

International Commission of Historical Demography
15th General Assembly
held on Monday, August 23, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in
Main Conference room of the International Institute of Social History, IISG, Cruquiusweg 31,
Amsterdam, 1019 AT Amsterdam; The Netherlands

During the 21st International Congress of Historical Sciences in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, the General Assembly of the International Commission of Historical Demography (ICHHD/CIDH) an affiliated international organization of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH/ICHS) was held at the International Institute of Social History.

Chair, Prof. Bruce Fetter, University of Wisconsin (USA).
Present : 39 + 13 proxies = 52 voices. No quorum requested.

Agenda

1. Moral Report by Bruce Fetter, President
2. Financial report by Mario Boleda, Treasurer
3. Amendments to the ICHHD Constitution
4. Replacement of out going members of the Board
5. Programme of activities for 2010-2015
6. Other questions

Bruce Fetter, President of the International Commission of Historical Demography welcomed the audience, presented his report, with the help of Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux (hereafter AFC), General Secretary. The following was expressed.

On behalf of the outgoing board, elected in 2005 at the 20th congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences in Sydney, 8 July 2005, I am honored to present to this General Assembly, the report of activities of the International Commission on Historical Demography for the five-year period 2005-2010. Previous to the written version of this report (which will be available later in French), we want first to thank all our session organizers, this means, for the 15 panels that we were able to materialize during this meeting in Amsterdam:

- 1/ Kees Mandemakers, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, session MAKING LARGE AND COMPLEX DATA BASES EASY TO USE
who hosted the conference of our Commission so generously in this Institute during the two first days of the CISH Congress
- 2/ Mary Louise Nagata, Francis Marion University, USA, session THE EFFECTS OF MIGRATION ON DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS
- 3/ Mikolaj Szoltysek, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, twin session FAMILY, DEMOGRAPHY AND WELL-BEING: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EASTERN EUROPE
- 4/ Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga, University of Cergy-Pontoise, France, jointly organizer with Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux of triple session INHERITANCE SYSTEMS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
- 5/ Alice B. Kasakoff, University of South Carolina, session ARE FAMILY SYSTEMS ONLY FOR LAND OWNING FAMILIES? THE USEFULNESS OF THE CONCEPT OF "FAMILY SYSTEM"
- 6/ Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France, twin session LOOKING BACKWARD TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FUTURE OF HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHY
- 7/ Sören Edvinsson, University of Umea, Sweden, session INTERGENERATIONAL ASPECTS OF DEMOGRAPHY
- 8/ Ana Maria Seabra de Almeida Rodrigues, University of Lisbon, Portugal, QUEENSHIP AND KINSHIP: ROYAL WOMEN'S AGENCY IN FAMILY STRATEGIES (14TH-20TH CENTURIES)
- 9/Peter Boomgaard, University of Amsterdam, CONQUESTS AND DEMOGRAPHY
- 10/ Bruce Fetter, University of Wisconsin, USA, for our closing plenary Round Table session WHAT GENERAL HISTORIANS CAN LEARN FROM HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHY?

We benefited from a large and active international audience.

We address also special thanks to the devoted staff of the International Institute of Social History, particularly Els Hiemstra, Ineke Kellij and Astrid Verburg, to main organizers and their institutions,

which include:

- Centre de Recherches Historiques de Paris (EHESS/CNRS: UMR 8558), France
- Minnesota Population Center (MPC), USA
- Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

I. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2005-2010

1. About our Members

The list of members is updated regularly by the Board. In Sydney, 272 members from 41 different nationalities were listed and had been invited to participate.¹

Today we included 450 individual members from 54 nationalities, but some email addresses appeared obsolete.

During the last two years, the Board has been discussing how to enhance our visibility in the field of Historical Demography and History of the Family and we tried to update our list of members. Actually the present list is more a network list of correspondents than a proper membership list, since no one is asked to pay an annual fee.

With the development of internet, we need to shift as soon as possible to full digital communication. This will be the responsibility of the new Board.

We have done our best to keep contact with scholars from countries all over the world, representative of the community of historical demographers. We improved our presence in Latin America and in Asia. We have still few members in Russia, the former Soviet Union, Africa and China.

