

Elections 2016

Candidacy for President Elect (2016-2018)

Ana Simões

Presentation:

Ana Simões is full professor of history of science at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon. She is founder and co-coordinator of the Interuniversity Center for the History of Science and Technology (CIUHCT), ranked as exceptional (highest mark) as a result of the last evaluation of Portuguese research units led by the European Science Foundation. Her research interests include the history of quantum chemistry, and history of science in the European Periphery, with emphasis on science in Portugal, 18th to 20th centuries. She is a founding member of the international group Science and Technology in the European Periphery (STEP) and of the e-journal HoST (<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/host>). She authored and edited more than 120 publications, participates in research projects and networks, and regularly organizes meetings, both nationally and internationally.

Statement:

According to the ESHS Statutes, besides being the executive head and legal representative of the society, the President, together with the Council, is due to organize the next regular scientific congress, and is also in charge of organizing the in-between meeting.

If I will be elected president of the ESHS for the 2018-20 term, and according to the statutes I plan

- to dedicate the in-between meeting, to be held in 2019 in Lisbon, to the following topic “Diversity and modernity(ies) in shaping European science”, exploring the role of circulation of scientific ideas and practices within Europe, involving both centers and peripheries, and connecting Europe to the world, in order to discuss how the evolving European identity is grounded on diverse cultural scientific upbringings. This will be done in practical terms, having in mind the mission of the ESHS. However if it is necessary to dedicate the in-between meeting to a discussion of the ESHS affairs this topic will be chosen as the umbrella for the first summer school (see below).

Additionally, I plan to act along the following directions with the help of the Past President, President and Council. They include fundamentally the support to young scholars and the strengthening of ties with other societies and networks. As such I plan to:

- find ways to support research of young scholars which may include: 1) the creation of a biennial prize for a paper published in the past two years by a early career scholar (doctoral students, or scholars within five years of being

awarded their doctorates) in *Centaurus* (the prize may be a subscription to ESHS and *Centaurus* for 2 years) or alternatively a call for a biennial prize for a paper by a early career scholar to be published in *Centaurus*; 2) the creation of the ESHS young scholars' programs. Any ESHS member can nominate a scholar. Selected candidates (2-3) will have their travel expenses paid to attend two successive meetings and will be in charge of organizing a session, round-table or deliver a special lecture at the meetings; 3) the creation of summer schools to be attended by 15-20 young PhD or Post-Doc students, in the days before the ESHS meetings or the in-between meetings. I plan to organize the first summer-school eventually together with 2019 in-between meeting.

- articulate the activities of ESHS with those of other networks and societies, especially STEP, Tensions of Europe, SHOT, and HSS, by organizing, for example, sessions in the other societies' meetings, invite lecturers to ESHS summer schools, and so on.



Candidacy for Public Relation Officer

To:
General Assembly of the European Society for the History of Science

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Berlin, August 12, 2016

Dear President,
Dear Members of the General Assembly,

With this letter I would like to express my availability for the position as Public Relations Officer of the European Society for the History of Science.

My permanent academic affiliation is at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin as a Research Group Leader in the frame of Dept. 1 (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Renn).

My research focuses on the relation between practical and theoretical knowledge, on processes of transformation of knowledge, on mechanisms of diffusion of innovations and on globalization of knowledge in history. The research ranges from history of hydromechanics in classical antiquity to Medieval cosmology and seventeenth-century mechanics. My research is moreover increasingly dedicated to the development of new tools of digital humanities in order to initiate a quantitative approach in history writing and, specifically, in the frame of emergence of semantic networks.

As Public Relations Officer I would continue the ongoing projects and specifically the intensification of the work with the journal of the society as well as the completion or expansion of the database of the institutions concerned with history of science. I would also like to promote a closer information exchange eventually by implementing, together with the webmaster, a Content Management System, such as CiviCRM.

Finally, I would make use of my own network to retrieve and distribute relevant information. As a member of the German National Committee for the History of Science and as a scholar stably related also to the Cohn Inst. for the History of Sciences and Ideas at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel, I hope to be able to support the growing process of the society both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Cordially,
Matteo Valleriani

Candidacy for Webmaster

Matthieu Husson

(CNRS, SYRTE-Observatoire de Paris)

September 2016

I have had the pleasure to serve the ESHS as webmaster since June 2015. During this year, in collaboration with ESHS officers, I've created a new website using SPIP technology. With the help of the Public Relation officer, I have published around a hundred articles on the website since its creation. The website has a fair audience, with an average of 130 visits per day. Apart from the home page, the "news and events" section is the most popular with an average of 100 visits per day. Both the online inscription registration form and the contact form are used and functional (although most inscriptions were made through the congress website in recent months). Through the web site I also moderated a petition, an important public relations exercise.

