

Chronik und Dokumente zur frühen Geschichte der
International Association of Labour History Institutions
(IALHI)

Zusammengestellt und bearbeitet
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mit einem Vorwort von Rüdiger Zimmermann

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Zur Einführung

Ende der achtziger Jahre beauftragte das Coordination Committee der International Association of Labour History Institutions (IALHI) Dieter Schuster, eine Chronik der internationalen Dachorganisation der Archivare und Bibliothekare der Arbeiterbewegung zu verfassen. Seit 1966 leitete der gebürtige Leipziger und Historiker der deutschen Gewerkschaftsbewegung beim Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbund in Düsseldorf eine leistungsstarke Bibliothek und ein umfassendes Zentralarchiv.

Dieter Schuster gehörte zu den Gründungsmitgliedern, die im Dezember 1970 im Hause der britischen Labour Party die IALHI aus der Taufe hoben. Als „Mann der ersten Stunde“ nahm er an allen Konferenzen und Kongressen teil, vertrat die deutschsprachigen Länder im Leitungsgremium und kannte alle Protagonisten, denen die Quellen der Arbeiterbewegung in ihren jeweiligen Heimatländern anvertraut waren. Neben dem langjährigen Leiter des niederländischen International Institute of Social History, Rein van der Leeuw, wurde Dieter Schuster als Einziger nach Ausscheiden aus dem aktiven Berufsleben zum Honorary member der Organisation ernannt.

Der Verfasser der „Chronik der deutschen Sozialdemokratie“ und der „Chronologie der deutschen Gewerkschaftsbewegung von den Anfängen bis 1918“ besaß eine breite Erfahrung bei der Präsentation von Organisationsgeschichten in knappen Daten. Mit Hilfe eigener Unterlagen stellte Dieter Schuster die wichtigsten Basisdaten der IALHI zusammen, skizzierte Projekte, benannte die handelnden Personen und druckte Statuten und Richtlinien ab.

Produkt war eine erste Übersicht eines internationalen Zusammenschlusses, der zu Beginn seiner Existenz nur locker gefügt war und um seine Existenz ringen musste. Heute ist die IALHI, die zu Beginn stark europazentriert war, auf allen Kontinenten vertreten. Ihre internationalen Konferenzen in den Vereinigten Staaten (1997) und Südafrika (2008) legen vom inneren Wachstum beredtes Zeugnis ab. Längst werden alle Aktivitäten auf einer eigenen Internetseite dokumentiert (<http://www.ialhi.org/about.php>).

Dieter Schusters chronologische Zusammenstellung erreichte nie „Druckreife“. Gleichwohl stellt seine Arbeit eine wichtige Quelle für die Frühzeit der Organisation dar. Das IALHI-Archiv wird heute im International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam verwahrt. Eine Gesamtdarstellung des internationalen Zusammenschlusses von Archivaren und Bibliothekaren der Arbeiterbewegung steht noch aus. Die Darstellung wird sich auf die Amsterdamer Organisationsakten und auf Dieter Schusters Vorarbeiten stützen müssen.

Das „gemischte Manuskript“ aus gedruckten und handschriftlichen Vorlagen wurde 2008 von Elisabeth Kurtenbach maschinenlesbar erfasst. Als Text in der digitalen Bibliothek der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung soll es allen Interessenten an der Entstehungsgeschichte der IALHI erste Orientierung geben.

Die Idee, eine Vereinigung der Archivare und Bibliothekare der Organisationen und Institutionen der Arbeiterbewegung stammt von Irene Wagner.

From: Irene Wagner 19 Museum Chambers Brury palace, London W.C.1

To: Mrs. L. Fluger, Denmark, Arbejderbevaegelsens Bibliotek
Mrs. A. Evans, England, Int. Co-opertive Alliance
Miss M. Hunink, Netherland, Int. Institute for Cocial Histe
Mrs. E. Karlsson, Sweden, Archives of the Swedish Labour Mvt

London 01.05.1970

Dear,

As you no doubt remember, we discussed the possibility of forming an association of like-minded librarians. I have given this some very initial thoughts and have produced the enclosed as a VERY rough basis for discussion. I have also sounded some people who know about international organizations for librarians who think, that the International Federation of Library Associations when re-organized would be only too willing to take us on; so, no doubt, will UNESCO. This would have great financial benefits! To facilitate such a connection, all mention of politics have been left out by me at this stage and I have restricted myself in my suggestions on membership to the non-political side of it.

Because of the title, this association of ours may grow in a direction which we did not envisage. To prevent this, the "initiators" will have to keep tight hold on the thing. I would like some guidance on the position of the Karl Ebert Stiftung, which might be a useful body to come in on the "ground floor". However, I know too little about them.

May I suggest, that we think of meeting in "swinging" London sometime in the autumn and have a general exchange of views and start the ball rolling.

I have given my private address in case of holidays etc.
Please let me know your thoughts.

Yours sincerely

Irene Wagner

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

1. Name:

International Committee (later Association) of Social History Librarians.

2. Membership:

Librarians in the field of Social History e.g. librarians of Trade Unions and Co-operative organization Specialized academic libraries and other organizations concerned with social questions.

3. Objectives:

To foster closer co-operation between these libraries To exchange ideas and material, To interlend. To issue bibliographies, union lists etc.

4. Organization:

There to be a Chairman, Vice-chairman and General Secretary with regional secretariats for North and East Europe, West Europe and English speaking areas. Others to be added later.

5. Finance:

Contribution to be made according to size of library.

Auf Grund der positiven Resonanz auf ihren Brief lud Irene Wagner eine Reihe von Kolleginnen und Kollegen zu einer ersten Konferenz nach London ein.

MRS. IRENE WAGNER 19, MUSEUM CHAMBERS BURY PLACE LONDON WC1A 2LH

Re : International Committee of Social History

London 13.10.1970

Dear,

Taking into account your affirmative answer to my original letter, I hope to call a meeting between November 23rd and December 18th to discuss the setting up of the committee and all that it involves.

The business part could take a morning and an afternoon.

There could be visits to organizations such as the TUC (Trades Union congress) the Labour Party, or the London school of Economics.

These would have to be visited during week days.

I would be extremely grateful if you could answer, by return of post to the following:

1. Dates which would suit you. May I suggest dates between December 4th 14th.
2. If you would like
 - a) a week-end plus one working day e.g. Friday plus week-end, or week-end plus Monday;
 - b) week days (how many)
 - c) week-end only (Saturday and Sunday)
3. If you can would like accommodation booked and at what price level (The smaller, pleasant hotels charge app. £3.0.0 for bed and breakfast)

May I impress on you, that speed matters and I hope to have your answer as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Irene Wagner

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NATIONAL AGENT: R. G. HAYWARD

27.10.1070

Re: International Committee of Social History

Dear Dr. Schuster,

Thank you for your speedy replies. The date that would seem to suit the majority will be December 7th-9th, and I therefore will ask you all to come to meetings on Monday and Tuesday (7th & 8th) and I have arranged for visits on Wednesday (9th).

The meetings will take place in Transport House and I hope we shall not need any more time than envisaged.

May I suggest the following time-table:

Monday	10-12.30 14.00 - 16.30) Name, Finance, set-up of committee) further members etc.
Tuesday	10-12.30 14.00 -) Organization, Future plans) next meeting etc.
Wednesday		Visits.

Should we manage to finish our business by Tuesday morning visits can be made on Tuesday afternoon as well as Wednesday. I have arranged with the following to receive members of the committee: Trades Union Congress; The Labour Party; The London School of Economics; The Socialist International and the Marx Memorial Library.

For those who wished accommodation to be booked, I have done this on a provisional basis (Sunday - Wednesday)

I enclose a separate sheet for you to fill in and send back to me here, or at home, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Irene Wagner

Diese Konferenz fand am 07. und 08. Dezember 1970 in London im Transport-House, dem damaligen Sitz der Labour Party statt.

Die Tagesordnung lautete:

1. Ad hoc committee election of Chairman
 election of secretary
2. Introduction by participants
3. Discussion on proposed organization
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Membership
 - c. Name
 - d. Detailed organization
 1. Officers
 2. Centre of activities
 3. Finance
 - e. Links with other organizations
4. Activities
5. Election of officers 1970 / 71
 Chairman
 Vice-Chairman
 Secretary
 Others if necessary
6. Next meeting
7. Any other business

Wegen ihrer historischen Bedeutung soll die Minutes über die Gründungskonferenz hier vollständig abgedruckt werden:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LABOUR HISTORY INSTITUTIONS

Circular :1

Minutes:

of the first meeting of the Association of Labour History Institutions held on Monday, December 7th, 1970, at Transport House, Smith Square, London S.W.1.

