

Minutes of the Steering Committee's Meeting and the General Assembly of ENIUGH in Dresden, July, 3 and 5, 2008

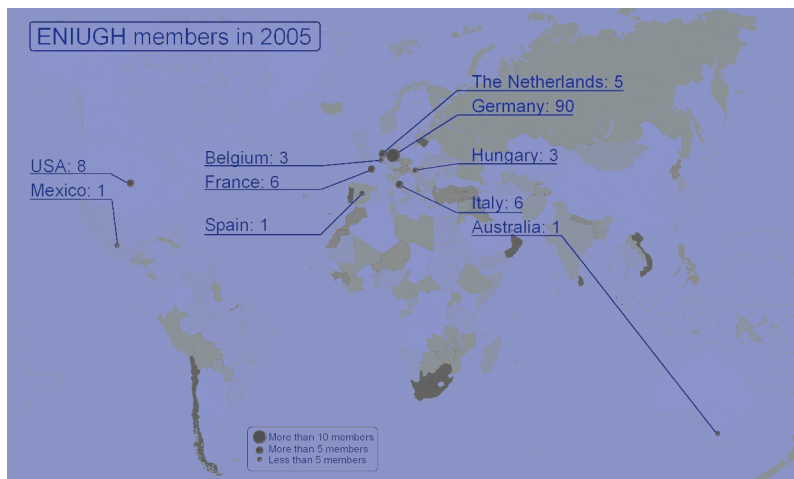
The meeting was held at the 2nd European Congress on World and Global History in Dresden at the World Trade Centre, July, 3, 2008 from 4 to 6 pm; and July 5, 2008, from 7 to 8 pm.

Attendance: Carol Adamson, Gareth Austin, Steffi Franke, Frank Hadler, Michael Harbsmeier, Miroslav Hroch, Marcel van der Linden, Attila Melegh, Matthias Middell, Katja Naumann, Patrick O'Brien, Diego Olstein, Eric Vanhaute, Peer Vries

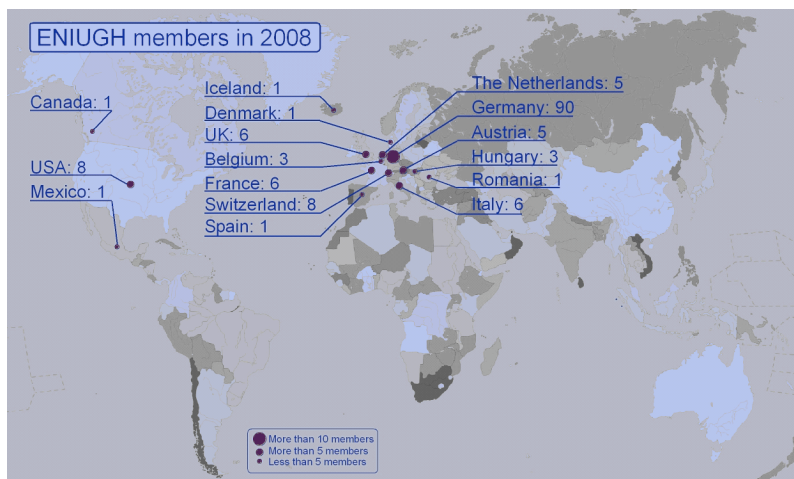
1. Development of Membership

Steffi Franke reported on the very positive development of membership both in term of absolute figures and in terms of countries represented.

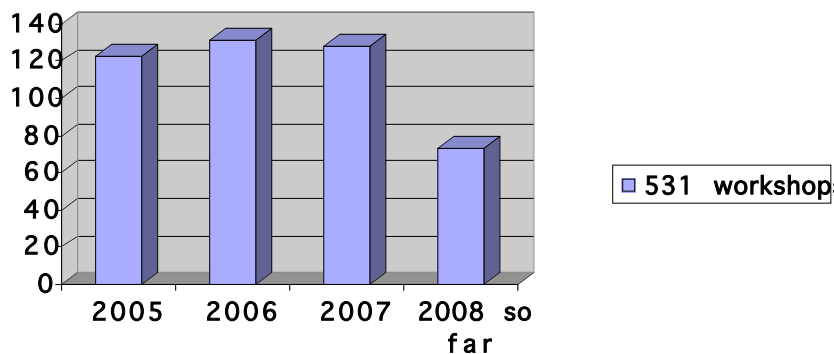
ENIUGH -membership in 2005



ENIUGH -membership in 2008



At the same time the attendance of the congress in Dresden demonstrates that the interest and the spread of a research interest in world and global history has not only stabilized but also grown since 2005. Main research centres have continued to publish and to attract scholars for appointments or for research activities, but others have shown up. New initiatives for example in Northern Europe (global culture network in Denmark) or in France (appointment of a professor in global history at the EHESS to coordinate ongoing cooperation) join the movement and with the 7th research framework of the EU (“Europe in the world” as its main topic for the humanities and social sciences) further initiatives can be expected. The number of workshops devoted to topics in world and global history is at a very high level constantly over the last three years as 531 reports in “geschichte.transnational” demonstrate:



The distribution of places where these workshop have been held shows at the same time that world and global history is no longer a marginal topic in today’s historiography But is widely accepted in historiographies throughout Europe.

At the same time the number of PhD-candidates presenting first results of their ongoing work has impressively increased and more and more universities start developing curricula in global history or to incorporate global or world history into their teaching programs.

The question for ENIUGH is what kind of initiative is necessary to bring these individual initiatives together at a European level and how to become accepted as the representative association for European scholars and funding agencies.