Paper givers who participated to the Sydney Conference were listed as ordinary members. Participants to the Amsterdam conference will be added the same way to our network. We included conference organizers from various countries, journal editors and, as usual, colleagues recommended and presented by Board members.

Since Sydney, our community regretted the loss Ad van der Woude, University of Wageningen, the Netherlands, who had been always so devoted to the Commission. He organized a great session on sexuality during the 1990 Madrid CISH congress dedicated to *The role of the state and public opinion in sexual attitudes and demographic behaviour* which attracted an unexpectedly large audience.²

Jacques Dupâquier, from Paris, Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, a Member of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques, who was a pioneer in our discipline, passed away last July, 2010.

2. Scientific Activities during 2005-2010.

An annual summary may be found in the CISH *Bulletin* every year.

A/International statutory meetings

1/ In Sydney, 2005, during the 20th World History Congress (CISH), we had 7 different topics, 70 paper givers (including co-authors) and 50 papers.

2/ Here, in Amsterdam 2010, during the 21th World History Congress (CISH), we have 10 different topics, 81 paper givers (including co-authors) and 65 papers.

¹ By comparison, in 1987, the Commission had 106 members; in Madrid, 1990, 142 members; in Montreal, 1995, there were 261 individual members.

² Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux and Ad van der Woude (eds), *The role of the state and public opinion in sexual attitudes and demographic behaviour, Proceedings, CISH/ICHHD International Conference of Madrid*, Paris, CIDH, 1990.

B/ Intervening meetings

- 2005, 19-22 September, New Delhi, India, a Conference on “Secular demographic change: composition, pressure on land, regional variations, migrations”, was jointly co-organized by the International Commission for Historical Demography/ICHHD, the Aligarh Historians Society with the help of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

Responsible organizers were Prof. Shireen Moosvi, Aligarh Muslim University and Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux, EHESS, France.

The conference programme was organized with three major themes:

- A: Secular demographic changes
- B: Land and population
- C: Regional population development.

It attracted more than 60 participants, including about 20 non-Indian participants. The proceedings have not yet been published.

We also participated to the following meetings sponsored by other organizations:

- 2005
2005, 3-6 November, 30th SSHA Portland, USA (some Family/Demography sessions).
- 2006
2006, 6th ESSHC, 22-25 March, Amsterdam, RAI (Palais des Congrès).
2006, Helsinki, 14th International Economic History Congress, 21-26 August 2006.
2006, 2-5 November, 31st SSHA Minneapolis, USA.
2006, 13-17 Novembre 2006, Seminario de Historia Social de la Poblacion, University of Castilla-la-Mancha (UCLM), Albacete, Spain, in memory of Peter Laslett (see below reference of the publication by Francisco García González)
- 2007
2007, 25-27 April 2007, Conference in the frame of the European COST Project: « Gender and Well-Being. Interaction between work, family and public policies », a European Action ‘COST A34’, seminar 2 “The transmission of well-being: marriage strategies and inheritance systems in Europe from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries”, co-organized by ICHD and published by Peter Lang in 2009 (see below reference of the publication).

2007, 15-18 November, 32^{sd} SSHA Chicago, USA (some Family/Demography sessions)
- 2008
2008, 7th ESSHC, 25 February/1 March, Lisbon, Portugal
2008, 16-20 October, Cluj-Napoca, Conference on *Demographic Changes in the Time of Industrialisation (1750-1918). The example of the Habsburg Monarchy*, sponsored by ICHD and published by Ioan Bolovan, Rudolf Gräf, Harald Heppner and Ioan Lumperdean (eds.), *Transylvanian Review*, 18, Supplement 1, 2009.
2008, 23-26 October, 33rd SSHA Miami, USA (some Family/Demography sessions)
- 2009
2009, 5 August 2009, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 15th International Economic History Congress.

2009, 8-11 October, Cluj-Napoca, ”Babeş-Bolyai” University, Centre for Population Studies, *Families in Europe between the 19th and the 21st Centuries. From the Traditional Model to Contemporary PACS*, organised by Prof. Dr. Ioan Bolovan, Deputy Director of Centre for Population Studies, and sponsored” by ICHD. The *Proceedings* were published as a special issue of the *Romanian Journal for Population Studies*, A. Fauve-Chamoux and Ioan Bolova (coordinators), 2009, by Cluj University Press (820 p.)