The following were present:

Mr. Edward Brown, Librarian of the Trades Union Congress, London
Mr. Derek A. Clarke, Librarian, The London School of Economics
Mr. R. Garrett, Librarian, Co-operative Union, Manchester
Miss M. Hunink, Librarian, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam
Mr. C. Kamp, Chairman of the Working Committee of Co-operative Librarians and documentation officers, Rotterdam
Miss A. Lamming, Librarian, International Co-operative Alliance, London
Dr. Dieter Schuster, Librarian, Abteilung Werbung-Archiv, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund, Düsseldorf
Herr H. Keller, Librarian, Schweizerisches Sozialarchiv, Zürich
Dr. Manfred Turlach, Librarian, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn
Mrs. I. Wagner, Librarian, The Labour Party, London
Mr. Åke Wedin, Director, Arbetarrörelsens arkiv, Stockholm
Mrs. Wagner, of the Labour Party, London, was elected to be chairman of the meeting.

After the members were introduced to one another a discussion took place on the draft proposals which were previously circulated. It was agreed, that the objectives be:

- a) to foster closer co-operation between institutions of the association.
- b) to Interlend, where this is possible.
- c) to issue bibliographies, holding lists etc.
- d) to interchange publications and duplicates. This to be arranged by personal contact and not to be regarded as a matter of course.

Resolved:

1. To make a short description of the own institution
2. To make a list of current periodicals (later a general holdings list of periodicals)
3. To make a list of all that the institution can offer in interchange
4. To make a list of what it wants in return
5. To make a list of what's now available on microfilm for interlend.
Members to send their lists to the secretary for distribution
6. To announce to the others whenever a new microfilming is at stake to give them an opportunity to order the same films at a reasonable price

Membership:

To widen the association it was agreed to contact as many organizations of the LINZ CONFERENCE as possible, also the ICFTU and other institutions the members could propose. Members would come from both West and East and would be annually accepted by

a panel consisting of the original members of the association. As a further step the association would affiliate to IFLA as soon as the organization is running properly. Mr. Clarke, president of the social science subsection, saw no objection to the affiliation of political organizations.

As far as the co-op libraries are concerned the working committee would represent them as well as the I.C.A. As far as non-European institutions are concerned it was felt, that these could be accepted at a slightly later date.

Name:

It was agreed to call the organization: International Association of Labour History Institutions.

Organization:

It was agreed to have a permanent secretary. A chairman to be elected only as and when required. The original committee to assist the secretary with membership applications. Mrs. I. Wagner was elected secretary but clerical help was offered by the institutes in Amsterdam and Stockholm. A meeting to be held once a year in different countries.

Finance:

Agreed to ask members to pay a nominal fee of £2.0.0 to cover the secretary's expenses. This sum to be increased when larger projects are envisaged.

Next meeting: Resolved to meet in Stockholm in the second half of august 1971 for 3 days.

The meeting which was scheduled to last for 2 days, with an additional day for visits, agreed on all points, on the first day. Therefore members were able to take part in longer visits to the TUC; LSE; Marx Memorial Library, the Socialist International; Fabian Society and the Labour Party. The General Secretary of the Labour Party gave a cocktail party for participants on Tuesday evening.

Über die Gründung der IALHI erschien (von Irene Wagner) in „Socialist affairs“, im April 1971 folgender Artikel:

LONDON

Labour History Link-up

An 'International Association of Labour History Institutions' aiming to link libraries and archives specializing in the Labour Movement has been created on the initiative of the librarian of the British Labour Party, Mrs. Irene Wagner. The inaugural meeting took place at Labour Party headquarters in London recently, attended by delegates from twelve such institutions in various European countries.

The objectives of the new Association were specified as: to foster closer cooperation between the Institutions of the association, to interlend where possible, to issue bibliographies, holding lists etc. and to interchange publications and duplicates. The inaugural meeting elected Mrs. Wagner as permanent Secretary of the Association. A chairman will be elected as and when required for particular meetings.

The inaugural meeting was attended by delegates from the Netherlands, West Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Norway, as well as from Britain. Already there are proposals for new members from Israel, Berlin and West Germany.

The aim of the Institution is to broaden its membership so that it covers the whole world. The idea is a contact as many as possible of the organizations which participate in the Linz Conference, which brings together specialists in the field of Labour and Socialist history, both institutions, from Western and Eastern Europe and beyond. The new Association, it is envisaged, could provide a channel of permanent contact between such institutions, in areas such as microfilming, exchanges and research facilities.

Applications for membership will be decided by a panel consisting of the delegates who attended the inaugural meeting. Already there have been enquiries from Eastern Europe, and it is anticipated that a number of institutions from communist countries will be represented at the Stockholm conference. The new Association will affiliate to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) as soon as it gets properly under way.

Nach der Londoner Konferenz war es, das Bestreben die Zahl der Mitglieder der Association möglichst rasch zu erhöhen. Das war nicht einfach. Zunächst mussten in Frage kommende Organisationen und Institutionen über die Gründung und die Ziele der IALHI informiert werden.

Die Schwierigkeiten zeigte die Mitteilung des Sekretärs von Mitte 1971:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence

Mr. P.L. Ofry, Israel Labour Party	no reply
Verein für Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung, Vienna	joined
Mr. A. Kokkvoll, Oslo	no reply
Dr. Krypzak, Hist. Kommission Berlin	no reply
I.G. Metall	no reply
Hamburger Bibliothek Für Sozialgeschichte	no reply
Inst. für Zeitungsforschung, Dortmund	reply. Will join
„Bund“ New York	no reply yet
I.C.F.T.U. Brussels	joined
Linz Konferenz, Dr. Neck	1st reply. More awaited
Institut Français d'Historie Sociale	no reply yet
Musee Social, Paris	no reply yet
Centre f. t. Study of social History Warwick	joined
Marx-Memorial Library, London	no reply yet

Trotz des verhältnismäßig geringen Mitgliedsbeitrages war dennoch die Finanzlage für manche möglichen Mitglieder ein großes Hindernis. Denn in London war auch vereinbart worden, die Jahresversammlungen jeweils an einem anderen Ort durchzuführen, um die Gelegenheit zu erhalten, die einzelnen Archive und Bibliotheken kennen zulernen. Das war zwar für den einen oder anderen - eben wegen der damit verbundenen finanziellen Belastung - schwierig zu praktizieren. Es hat aber sehr stark im Laufe der Jahre den inneren Zusammenhalt unserer Institution gestärkt.

Die Versuche, auch Archive und Bibliotheken aus den sozialistischen Ländern zu gewinnen, scheiterten an den politischen Verhältnissen.

Die **2. Jahrestagung** fand vom 16. bis 18. August 1971, mit 10 Teilnehmern aus 7 Ländern in den Räumen des Arbetarrörelsens Arkiv in Stockholm statt.

Neben den allgemeinen Diskussionen besuchten die Teilnehmer auch das schwedische Nationalarchiv und das ABF (Worker's Education Centre).

Die Minutes berichteten über die Konferenz:

A lengthy discussion ensued on the objectives of the association and how to archives them. The general feeling was, that it was unrealistic to aim too high and that practical matters, important to us should be in the shape of small, manageable projects which would not involve too much time and manpower. Since other international organizations (of the historians) exist, the danger of duplication could arise. The meeting however realized, that those of us, belonging to social-democratic organizations with libraries and archives had a special role to play. The discussion included suggestions for projects and member's exchange and sale problems as well as other difficulties experienced. The overriding difficulty seemed to be the question of book buying methods. After an exchange of experiences, the meeting agreed to Project No. 1 prepare 3 lists

- a) where to buy-publishers or bookshops
- b) Publications wanted
- c) lists of second-hand booksellers in the field of Labour History.

The secretary to collate these lists and circulate to members. In the next discussion the difficulty of advice to students with regard to basic text books on national Labour history was fully discussed.

It was therefore agreed that as

Project No. 2 a short bibliographical list of 10 or more titles be prepared by members and that the secretary would collate these for circulation. The format should be according to standard cataloguing rules e.g. Author, title, publisher, date, pagination and other bibliographical data such as illustrations, summaries in other languages etc.

As a possible future project, the meeting considered the production of a guide to all Labour history institutions.

Having disposed of the question of the association's activities members turned to matters of membership. It was felt, that the association should be enlarged on the lines laid down at the first meeting. Certain anxieties were voiced as to suitability of certain sections of the Labour Moment which could be included. However, the chairman promised to raise this matter at the next Linz Conference and the secretary would approach the socialist International with a view to their suggestions for membership.

On the questions of the constitution, the meeting instructed the secretary to draw up a proper constitution from the decisions of the first meeting and present this for ratification at the next conference of the association and place it as item No. 1 on the agenda. The draft to be circular for comment before.

In the light of the extensive visit to the Stockholm Institute and its technical achievements, members raised the questions of document preservation and cataloguing, a question that seemed to be vital to all members. It was therefore agreed, that at next years' meeting, one day should be devoted to technical papers on

- a) preservation techniques
- b) classification systems
- c) computer use.

Members felt, that it would be useful, if the secretary would mention this programmed to all new and Prospective members in her correspondence with them.