However, the website can become an even more efficient tool for the society. Some of the possible directions of progress which the ESHS officers and the scientific board could discuss include:

- Improving the presentation of the site, especially of the homepage.
- Using the website to network a community in various European countries, supplying news of the field from their own country. The SPIP technology allows several authors to contribute to the site (each with his own login and password, and restricted access to the interface). Thus young scholars in each country could serve as correspondents and contribute to the site's visibility. I could provide the appropriate training. Navigation in the news section would occur through a map of the European countries and a cloud of keywords. Engaging this community of young scholars could be very important for the future of the ESHS.
- Using the website as an administrative tool for the officers: through the private area of the website, some documents (count, list of members, etc.) could be shared and email could be exchanged. This would centralize the information in one place, in the long term saving time and labor for the officers.
- The website could also interact with classical social media platforms like "Facebook" or "Twitter", gaining visibility and reactivity for the Society.

Finally I want to express my strong commitment to the values of the ESHS, and my conviction that the efforts we are making to shape a strong and open European space for our research field are essential. It is thus an honour to be a candidate for webmaster officer of the ESHS.

Candidacies for Scientific Board

Mitchell G. Ash

Brief biography

PhD Harvard University 1983; taught in the Department of History, University of Iowa (USA) 1983-1997); Professor of Modern History, University of Vienna since 1997. Publications: 16 authored or edited books, 180 articles, chapters and essay reviews in English and German in the following topic areas: political, social and cultural relations of the sciences during the 19th and 20th centuries; history of German and Austrian universities; history of human-animal relations; history of the human sciences.

Statement

The ESHS has proved its value as a site for intellectual exchange in our field and a meeting place for historians of science from all over Europe and beyond. I would be honoured to assist the Society in continuing this fine record as a member of the Scientific Board. One area in which I might be of help is maintaining and intensifying existing linkages of the ESHS with the American History of Science Society. In addition, I have extensive experience in inter- and multidisciplinary research as Speaker of the PhD Program "The Sciences in Historical, Philosophical and Cultural Contexts" at the University of Vienna since 2006. Previous leadership positions: Board Member and then President of the „Society of History of Sciences and Humanities“ - Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsgeschichte (President from 2002 through 2008); Board Member of the Austrian Society for History of Science since 1997; Head, Working Group in History of Science, Department of History, University of Vienna since 1997.

Dimitri Bayuk

PhD S I Vavilov Institute for the History of Science and Technology
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7th ESHS

We live in a crisis time. One can argue it was always so, but, I'm convinced, the crisis now is different from all others except that one which gave birth to the modern European civilization itself. Even though it reveals in different countries in different ways, it has common roots. And under these circumstances the important role of cultural institutions, ESHS among others, consists more in conservation and development of European cultural legacy, European cultural values, rather than in simply promoting them. Thus, I see the major task of the Society in creating and sustaining the cooperative atmosphere within the community despite destructive activity of some governments and degenerative societal trends. I believe in my capacity to take part in this activity by propagating the ESHS mission to some parts of the former Soviet Union, mostly in Russia. For this purpose I can use both my personal connections and my position as the editor of the VIET: Studies in the History of Science and Technology journal. Also I can apply for the benefits of the Society my knowledge of Internet technologies.

I graduated from Lomonosov University of Moscow, the School of Physics. My basic education was in theoretical physics, or more precisely in quantum field theory, my master thesis being devoted to the mass dependences of quark charges in the quantum chromodynamics. During five years after the graduation I had a research position at Keldysh Institute for Applied Mathematics, numerically calculating defenses of atomic piles and propagation of polarized optical radiation released in a surface detonation atomic bomb. At that time I started writing popular science papers for various general interest periodicals and it ultimately defined my further steps. In the end of 1989 I left Keldysh Institute for doctoral studies at the Institute for the History of Science and Technologie which later admitted Sergei Vavilov's name.