2009, November, 34th SSHA, Long Beach, USA.

- 2010

2010, 8th ESSHC, 13-16 April, Ghent, Belgium

2010, 21th International Congress of Historical Sciences (CISH), 22-28 August, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

C/ Board meetings

The Board formally met 10 times, supplemented by many personal contacts between members, thanks to new facilities in communications.

- Amsterdam (The Netherlands), 22 March 2006, RAI
- Helsinki (Finland), 26 August 2006, Hôtel Anna
- Minneapolis (USA), 3 November 2006,
- Guimaraes (Portugal), 25 April 2007
- Chicago (USA), 16 November 2007
- Lisboa (Portugal) 26 February 2008
- Miami (USA), 23 October 2008
- Utrecht (NL), 7 August, 2009
- Long Beach (USA), 13 November, 2009
- Gent (Belgium), 13 April 2010.

D- Publications 2005-2010

No independent paper publication could be arranged, but contributions to the website <http://historicaldemography.net/> were gathered and special issues of scientific journals were published with selections of CIDH papers. For example:

FAUVE-CHAMOUX Antoinette & ARRIZABALAGA Marie-Pierre (eds), 2005, Family transmission in Eurasian perspective. *The History of the Family*, Special issue, 2005, 10 (3), pp. 183-344.

FAUVE-CHAMOUX, Antoinete & WALL, Richard (eds.), 2005, Domestic servants in comparative perspective. *The History of the Family: an International Quarterly*, Special issue, 2005, 10 (4), pp. 345-490.

FAUVE-CHAMOUX, Antoinette and OCHIAI, Emiko (eds.), 2009, *The Stem Family in Eurasian Perspective. Revisiting House Societies, 17th–20th centuries*, Bern, Peter Lang.

DURÃES, Margarida, FAUVE-CHAMOUX, Antoinette, FERRER ALÒS, Llorenç & KOK, Jan (eds), 2009, *The transmission of well-being: gendered marriage strategies and inheritance systems in Europe from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries*, Bern, Peter Lang.

The “MORAL REPORT” was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

II- FINANCIAL REPORT 2005-2010

The Financial Report for 2005-2010 was presented by the Treasurer, Mario Boleda, National University of Salta (Argentina), and, in his absence, read by Kees Mandemakers, vice President.

The Board decided to go on with the previous policy of not asking any regular fees from members. - One justification for this choice is to preserve our capacity to recruit active members on scientific criteria, including in developing countries who might not be able to afford fees.

- Another reason is the high level of cooperation expected from members. Up to now, we thought that

colleagues coming to our meetings, so often on their own, make already such a serious effort.

We have no specific budget. So the treasury's balance is zero.

For the past five years, the annual fees to CISH were paid directly by the Minnesota Population Center. We address warm thanks to Bob McCaa and Steve Ruggles for so generous sponsoring. In Minneapolis, Dr. Pat Kelly kindly looked after sending paper checks by recommended mails to the CISH treasurer in Switzerland or, more recently a bank transfer process. It concerned five times 650 Swiss Francs (3250 SF are about 3 117 USD or 2 421 euros, according to change rates on 20 August, 2010). The money was therefore transferred to CISH and paid on CISH Lausanne UBS bank, account number: 24325519001X , for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The fees for 2010 will be due soon.

In Sydney, the question was raised whether we should go on paying fees to CISH for the 5 coming years, 2005 to 2010, since we got then only 4 lines on the CISH printed Programme ! Bob McCaa had reported that, together with Kees Mandemakers, they protested this practice to the CISH General Assembly. The answer was that the CISH provides this year a better treatment in the General Programme to affiliated International Organizations than previously: in the Amsterdam CISH 2010 main programme we were allowed a full page (p. 73) where our session topics and special venue are announced.

We are glad that a supplementary leaflet was printed under the supervision of Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux (200 copies, with the sponsoring of Carlo Dottor, *L'Artière*, Montalcino, Italy).

Now, on the CISH website, our Commission is part of a specific programme, labeled in the preliminary Programme: "Programme extra" and now "[Program - Other locations](#)",³ together with the *International Federation for Research in Women's History* and the *International Standing Conference for the History of Education* (international organizations affiliated to CISH, as we are since 2000, Oslo).