Die Konferenz beschloss, den Jahresbeitrag von zwei auf drei Pfund zu erhöhen, obwohl , wie der erste Kassenbericht zeigt, ein kleiner Überschuss vorhanden war:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	EXPENDITURE		
Subscriptions:			
	£		£
Sweden	2.00	Printing	5.33
Denmark	2.00	Duplicating	
Labour Party	2.00	Postage	
Co-op Manchester	2.00	Stationary	10.60
I.C.F.T.U.	2.00	Bank Charges	.57
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung	1.50		
D.G.B.	4.00		£ 16.50
Zürich	2.00		
Amsterdam	2.00	In Bank	9.00
London School of Economics	2.00		
Centre for Social history, Warwick	2.00		
Vienna	2.00		
£	25.50	£	25.50

Die Constitution hatte nach der Stockholmer Konferenz folgenden Wortlaut:

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

International Association of Labour History Institutions

2. Membership

Membership shall consist of representatives of Libraries and archives established in organizations of the Labour Movement. Such representatives must be senior staff of such institutions. Application for membership shall be made to the secretary and shall be dealt with annually by the conference.

3. Objectives

- a. to foster closer co-operation between institutions of the association
- b. to interlend, where this is possible
- c. to issue bibliographies, holding lists etc.
- d. to encourage the interchange, between members, of publications and duplicates.

4. Conference

The conference shall meet regularly once a year in a place agreed upon by members at the previous conference. The official language to be English.

5. Officers

There shall be

- a. a chairman to be elected at annual conference. Preference should be given to a representative of the host country. The election is to be chaired by the chairman of the previous conference.
- b. the secretary will conduct the business of the association in between conferences. The period of office of the secretary should be five years with one more such period of office only if conference agrees.

6. Decisions of conference

The quorum at conference shall be 50%+1 of the membership. A 2/3 majority will be required to carry a vote at conference. Conference shall decide if the voting be by show of hands or ballot.

7. Finance

Each member organization shall pay a fee of £ 3.00 per annum to the International Association of Labour History Institutions. This some to be reviewed if and when the conference decides.

8. Alterations to constitution

This constitution may be amended, rescinded, altered or added to by resolution carried by a 2/3 majority at the annual conference.

Notice of such resolutions shall be sent to the secretary in writing not later than 12 clear weeks before the beginning of the conference and shall forthwith be circulated to all members and appear as an item on the agenda.

Die **3. Jahrestagung** fand vom 08. bis 11. September 1972 in Zürich, im Gebäude des Sozialarchivs, statt. Die IALHI zählte inzwischen 23 Mitglieder. 11 Vertreter dieser Mitgliedsinstitutionen waren anwesend.

Die Teilnehmer der Konferenz waren Gäste bei der Eröffnung der Ausstellung „Die Geschichte der Schweizer Arbeiterbewegung in Dokumenten aus Züricher Bibliotheken“.

Sie diskutierten vor allem über „Konservierung und Restaurierung von Manuskripten“ und „die Anwendung von Computern in Bibliotheken“.

Bei einer Busfahrt besuchten die Teilnehmer auch den kleinen Ort Zimmerwald, berühmt durch die erste internationale Konferenz oppositioneller Sozialdemokraten vom 05. bis 08. September und 10. bis 15. September.

Die Konferenz beschloss, das IALHI sich I.F.L.A. anschließt.

Nach lebhafter Diskussion sprachen sich die Teilnehmer dafür aus, das IALHI von Nr. 13 ab, Mitherausgeber der „Bibliographischen Informationen“ wird.

Die in Stockholm beschlossenen Projekte waren nur von einem Teil der Institutionen ausgeführt worden. Die Mitglieder wurden aufgefordert, ihre Übersichten zu liefern.

1973 erschien dazu die erste Ausgabe des „Directory“ of the member institutions.

Die **4. Jahrestagung** wurde von der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Bonn organisiert. Die IALHI hat 28 Mitglieder in 13 Ländern, 15 Delegierte und 10 Gäste nahmen an der Konferenz vom 05. bis 07. September 1973 teil.

Die Konferenz behandelte folgende Themen:

- die Archive der Sozialdemokratie,
- die Verwendung der EDV in den Archiven der Bundesrepublik und
- Karl Marx in Trier.

Die Konferenzteilnehmer wurden vom Bundespräsidenten Dr. J. Heinemann empfangen und besichtigten das Marx-Haus in Trier.

Die Literaturübersicht - 1972 beschlossen - soll noch im gleichen Jahr erscheinen.

Die **5. Jahrestagung** fand am 20. bis 22. Juni 1974 in Folkets Hus in Oslo statt. 17 Delegierte von Mitgliederorganisationen und 2 Gäste nahmen daran teil. Die Zahl der Mitglieder betrug 36.

Themen der Vorträge waren:

- „Die norwegische Arbeiterbewegung in europäischer Perspektive“
- „Die Geschichtsschreibung über die Arbeiterbewegung in Norwegen und in den anderen nordischen Staaten“
- Der Zweck von Institutionen zur Arbeitergeschichte

Die Konferenzteilnehmer wurden vom norwegischen Ministerpräsidenten empfangen.

Die Teilnehmer beschlossen, die Mitgliedschaft in I.F.L.A. aufzugeben. Über die BI wurde lange diskutiert, ebenso über die Möglichkeiten der Anwendung von Mikroformen.

Auf Vorschlag von CIRA wurde folgende Resolution angenommen:

Since Labour history institutions are effective tools for action and education, the liberation movements, trade unions and other Socialist groupings and since libraries in several countries recently suffered under repression and censorship while others lack basic material because of the economic and political situation

be it resolved that the delegates to the IALHI Conference, Oslo 20-22 June

1974 will take all proper measures in order to:

definitely condemn every infringement of freedom of expression, specially against labour history institutions, support libraries or social groups in countries where they have to be set up (or re set up) by sending duplicates, basic material or financial aid.

Die Kasse hatte einen Bestand von 107,05 Pfund.

Die **6. Jahrestagung** fand vom 18. bis 21. Juni 1975 in Amsterdam im IISG-Gebäude statt. 35 Vertreter der Mitgliedsinstitutionen und 4 Gäste nahmen daran teil.

Themen der Vorträge waren:

- Pieter Jelles Troelstra und sein „politisches System“
- Die „1. Internationale in Belgien“
- „Zur Genesis des Marxschen Geschichtsverständnisses im Lichte neuer Quellen“

Die Teilnehmer wurden vom niederländischen Gewerkschaftsbund NVV und der „Partij van de Arbeid“ empfangen.

Die Konferenz stimmte zu, dass der IALHI auch assoziierte Mitglieder ohne Stimmrecht angehören können. Das Statut muss deshalb auf der folgenden Konferenz geändert werden.

Die Reading List soll ergänzt und durch die neuen Mitglieder erweitert werden.

Der Mitgliedsbeitrag wurde auf 5 Pfund erhöht.

Auf den folgenden Konferenzen sollen sowohl Vorträge über Fachfragen wie zur Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung gehalten werden.

Irene Wagner wurde wieder einstimmig zum Sekretär der IALHI gewählt.

Vom 14. bis 18 Juli 1975 fand in Mexiko-City die erste Internationale Konferenz der Zentren für die Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung statt.

Irene Wagner nahm als Vertreterin von IALHI an dieser Konferenz teil.

Die **7. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 20. bis 23. September 1976 in Mailand im Feltrinelli-Institut statt. 23 Vertreter der Mitgliedsorganisationen nahmen teil. Der IALHI hatte 41 Mitglieder.

Im zweiten Teil der Konferenz war Professor Timoféev vom Institut zur Erforschung der Internationalen Arbeiterbewegung in Moskau als Gast anwesend.

Die Teilnehmer hörten Referate über:

- Die Historiographie der Sozialistischen Arbeiterbewegung Italiens 1945 -1975
- Probleme der italienischen Gewerkschaften 1943 - 1974 und
- Allgemeine Probleme der Dokumentation

Das Statut wurde in § 2 nach dem ersten Satz ergänzt: and documentation sources specialized in Labour movement theory and history.

In der neuen „Basic-Book“-Liste sollen nur jeweils 30 Titel - einschließlich 2 oder 3 wichtiger Periodika - aufgenommen werden. Die Liste soll auch einen besonderen abschnitt zu den „Internationalen“ haben.

Professor Timofeev sprach über die Konferenz in Mexiko und über künftige Möglichkeiten.

Am 06. und 07. Juni 1977 kamen zahlreiche Vertreter von Instituten zur Erforschung des Sozialismus bzw. der Arbeiterbewegung in Mailand zusammen. Zweck der Konferenz war es, die Errichtung eines regionalen Europäischen Büros zur Koordinierung aller Institutionen, die sich mit der Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung und des internationalen Sozialismus beschäftigen, zu diskutieren. Gleichzeitig wurde auch über eine „weltweite“ Association gesprochen.

Im Bericht von Irene Wagner hieß es dann:

It was a great relief when lunchtime came along! This, Royden Harrison and I used for sponsoring a resolution which we had prepared and passed to all those present, receiving general approval.

After lunch Professor del Bo summed up the morning's work and put the resolution to the meeting. No-one disagreed with it and the details for organizing the "Forum" were then discussed (f). There were interesting points raised such as: should topics be fixed by the committee (no. These must come from organizations) should it be Labour history only-why not link it with Economics and Sociology (wait and see for contributions).

Every one seems to have been pleased with the outcome of the conference. IALHI delegates certainly were!