My first advisers there were Vladimir Kirsanov and Ashot Grigorian. Among those with whom I was especially close at that time were Adolf Yushkevich, Miriam Rozhanskaya, Elena Mirskaya, Vladimir Vizgin, Viktor Vizgin, Sergei Demidov, the names familiar to many of you. I chose Galileo's writings of Pisan and Paduan periods for my doctoral dissertation, which gave me an opportunity to get acquainted with a great number of brilliant journal papers and monograph books, leave aside original Galileo's works and correspondence. Simultaneously I was invited to editing of the VIET quarterly journal, initially as book review editor, and my life has being tied with this edition since then. I continued to write popular papers, this time they were mostly biographical: in middle 90s, soon after defending my doctoral these, I wrote biographical articles for the *Historical Lexicon*, edited by Akademizdat publishing house, then for several encyclopaedias. In the same period of time I was happy to participate in updating of the exposition in the collection of musical instruments at the Deutsches Museum, and to spend six months at the Observatory of the Blue Beach, dwelling upon *De motu* subject in scientific tradition of the Renaissance together with

Pierre Souffrin. Our cooperation introduced me into still lasting activity on Leon Battista Alberti and served a prologue for the celebration of Vasilii Zubov's centenary in Moscow in 2000. On this occasion we closely collaborated with Francesco Furlan, executive director of the "Société Internationale Leon Battista Alberti", without whom this phantasmagoric Congrès de Zoubov could never happen.

In 2001, after a year in the USA as Fulbright fellow, I became deputy chief-editor of the VIET. And taking into account the mostly public functions of the chief-editor, who almost never got engaged into editorial work itself, my obligation as editor took more time than ever before. However I tried to mold the journal into a more up-to-date shape. In particular, I applied considerable efforts to create for it an Internet site. At the same time I prepared several new translations of Galileo and Kepler into Russian. Most of them are not yet published. Since 2007 I joined an international group focused on editing Leibniz's texts. Soon after that I was elected as a corresponding member of the International Academy of the History of Science.

As it may be clear from this short presentation in the beginning of my career I was closely connected with military projects of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. I am very sad to see that some countries now step back to the paradigms of that time, that the modern world is getting more and more separated again. But I see also the opposite examples: one of them is the installing of Russian Society of Philosophy and History of Science, the founding meeting of which I had a chance to attend and to the bureau of which I was in this meeting elected. And I am inclined to believe that the cooperation of these two organizations will help to reach their common objectives.



Emilia Calvo

Tenured Professor at the University of Barcelona.

Effective Member of the *International Academy of History of Science* and former vice-president (2010-2013) of the *Commission on the History of Science and Technology in Islamic Societies* (CHOSTIS) of the IUHPS, I have been carrying out research on History of Science in Medieval Islam for 28 years.

As a member of the Scientific Board of the *European Society for the History of Science* I would like to contribute to improve the development of the History of Science as a discipline in our countries.

I respectfully ask for your support and thank those of you who cast your vote for me.
Emilia Calvo

Helena Durnová

It is with great pleasure that I accept the nomination as a candidate for the Scientific Board of the ESHS. I consider myself a historian of mathematics and computing, although my undergraduate training is in mathematics and English language and literature. In my own research, I try not to separate the purely scientific thinking of mathematicians or computer scientists from their political and cultural settings. In the former Czechoslovakia, history of science and of mathematics has been marginalised, and I see the European Society for History of Science as a place where historical questions about the development of mathematics can be nurtured and brought to a higher level. I believe that societies like ESHS, through their regular meetings, help to cultivate the field of history of science. That is also why I am involved in the activities of the Czech Society for the History of Science, Society for the History of Technology, and the Commission for History and Philosophy of Computing.

Helena Durnová, Masaryk University in Brno, Czechia

Leonardo Gariboldi

Dear ESHS member,

I attended all the ESHS international conferences from the very beginning (Maastricht, 2004). At that time, I thought that the mere existence of a society for the history of science on a European level was a fact to be taken for granted. Many well known recent political events instead remind all of us that European unity is still something we must work for. Working for the ESHS is therefore an activity, which we should feel with increasing responsibility of a new kind.

I am willing to offer my services to the ESHS as a member of the Scientific Board with a particular objective in mind. An important step in the future history of the ESHS is gaining the strictest possible collaboration with the national societies and other local institutions. With the next president, I commit myself to the project of finding the ways to get to a useful form of joint memberships with national societies/institutions to both institutional and individual levels, and of cooperation in the organization of conferences, events, research projects, teaching projects, dissemination of historical-scientific cultural and preservation of the scientific heritage.

In the past I worked for the ESHS as a secretary (2006-2010) and as PR officer (2012-2016). In all these years, the councillors and the scientific board made a lot of work in building the ESHS under the precious guidance of the society's presidents: the organization of the international biannual and of the in-between conference, the publication of the official journal *Centaurus*, etc.

