these matters, I accorded the reduction when I found that the request was justified (see the attached document).

A further important new development is the fact – reported in detail by our president – that in the month of June 2021 the administration, the management, the editorial duty and the treasury of the periodical *Diogenes* was transferred from CIPSH to FISP. This has evident consequences for our treasury which will be in charge of all financial duties of the journal. When we took this charge over, the financial situation of the journal was largely positive and it still is today. In the future, my report will contain a special paragraph concerning the income and the expenses of *Diogenes*.

I should also mention that on the recommendation of our adviser at UBS I decided to make an investment of 25 000.- EUR to avoid losses of our capital due to the current economic situation (negative interest rates). Of the invested sum 8 423.- EUR came from our saving account and 16 577.- EUR came from our operational account.

The Financial Situation**Overview**

On April 30, 2019 the general assets of FISP amounted to 124'302.-CHF. On November 30th they amounted to 156'947.-CHF. This sum doesn't include the assets of the journal *Diogenes*; these are reported separately below. The General Assets show a gain of 32'645.- CHF. This gain is mainly due to a positive balance of our income and expenses. In fact, the latter shows a gain of 35'054.-CHF². This includes 1'004.- CHF dividends and 205.- CHF revenues from our Strategy Funds and interests. Thus, the negative development in our balance of income and expenses has been reversed. However, we still have to be cautious. For I expect that the travel situation will change in the future, and we will have the usual travel expenses again. On the other hand, we hope that the financial situation of our member-societies will improve.

Income

The most important income of FISP are the membership fees. During the period concerned by this report we received 48'215.- CHF from our member societies. It is interesting to compare the income amounts

² Hence, the gain in the general assets is 2'914.- CHF lower than the gain figuring in the income-expenses-balance. This difference is explained by the current strength of the Swiss Franc. Actually, in 2019 we evaluated our Euro-assets in Swiss Francs at a currency-rate of 1.14, while we have to evaluate our current Euro-assets at a rate of 1.04.



of the different years. In 2019 (June to December) we received 5'493.- CHF, in 2020 we received 16'658.-CHF and in 2021 the received fees amounted to 26 063.-CHF. This shows that our policy of sending reminders and offering the member societies a flexible payment strategy was successful. I am also happy to report 1'210.- CHF income from our investments.

Expenditures

As I already emphasized, we had less expenses for travel subsidies than in the previous years. They amount to 4'981.- CHF only. We paid 3'415.- CHF for subsidies caused by the CD-meeting in Mostar in 2019. The rest are subsidies to the travel expenses in the context of preparing the MoA for the next WCP in Rome. Further expenditures of FISP are the payments for the secretary. They amount to 2'500.- CHF in 2019 and to 1'700.- CHF in 2020. We have still to make the payment for 2021. I emphasize that the secretariat supports the offices of the president, the secretary general and the treasurer and that this support is highly appreciated. The rest of the payments concern our membership in CIPSH and the expenses for the presidency.

Account Diogenes

As I explained above, since June 2021 FISP assumes the responsibility for the journal Diogenes. As a consequence, the assets of the journal have been transferred from the treasury of CIPSH to the treasury of FISP. To allow this I created a special account at UBS, Neuchâtel. The assets we received amount to 35'431.89 CHF. In the meantime, we had to pay for translations and other services 14'462.- CHF. So, the balance is positive, showing a gain of 20'932.- CHF.

The Funds for the Endowed Lectures

Concerning the Funds for the Endowed Lectures at World Congresses, nothing has changed since my last report. Only the endowment for the Maimonides Lecture falls into the responsibility of the treasury. It is being kept in form of a Strategy Fund on an UBS account in Neuchâtel. On April 30, 2019 the assets amounted to 11'750.- CHF. On October 2nd, 2021 they amounted to 12'261.- CHF. This means that – due to a positive development of the financial markets - we realized a gain of 511.-CHF.

Member Societies of FISP; payment of fees

The list of the member societies of FISP shows that the number of member societies has decreased. On June 30th 2018 they were 145; now we count 133. This is partly an effect of the Covid-crisis, which affected the financial situation of many societies in a negative way. To avoid that more societies resign, I agreed to temporarily suspending the payment of 4 societies, one will pay a reduced fee. However, since many years we face the situation that an important part of our member-societies (21 societies) have not paid fees for more than 5 years. We discussed this point at the last General Assembly. The assembly refrained from definitively shutting the door to these societies. However, this situation is odd, since the societies don't answer to our letters and we cannot be sure that they still exist. Regardless of the difficult financial situation, the payment discipline of the great majority of our societies is rather good. 81 societies are up to date with their payments and 14 are 1 or 2 years behind.

