

Report of the XXXIVth Annual Conference of the IALHI Liberty Hall Dublin, 3-6 September 2003

1. CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Irish Labour History Society (ILHS) IALHI was invited to hold its XXXIVth Annual Conference in Dublin. The conference was held in Liberty Hall, a well-suited venue for the conference and an important landmark in Irish Labour. It is the head office of the Services Industrial Professional Technical Union (SIPTU), which is the product of the merger of Irelands two biggest general trade unions the Irish Transport & General Workers Union and the Federated Workers Union of Ireland. Liberty hall has been its headquarters since 1912.

On the evening of the 3rd September there was a reception at the Liberty Hall where there was also –throughout the conference an Exhibition on “Archives in Ireland” mounted by the National Archives for the Conference.

After the formal opening of the conference on Thursday morning, by Dr Kieran Jack McGinley, President of the Irish Labour History Society, followed a session on Labour in Irish History at which one important player in Irish Labour for the last half-century spoke, Barry Desmond, currently a committee member as well as Honorary Fellow, at the Department of Politics, University College Dublin, previously a deputy leader of the Labour Party, Minister of health, MEP and member of the EU Court of Auditors. The formal Annual Meeting (see minutes below) was followed by project presentations, and in the afternoon there was a reception at the Irish Labour History Museum. Archivist Theresa Moriarty gave an introduction to the Museum and Archives.

On Friday morning, there were additional presentations of IALHI projects and projects of individual members. There was also a lecture on Labour Archives in Ireland by Francis Devine, former president of the ILHS and tutor at the Education and Training Department, SIPTU College. The European Foundation for Living & Working Conditions had been given an opportunity to brief the Conference on its work and its significance for Labour Historians which was done by the head of information division, Elisabeth Lagerlöf.

Lunch was held at the Leinster House, the Irish Parliament building, hosted by Pat Rabbitte, Chairman of the Labour Party. Ruairi Quinn, previous chairman gave an introduction to the history of the Leinster House. In the afternoon the IALHI conference members were given an opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr Bertie Ahern. After that, study visits were arranged to The National Archive, the National Library and Trinity College. The afternoon as rounded off with a splendid reception at the Mansion House hosted by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Donnelly .

On Saturday, the participants could admire Dublin from the top of Liberty Hall, which is the tallest building in Dublin, with a splendid view. There was also information on SIPTU, its history and activities. After that followed a guided tour by foot organised by the ILHS Committee including a visit to the oldest part of the city and the Guinness Brewery, which marked the end of this very interesting and well-arranged conference.

IALHI XXXIV CONFERENCE -DUBLIN 3 -6 September 2003

VENUE: Liberty Hall, Dublin 1

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 3rd
evening

Welcome Reception at Liberty Hall
Exhibition by The National Archive on “Archives in Ireland”
Music by Noel Pocock and friends

Thursday 4th
am

Official Opening of the Conference
The Labour Movement in Ireland,
Labour and Irish Politics: Barry Desmond
IALHI Annual meeting
Election of the Chairperson for the conference

noon

Lunch Break

19.30

IALHI & Individual Projects
Reception at the Irish Labour History Museum and an introduction
by Archivist Theresa Moriarty

Friday 5th
am

IALHI Projects, presentation by Marien van der Heijden.
Labour Archives in Ireland: Francis Devine, Labour Historian.
Presentation on European Foundation for Living & working
conditions, by Elisabeth Lagerlöf, Head of Information &
Communications.

noon

Lunch and visit to Leinster House – Irish Parliament building
hosted by the Chairman of the Labour Party, Pat Rabbit.

pm

Meeting with the prime minister of Ireland, Mr Bertie Ahern, at
Irish Labour History Museum premises.