In the last years, with the web master, I worked in gathering plenty of information in order to make the ESHS website more attractive to students and scholars: resources about the history of science societies in Europe, the national committees attached to the DHST, lists of journals in the field, lists of museums and science centres. All this information is at your disposal on the ESHS website. Information about events and news can also be found as for meetings and conferences, job positions and fellowships, call for papers. Last but not least, from the next issues of *Centaurus* you can read interviews about the current status of our discipline in one European country, with the replies to questions I asked to a young and a senior scholar from the given country under consideration. I am confident you will find these interviews very interesting.

More important: working for our Society helped me to know in detail the structure, the statutes and the activities of the ESHS. This knowledge of mine could be therefore used for the benefit of the future life of our Society to reach the targets I have submitted above to your attention.

Leonardo Gariboldi

Dana Jalobeanu

is Reader in Philosophy, and director of the Institute of Research in Humanities, University of Bucharest. She was trained in physics and philosophy, and her work on the emergence of experimental philosophy combines the HPS perspective with history of science, and history of philosophy. She is co-editor of the *Journal of Early Modern Studies*, executive editor of *Society and Politics* and co-organizer of the Princeton-Bucharest seminar in early modern philosophy. She is co-editor (with Charles Wolfe) of the *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences* (Springer, forthcoming 2018). Recent publications: Dana Jalobeanu, *The Art of Experimental Natural History: Francis Bacon in Context*, Zeta Books: Bucharest (2015), Dana Jalobeanu and Peter Anstey (eds.), *Vanishing matter and the laws of nature: Descartes and beyond*, Routledge: London (2011).

Some thoughts and plans regarding ESHS

In these troubled times, we need an increased public awareness towards the role played by history of science in the emergence and development of modern Europe. Being an early modern scholar, I also think we badly need a better integration of (early modern) science and (early modern) philosophy, a deeper understanding of the origins, development and foundations of European Modernity. Conditioned by my education and degree in science, I envisage better and stronger lines of cooperation between scientists, historians and philosophers, leading, perhaps to the building an integrative, third culture. I see ESHS as an important actor, with a decisive role to play in shaping the future of academic discipline(s) across Europe. I also believe that ESHS should have an impact outside academia, raising the public awareness towards science and our common European heritage.

What I would wish to do, as a member of the ESHS steering committee:

1. Promote and encourage interdisciplinary projects and cross-disciplinary discussions among philosophers, scientists and historians. What I have in mind are scientific projects and collaborations (such as European collaborative grant applications, workshops and conferences), collaborative teaching projects (Erasmus Mundus masters and collaborative PhD programs) but also collaborative projects directing towards communicating science and “science for the public”.
2. Propose and discuss measures to extend ESHS membership towards the East – and encourage scholars from Eastern Europe to join and become active members of ESH. In order to do this, I would propose the introduction of a system of scholarships similar to the ones recently established by the European Philosophy of Science Association (short-term research scholarships dedicated to scholars from Eastern Europe), and a system of travel grants for young researchers and students (to attend the ESHS conferences).

Elaine Leong

Elaine Leong leads the “Reading and Writing Nature in Early Modern Europe” research group at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. She gained her doctorate in Modern History from the University of Oxford and has held research fellowships at the University of Cambridge and the University of Warwick. Leong's research is centered upon early modern medical and scientific knowledge transfer and production and her interdisciplinary projects use theories and methods in the history of the book and the history of reading to elucidate quotidian knowledge practices. She is working on two book projects. The first, *Treasures for Health: Making Recipe Knowledge in the Early Modern Household* is the first major study of informal “science” and medicine in early modern English Households. The second, *Reading Rivière in Early Modern England*, uses the story of Lazare Rivière's bestselling *Praxis medica* (Paris, 1640) and *The Practice of Physick* (London, 1655) to explore the production, transfer and codification of vernacular medical knowledge in early modern Europe. Leong has strong interests in digital humanities. She is the co-founder and editor of The Recipes Project Blog and a member of the Early Modern Recipes Online Collective - an experiment in research-led pedagogy and citizen transcription.

Birgit Nemec

Dear Karine Chemla, Dear Toni Malet, Dear Fabio Bevilacqua,
Dear Members of the *ESHS General Assembly*,

When I learned about the suggestion of my nomination as a candidate for the *Scientific Board of the ESHS* I was much delighted and thankful for the trust and confidence that is expressed thereby. I read the duties and functions of the *ESHS Scientific Board* carefully and can say that I would be very much looking forward to work in this team and for the society and the special targets of the board.