Our contact with the member societies is improving. For this the new web page www.fisp.org is most helpful. We ask that address changes and changes in the board of a society be communicated quickly to the treasurer (gseel@net2000.ch) and the secretary Johanna Lott Fischer (lottfischer@gmail.com).

Neuchâtel, 30th of November 2021

Prof.em. Gerhard Seel, Treasurer

President SCARANTINO thanked the Treasurer for his report. He underlined that many member societies mentioned as lost in the report had left many years earlier: such is the case, for instance, of the Royal Institute of Philosophy or the Belgian society, who left in 2012. Such was also the case of the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children.

In other cases, societies ceased to exist, as for the Société Hellenique d'Etudes Philosophiques, changed their names, were replaced or merged into new ones, as for the Bulgarian Philosophical Association, now replaced by a new organization, the Bulgarian Philosophical Society. As a matter of fact, the current constituency of FISP has been growing in the last years; this was also due to the decision made by the Treasurer to consider annual dues in a very liberal way in 2020 and 2021: a significant help for many societies heavily affected by the pandemic.

In the discussion that followed the report, it was decided that specific actions would be taken with the Royal Institute of Philosophy (BAGHRAMIAN) and the Hegel Gesellschaft (ZOVKO) to check the possibility of a more active presence within FISP.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

8. REPORT OF THE WCP 2024 PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

After a brief report presented by the Chair of the Programme Committee, Prof. LEPORE, the following decisions were adopted. A synopsis is attached to these Minutes.

a. Dates of the Congress

The dates proposed by the host institution, Sapienza University of Rome, were approved. While it was noticed that the Congress would overlap with the Olympic games in Paris (July 26th to August 11th, 2024), this circumstance was not considered as a sufficient ground for a date shift.

It was therefore agreed that the Congress would take place on August 1st to August 8th, 2024.

b. Title of the Congress

A proposal received from Prof. Biletzki, suggesting a revision of the Congress title to include a reference to the ongoing crisis, was extensively discussed. It was eventually agreed to leave the title of the Congress unchanged. Following a scrutiny mostly focused on the most appropriate ways to render the term “across” in French and in Arabic, the following wordings were agreed for the different WCP languages:

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| · Philosophie across Boundaries | · Philosophie über Grenzen hinweg |
| · La philosophie au-delà des frontières | · 跨越边界的哲学 |
| · La filosofía a través de los límites | · La filosofía atravesada i confini |
| · Философия вне границ | · الفلسفة عبر الحدود |

c. Logo of the Congress

Several proposals were submitted by the Italian Organizing Committee upon recommendation of the Programme Committee. It was explained that they were stylizations of a Roman aqueduct, a pattern that would recall the notion of a flow of ideas. The color was chosen as the color of Sapienza, the host university.

Following some discussion, the Steering Committee could reach an agreement on a specific version of the logo; slight chromatic adjustments were proposed for the fonts and subsequently taken into account by the IOC. The logo was eventually approved as follows:



d. Plenary sessions and Symposia

A lengthy and lively discussion took place over both days of the meeting to finalize the main programme of the Congress. All members of the Steering Committee took part in it. Minor adjustments were made



to the initial proposals of the Programme Committee; the name of the fifth sphere was changed into “Infinity”; two symposia had their title revised: one on cross-disciplinarity, and one on aesthetics. The overall structure, divided in Spheres, Plenary sessions, and symposia, was endorsed by the Steering Committee.

It was also agreed, upon proposal of Prof. RENDTORFF, that the choice of panelists should take into account the possibility of an enhanced space for debates with the audience. A reduced number of panelists, in this view, might be sought in order to give more time and room to Q&A, discussion, and interaction with the floor.

At the end, the final set of Spheres, Plenary sessions and Symposia was approved as follows:

SPHERES OF BOUNDARIES

PERSONAE

Plenary session	Embodiments
Symposia	Women in the History of Philosophy Artificial Intelligence and Other Kinds of Minds

TRANSITIONS

Plenary session	Vulnerability and Knowledge
Symposia	Cross-Cultural Exchanges in the Ancient World Translation, Imagination, Interdisciplinarity

JUSTICE

Plenary session	Citizenship, Care, and Self-Determination
Symposia	Epistemic Injustice, Power, and Struggle Trust, Truth, and Knowledge

EARTH

Plenary session	Living in a Sustainable World
Symposia	Biodiversity and the Environment Ethics and Living Beings

INFINITY

Plenary session	Emptiness and Experience
Symposia	Beauty, Glamour, and Grace Temporality and Agency

e. Endowed Lectures

The Steering Committee took note that there would be at least six Endowed Lectures, named Maimonides, Ibn Roshd, Kierkegaard, Dasan, Simone de Beauvoir, and Kant.

f. List of the thematic sections of the Congress

The original list of 84 sections was accurately scrutinized and largely approved. Few sections were removed as not fully pertinent (e.g. “Science and Democracy”), while others were reworded or added, such as “Philosophy of Childhood” and “Game Theory”.