Die **8. Jahrestagung** von IALHI fand vom 14. bis 17. September 1977 im Toni Platzer Heim in Wien statt. 24 Mitglieder der Mitgliederorganisationen und 2 Gäste nahmen daran teil.

Die Teilnehmer hörten Referate über

- Besonderheiten der Entwicklung der österreichischen Arbeiterbewegung
- Zur Erforschung über Geschichte und Theorie der Arbeiterbewegung in Österreich

Irene Wagner bedauerte, dass es keine Fortschritte bei den 1976 beschlossenen Projekten gegeben hat.

Zur nächsten Konferenz soll ein questionnaire für die jeweils 10 bis 15 wichtigsten Periodikas der Arbeiterbewegung vorbereitet werden.

The conference returned to the theme of conference organization and members felt, that a precise agenda must be discussed with the organizers for the next meeting and that papers presented must include if at all possible:

1. Cataloguing and indexing new forms of information: oral and pictorial history; tapes; cassettes; microforms.
2. New methods for cataloguing books; new types of catalogue cards; repair kits etc.
3. French Labour Movement

Über "IALHI und die Weltorganisation" wurde sehr ausführlich und heftig diskutiert. Das wurde in den minutes deutlich wiedergegeben:

This session of the annual conference was chaired by Rudolf Neck and was concerned entirely with:

1. Report on Mr. Timofeev's suggestions at last year's conference
2. Report by the secretary of subsequent events

3. The decision which was to be taken in Vienna

This problem was put on the agenda of this year's conference by a decision of our conference last year. The subsequent man oeuvres of a number of East European organizations this spring, which caused considerable commotion among our membership and led to meeting with the East Europeans and some others at which the secretary represented IALHI and was supported by Royden Harrison, Horst Ziska, Dieter Schuster and Rudolf de Jong. The secretary had circulated the relevant papers to all members and gave a report on the transactions of the Milan meeting and the proposals agreed there. The secretary's report was accepted.

Since the Milan meeting, Mr. Suarez of Mexico signing as "acting" respectively as "provisional" secretary of the "World Organization" has written to at least 2 of our members inviting them to a meeting of the "World Organization" to take place in Moscow this November, when the charter of the world organization would be formally adopted. This new proposal, Mr. Suarez status and the date of the adoption of the charter were all contrary to the agreement reached in Milan on June 6th this year and the meeting entered a discussion on the whole problem. The consensus of the discussion was roughly this:

Co-operation with institutes in the Moscow-Mexico camp was on principle desirable. It should however concentrate on our specific work interests. Relations with the "World Organization" should be developed in accordance with the resolution, unanimously accepted by both camps in Milan in June. The "Forum" projected for 1979 and for which Warsaw was suggested as a venue, should be proceeded with. Several members pointed out, that IALHI served its purposes in the geographical area of our "camp" very adequately and that a special European organization under the World Organization was not required. Such a regional organization might be of use in Africa and Asia, where there was nothing of this type. It was agreed, that Dr. Golemvisky of Warsaw be invited to attend our Paris conference next year as an observer.

The general tenor of the discussion was expressed in the form of a resolution proposed by Mr. van der Leeuw and Professor del Bo and carried unanimously.

Die Resolution hatte folgenden Wortlaut:

The 8th annual conference of the IALHI at Vienna on September 16th 1977,

- considering the great importance of a proper and truly international organization of labour history institutes and associations
- having studied the report on the meeting held in Milano on June 6th 1977 by the secretary of the IALHI, and the conclusions reached at that meeting
- having read the draft of a "Charter" of a world Association of Institutes and Societies on research of labour movement and social problems, presented to the Milano meeting and having read the letter by which some members of IALHI have been invited to attend a 2nd congress of said World Association at Moscow in November 1977 by the Acting Secretary of this World Association

states

- that in fact this World Association does not seem to exist as the Charter is not yet finalized and as it is not known who are the members

- that the time for the preparation of a highly qualified contribution to the 2nd congress is not sufficient as is normal for research institutes on Labour History
- gives the advice to the members of IALHI not to take part in possible activities of this world association, until the initial secretariat set up at the meeting in Milano consisting of Mrs. Wagner, Mr. del Bo, Mr. Frits de Jong, Mr. Suarez Gaona, Mr. Timofeev and Mr. Neck, has had its meeting and has decided about the program and the theme of the proposed World Forum of Labour Historians and scholars of Labour and Labour Movements.
- The IALHI is ready to have contacts with institutions all over the world in the interest of the study of Labour History.

Die **9. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 25. bis 28. September 1989 in Maison des sciences de l'homme in Paris statt.

24 Vertreter von Mitgliedsinstitutionen und 5 Gäste nahmen teil. Die Zahl der Mitglieder hatte sich inzwischen auf 54 erhöht.

Über folgende Themen wurde referiert:

- Gegenwärtige Trends bei der Forschung über die Arbeiterbewegung
- Bericht über die Dokumentation, Archive und Bibliotheken
- Restatement of revolutionary syndicalism
- The fellow-travelers of the P.C.F

Irene Wagner teilte mit, dass die im Laufe des Jahres erschienene "Reading List", auf gute Resonanz gestoßen war.

Professor del Bo gave a historical account how the plan to have a "World Forum" had come into operation and reported the progress of the secretariat. He also touched on the relation with the so-called World Organization which apparently had met twice this year; once in Mexico and once in Moscow. No member of IALHI had been invited although the secretary was one of its founder members. Both M. Robert Brécy (who was in Mexico in 1975 and again this year) and M. Girault, who was both in Mexico and Moscow gave reports and they promised to send these to all members of IALHI for information. The World Organization's next meeting was planned for Spring 1979 in Mexico with the theme of "The first of May". A very long discussion followed these reports. Members did not think that they could afford to travel to Mexico even if they were invited. They were also astonished to hear, that a tract on the world Organization seems to have circulated at the

Linz Conference, although it seems to have attracted only little interest. During the discussion emerged IALHI's hardening attitude towards the "World organization". Members thought, that to split forces would not be beneficial for research into the Labour Movement and suspected that the situation was in fact very much more complex and that it appears, that there was a split on political lines. The latter might preclude the two organizations from coming together in the last 3 years and it seems, that members on the whole were against two international organizations, although agreeing that scientific collaboration was possible while preserving absolutely IALHI's integrity. This point of view was felt very strongly and Svein Damskora voiced this in the following resolution:

“That IALHI as an organization is not prepared to discuss belonging to another international organization with essentially the same purpose as itself.” This was carried unanimously.

Svein Damslara also gave notice of a constitutional amendment to this effect. Jacqueline Pluet pointed out, that one could not possibly go to all conferences one would wish to go to, and since IALHI was essentially for librarians, archivists and those who helped those in historical research, she put a second resolution: “ This annual General meeting of OALHI notes that the great interest shown in social History and particularly Labour history has produced the establishment of many organizations in this field, both national and international. IALHI can only welcome these initiatives and hope for inter-institutional co-operation. It would however underline its special function in the way it organizes the special centre as incorporated in its constitution; namely: conservation and communication between libraries and archives in the Labour Movement. The meeting instructs the secretary of the association to maintain all contacts with existing organizations. “This resolution was also passed unanimously. In the ensuing debate it was made clear, that a medium for communication e.g. news of relevant conferences, new publications etc. was necessary. The secretary was asked to produce a newsletter and members were asked to supply the secretary with relevant material at regular intervals.

Projects:

Socialist Press. Agreed to proceed with the Bochum proposals. Archives: Agreed that each member make a summary list of their holdings. Secretary agreed to send, as a possible sample, the one that was produced for her own organization.

Die finanziellen Schwierigkeiten bei der B.I. bestanden weiter.

Die IALHI-Mitglieder wurden deshalb erneut aufgefordert die B.I. tatkräftig zu unterstützen.

Die IALHI hatte ein Bankguthaben von 447,08 Pfund.

Die **10. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 17. bis 20. September 1979 in der Universität Bochum statt. 42 Vertreter von 28 Mitgliedsinstitutionen waren anwesend. Die IALHI hatte 61 Mitglieder.

Folgende Themen wurden referiert und diskutiert:

- Stand der Planung zu einer Datenbank „Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung/Arbeitergeschichte“ an der Universität Bremen
- Probleme der Information und Dokumentation auf dem Gebiet der Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung
- Probleme der Dokumentation und Information am Institut G. Feltrinelli, Mailand

Neuere Trends der Erforschung der Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung:

- „Erzählte Geschichte“ - eine neue sozialhistorische Methode
- Sozialgeschichte des alltags - ein neuer Zugang zur Erforschung der Arbeitergeschichte
- Betriebsräte und Gewerkschaften in Deutschland 1945-1952
- Methodische Probleme regionalgeschichtlicher Forschung
- Das Ruhrgebiet und seine historische Entwicklung

Am letzten Tag besichtigten die Teilnehmer Archiv und Bibliothek des DGB-Bundesvorstandes in Düsseldorf.

