



Minutes of the ISHPES General Assembly

June 30, 2016, Paris/France, 5.30 p.m.

Keeper of the minutes: Sandra Heck (ISHPES Secretary General)

Number of present ISHPES members: 42

1. Welcome and Report of the President (Annette)

ISHPES President Annette Hofmann gives a review on the work of the organization since its last meeting which was held at the Congress in Split. She emphasizes that many of the aspects will be taken up again later on the agenda in more detail.

Last year Zrinko Čustonja (University of Zagreb) was the ISHPES Congress organizer in a hotel by the sea together with the Croatian Society for Sport History, the Croatian Olympic Academy and Split Sports Association. The congress had the title “Coming from the Past, Working in the Present, Looking in the Future: Aims, Topics, Results in Sport History”.

At this year’s Congress the PhD Summer School which was formerly hosted by Gertrud Pfister (University of Copenhagen) is more or less taking place at the same time. 17 junior scholars attend the PhD Summer School. Junior Scholars from various fields of human sciences in sports are invited to join this 5-day-event. International known scholars will give papers and give advices for a future in academia. ISHPES is hoping that through this arrangement Early Career Students from various social and human sciences of sport will become interested in ISHPES and its work.

ISHPES publishes a special issue of the *International Journal of the History of Sports* for each conference. Two of them have been published and both (2013 and 2014) of those quite expensive issues will also come out as books under the titles “Games and Sporting Events in History: Organizations, Performances and Impacts” and “Global Perspectives and Physical Cultures: From Past to Present” in 2017. Papers of the 2015 conference have not been published yet.

Besides the own Congress ISHPES was also patron for two further events: The annual meeting of the Transnational Working Group of the Study of Gender and Sport which took place in Basel, Switzerland, in November 2015, organized by Dr. Elke Gramespacher and Karolin Heckemeyer, and the ski history congress “First Tracks” organized in St. Anton (Arlberg), Austria, in December 2015 by Christof Thöni and Rudolf Müllner. Both events aimed to recruit new ISHPES members and ISHPES members were involved in the organization.

For sport history it is important to be visible in the huge international sport science conferences, such as the ECSS conferences or the ICSEMIS conferences.

In July 2017 the *European College of Sport Science (ECSS)* is organizing its annual congress in Vienna. Here Rudolf Müllner, Sandra Günter and Annette Hofmann will present sport history in the invited session “(Self-)Improvement In and Through Sports and Physical Exercise – Historical Perspectives”.

For the ICSEMIS conference Annette Hofmann was elected by the *International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)* into the scientific committee of which ISHPES is a member. Although there won't be an invited sport history session, it was the overall aim of the scientific committee that each of the invited symposia would have a historical approach in at least one paper.

Both conferences mainly focus on natural science and sport medicine. But the organizers are aware of this problem and are trying more and more to include humanities as well.

2. Financial Report & Membership Development (Secretary General)

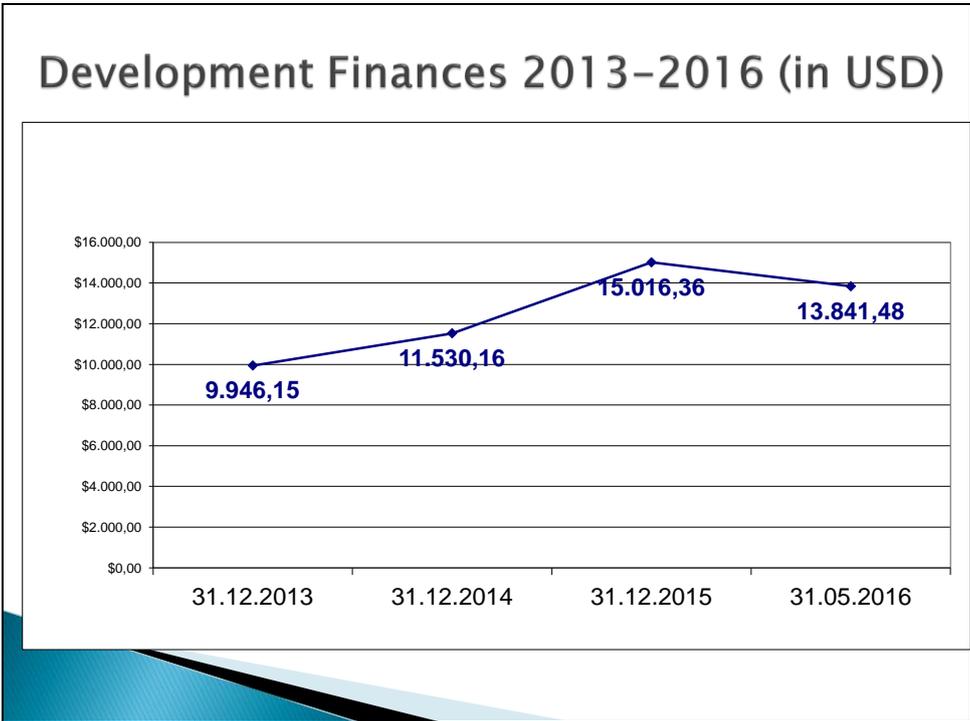
ISHPES Secretary General Sandra Heck overviews the development and status quo of the finances and of the membership.