At the end, a final list of 89 sections was approved as follows:

1. Aesthetics and philosophies of art
2. African philosophy
3. Africana philosophy
4. Bioethics and medical ethics
5. Buddhist philosophy
6. Chinese philosophy
7. Christian philosophy
8. Comparative, intercultural, and cross-cultural philosophy
9. Confucian philosophy
10. Contemporary philosophy
11. Daoist philosophy
12. East Asian and South-East Asian philosophies
13. Economic philosophy and business ethics
14. Environmental philosophy and sustainability



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| 15. Ethics | 53. Philosophy of action |
| 16. Ethics of artificial intelligence | 54. Philosophy of aging |
| 17. Experimental philosophy | 55. Philosophy of argumentation |
| 18. Feminist philosophy | 56. Philosophy of birth |
| 19. Game theory | 57. Philosophy of childhood |
| 20. Gender and queer philosophy | 58. Philosophy of cognitive neurosciences |
| 21. Greek, Roman, and Byzantine philosophy | 59. Philosophy of culture |
| 22. History of analytic philosophy | 60. Philosophy of death |
| 23. History of philosophy | 61. Philosophy of dwelling |
| 24. Human rights | 62. Philosophy of food |
| 25. Indian philosophies | 63. Philosophy of globalization and migration |
| 26. Intersectionality | 64. Philosophy of history |
| 27. Islamic philosophy | 65. Philosophy of indigenous cultures |
| 28. Italian philosophical traditions | 66. Philosophy of information and digital culture |
| 29. Jewish philosophy | 67. Philosophy of language and linguistics |
| 30. Latin-American philosophy | 68. Philosophy of law |
| 31. Logic and philosophy of logic | 69. Philosophy of liberation |
| 32. Marxist philosophy | 70. Philosophy of mathematics |
| 33. Medical humanities and philosophy of medicine | 71. Philosophy of mind |
| 34. Medieval philosophy | 72. Philosophy of music and the performing arts |
| 35. Metaethics | 73. Philosophy of physics |
| 36. Metaphilosophy | 74. Philosophy of religion |
| 37. Metaphysics | 75. Philosophy of science |
| 38. Mystical traditions in philosophy | 76. Philosophy of sexuality |
| 39. Moral psychology | 77. Philosophy of sport |
| 40. Ontology | 78. Philosophy of technology |
| 41. Phenomenology and existential philosophy | 79. Philosophy of the human and social sciences |
| 42. Philosophical counseling and practices | 80. Philosophy of the life sciences |
| 43. Hermeneutics | 81. Philosophy of values |
| 44. Philosophical issues about race | 82. Political philosophy |
| 45. Philosophical anthropology | 83. Renaissance and early modern philosophy |
| 46. Philosophy, film, and tv series | 84. Russian philosophy |
| 47. Philosophy of education | 85. Social epistemology |
| 48. Philosophy and literature | 86. Social philosophy |
| 49. Philosophy and popular culture | 87. Teaching philosophy |
| 50. Philosophy and oral traditions | 88. Theories of knowledge and epistemology |
| 51. Philosophy and psychoanalysis | 89. Utopia |
| 52. Philosophy with children | |

g. Rules for WCP sessions

In line with previous Congresses, the following rules were agreed upon:

- i. Round tables would be subject to the three-nationalities rule.
 - ii. Invited sessions would need to be endorsed by a member of the Steering Committee.
 - iii. Student participation would include IPO medalists and participants. Submissions for student sessions would include individual communications as well as panels.
 - iv. Members of the Steering Committee would serve as chairs of specific thematic sections.
 - v. Society sessions would be accepted with the only limitation of available space at the venue.
 - vi. The award ceremony of the “Youth on trust” competition would be included, upon proposal of Prof. BAGHRAMIAN, in the programme of the Congress.
 - vii. The decision of the IOC to hold external sessions in either archeological sites or sites of historical interest was strongly supported; the Steering Committee congratulated the President of the IOC, Prof. SPINELLI, for planning such sessions.
- h. Options for online participation: preliminary survey
- From a debate on the pros and cons of online participation, a preference for avoiding a hybrid form of



participation emerged. It was noted that hybrid meetings often work poorly, especially for large gatherings; that a WCP is meant for colleagues from all over the world to actually meet and exchange between sessions; and that online attendance should not be discarded in principle, though, especially for student sessions and in light of possible sanitary restrictions that might be introduced by 2024. The technical resources of Sapienza should also be taken into account; at this stage, they appeared rather limited.