The problem of the secretary ship was discussed in length. A resolution to change the constitution to extend the office of the present secretary could not be accepted since rule 8 of the constitution demands 12 clear weeks notice for any change. It was agreed to send clear instructions to members and ask for resolutions by November 1st 1979, so that the 1980 conference can come to a decision.

Projects

1. After a long discussion on the lack of support that the guide to the archives has received it was agreed to incorporate such a guide into the new, revised edition of the Directory. A set of guidelines, which was produced at the conference by an ad hoc committee will be circulated to all members. The delegate from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung agreed to do this work and produce the new version of the directory.
2. Socialist press. A long and heated discussion took place after Peter Friedemann's report on lack of progress. He circulated an excellent paper with anew questionnaire and members are asked to complete these, if possible, by November 1st to excellerate the project. The secretary was asked to circulate the paper to all members.

World Forum: Professor del Bo gave a progress report. The preparations were advancing very satisfactorily

B.I. As to the B.I. Theo Pinkus mentioned later on, that her hoped that the Bremen venture would bear fruit at long last and would help with the B.I.

Vom 22. bis 25. April 1980 fand in Paris, das von der UNESCO unterstützte, 1. internationale Forum über die Arbeiterbewegung und die Arbeiterklasse statt.

Hauptthemen waren:

1. The Labour Movement as a subject of Research General problems and new trends
2. The working class and contemporary culture 19th and 20th century

Workshops

1. Documentation relating to the history of the Labour Movement
2. Social history and the working class as represented in school and university textbooks

Workshops

3. The role of worker's education: its influence on the development of society
4. Research into the Labour Movement in the last 30 years

Die **11. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 01. bis 04. September 1980 in Stockholm im LO-Huse statt. 28 Teilnehmer vertraten 23 Mitgliedsinstitutionen.

Die IALHI hatte nach 10 Jahren eine Mitgliederzahl von 69 Institutionen aus 20 Ländern erreicht: 58 in Europa und 11 in anderen Erdteilen. Nur 4 Institutionen hatten in diesen 10 Jahren ihre Mitgliedschaft aufgegeben.

The distribution of members in the different countries is as follows:

Australia	1	Italy	8
Austria	5	Japan	1

Belgium	3		Netherlands	3
Canada	2		Norway	1
Denmark	1		Spain	4
Eire	1		Sweden	1
Finland	2		Switzerland	4
France	8		U.K.	9
Germany	7		U.S.A.	3
Israel	2		Venezuela	2

Die IALHI hatte ein Bankguthaben von 410,24 Pfund.

Die Konferenz hörte Vorträge über

- Schweden während des 2. Weltkrieges
- Archivarbeit mit den Gewerkschaften
- „Grabe wo du stehst“ von Sven Lindquist

Die Konferenz wurde u.a. zu einem Abendessen mit dem schwedischen Ministerpräsidenten Olof Palme eingeladen.

Peter Friedemann presented a first draft of the „Labour Press Survey“ and gave a full report on the activities which had led to this interim publication. A discussion on content ensued and various proposals for criteria of inclusion were made. The size of the ultimate work was worrying a number of members and eventually the following criteria emerged:

1. That the listing of periodicals published in the country where the library is located be given first priority
2. That holdings of foreign periodicals be added where possible.
3. That no yearbooks be included.
4. That other publications not of the Labour Movement but on the Labour Movement be included.

The following resolution was carried hem con:

The present representatives of the IALHI's member institutes will do their best to support the continuation of the "current labour press" project. The secretary of the IALHI and the editorial staff are invited to take the necessary steps to its financial consolidation.

As the project will be of particular use to an international comparative approach to the Labour movement's social and political relations, the support by the UNESCO, ILO & EEC should be most appropriate.

Horst Ziska reported on the new directory and the very response he had received. The I.I.S.H. entry was considered to be a model and it would be sent out to all members who had not yet replied. It was agreed that the printed copies of the directory be sold at a higher price than the present one.

World Forum: Professor del Bo gave a full report on the Forum held in Paris. The nine-member secretary would continue and would meet in December to examine new subjects for the next Forum.

Election of Secretary

In reply to correspondence (previously circulated) from 4 members the Secretary made an opening statement which she hoped would clarify the constitutional situation.

At the Bochum conference she had declared herself unwilling to continue as secretary (which in itself would have required a constitutional change) after the 1980 conference. She had said that ballot papers for the election of a Secretary and for various proposed constitutional amendments would be sent out with a date by which they must be returned. This had meant quite clearly a postal ballot and at the time no objections were raised. However, after the papers had been sent out objections were received from a few postal ballot. The secretary then pointed out that according to the constitution valid voting could only take place at conference if 50%+1 members were present, conditions which had not been met since 1974. If the postal ballot were disallowed, the 27 members who had already voted would be disenfranchised.

The secretary then moved the following:

1. That this conference agrees to include the postal votes properly sent in the election for a Secretary
2. That the person successful in the election shall be Acting Secretary until the next annual conference when they would be confirmed as full secretary under the new terms of the constitution.

She added that if this motion were passed, the election would then be a poll of two-thirds of the membership, a more representative result than could ever be a gained from the floor of the conference.

A long and rather confused discussion ensued with the two sides lined up on constitutional grounds why the postal vote should or should not have taken place. In support of her statement that clause 6 of the constitution was rarely adhered to the secretary quoted the following statistics:

Organizations attending conference			Membership
1970	12		12
1971	10		15
1972	11		15
1973	15		19
1974	17	(44.7 %)	38
1975	16	(44 %)	38
1976	16	(44 %)	38
1977	13	(27 %)	48
1978	18	(34 %)	55
1979	25	(36.7 %)	68
1980	22	(30.4 %)	69

The chairman then called for a vote on the first part of the motion, i.e. that the postal votes be counted.

Result: 12 for and 10 against

The postal votes and those present who were entitled to vote (11 out of 23 organizations present) then proceeded to ballot. The votes being counted separately.

<u>Result:</u>	<u>Christine Coates</u>	15 postal votes No votes of those present.
	<u>Karl Lang</u>	12 postal votes 11 votes of those present.

Karl Lang was then declared the new Secretary. A vote on the second part of the Secretary's motion was not taken.

Amendments to the Constitution

The chairman ruled that voting on the constitutional amendments which had been included in the postal ballot should be deferred until next year. These amendments were to add French as an official language, to establish the post of President, and to make retiring Secretaries honorary members of the Association.

Following discussion it was agreed to form a Constitution Revision Committee. The following were elected:

Mr. van der Leeuw, Professor del Bo, Irene Wagner and the Secretary. The basis for discussion to be the draft constitution which Irene Wagner had submitted to the conference. The Committee were to circulate draft proposals to members within 3 months. Since the Committee members were also on the Forum Committee, it was agreed to fix a meeting for both committees to meet in the same place.

A.O.B.

a) The following resolution regarding the financial difficulties of the BDIC, Nanterre was proposed by Michel Dreyfus and carried unanimously:

Les participants au 11^e Congrès de l'IALHI réunis à Stockholm du 1^{er} au 4 septembre 1980, ayant pris connaissance des graves difficultés recentrées actuellement par la BDIC et qui se sont manifestées par l'arrêt des achats de livres depuis près d'un an, en appellent au Ministère des Universités pour qu'il intervienne afin de la sauver. Ayant visité cette bibliothèque lors du 9^e Congrès de l'IALHI à Paris en 1978, ayant pu constater la richesse de ses fonds, ils sont d'autant plus émus d'une telle situation.

It was agreed that the IALHI archives should be passed to the new Secretary, but that the new constitution should include a directive as to their future deposition.

Lars Wessman announced, that the conference proceedings would be published in English in a special edition of the journal of the Labour Movement Archives.

Conference also decided against a protocol in favour of minutes.

Die **12. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 14. bis 17. September 1981 in Barcelona im Fundacion Miro statt. 32 Teilnehmer vertraten 32 Mitgliedsinstitutionen.

Themen der Vorträge waren:

- Spanische Arbeiterbewegung unter der Diktatur Francos
- Textilarbeiter-Wohnungen (mit Besichtigung)
- Moderner Baustil als soziales Faktum mit Besichtigung der wichtigsten Gebäude von Antoni Gaudi.

Die Teilnehmer wurden über die Archive der spanischen Arbeiterbewegung informiert.

Peter Friedemann from Bochum presented the first edition of the IALHI-project „Current left and labour press 1978-81“.

35 member organizations have communicated their holdings, which is a considerable success.

Then he spoke about the financial situation. Our efforts to get support from UNESCO, ILO and EEC have failed.

After a discussion on the present situation and the future of the projects the assembly unanimously adopted the following resolution:

This conference decides to continue the project and to take the following measures:

1. Member institutions to commit themselves to complete the register by notifying newly acquired periodicals as well as by communicating possible comments.
2. Member institutions whose holdings have not been incorporated yet are invited to join the project.
3. The present project closes with a deficit of DM 2565 (or of DM 3565 including the contribution of IALHI). The missing sum should be raised by sale of the registers.
4. For the continuation of the project an amount of some DM 1500-2000 will have to be obtained till the next IALHI-conference. Consequently the required sum amounts to $DM\ 2565+1500=DM\ 4065$.
5. Provided the IALHI ensures the financial basis the IGA/Ruhr Universität Bochum is asked to continue the editorial work.
6. The secretary of IALHI should take steps to find a publisher printing the next edition. The date of the next edition will be fixed by IALHI in the future.