a. Finances

	in USD	in EUR
Start (9.8.15):	8050,16	5806,39
	Expenses	
	in \$	in €
paypal transfer fee & account dues	-125,19	-21,2
ICSPEE membership		-242
Routledge		-3521,45
homepage	-115	
student assistant		-285
presents		-58,98
Gigliola Gori Award Winner- Split		-100
	Income	
membership dues	2880	1215,5
End (31.5.16):	10689,97	2793,26

First, Sandra Heck gives the income and expenditure statement between 09.08.2015 and 31.05.2016 which has been approved by Emmanuel Hübner, the external reviewer. The spreadsheet demonstrates that the only income results from the membership dues and that the greatest expense is caused by the Routledge membership. The council therefore decided to stop this cooperation and to allow each member to decide whether he/she wants to access the online version of the IJHS.

Balance Sheet				
	09.08.2015		31.05.2016	
	in \$	in €	in \$	in €
M&T Bank, USA	687,9		572,9	
Sparkasse Münster, Germany		5806,39		2793,26
Paypal	7362,26		10117,07	
total	8050,16	5806,39	10689,97	2793,26
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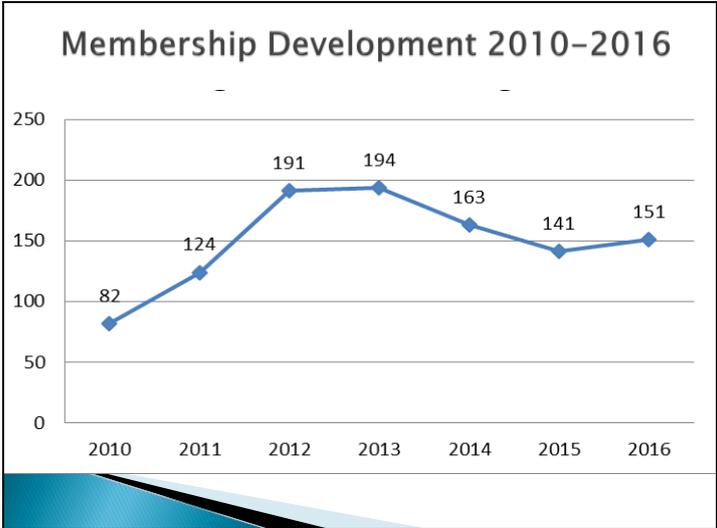


The balance sheet proves that the amount of US dollars has increased since the last conference whereas the amount of Euros has decreased. It moreover shows that in total ISHPES has less money than last year before the conference. As for 2016 still some membership dues are missing this result might equalize till the end of the conference.

