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AND PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS (ICHRPI)

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

1. Membership and National Sections

Since our last meeting in Vienna last year, I have continued to be in touch with all the National Conveners, stressing that their role deserves to be improved in the life of the ICHRPI.

I want to mention the campaign for new members promoted by our UK National Convener, Paul Seaward, that I have supported contacting also them by myself.

The interest of scholars from new countries towards the Commission is also increasing, as I received request of subscription form Norway and Georgia. Particularly, Ms Surguladze from Tbilisi, who was in the past in contact with our late lamented colleague Valerie Cromwell, offered to organize a conference in her town this year for the first century of Georgian Parliament. As we were already invited by Andorra, she is giving a paper here on that anniversary.

2. ICHRPI Archives

I cooperated with the President, Joseba Agirreazkuenaga, in order to collect the sources for the history of our Commission. In addition to his efforts, I visited the National Archives in Paris and I consulted the documents of the International Committee for Historical Sciences (ICHS-CISH) related to ICHRPI. As soon as possible, I will go to Belgium for consulting Emil Lousse's archives. I also supervised the work in progress for cataloguing Maria Sofia Corciulo's archives.

3. Relationship with American Historical Association (AHA)

I assisted our new USA National Convener, Peter Aschenbrenner, in the great job he did in order to held an ICHRPI session in the framework of the next AHA conference in New York (January 2020). It will be an interesting opportunity to strengthen our presence overseas, regaining the special relationship developed by Helen Cam in the past.

4. Electoral Procedure

According to the provisions of our Constitution, I received in due time the nominations for the renewal of the officers of the Commission, accompanied by the prescribed signatures. As all the nominations fulfill the positions required by the Constitution, there is no room to vote by ballots.

The General Assembly is also called to elect up to 4 councillors to be nominated and seconded during the meeting itself.

5. Further Conferences

In August 2020, the annual conference will be held in Poznan in the framework of the 23rd International Congress of historical sciences. ICHRPI-CISH Coordinator, Maria Sofia Corciulo, is in charge of it, complying with all the requests made by the organizers.

For 2021, ICHRPI is invited to Athens by the Greek section in coincidence with the bicentenary of Greek independence.

I am sure that direction members and national sections will soon offer attractive invitations for the following years!