2. NOGWHISTO

ENIUGH’s representatives at the founding meeting of NOGWHISTO (Network of Global and World History Organizations) at Dresden (July, 2) reported on the event and the decision of the representatives from the World History Association (US-based but with a wider membership around the world), the Asian Association of World Historians, ENIUGH and individual representatives from Africa and Australia (who intend to start initiatives for bringing academics in world and global history from these areas together), to found NOGWHISTO as a network with a truly global reach. After ratification by its founding member organizations, NOGWHISTO will apply to the CISH for membership as an affiliated organization. The name of the organization indicates

- a) that there is no hierarchy intended among the member organizations: NETWORK
- b) that alternative approaches are welcome and that there is no precondition to agree with any given conceptualization of historical aspects of worldization or globalization: GLOBAL AND WORLD HISTORY
- c) that while the network focuses on historical explanations and narratives it is not an organization for historians only but will accept also members from other disciplines as far as they accept historization as a basic feature in their approaches: HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS
- d) that there is (in order to guarantee a lean management of membership) no individual membership, but a chance to become a member for relatively small groups of academics: ORGANIZATIONS

The major aim of the network is to connect activities of its member organizations, to held at least one conference (in direct relation with the CISH congress) every five years, to share as much

information as possible via websites, electronic journals and other instruments among the members of the member organizations.

Concerning finances the founding meeting agreed to charge fees only at the minimum necessary to facilitate the expected growth of the network and not to hinder participation from countries not yet involved. Since membership with CISH requires a sum of currently 650 Swiss Francs per year, the founding meeting decided to charge member organizations a fee of 1 Euro/Dollar per individual or institutional member per year. In order to avoid any further heavy administrative structure, the office of NOGWHISTO will be located at the University of Leipzig where the headquarters of ENIUGH is based.

Members of the steering committee elected at the founding meeting and preparing a regular assembly at the CISH-congress in Amsterdam in August 2010 are: Zhang Weiwei (Nankai University, China) and Ahmed Ibrahim Abushouk (International Islamic University, Malaysia) for the AAWH; Gareth Austin (London School of Economics, UK) and Matthias Middell (University of Leipzig, Germany) for ENIUGH; Patrick Manning (University of Pittsburgh, USA) and David Christian (California State University San Diego, USA) for the WHA, David Simo (University of Yaoundé, Cameroun) and Alejandra Irigoin (College of New Jersey, US) for the Africa-based and Latin America-based Organizational Committees.

The Steering Committee of ENIUGH supports strongly the creation of NOGWHISTO and voted unanimously for membership with the new global network, for the decision on fees and for taking the responsibility of a permanent secretariat of NOGWHISTO.

2. Next European Congress

Following the proposal by Gareth Austin, the SC decided to hold the next European Congress in 2011 in London. Gareth Austin presented the infrastructure at the LSE available and the need to hold the conference during Easter term for better attendance and for availability both of rooms at dormitories of the School at Bankside and for sessions at LSE (Houghton Street). A concrete decision about the concrete dates will be communicated in 2009.

Marcel van der Linden reported on the experience with the European Social Science and History conference (held alternatively in Amsterdam and at another European place) and proposed to reflect on holding the congress regularly at one place or to alternate between two places. Attila Melegh declared his willingness to host one of the next congresses at Budapest. The SC decided to postpone such a debate and to come back to that issue at the General Assembly in London in 2011.

In preparation of the next ENIUGH congress in 2011 it was furthermore unanimously agreed that every member of the SC should contribute to the program with at least one panel proposal.

3. Propositions as to the Steering Committee

The acting SC proposed unanimously Gareth Austin as new president of ENIUGH and Matthias Middell for one of the positions as vice-president. Attila Melegh, Marcel van der Linden and Frank Hadler agreed to continue as members of the new SC. The SC discussed an its enlargement and agreed to invite researchers particularly from countries not yet represented in the SC (and thus to broaden its European character) and scholars who have been very active in the field of world and global history in the last years.

Katja Naumann invited all members of the SC to make more use of

- a) the Website (www.eniugh.org)
- b) the Newsletter and
- c) the electronic journal of ENIUGH (www.geschichte-transnational.clio-online.net)

to communicate both with each other and with the wider community of European scholars in the field. A decision was taken that members of the SC should report for the newsletter more regularly on recent or upcoming events and new structures in their respective countries or fields of specialization.

The SC in general agreed to intensify communication among its members, either by electronic means (skype, telephone conferences, mails) and to meet at least once between the two congresses and to take there decisions on the general theme and the panel structure of the congress. Since the European Social Sciences and History Conference has revitalized its World History section, a meeting in accordance with the next ESSHC in Ghent, Belgium in April 2010 was seen as the best opportunity to realize it. Marcel van der Linden, who is the main organizer of the ESSHC, and Matthias Middell, who is co-chair of its world history section with David

Lindenfeld (Louisiana State University, USA), will contact the local organizers and Eric Vanhaute, who works at Ghent University and is an active member of the SC of ENIUGH, for the necessary infrastructure.

Leipzig, August, 28, 2008

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Note on decisions taken by the General Assembly, held in Dresden, July, 5:

The General Assembly of ENIUGH, held at its 2nd European Congress in Dresden, July, 5, 2008 from 6-7 pm, followed the above mentioned decisions the SC proposed concerning

- a) membership with NOGWHISTO
- b) the next European congress to be held in London in 2011
- c) the composition of the new SC

and elected Gareth Austin (London School of Economics, UK) as new president of ENIUGH.

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