Visits to Archival Institutions & Libraries: National Archive,
National Library and Trinity College where a small exhibition was
shown in the Long Room: 'Labour and Labourers'

18.00

Reception by Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alderman Donnelly
at Mansion House

SATURDAY:

Dublin Labour History Tour, ending at Guinness breweries

Participants

NAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY
Steenhaut Wouter	AMSAB – Institute of Social History	BELGIUM
Weber Donald	AMSAB – Institute of Social History	BELGIUM
Wilcox-Poulsen Lilli	European Trade Union Institute	BELGIUM
Ludvigsen Peter	Arbejdermuseet	DENMARK
Petersen Hans Uwe	Arbejderbevaegelsens Bibliotek og Arkv. (ABA)	DENMARK
Blomster Pontus	<u>The Central Museum of Labour in Finland</u>	FINLAND
Kalliokoski, Pekka	Ammattiyhdistysarkisto (Trade Union Archives)	FINLAND
Karhunsaaari Minna	The Central Museum of Labour in Finland	FINLAND
Lahtinen Esa	Työväen Arkisto (The Finnish Labour Archives)	FINLAND
Loisa Pia	<u>The Central Museum of Labour in Finland</u>	FINLAND
Minkkinen Aimo	The Lenin Museum	FINLAND
Blum Françoise	Centre d’histoire sociale du xxe Siècle	FRANCE
Kaplan, Hélène	RIDECO	FRANCE
Levasseur, Pierre	CERMTRI	FRANCE
Levasseur, Yolande	CERMTRI	FRANCE
Vaccaro Rossona	Centre d’histoire sociale du xxe Siècle	FRANCE
Richter Barbara	Archiv der sozialen Demokraten, FES	GERMANY
Sommerstange Marcus	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	GERMANY

Zimmermann, Rüdiger	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	GERMANY
Byrne Brendan	ILHS (Irish Labour History Society)	IRELAND
Desmond Barry	ILHS	IRELAND
Devine Francis	ILHS	IRELAND
Geraghty Hugh	ILHS	IRELAND
Jones Mary	ILHS	IRELAND
Lane Fintan	ILHS	IRELAND
Lysaght Rainer	ILHS	IRELAND
McGinley Jack	ILHS	IRELAND
McNamara Aidan	ILHS	IRELAND
Moriarty Theresa	ILHS	IRELAND
Penrose Ed	ILHS	IRELAND
Púirséil Niamh	ILHS	IRELAND
Redmond, Sean	ILHS	IRELAND
Richardson Fionnuala	ILHS	IRELAND
Rogers Denise	ILHS	IRELAND
Avonto Giovanni	Fondazione “Vera Nocenti”	ITALY
Bidussa David	Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli	ITALY
Gianni, Emilio	Istituto di Studi sul Capitalismo	ITALY
Spagliardi Paola	Fondazione “Vera Nocenti”	ITALY
Kloosterman Jaap	IISG	NETHERLANDS
Van der Heijden, Marien	IISG	NETHERLANDS
Eriksen Knut Einar	AAB (Arbeiderbevegelsens Arkiv og bibliotek)	NORWAY

Anderson Kirril	Russian State Archive	RUSSIA
Litvinova, Olga	State Central Museum of Contemporary History of Russia	RUSSIA
Novichenko Irina	Institute of General History	RUSSIA
Shhumnaya Tamara Dr	State Central Museum of Contemporary History of Russia	RUSSIA
Bevil Lucas	Labour Research Service	SOUTH AFRICA
Hlatshwayo Mondli		SOUTH AFRICA
	Khanya College	
Andersson Stellan	ARAB	SWEDEN
Englund Karin	Arbetarrörelsens Arkiv & Bibl	SWEDEN
Hagström Rigmor	ARAB	SWEDEN
Kälin Urs	Schweizerisches Sozialarchiv	SWITZERLAND
Lang Karl	Honorary Member	SWITZERLAND
Bell Alan	Manuscripts Division National Library of Scotland	UK
Bird Stephen	Labour History Archive & Study Centre	UK
Coates Chris	TUC Library Collections	UK
Martin Janette	Labour History Archive & Study Centre	UK
Simpson Bill	John Rylands University Library of Manchester	UK
Creech, William Robin	National Archives & Records Administration	USA
Reynolds, Bob	George Meany Memorial Archives	USA

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

- 2.1 Election of chairperson
- 2.2 Minutes of the Stockholm Conference 2002
- 2.3 Annual Report 2002-2003
 - 2.3.1 Co-ordinating Committee
 - 2.3.2 Membership
- 3.1.1 Publications and Communications
- 2.4 Financial situation (2002-2003)
- 2.5 Future conferences
- 2.6 Any other business

2.1 Election of a chairperson

According to tradition and statutes a representative for the host country chairs the conference. Dr Kieran Jack McGinley, President of the Irish Labour History Society, was unanimously elected chairperson of the XXXIVth annual Conference of the IALHI.