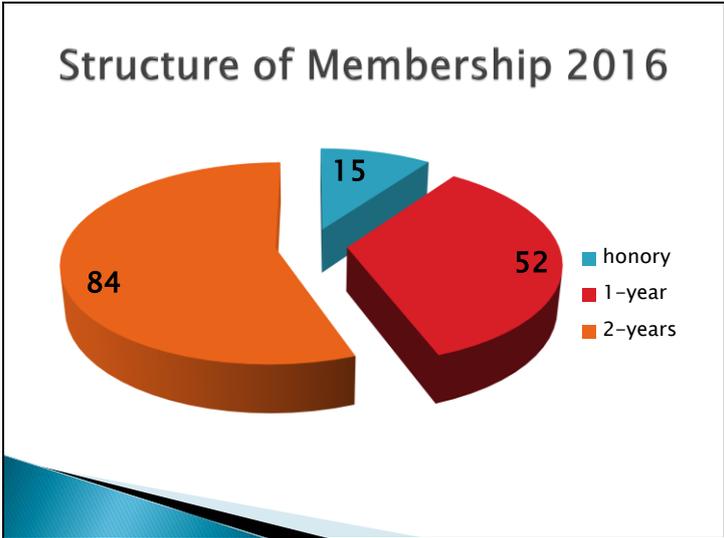
The development of the finances since 2013 demonstrates that ISHPES continuously increased its assets. As for 2016 only the half-year-sum can be shown, it is expected that ISHPES will recruit further income by membership fees till the end of the year 2016 and thereby diminish the negative trend which currently shows up.

b. Membership development

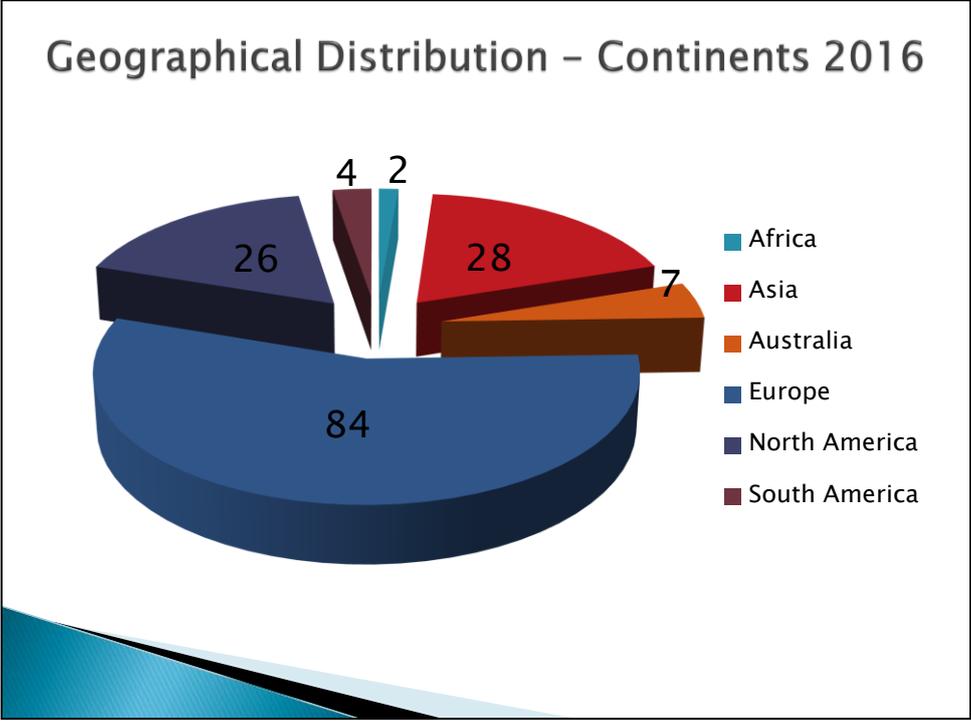
Regarding the membership development during the past six years points at a peak in 2013, followed by a tendency to fall till 2015 and a current possible recovery.