I am experienced in the co-organization of scientific congresses and the publication of proceedings. Moreover, I would be very much looking forward to support the society in the promotion of research initiatives and activities.

The ambitious aims of the Society to foster European integration, to name one and presumably the most pressing in our difficult times, seem to me as a perfect example of how our field, History of Science, can become a site of critical reflection. I believe that we, historians, can and should participate in speculations about a better future for Europe and beyond. We certainly have the tools in our hands to provide suggestions in more concrete terms, as well.

I worked in the past years mostly in the area of History and Philosophy of Science – as a student of history and cultural studies in Vienna and in Rome, and as a pre- and postdoctoral fellow in a number of highly inspiring institutions in the field of History of Science in mostly Germany, Austria, the UK and North America. But besides my academic career it was always also my goal to reach larger audiences and to target more general debates in society. Before I studied history I acquired a degree in cultural management and worked in the arts and museum sector. In 2014 I was part of a historian's commission that evaluated the Vienna street name corpus, especially in regards to problematic aspects such as anti-democratic, inhuman, anti-Semitic, xenophobic and fascist elements. The project was particularly rewarding as we managed to trigger public discourse, I participated in round table discussions and held discussions with contemporary witnesses and descendants of which not all were too easy. However, I was always prepared to dedicate my time and work to this project as we were without capable to contribute in a profound re-evaluation of dominant memory politics.

In my view research can and should very well contribute to societal debates, foster community building, tolerance and democracy – and thus bring research and realities of life closer together. This is why I fully support the society's activities in this direction.

I promise that, in case of my election, I will do my best to strongly support the Society's aims and the duties of the *ESHS Scientific Board*.

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I am president of the Catalan Society for History of Science and Technology (<http://schct.iec.cat/>). During my 15 years commitment with the Society, I have been scientific secretary, vice-president, and, from 2013, president.

I was member of the organizing and program committee of the 4th Conference of the ESHS held in Barcelona in 2010.

I have been member of the scientific council of the ESHS in the last two years.

If I am reelected my main goals will be to work towards a bigger allocation of the society resources for young researchers and to the attempt of creation of “groups of interest” on historical interesting trending topics in order to reinforce links between society members.

Baichun Zhang

Dear Karine, and dear Erika,
Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute for the History of Natural Sciences and other institutions in universities are promoting the internationalization of studies in the history of science in China. Therefore, I fully understand and support the internationalization policy of the ESHS. I think that Chinese historians of science will contribute to the increasing influence of the ESHS upon international communication. You know that many Chinese scholars have been encouraged to prepare for participating in the ESHS Conference Prague 2016.
Supported by the CAS institute, I shall continue promoting the Chinese scholars' contributions to the ESHS in the future.
All my best wishes,
Baichun Zhang

Simone Turchetti

Brief biography

PhD University of Manchester, 2003. Researcher at the University of Bristol (2005-2006), Lecturer at the University of Leeds (2007-2009) and Manchester (2009- to date). I have published articles on several international peer-reviewed history and history of science journals and I am the author of one monograph, 2 edited collections, and a number of chapters and book reviews in English and Italian. I research on the history of 20th century science and technology; the history of the geosciences; and the history of international scientific relations. I am a previous holder of an ERC starting grant and the winner of the 2003 BSHS Singer Prize.

Statement

I have been deeply impressed by your statement (which I signed) regarding political developments threatening collaboration across Europe and the efforts of your society to countering them by keep working towards integration projects. This further convinced me that I would like to play a role in furthering your ambitious goals. I also believe that benefits could derive from my presence especially since the society is showing an interest in actively countering disintegration processes in Europe. I am based in the UK, where I lived for more than ten years and I was deeply saddened by what happened with Brexit. I contributed to a number of important initiatives in the history of science community in the UK and elsewhere including the 2013 International Congress in Manchester (of which I was a local organizing committee member). I have also contributed to the organization of a number of symposia during the past two ESHS annual meetings and I was a contributor to the journal *Centaurus*. I should probably stress that in the context of my research and these meetings the problem of partnership building across Europe and the need to overcome the centrifugal forces of nationalism has always come to the fore as a dominant theme. I have also been a member of the Young Academy of Europe, which is similarly pursuing integration projects among young scholars. I would certainly be delighted to put my experience and interests at the service of the society and work towards cooperation projects as deemed suitable.