Concerning the last item it was said that to find a publisher will be the task of all members. The meeting approved the transformation of the IALHI-loan of DM 1000, into a contribution. Mrs. Cornfield from EP Microform explained the advantages of an edition on microfiches and offered the collaboration of her institution. The meeting welcomed the idea of two editions: paper and microfiches.

Mrs. Wagner emphasized the importance of the British national Bibliography as a source of information for booksellers and libraries. Steps shall be taken that our registers will be published in this bibliography.

To remove the existing deficit and to enable the preparation of a second improved edition, the registers shall be sold to all members at the price of Sfr. 50. The secretary and the editor will organize this sale as soon as possible.

Horst Ziska from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung presented the new directory. Compared with the first edition it is a real progress, although size and quality on the contributions are very unequal. A discussion emerged on the sale of this directory. A proposal to look for a publisher was rejected. But it was agreed that steps should be taken to enable a publication in the British National Bibliography.

The Italian members proposed a resolution which was approved unanimously:

En reconnaissance de la grande contribution que Mme. Irene Wagner a prêtée pour la naissance et le développement de notre association, l'Assemblée lui reconnaît le titre de

membre honoraire et s'engage à la considérer comme invitée de droit aux conférences annuelles.

The revision of the Constitution was carried out on the basis of the following papers :

- a. the draft constitution, elaborated by the Constitution Revision committee
- b. the additional and alternative proposals made by member institutions

Discussion and voting went on as follows:

1. Name:

no comment

2. Membership:

no comment

3. Objectives:

A proposal, that the secretary should distribute among the members information on national and international conferences, was rejected (5 yes; 12 no; 8 bst.)

4. Conference:

After a short discussion the text of the draft constitution (two official languages: English and French) was approved unanimously.

5. Decisions of Conference:

Concerning the election of officers and changing of the constitution the assembly had the choice between proposals which demanded a postal ballot, qualified majorities and voting by proxy. After a short discussion on how to proceed further the meeting agreed that there should be the following three options to be voted on:

- a. postal ballot: 17 yes; 9 no; 1 abst. (carried)
- b. qualified majority: 11 yes; 14 no; 3 abst. (lost)
- c. voting by proxy: withdrawn after the acceptance of postal ballot.

6. Agenda of Conference:

Approved unanimously without discussion.

7. Officers:

The proposition that all references to the male sex should be amended to include the female as well was accepted without voting.

An amendment to 7a, proposed by Italian members, was approved (with 3 abstentions):

“Should the secretary die, be unable or resign, the chairperson of the last annual conference convenes a conference as soon as possible.”

Voting on the length of term of office of the secretary:

5 years: 9 votes

3 years: 15 votes (3 abstentions)

An amendment to 7b, proposed at conference, requested:

“The former secretary is invited to the annual conference for the next period of three years to help the new secretary”. The assembly rejected this proposition with 17 to 8 votes (2 abst.)

8. Finance: Accepted without discussion.

Membership fee: Since 1975 the amount has been £ 5.00

In the meantime there was inflation in all countries, the secretariat has moved to Switzerland, an expensive country, and the association needs money for the labour press project. Therefore the delegates agreed that the membership fee has to be raised and fixed in Swiss currency (sfr.). Two propositions emerged: 40 sfr. and 50 sfr.

40 sfr. was accepted with 14 votes to 13.

INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF LABOUR
HISTORY INSTITUTIONS

Die in Barcelona beschlossene Konstitution hat folgenden Wortlaut:

CONSTITUTION

1. Name:

The name of the organisation shall be „International Association of Labour History institutions“.

2. Membership:

Membership shall consist of

- a. Libraries and archives established in organizations of the Labour Movement.
- b. Documentation and research institutions specializing of the history and theory of the Labour Movement.

The institutions shall be represented by senior staff. Each institution has one vote at the conference. Applications for membership shall be made to the secretary of the Association who submits them for endorsement to the following annual conference.

Membership can also be conferred on individuals prominent in any field of labour research. Individual membership shall not carry a vote at the conference.

3. Objectives:

The objectives of the Association shall be

- a. to foster closer co-operation between the institutions
- b. to interlend wherever possible
- c. to encourage the interchange of publications and duplicates
- d. to initiate and sponsor publications such as bibliographies, holding lists and surveys falling within the field of interest of the Association

4. Conference:

There shall be an annual conference of the Association at a places agreed upon at the previous conference. The official languages of the conference shall be English and French.

5. Decisions of Conference:

Decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

Elections of officers and changes of the constitution shall require a simple majority. Voting shall be by postal ballot, to be counted at conference.

Proposals to change the constitution of the Association and the names of candidates proposed for election as officers have to be notified to the secretary at the latest 12 clear weeks before conference, and circulated to members by the secretary.

6. Agenda of Conference:

The agenda of conference, to be drawn up by the secretary, shall include

- a. reports on membership, finance, activities of the Association during the previous year
- b. endorsements of membership application received
- c. any other matter concerning the Association, which a member wants to report or comment on. These matters have to be notified to the secretary at the latest 12 clear weeks before conference

- d. any further matter which conference itself decides to put on the agenda by a simple majority immediately after the formal opening of conference.

7. Officers:

- a. The chairperson has to be elected at conference. Preference should be given to a representative of the host country. The election is to be chaired by the chairperson of the previous conference.
Should the secretary die, be unable or resign, the chairperson of the last annual conference convenes a conference as soon as possible.
- b. The secretary shall be elected at the conference for the period of 3 years with the possibility of renewal for one more period. The secretary conducts the business of the association between the conferences and also acts as treasurer. He/she writes the minutes of the conference, which have to be sent to all members and agreed by the following conference. He/she is responsible for the conservation of the archives of the Association.

8. Finance:

Membership fee shall be fixed by the conference.

Barcelona, 15th September 1981

Die **13. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 10. bis 24. September 1982 in London im Transport-House statt.

30 Mitgliedsorganisationen waren durch 44 Personen vertreten. Die IALHI hatte inzwischen 74 Mitglieder.

Die Teilnehmer hörten Vorträge über:

- Labour History Study and Teaching in Great Britain to-day
- Oral-History projects

Die Tagungsteilnehmer besuchten the Modern Records in Warwick, Coventry Cathedral and Stratford-on-Avon.

Die Finanzierung der 2. Auflage der „Current Left and Labours Press“ ist noch nicht geklärt.

Mrs. Cornfield reported that Microform Ltd. Had filmed this publication. There had been some technical problems with the size of the general register. The price for 8 microfiches is £ 16.00/\$ 32.00 with 5 % discount for IALHI-members.

Then the Conference voted (16 yes, 5 no) to give permission to Microform Ltd. to undertake everything necessary to promote the sale of the microform edition.

Bibliographic Information:

From autumn 1982 forth the BI will be produced and dispersed by the department of sociology at the University of Osnabrück. All titles delivered will be computerized.

A letter from a group of Solidarnosc emigrants in Berlin, asking IALHI-members for assistance for their library, has been distributed.

Mrs. Wagner informed about a meeting with Mr. Cafagna and the secretary of IALHI concerning the preparation of a second Forum Conference. Probably the Forum Committee will meet in winter 1982/1983.

The Italian members of IALHI presented their publication:

“Storia del movimento operaio”, a guide to the sources of the Italian and international labour movement in libraries, archives and research institutions. This new guide is an extremely useful tool for historians and archivists.

Michel Dreyfus gave information on the French ongoing project “Centre de Coordination de la documentation en histoire ouvrière et sociale ». Aims of this project are :

Publication of a guide to the holdings of libraries and archives in Paris and in the provinces
Publication of a periodical containing a continuous bibliography, which could be integrated into the BI.

Die **14. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 22. bis 24. September 1983 in Florenz im Palazzo Medici Riccardi statt.

35 Teilnehmer vertraten 29 Mitgliedsgewerkschaften. Die IALHI hatte nun 79 Mitglieder.

Vorträge wurden über folgende Themen gehalten:

- Das System der öffentlichen Bibliotheken in Italien

- Die „neuen Quellen“ für die Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung: Oral- und Fotoiconographic
- Die Geschichte der italienischen Arbeiterbewegung in den letzten 10 Jahren.

Die Teilnehmer besuchten die Europäische Universität.

To improve the financial situation of the organizers of conferences, Mr. van der Leeuw proposes that the secretary tries to get money from UNESCO.

Mr. Stadler emphasized that for the Linz Conference it was extremely difficult to obtain more financial assistance from UNESCO. It was agreed that the secretary should help the organizers to collect money, but the interpreting service has to be paid by the organizer himself.

Concerning the “Current Left and Labour Press” the secretary presents two letters. The “Gesellschaft für Information und documentation, Frankfurt” declares that it is not possible to obtain money for our project from governmental funds. Silvia Cornfield from Microform Ltd. writes that the response to the promotion of the microform edition has been disappointing. Robert Lederer, delegate from Bochum, shall inform Peter Friedemann, author of our bibliography, on the actual situation.