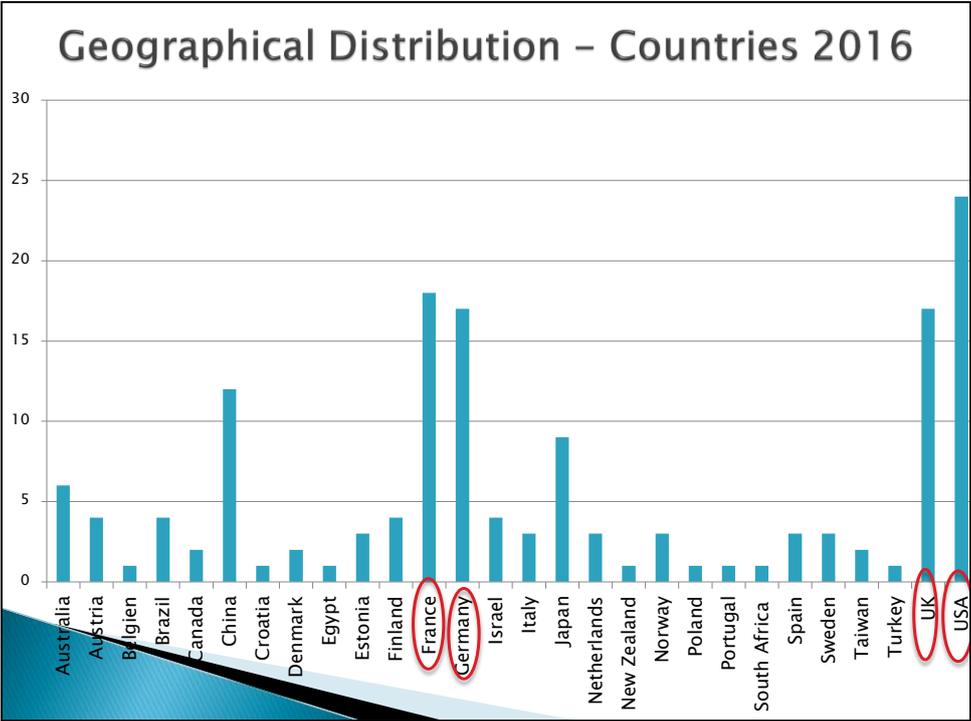
Among the ISHPES members are currently 15 honorary members, 52 one-year-members and 84 two-years-members.



ISHPES includes members from all continents with a majority coming from Europe (84), followed by Asia (28), North America (26), Australia (7), South America (4) and Africa (2).



Having a deeper look on the different member countries, the United States (24) dominate, followed by France (18), Germany (17) and the United Kingdom (17).



3. ISHPES Homepage, Social Media, and H-Sport (Heather)

ISHPES webmaster Heather Dichter asks to keep up with ISHPES on its [website](http://www.ishpes.org) www.ishpes.org and also on facebook and twitter.

On twitter – @ISHPES – ISHPES council members have been introduced via the hashtag #ISHPESIntro on Tuesdays; further members and their scholarship will be presented via [social media](#). Scholars who use twitter shall email to webmaster@ishpes.org with a link to their academic page, a recent publication, and the name of their twitter account. This is however independent from the fact that all our members shall be highlighted.

ISHPES also supports [H-Sport](#), the network for the sport humanities: <https://networks.h-net.org/h-sport>. H-Sport has over 1100 subscribers and offers many resources: announcements for calls for papers, conferences, grants, and all sorts of other things of interest (don't forget to submit!); a quarterly announcement of new books published on the sport humanities (don't forget to submit yours!); a quarterly listing of articles published in the sport humanities in English, French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese; a list of archival collections related to sport; and a list of (post)graduate students' thesis and dissertation titles -- and when they have completed their project (Early Career Scholars, don't forget to submit yours now!).

Follow the [Paris Congress](#) on twitter by using #ISHPES2016 – and ISHPES will create a story on our website following the Congress that compiles those tweets.

4. Congress in 2017 (Maha, Egypt)

The ISHPES Congress will take place from 3-6 April 2017 under the title “The Transformation of Sport and Physical Activity Through Time: Journeys in History”. As many Egyptian participants are expected, also special Arabic sessions are planned.

Abstract submission is opening on 15 August 2016 and closing on 15 November 2016.

5. Congress in 2018 (Giyasettin, Turkey)

Giyasettin Demirhan presents the different possible locations to organize the ISHPES Congress 2018. First, Antalya and its venues with a preferred time in September; secondly, Ankara and its venues with a preferred time in July/August.

A vote is organized. Every participant of the General Assembly who is an ISHPES member is asked to vote 1) whether “we should support the bid of the 2018 ISHPES Congress in Turkey”, 2) “if yes, whether he/she prefers Antalya (mid-late September 2018) or Ankara (July/August 2018): 3 people abstained, 9 voted “no”; among those who voted “yes”, 14 people voted in favour of “Ankara” and 20 in favour of “Antalya”. Thus, ISHPES is planning to organize its Congress in Antalya in mid-late September 2018.

6. Various

In 2017 ISHPES will elect the council and president again. Before closing Annette Hofmann reminded the members to pay their membership fee for 2017 in time because only paid-up members have the right to vote or be part of the council. Members will be informed via email about the election procedures.