

Minutes of the Core group and editorial board meeting in Lisbon

Friday feb,29-2008, at 14:00, Univ. Nova do Lisboa (av. de Bernà)

1. The participants proceed to the adoption of the agenda.
2. The president, Gérard Béaur, presents in detail the proposition of Richard Hoyle about the content of the final conference in Girona in 2009. A large and vivid discussion is engaged about the matter and Jürgen Schlumbohm proposes that a committee, composed of G. Béaur, R. Hoyle, Peter Moser and Rosa Congost, be formed to address the issue. The president is authorized to co-opt one or two additional members to this Committee.
3. R. Congost, who is responsible for preparing the meeting in Girona, asks that the exact dates be defined. The following dates were proposed: April 23-25, 2009, and June 4-6 ,2009. If it is proven necessary, R. Congost is authorized to search for another date close to the above-mentioned ones. It is expected that round 100 persons will participate in the Girona Conference. The MC members, and participants from all the 22 states composing the A35 group (officials in the EU, representatives of professional organizations, state officials etc.) should be invited.
4. The president presents the financial situation. The COST action budget has been defined for the year 2007/8 but nothing had been given so far. All expenses were advanced by the French CNRS. It is hoped that a first payment will be forthcoming soon.
5. In what concerns the publications, the president explains that two books are advancing: the WG4-Le Mans 2006 Conference (ed. by Nadine Vivier and supervised by Anne-Lise Head from the editorial board) and the WG2 Saragossa 2006 Conference (ed. Vicente Pinilla and supervised by Socrates Petmezas). The Le Mans book is a pilot project for preparing and ameliorating the layout procedure and style. It is expected to be ready by September 2008. The layout procedure is expensive. The president announces that the contract with the editor (Brepols) for the whole series of 12 books was signed. Now, each volume editor(s) and (the individual authors) will be asked to sign contracts for each separate book. Editors will be expected to give information and help to the publisher in order to facilitate the promotion of the books. One copy of each volume will be given to authors/editors according to the individual contracts.
6. S. Petmezas and V. Pinilla say that the style-sheet given by the Brepols is inadequate for our purposes and must be ameliorated. S. Petmezas shall send to the president a small report on the problems. The President will take this into consideration and will soon send a definitive style

sheet to all editors.

7. The other books of the year 2006 are also advancing. For the volume of WG1- Gregynog 2006 (ed. G. Béaur, Phillipp Scholfield and others) the collection of the final version of the papers is now in process. The time schedule of linguistic corrections (and translations whenever necessary) will be organized in such a way as to have everything ready by autumn 2008.
8. A.-L. Head asked that the exact mission of the supervisor of the editorial board for each volume is clarified. He or she will only examine the final version (already corrected in English) and will comment on its adequacy for publication, but should not proceed to any correction or modification, this being the responsibility of the editor.
9. A second person (not necessarily from the editorial board) will act as a second referee for the introduction of each volume.
10. The name of the series is «Rural History in Europe». After a short discussion, it was decided that the series will have a common cover/colour and general series title. Each volume will have its own title/editor and image. A committee composed of G. Béaur, R. Congost and A.-L. Head was authorized to make a detailed proposition upon the matter.
11. The second series of volumes (conferences of the year 2007) is advancing well, most of the referees having already given their rapports. The papers for which major corrections were asked will be re-submitted to referees. The editor will take the final decision concerning what will be demanded from these authors.

All volumes (no.5-8) for the year 2007 were later examined.

- Rui Santos and R. Congost report on the preparation of the volume of WG1-Lisbon 2007 conference. Twelve articles were received and refereed. Some articles must be rejected or should go through major changes (until the end of March 2008). Rui Santos will contact the authors and give them precise recommendations. An article is not yet submitted for practical reasons and it will be expected until March 31.
- Annie Antoine reports on the preparation of the volume of the WG2-Rennes 2007 conference: she presents the plan of the volume and the 15 submitted articles. Two more articles had not been refereed yet. She hopes that she will soon have 2-4 more articles submitted until March 31. Some articles should need slight changes and 4-5 must undergo profound modifications (and will be re-submitted to referees). She will contact all the authors and ask them for precise ameliorations and modifications. All modifications will be accomplished until April 30 and all linguistic ameliorations will be finished by the end of June.

Saturday March 1, 9:00

- Jaroslaw Dumanowski reports on the preparation of the volume of the WG3-Torun 2007 conference. Out of 21 communications 17 articles were submitted until the deadline of 21-12-2007. Two of articles have not been refereed yet and a third has been recently translated. The author(s) will be given a deadline until March 31 for its submission in English. Some articles are either rejected by the editorial after a long discussion or will be submitted to the volume of WG2-Rennes2006 conference. Some articles should undergo slight ameliorations and finally five of them need more important modifications (and will be resubmitted to referees). The delayed articles (or any other incoming article) will be submitted to referees as well.
- Finally, the written report of Georg Fertig on the preparation of the volume of the WG4-Munster 2007 conference was discussed. The editor was unable to attend the meeting and the discussion was done according to his submitted note. Eight articles have been submitted to referees and two more will be referred soon. Finally, one bibliographical essay will be included. Some articles are very long and should be abridged. Two are accepted as they are and two more have to undergo profound modifications, if they are to be accepted (after a resubmission to the referees). A.-L. Head will contact G. Fertig in order to suggest some bibliographical and other ameliorations necessary for one paper. R Santos will contact two other authors to make suggestions for modifications.

A detailed list of supervisors from the editorial board for each volume and a second referees for the introduction of the editors of the volumes follows:

List of editors and supervisors

	editor(s)	ed. board supervisor	referee of introduction
WG1-2006	Béaur	Bas van Bavel	Congost
WG2-2006	Pinilla	Petmezas	Schlumbohm
WG3-2006	Landsteiner/ Landthaler	Schlumbohm	Head
WG4-2006	Vivier	Head	Moser
WG1-2007	Congost-Santos	Beaur	Head

WG2-2007	Antoine	Pinilla	Giuliana Baggioli
WG3-2007	Dumanowski	Head	Antoine
WG4-2007	Fertig	Petmezas	Santos
WG1-2008	Thon/Bas		
WG2-2008	Svensson		
WG3-2008	Pozgai		
WG4-2008	Moser		

The next meeting of the MC will take place in Saragossa in Sept.26-27 and the CG and editorial board will meet in Paris in Nov.7-9, 2008.