

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
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Dear Colleagues,

A brief summary of the Council meeting of our Academy follows.

The meeting was held at the Observatory of Paris on Saturday December 9.

The President Sergey Demidov made a welcome speech insisting both on the continuity of our Academy and on its development by the new Council.

After paying tribute to the members deceased during 2017 the participants discussed the following subjects and took the following decisions:

It has been decided that the minutes of the General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro be prepared by the members of the Council who were present at the Assembly (the minutes would normally be prepared during the GA by the permanent secretary, Robert Halleux, who unfortunately for health reasons could not attend the Assembly). Once ready, the minutes will be sent to all members.

The publications of the Academy De Diversis Artibus (Brepols) will publish at least three volumes during 2018. Until at least the end of 2018 Robert Halleux and Jan Vandersmissen will be the directors of the series.

Thanks to Nathalie Queroux, Archivist of the CAPHÉS, the inventory of the Archives of our Academy is online on: <http://www.calames.abes.fr/pub/ms/FileId-2266>

The permanent secretary has received two proposals for the future editorial team of the journal of the Academy *Archives internationales d'histoire des sciences*: the first by our Colleague Marco Beretta (University of Bologna) and the second by our Colleague Michela Malpangotto (Observatory of Paris). The first proposed Brill as the new publisher for the *Archives*, and the second proposed continuing with Brepols. Both groups proposed editorial teams of very capable and distinguished Colleagues.

The Council decided to continue with Brepols because its financial offer was more advantageous to the Academy than the one made by Brill, and because of our long, fruitful relation with Brepols. Michela Malpangotto will be the new editor. Since the two editorial teams are excellent and represent different scientific networks, the Council proposed that an effort be made to form a joint editorial team between Bologna and the Observatory of Paris.

A logo for the Academy prepared by professional designers has been discussed and soon our Academy will have its logo.

The Council has decided to launch a call for the 2017 Prize for Young Historians. In the beginning of 2018 members will receive an announcement for the prize so that they may forward it and/or propose candidates.

An election of new members will be launched during 2018. The Council decided to open the ballot for 25 new effective and 50 new corresponding members. The election—will be electronic on a new, secure e-platform.

The website of the Academy will be redesigned by the team of our new Webmaster, Matteo Martelli. It was decided that the site will remain bilingual, French and English.

It has been decided to appoint two experts who were to participate at the meetings of the Council: our colleagues Sun Xiaochun (for the expansion of our Academy in Asia and the

‘Science and civilisation on the Silk Road’ project endorsed by the Academy), and Erwin Neuenschwander (for the visibility and public relations of our Academy as well as for developing sponsorship).

The Council suggests to the members of the Academy who will attend the 8th ESHS Conference, September 16-17 in London, to meet informally during the Conference. This can be organised with the help of the Conference office.