Concerning the financing of a second improved edition, no concrete proposal has been made at conference.

Our colleagues from IISG in Amsterdam have saved the BI. They are willing to produce our bibliography, if it is possible to find a collaborator in each country and if the IALHI agrees to take over a certain financial risk. For this purpose the delegates agree to raise the membership fee to sfr. 50.00

Die **15. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 25. bis 28. September 1984 in Madrid im Cuartel del Conde Duque statt.

26 Mitgliedsorganisationen wurden von 38 Teilnehmern vertreten.

Die Teilnehmer wurden ausführlich über die Archive der spanischen Arbeiterbewegung informiert.

Die Konferenzteilnehmer besuchten in Salamanca die dort befindliche Sektion „Bürgerkrieg“ des nationalen historischen Archivs.

Wouter Steenhaut explained that the socialist Group of European Parliament is ready for financial assistance for conferences held in countries who are members of EC. Concerning the technical details the secretary has to correspond with the chairman of the Socialist Group.

Mr. van der Leeuw circulated to the participants a report of the working group BI. Since the government of the Netherlands cannot finance a IALHI publication it is the task of the members to guarantee the survival of the BI. The conditions are explained clearly in the report of the working group. After a long discussion the delegates decided that everything should be tried for the survival of the BI.

Francesca Tosi informed that owing to the miserable financial situation only three Italian delegates could participate to our conference. She presented the following motion of the Italian members of IALHI:

The undersigned Italian institutes - members of IALHI - whose activity in the fields of research, publishing, archive preservation, bibliography and public service is subject to a great extent to contributions from the state, regional governments and local bodies, believe that in order to enable them to work in a satisfactory and autonomous way, there is an urgent need for:

- a) A suitable increase of funds assigned, which are now inadequate to ensure their functions
- b) The respect of payment terms, to enable the institutions to fulfill their statutory duties
- c) In general, the correct implementation of laws - both of the state, regional governments and local bodies, particularly law 123/1980 - which define the settlement of funds to cultural institutions.

Biblioteca/archivio CGIL, Centro ligure di storia sociale, Fondazione Brodolini, Fondazione Basso, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Istituto Ernesto Regionieri, Istituto nazionale per la storia del movimento di liberazione in Italia, Istituto piemontese di scienze economiche e sociali "Antonio Gramsci", Istituto socialista di studi storici.

After a short discussion the delegates adopted the following resolutions:

This annual Conference of IALHI takes note of the statement and appeal of its Italian branch and accepts it. It urges the Italian authorities concerned in the appeal to accede to the demands made and thus enable our Italian colleagues to continue their meritorious work.

Concerning the 2nd Forum conference the IALHI-members of Forum committee didn't get any further information. Mr. Prost informed the delegates that this conference shall take place in April/May 1985 in Paris.

Mrs. Wagner proposes the creation of a regular IALHI-newsletter. After a short discussion the delegates agreed to the following resolution:

This 1984 conference of IALHI resolves that a regular newsletter should be published to facilitate contact and practical co-operation between members. For a start there should be one letter annually to be published roughly midway between any two annual conferences. The secretary is requested to arrange for the publication of the first newsletter at the end of 1984.

Die **16. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 10. bis 13. September 1985 in Brüssel, bei der Fédération des Mutualités de Brabant und in Genf bei A.M.S.A.B. statt.

29 Teilnehmer vertraten 24 Mitgliedsorganisationen.

Die Teilnehmer wurden ausführlich über die Bergarbeiterbewegung in Belgien informiert.

Zum Programm gehörte auch ein Besuch Lüttichs (Musée du fer et du charbon) und des écomusée in Bois de Luc.

In seinem Jahresbericht musste der Sekretär feststellen:

Our endeavor to get financial support by the Socialist Group of European Parliament was not successful. Our letter to the president Rudi Arndt got the answer that the activities of IALHI are not inside the goals followed up by Socialist Group. In 1980 IALHI had written to ILO in Geneva and requested money for our bibliography "Current left and labour press".

The result was the same. In the debate at our Madrid Conference last year it was proposed to try to get money from UNESCO. But this international organization has its own conference in the field of labour movement. The international Forum will take place every second year with participation from countries in the third world.

The fourteen Italian members of IALHI are asking the annual conference 1985 to establish a coordination committee of scientific activities.

This proposal is an outcome of several meetings of the Italian members, where the actual situation of the Association and the urgent need of better scientific cooperation have been discussed.

The tasks of the committee ought to be:

- international coordination of the existing national endeavours
- creation of initiatives of study and research by IALHI itself (meetings, exhibitions etc.)
- information on the existing activities of the members (through "Bibliographische Information" or the "Newsletter")
- to support the secretary in the search of financial sources

The coordination committee should consist of 2-4 members being in charge for the same period as the secretary.

Der Antrag wurde angenommen. Zu Mitgliedern wurden gewählt:

R. v. d. Leeuw (Niederlande); W. Steenhout (Belgien); M. Dreyfus (Frankreich); C. Coates (Großbritannien); M. Degl 'Innocenti (Italien).

Karl Lang wurde mit 25 Stimmen wieder zum Sekretär gewählt. Christine Coates erhielt 6 Stimmen. 1 Stimmenthaltung.

Die **17. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 17. bis 20. September 1986 in Paris im Centre des recherches sur l'histoire des mouvements sociaux et du syndicalisme statt.

42 Teilnehmer von 36 Mitgliedsinstitutionen aus 13 europäischen Ländern und 5 Gäste von französischen Institutionen, die sich mit der Arbeiterbewegung beschäftigten, waren anwesend.

The scientific sessions of the 17th Annual Conference were quite a success. There were lectures on the history of French labour in perspective by Yves Lequin (Lyon) and Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (Bremen). Michel Dreyfus lectured about labour documentation in the provinces of France. He has a magnificent publication on this subject ready for the press. A lecture concerning the archives of state and their importance for the history of labour movement was held by Arnaud Ramière de Fontanier. Round tables on the documentary centers of French trade unions and left parties as well as on present sociology and future history of labour were extremely interesting for the participants from foreign countries.

Die Teilnehmer hatten Gelegenheit das "Ecomusée" von Le Creúsoot zu besichtigen.

Karl Lang wies auf die Nr. 0 der „International Newsletter of the IALHI“ (30 Seiten) hin, edited by Maurizio Degl 'Innocenti.

The International Newsletter and the Bibliographic Information were discussed. The Newsletter is considered to be of much more importance than the B.I. DEGL 'Innocenti and his Italian colleagues were asked to go on with the Newsletter in consultation with the Coordination Committee. The Newsletter can only be a success if all members - present or not at the annual conference - are sending their contributions on

- 1) Their research works and their publications
- 2) Colloquia, conferences and congresses, organized by themselves or others, that could be of interest to the members
- 3) New collections and archives received or bought by the member institutions
- 4) Titles and other data of guides of archives, inventories, catalogues, bibliographies and other working-instruments produced in their countries
- 5) Important data about new functionaries of member institutions.

If such a Newsletter could be made in collaboration with the FORUM or the ITH it could be of a wider scope and importance. If in every country a correspondent for the Newsletter could be appointed, work would be easier and more efficient. Please send their name to the secretary.

The secretary has tried to get subsidies for the work of IALHI from international and national institutions and funds. There is no hope that in the years to come there will emerge sponsors neither official nor private.

The secretary has got a letter from the Reichwein-Gesellschaft at Osnabrück. They regret to announce that their plan to publish the Bibliographic Information (BI) has failed by lack of funds. If the BI has to be started again, it will be necessary that the big member-libraries (IISG + BDIC + Ebert Stiftung + Feltrinelli) work together.

A new loose-leaf edition of the Directory with some more details is planned for next year. The AMSAB (Gent) will see if it is possible for them to do this work.

It was decided that in future the Annual Conference will decide what to do with members who are not paying their debts. As a rule their membership will be canceled after three years of nonpayment and warning by the secretary.

There is no exact information about the sale of the of the microfilm edition of the Current Left and Labour Press. Presumably there are no sales at all.

Die IALHI hatte ein Guthaben von 4.353,00 sfr.

Die **18. Jahrestagung** der IALHI fand vom 14. bis 17. September 1987 in Bonn in den Räumen der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung statt.

43 Teilnehmer von 30 Mitgliedsorganisationen und die beiden Ehrenmitglieder waren anwesend.

Folgende Themen wurden behandelt:

- Geschichtsschreibung von unten in der Bundesrepublik
- Die polnische Historiographie der Arbeiterbewegung nach dem 2. Weltkrieg
- Der Stand der Forschungen zur deutschen Emigration 1933-1945

Die Teilnehmer besuchten das Karl-Marx-Haus in Trier und das angeschlossene Studienzentrum.

The recruitment of new IALHI-members, the conditions of membership, the presentation of new members to the conference and the membership-fee are discussed. The secretary states that it is his duty to present to the conference the available dates of the applicants for membership with his comments. The Conference has to decide on the application along the lines laid down in the constitution.