We need to thank all our colleagues here in Amsterdam for their investment and for circulating the information in their country.

See English version: <http://www.ichs2010.org>

French version: <http://www.cish2010.org>

Dissemination:

The leaflet Amsterdam ICDH programme was also circulated separately by the General Secretary who created a free gmail account shared with Mary Louise Nagata, which allowed to share and archive all mails addressed to the ICHD secretariat beginning 1 January 2010.⁴

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Any time some budget was available for a meeting, it stood in the hands of the hosting organization. We must acknowledge, besides the outstanding generosity of the Minnesota Population Center, the contributions of all institutions which have been supporting our actions since Sydney, 2005. The following list is far from being exhaustive, for sure, each one of us being indebted to at least one or two sponsors.

We thank first the Centre de Recherches Historiques de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS/CNRS: UMR 8558), which hosted the Secretary, giving Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux major everyday help. Many universities and research centers sponsored our meetings, travels and publications. *L'Artière*, Montalcino, Italy helped us printing the Amsterdam leaflet.

We are particularly grateful to 1/ Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, which organized an international seminar in 2008, and a large a conference in 2009. In both cases papers were published,

³ For on line updated Programme, see: <http://www.ichs2010.org/home.asp>
go to "Program" & to see the rest of our Program, click below on "[Program - Other locations](#)"
<http://www.ichs2010.org/programme-18.asp>

"Commission Internationale de Démographie Historique".

⁴ 2010amsterdam@gmail.com

which is a great achievement; 2/ Aligarh Muslim University, India, for the 2005 Conference (the second one, the first joint Conference was in 1997, New Delhi, a “Marriage” Conference; 3/ the International Institute of Social History (IISG), Amsterdam and so many other institutions, including: the International Association for Economic History, the CISH/ICHS and many national Committees of the CISH which sponsored participants and various national associations.

We address a special thanks to the Family/Demography successive co-chairs in charge with organizing sessions every year at SSHA and every two years at ESSHC, allowing so many preparatory meetings to our final sessions and providing regular possibilities for ICHD/CIDH Board meetings.

Journals (non exhaustive list):

The History of the Family, an International Quarterly,
Continuity and Change,
Les Annales de Démographie Historique,
The Romanian Journal of Population Studies

On Internet, we acknowledge the help of **H-Demog** and would like to acknowledge all help in every day life, in meetings or other occasions.

Acceptance of the “FINANCIAL REPORT” was voted unanimously by the General Assembly.

III-Amendments to the ICHD Constitution

A proposal arranged by the Board for amending the Constitution of the International Commission of Historical Demography/ICHHD Constitution was presented to the General Assembly. A leaflet was circulated, presenting, in two columns, the text adopted in OSLO 2000 (on the left) and the proposed text elaborated and discussed by the out going Board.

Bruce Fetter, Kees Mandemakers and Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux explained the major changes proposed, allowing

IV-Replacement of out going members of the Board

The Board formed in Sydney, 2005, counted 12 members listed below. According to the new Constitution just adopted, six members among them are out going and should be replaced.

- Bruce FETTER (USA), President (2005-2010)
- Kees MANDEMAKERS (Netherlands), International Institute of Social History, Vice-President;
- Antoinette FAUVE-CHAMOUX (France), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, General Secretary, out-going ;

- Mario BOLEDA (Argentina), University of Salta, treasurer, out-going;
- Marie-Pierre ARRIZABALAGA (France), University of Cergy-Pontoise “European Network Coordinator”;
- Anne-Lise HEAD-KÖNING (Switzerland), University of Geneva, out-going;
- Futoshi KINOSHITA (Japan), University of Tsukuba;

- Cezary KUKLO (Poland), Bialystok University, out-going;
- Shireen MOOSVI (India), Aligarh Muslim University, out-going;
- Mary Louise NAGATA (USA), University Francis Marion “ICHHD Network Coordinator”;
- Ofelia Rey CASTELAO (Spain), University of Santiago de Compostela;
- Lars Göran TEDEBRAND (Sweden), University of Umeå, out-going.