At the end, it was agreed that the Congress should tentatively be held in presence, A specific mention “We intend to hold the whole Congress in presence” would be included in the first Circular.

On the other hand, Prof. OPPY emphasized in the chat of the meeting that online attendance would help attract people who wish to reduce their carbon footprints. He noted that many philosophers insist that they would not fly again merely to attend a philosophy event; and that the percentage in this group is likely to rise steeply, year on year, into the future.

i. Registration fees

It was generally observed that submission and acceptance of papers and panel should be linked to proper registration and payment of the Congress registration fees. Papers would only be officially accepted after payment of the corresponding registration fee. At the same time, the possibility of late registration should be left open for participants who would obtain relevant funding shortly before the dates of the Congress. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

It was also agreed that, in principle, registration fees for online participation (if any) should be higher than regular fees, to encourage actual presence at the Congress.

The IOC would be duly informed and invited to take it into account when implementing the submission and registration system.

Concerning the fees, it was decided after some discussion to leave them at the same level as the previous Congress. Despite the fact that registration fees were not increased since 2013, the ongoing international situation did not appear favorable for a raise in the level of fees. As a result, the following scheme was approved as per the Programme Committee’s proposal:

- 200 EUR for early registration prior to October 1, 2023.
- 225 EUR for registration prior to February 1, 2024.
- 250 EUR for registration after February 1, 2024.
- 100 EUR for accompanying person.
- 50 EUR for students.

It was decided that decisions on the refund policy would be left to the discretion of the Italian Organizing Committee.

j. Draft of the first Circular

In addition to previously agreed information and data, the following text, circulated in advance by the President, was approved for inclusion in the first Circular:

The World Congress of Philosophy is organized every five years by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) in partnership with one of its member societies. Under the general theme “Philosophy across Boundaries”, the 25th World Congress will be held in Rome, Italy, from August 1 to August 8, 2024.

Under the joint responsibility of fisp, the Italian Philosophical Society, and Sapienza University, the 2024 Congress intends to foster scholarly and public reflections on the future of our societies. By questioning human beings and their diverse ways of thinking, agency, and relationships, along with the social, economic, political, technological, and cultural destiny of our common world, it will:



Use philosophical reflections as a springboard for public discourses on urgent shared concerns, including inequalities, cultural and gender diversity, natural environment, justice, rights, and political transformations on a global scale;

Enlarge the scope of philosophical debates to involve representatives of the sciences, economy, information, medicine and public health, technology, and public institutions;

Actively encourage and defend diversity in all forms by bringing together ideas, traditions, and people from all continents and regions;

Dismantle rigid cultural and disciplinary boundaries by focusing on the complex interconnectedness of human civilizations from antiquity to the present.

The 2024 Congress invites shared reflections and discussions on the models we would like our societies to be inspired by. It encourages large participation of students and young scholars from all continents and regions. It will provide a unique opportunity to present and share diverse philosophical concerns from all regions of the world. Finally, it is committed to pluralism and it aims at engaging reflectively and critically with the struggles of our time, addressing its main ethical, social, political, and spiritual concerns.

We intend to hold the whole Congress in presence.

It was also agreed that the President would gather and send all relevant information to Prof. Gambetti, secretary of the IOC, in order for the Circular to be drafted, prepared, and swiftly diffused by the IOC³.

k. International Philosophical Book Fair / Salon du Livre Philosophique

A large debate focused on the pros of a book fair during the Congress. Prof. RENDTORFF emphasized the opportunities it would open to both authors and publishers. Prof. LEPORE stated that early talks with colleagues in the US, following the Programme committee meeting, had shown a general enthusiasm for this initiative and for its potential developments in the future. Prof. BAGHRAMIAN stressed that fees from publishers may become a major source of income for the Congress, especially as they are usually charged according to the space. Prof. POZZO agreed on this remark.

It was decided that FISP would initiate an International Fair of Philosophy Books or “Salon international du livre philosophique”. It will replace the usual book exhibit that takes place during the WCP and it will involve the local Organizing committee as a partner. All members of the Steering Committee were encouraged to contact their publishers and to survey the publishers’ preferences and constraints.