The attractive folder on the IALHI, discussed at the Paris Conference, is not yet ready. The secretary will compose such a leaflet.

Two productions of the IALHI are discussed. The first number of the International Newsletter (No. 1) has been produced by Maurizio Degl 'Innocenti (Firenze), Francesca Gori (Milano) and Karl Lang. A new edition of the IALHI-Directory has been made by the AMSAB at Gent. Wouter Steenhaut and his crew produced a book of 205 pages, containing information about 90 institutions. The qualities of both publications are praised. It is a pity that not all IALHI-members did send in their most recent information's. All IALHI-members took by accepting membership two tasks on their shoulders: to send at least one representative to the annual conference, if time and funds permit, and to keep their colleagues informed! The possibility to publish a loose-leaf edition on the directory in future is discussed.

Like in previous years there is a discussion on subsidies and grants from public institutions for the IALHI. It is perfectly clear that the Socialist Group of the European Parliament will give no subventions for the time being. Individual members of the IALHI could have a chat with a member of the European Parliament to see if something can be done in future. The social fund of the European Community finances elaborated projects of a bigger size than the IALHI is used to do. We could make such a project which must be limited to the member-countries of the E.C., if our active members will.

In the general discussion some important topics were talked about. The free accessibility of libraries and archives of the labour movement to all serious researchers stays a point that deserves our attention. It must be possible however, for reasons of privacy, to accept archives and documents with the obligation to keep them secret for a fixed number of years.

The definition of the nation "Labour Movement" is not as easy as in the past. Socialism, communism, trade unionism and anarchism are no longer our only subjects. Many of our members devote a considerable part of their time to alternative, oecological, third world and peace movements. Problems of mentality and every day life, of women, children and racial or sexual minorities are studied now everywhere. The IALHI will devote its attention to the problems concerning libraries and archives of the Labour Movement also in the future. This stays our central concern, but we have to enlarge our horizon by picking up the modern trends in the writing of history, and by discussing modern techniques in libraries and archives.

At this conference a new secretary has to be elected. The members can put forward names of candidates until January 1988. There will be a meeting of the coordination committee in the spring. The list of candidates will be ready in any. The members unable to come to the conference can send in their votes until September 1st. The envelopes will be opened at conference. The coordination committee will be elected at the conference. The rules for this election has to be framed by the conference and the possibility to give the coordination committee the right to co-opt one or two members has to be discussed.

Die **19. Konferenz** der IALHI fand vom 12. bis 15. September 1988 in Zürich in den Räumen der Gewerkschaft Bau und Holz statt.

40 Teilnehmer vertraten 28 Mitgliedsorganisationen. Die IALHI hat 93 Mitglieder.

Die Teilnehmer hörten Vorträge über:

- Industrie-Archäologie im Züricher Oberland
- Die Archive der Schweizer Wollindustrie

Die Teilnehmer besuchten die historischen Industriegebäude im Züricher Oberland, die Studienbibliothek zur Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung und die Ausstellung „Heraus aus Dreck, Lärm und Gestank“.

Die Konferenzteilnehmer besichtigten die Industrie-Archäologie im Züricher Oberland.

As next year's conference will be IALHI's 20th Irene Wagner is commissioned to write a History of IALHI for the occasion. The secretary will provide her with all necessary documents, notably the proceedings of the annual conferences. When in need of help Mr. Wagner may rely on Dieter Schuster, who has been present at all IALHI conferences.

The financial situation of IALHI is not bad, but it proves hardly possible to get grants from governmental or international organizations, the only feasible means, though, to allow interesting large-scale projects. The socialist fraction in the European Parliament was approached without success. It is suggested to make contact with the European Trade Union Federation.

It is regretted that IALHI conferences can only be organized by member institutions that can afford to furnish almost all necessary money including that needed for simultaneous translation. It is also regretted that a propaganda brochure for IALHI is still lacking. Both finances and brochure will be reconsidered by the new Secretary and the new Coordination Committee.

It is decided to give the archives of IALHI in permanent custody to the IISG in Amsterdam.

The experiences of members with regard to access to East European archives is discussed, the most interesting ones being those in the IMLs of Moscow and Berlin. IISG has good relations with both as well as with Hungarian and Chinese institutions. The Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund exchanges all kinds of materials with East European sister institutions. It is expected that relations with our East European and Chinese colleagues will be normalized in a couple of years.

The question is raised whether IALHI needs a President to chair the General Assembly and the sessions of the Coordination Committee. It is noted that up till now the member institution hosting the conference has appointed the assembly's president. No decision is taken.

The election of a new Secretary is proceeding easily, since three of four proposed candidates have renounced and Jaap Kloosterman, Deputy Director of IISG, is the only one remaining. He is elected with all votes except 1 for Karl Lang (not eligible) and 1 for Wouter Steenhout (not a candidate).

Proposals to change the constitution with a view to defining the status of the Coordination Committee have been sent to all members. The Committee will consist of five members to be elected by the assembly for three years with a mandate to co-opt three more members; its members should be more or less representative of regions and/or language groups. The proposals are carried.

The existing Coordination Committee, elected in 1985, consisted of Christine Coates (London), Michel Dreyfus (Paris), Maurizio Degl 'Innocenti (Florence), Wouter Steenhout (Gent) and Rein van der Leeuw (Amsterdam); the latter states he is resigning, as the new Secretary is based in Amsterdam, too. Six candidates for five places on the new Committee are presented. After the vote is taken Esa Lahtinen (Helsinki), Wouter Steenhout, both 28 votes, Maurizio Degl 'Innocenti, Michel Dreyfus, both 26 votes, and Karl Lang, 21 votes, are elected.

The second International Newsletter, edited by Maurizio Degl 'Innocenti and Francesca Gori (Milan) and published and distributed by Karl Lang, contained in its 80 pages the minutes of the 1987 conference, the provisional program of the 1988 conference and news from member institutions in eighteen countries. Its publication is generally applauded and it is decided to publish a third issue before the 1989 conference in Amsterdam.

Among other topics discussed at the assembly are a letter by Maurice Aymard announcing that the Third International Forum will be organized in Moscow, presumably in 1990, by the Institute for the History of the International Labour Movement (Prof. Timofeeuv). The assembly is of opinion that such a meeting should be preceded by a session of the International Secretariat elected at the Second Forum, in which several IALHI institutions participate.

At the recent Paris congress of the International Council on Archives it was decided to reorganize the existing Committee on Business Archives into a Section on Social and Economic Archives. Informal contacts with this body have been established.

Die in Zürich angenommene CONSITUTION hat folgenden Wortlaut:

1. Name

The name of the organization shall be „International Association of Labour History Institutions“.

2. Membership

Membership shall consist of

- a) libraries and archives established in organizations of the labour movement;
- b) documentation and research institutions specializing in the history and theory of the labour movement.

The institutions shall be represented by senior staff. Each Institution has one vote at the conference. Applications for membership shall be made to the secretary of the Association who submits them for endorsement to the following annual conference.

Membership can also be conferred on individuals prominent in any field of labour research. Individual membership shall not carry a vote at the conference.

3. Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be

- a) to foster closer co-operation between the institutions;
- b) to interlend wherever possible;
- c) to encourage the interchange of publications and duplicates;
- d) to initiate and sponsor publications such as bibliographies, holding lists and surveys falling within the field of interest of the Association.

4. Conference

There shall be an annual conference of the Association at a place agreed upon at the previous conference. The official languages of the conference shall be English and French.

5. Decisions of Conference

Decisions shall be made by a simple majority.

Election of officers and changes of the constitution shall require a simple majority. Voting for the election of the secretary shall be by postal ballot, to be counted at conference.

Proposals to change the constitution of the Association and the names of candidates proposed for election as officers have to be notified to the secretary at the latest twelve clear weeks before conference, and circulated to members by the secretary.

6. Agenda of Conference

The agenda of conference, to be drawn up by the secretary, shall include

- a) reports on membership, finance, activities of the Association during the previous year;
- b) endorsements of membership applications received;
- c) any other matter concerning the Association which a member wants to report or comment on; these matters have to be notified to the secretary at the latest twelve clear weeks before conference;
- d) any further matter which conference itself decides to put on the agenda by a simple majority immediately after the formal opening of conference.

7. Officers

- a) The chairperson has to be elected at conference. Preference should be given to a representative of the host country. The election is to be chaired by the chairperson of the previous conference.
- b) The secretary shall be elected at conference for the period of three years with the possibility of renewal for one more period. The secretary conducts the business of the association between the conferences and also acts as treasurer. He/she writes the minutes of the conference, which have to be sent to all members and agreed by the following conference. He/she is responsible for the conservation of the archives of the Association.

- c) A coordination committee shall assist the secretary in conducting the business of the association. This committee of five members representing languages and regions shall be elected at the conference for a period of three years. The committee is empowered to co-opt up to three members.

8. Finance

Membership fee shall be fixed by the conference.

Barcelona, 15 September 1981

Revised, Zürich, 12 September 1988

Die 20. Jahrestagung der IALHI findet vom 17. bis 19. September 1989 in Amsterdam in den neuen Räumen der IISG statt.