Two former Presidents participated to recent meetings:

- Robert McCAA, University of Minnesota (USA), former President
- Sölvi SOGNER, University of Oslo (Norway), former President

Other past Presidents were consulted regularly by the Board on various matters:

- Akira HAYAMI, Reitaku University (Japan), honorary President;
- Eugenio SONNINO, Université de Rome La Sapienza (Italie), honorary President.
- Claude MORIN, Université de Montreal, Canada;
- Antonio EIRAS ROEL, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Pursuant to the rule that Board members who have already already at least two terms (10 years) are ineligible.

The Board proposed six nominations which have been accepted. The President presented them briefly, asking candidates who were present to stand up. Five candidates out of six were in the room:

1. Ioan Bolovan, “Babes-Bolyai” University Cluj-Napoca, Romania;
2. Peter Teibenbacher, Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Austria;
3. Mikolaj Szoltysek, Max Planck Institute, Rostock (Germany), for Poland;
4. Claudia Contente, Université Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (Spain), for Argentina ;
5. Mohamed Saleh, University of Southern California at Los Angeles (USA), for Egypt;
6. Ravindran Gopinath, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India.

Since no one asked to use secret ballot, the Assembly voted the list presented by Bruce Fetter. The six candidates were elected unanimously as Board members.

The New Board decided immediately to hold a meeting for choosing the new President and officers.

V- Proposed activities for 2010-2015

Proposed activities for 2010-2015 will be examined by the new Board.

Our website will be updated [historicaldemography.net], hosted by IISG/ The International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam.

Various calls for papers will be announced.

A Call for sessions should be circulated without waiting by the new Board, concerning the ICHD/CIDH Conference that will be organized during CISH 2015, planned for on Shandong University Campus at Jinan, Shandong province, China. in and hosted by the university there. A local Committee should be organized to help with practical matter in relationships with CISH Secretariat, as was done in Sydney. It is important for colleagues from China and Eastern Asia to be active in this main Conference. Peter Xenos, Emeritus Professor at Hawaii University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (USA), living now in Manila, has already proposed to contribute in various ways. Since he will spend a substantial part of his time on historical demographic research, he intends to study the Least Developed Countries/LDC component, and especially the Asian component. A session could be dedicated to this question.

Publications may follow the Amsterdam meeting, in various periodicals. *The Romanian Journal of Population Studies* expects paper submissions.

VI. Other questions

The New Board came back to the room after 15 minutes and Kees Mandemakers announced that he had been elected as President. Mary Louise Nagata accepted to be Membership Secretary, according to the new Constitution. Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga accepted the office of General Secretary and Claudia Contente to serve as Treasurer. Ioan Bolovan and Mary Louise Nagata both accepted to be Vice President.

Congratulations were expressed to new members and new officers of the Board. Then the Assembly voted unanimously to install Robert McCaa and Sølvi Sogner as Honorary Presidents and Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux as Honorary Officer.

Bruce Fetter passed the Chair to Kees Mandemakers.

At this moment, the new President, announced that a special thank you present had been prepared for Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux for her long dedication to the Commission (1985-2010). It was a total surprise for her to receive, besides a superb bunch of flowers, a beautiful book including, 30 contributions from 10 different countries, entitled: *Many Paths to Happiness? Studies in Population and Family History. A Festschrift for Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux*, coordinated by Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga, Ioan Bolovan, Marius Eppel, Jan Kok and Mary Louise Nagata, Aksant Academic Publishers, Amsterdam, 2010, 594 p. [isbn 978 90 5260 382 7]. Size: 17 x 24 cm.

The hard cover book was edited under the trusteeship of Centre for Population Studies, “Babes-Bolyai” University Cluj-Napoca, Romania with the financial support of “Concordia Transilvană” Association. *Desktop Publishing* (DTP/PAO) and cover design was realized by Luminița Dumănescu, Centre for Population Studies, Cluj. The colour cover is illustrated with a painting by Nicolae Grigorescu, *Peasant in the Grass* (1885), by courtesy of National Museum of Art, Bucarest, Romania.

Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux was very moved by this unexpected event. She thanked warmly the contributors, authors and editors, present and absent, and all her friends for such a unique and most valuable – together highly scientific and symbolic – present for her 65th birthday anniversary.

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

It was followed by a reception generously hosted by The Historical Sample of the Netherlands (HSN).

Minutes by Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux and Bruce Fetter.

1st September, 2010.