2.2 The minutes of the Stockholm conference in 2002

The minutes and report of the Stockholm Conference have been sent to all IALHI members on February 25 2003. The reports of the XXXIIIrd conference were carried unanimously.

2.3 Annual report 2002 – 2003

The annual report and the financial statement by the 3 september 2003 was presented by the Secretary General, Karin Englund. The conference approved the reports, appendix 1.

2.3.1 The Co-ordination Committee

The Co-ordination Committee consists of: Kyrill Anderson (RGASPI, Moscow), Stephen Bird (NMLH, Manchester) until February 2003 replaced by Jeanette Martin from September 2003, Karin Englund (ARAB, Stockholm), secretary, Francesca Gori (Feltrinelli-Milano), Jaap Kloosterman (IISH-Amsterdam), Andrew Lee (Tamiment Library, New York), Rüdiger Zimmerman (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung-Bonn), Wouter Steenhaut (AMSAB-Gent), Marien van der Heijden (Museum group) and Franck Veyron (BDIC-Nanterre).

2.3.2. Membership

The Secretary General informed that the IALHI has welcomed five new institutions as members during the year September 2002-September 2003: The Khanya College, Johannesburg, South Africa, The Labour history project, Woodstock, South Africa, Arbetets museum/The labour museum, Norrköping, Sweden, Noel Butlin Archives center, Australian National University, Australia. Decisions about membership were previously taken by the General Assembly, but after a change of the constitution of IALHI in 2000, the Coordinating Committee takes these decisions. The institution of history at the university of Turku, Finland cancelled its membership

Because of the transfer of the secretariat from Brussels to Stockholm, there have been some initial complications in making the new bank address known and in informing the relevant administration of the change. The secretariat hopes that these problems now are solved.

2.3.3. Publications and projects

The annual report (appendix 1) lists the publication activities during the year. It can be noticed that increasingly publication is done over the net.

2.4. Financial statement 2002-09-03 – 2003-08-3.

The secretary general pointed out that, as can be seen in the financial report in appendix 1, there is no need for alarm about the economy of the organisation. The conference decided that the membership fee be maintained at 112 Euro. In order not to cause confusion over the right amount, the fee should be stated in Euro only (not in USD as well), in order to avoid misunderstandings when exchange rates fluctuate. Each member can of course pay in the currency of its country.

2.5. Conferences

The future conferences will be in Paris in 2004, Ghent in 2005, Zürich in 2006. Franck Veyron presented the plans for the forthcoming conference in Paris. The conference will take place the 8 – 11 September and may include an excursion as part of the conference.

2.6. Any other business

Before the closing of the conference, the secretary general thanked the Organisation Committee of the XXXIVth annual IALHI meeting for a well-organized, informative, very friendly and generous conference. Special thanks to Fionnuala Richardson, who coordinated all the preparatory work, to Dr Kieran Jack McGinley who chaired the conference and to all the members of Irish Labour History Society and volunteers at the Irish Labour History Museum for their contributions to a successful conference.

3 PROJECTS

The IALHI XXXIVth IALHI conference was nicknamed the DigitIALHI conference, since many of the presentations, both of IALHI projects and members' projects focussed on digitalisation and availability over the net. Material from these presentations will be made available will be made available in the A.C.T.A publication for the conference. The main presentations were as follows:

Labour history index (*Marien van der Heijden*) The Labour History Index Project "tries to establish criteria and procedures for building a Web-based index of archival holding in all IAHLI member institutions". See: www.iahli.org/iarch.html

SA Labour History Project (*Bevil Lucas*) Bevil Lucas discussed some of the difficulties there are in building the website for the Labour History Project in South Africa. Important are the language aspect, as English is the 2nd language for most South African workers. See <http://www.labourhistory.org.za/>

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: webdatabase photo's, posters etc (*Barbara Richter*)