9. DURATION OF THE TERM OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE (CONST., ART. 17, 19)

The Steering Committee took good note of the difficulty raised by the shift of the General Assembly to 2024. According to the Constitution of FISP, while the President’s term continues until the next Assembly, the members of the steering committee are explicitly elected for 5 years. This technical inconsistency raises a serious issue of legitimacy provided that the interval between two Assemblies would now be of six years.

While everybody agreed that the text of the Constitution should be modified to remove this disparity, several suggestions were proposed to deal with this unexpected difficulty: these included the option of an extraordinary Assembly, a call for “force majeure”, and a provisional revision of the Constitution (in which case, the Assembly shall discuss and possibly confirm the changes in Rome).

It was agreed to postpone the matter to a later session of the Steering Committee in order for all members to reflect on this item. President SCARANTINO emphasized nevertheless that a solution should be found by August 2023, when the term of the Steering Committee would technically come to an end.

³ This information was sent to Prof. Gambetti on January 21st, 2022.

**10. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Six applications for membership were received, processed, and brought to the attention of the Steering Committee in due time. Five of them were from national societies, one from an international society.

- i. Association for the Promotion of the Philosophy of Federalism (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
This application was submitted following the Steering Committee meeting in Mostar, where the Association is based. Both Prof. ZOVKO and Prof. KUKOC were previously consulted and gave favorable advice. The APPF was unanimously admitted as a full member of FISP.
- ii. International Center of Studies on Contemporary Nihilism – CeNic (international)
This international society is based in Colombia and Italy, and includes members from different countries. Relevant consultations were conducted within the Steering Committee to seek preliminary advices, giving very positive results. The CeNic was unanimously admitted as a member of FISP.
- iii. Istituto di Filosofia applicate alla Consulenza e all'Etica. Centro Ricerca e Formazione (Rome, Italy)
Following some discussion, it was decided to postpone the decision on this society.
- iv. National Postgraduate Association in Philosophy – Anpof (Brazil)
Following general remarks about the prominent status of the Anpof in the academic community of Brazil, this application was unanimously approved. In light of the declared size of its constituency, the Anpof was admitted as a full member of fisp with two votes.
- v. Slovenian Philosophical Society
This application was unanimously agreed upon, following very favorable advice provided by Prof. KUKOC. The SPS is a classic type of national society and was admitted as a full member of FISP.
- vi. Società italiana di studi kantiani
A brief discussion was intended to emphasize the importance of including the Kantian philosophical society of Italy in view of the WCP in Rome and the 300th anniversary of Kant's birth. Prof. POZZO recalled that he is one of the founding members of the society and gave favorable advice, along with Prof. SCARANTINO. As a result, the SISK was admitted as a full member of FISP.

11. DIOGENES AND RELATIONS WITH CIPSH

In light of the information presented in the President's report and having received the Memorandum of Agreement concluded with CIPSH, the Steering Committee endorsed the content of the agreement.

12. IPO 2022 (LISBON, MAY 26-29)

The President informed that the International Philosophy Olympiad will resume a regular schedule with meetings in presence. The 2022 edition will be hosted by the national team of Portugal in Lisbon, on May 26-29.

Following a brief discussion, Professors KOLEV and POZZO agreed to serve as members of the IPO Steering Board in Lisbon, in addition to the President.

13. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Upon invitation of the Korean Philosophical Association, represented by Prof. SUH, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held in Seoul, The Republic of Korea (South Korea), in May 2022. A general preference was expressed for the 2nd or the 3rd week of May 2022; the exact dates were left to a further decision to be made by the Board upon relevant talks with the Treasurer and the Secretary-general.



President SCARANTINO thanked Prof. SUH and the Korean Philosophical Association on behalf of the Steering Committee. He emphasized that it would be the first time for FISP to return to Korea after the WCP in 2008 and expressed the wish that this invitation would mark a return to a normal periodicity of CD meetings.

On behalf of the Japanese Philosophical Association, Prof. HASHIMOTO extended an official invitation for the Steering Committee to meet in Japan in 2023. The Steering Committee accepted with gratitude this invitation and thanked Prof. HASHIMOTO, Prof. NOTOMI, and the Japanese philosophical community for extending it. An official letter of commitment would be addressed to President Scarantino by the Japanese Philosophical Association. The Steering Committee would tentatively meet in Tokyo in April/May 2023.

A mid-term meeting should be considered for October/November 2022, if necessary, in a place to be determined.

14. VARIA

Upon his proposal to create a Facebook group of FISP, Prof. KOLEV was mandated to initiate a social media strategy, preferably in connection with the Philosophy Documentation Center and in consultation with the President and the Secretary-general of FISP.

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned on Dec 14th at 1h15 pm.

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