FAUST - the database in Archiv der sozialen Demokratie, Bonn, where posters, photos, sound- and video records etc., was presented by Barabara Richter, who gave the conference the present status of the work. See http://www.fes.de/archive/index_gr.html

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: bibliography Socialist Internationals (*Marcus Sommerstange*)

Marcus Sommerstange presented how the work with the on-line bibliography based on the publication Socialist Internationals - a Bibliography was an attempt to continue the printed version. See <http://library.fes.de/library/english/s.html>

AMSAB: ODIS (*Donald Weber*) Since the year 2000 four centres of archives and documentation in Belgium cooperate to build the Documentation and Research Unit for the Study of Intermediary Social Structures in Flanders, called ODIS. The present status of the project was presented to the IALHI conference. See <http://www.odis.be>

IISH:Occasio (*Marien van der Heijden*) The Occasio Digital Social History Archive is the Internet archive of the IISH. It is a collection of newsgroup messages on social, political and ecological issues distributed on the internet. The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) provided initial funding. As a result, 2,300,000 messages from 2,300 newsgroups dating from 1986-2002 are now available for research. They deal with labour issues, human rights, poverty, development, war and peace, health issues, the environment, women's and gender issues, regional news, ethnic and religious minorities, media, art, and much, much more. See <http://www.iisg.nl/occasio/>

The Labour question as an European question: The Brodolini Foundation, together with the Basso Foundation, the Gramsci Foundation, the Sturzo Institute and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, have taken the initiative to contact other Italian and European cultural institutions in order to participate in the Call for Proposals of the VI Framework Programme of the European Commission, regarding the theme *New perspectives on European History*. The proposal was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that since the deadline for the application to the EU was September 30th, those member institutions that are interested in joining the project should contact the Foundation directly. The president of the foundation is Enzo Bartocci and the address is: history@fondazionebrodolini.it.

Stockholm 5 February 2004
Karin Englund, *Secretary general*

Annual report to the XXXIVth IALHI Conference, Dublin, 2003

1. The Co-ordination Committee

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The Committee held 2 meetings in 2002-2003:

- 9 February 2003, Paris
 - 3 September 2003, Dublin
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- CC. 9.2.2003, Paris, attending members: Kyrill Anderson , Stephen Bird, Karin Englund, secretary, Jaap Kloosterman, Wouter Steenhaut, , Marien van der Heijden, Geneviève Dreyfus-Armand as coopted member, Andrew Lee and Rüdiger Zimmerman. Representing Fondazione Feltrinelli instead of Francesca Gori as coopted member of the CC, was David Bidussa.

At the meeting of the CC the following items were discussed:

- Evaluation of the XXXIII Annual IALHI Conference, Stockholm, September 2002
- Approval of the report from the XXXIIIrd meeting
- Preparation of the XXXIV Annual IALHI Conference, Dublin, September 2003
- Future conferences, especially the Paris conference in 2004
- Financial situation of IALHI
- IALHI Newsletter and News Service
- IALHI Serials Service

In connection with the CC meeting February in Paris the Collectif des centres de documentation en histoire ouvrière et sociale (Codhos) arranged a Journée d'études with the Centre d'histoire sociale du XXe siècle about *Les archives ouvrières en Europe et aux Etats-Unis/Labour archives in Europe and the United States*, with the participation of the following CC members: Kyril Anderson, David Bidussa, Karin Englund, Jaap Kloosterman, Andrew Lee, Wouter Steenhaut, Rüdiger Zimmermann. It was arranged by Françoise Blum and Rossana Vaccaro and gathered about 40 persons, members of Codhos, especially trade unions, researchers and students.

- CC 3.9.2003, Dublin attending members: Kirill Anderson, David Bidussa, Jaap Kloostermann, Jeanette Martin, Wouter Steenhaut, Franck Veyron, Rüdiger Zimmerman,

Karin Englund, secretary. In connection with this CC meeting a brief meeting was held with the Irish organisers of the XXXIVth conference.

2. Membership

In the year September 2002-September 2003 five institutions were formally registered as a new IALHI members:

- The Khanya College, Johannesburg, South Africa
- The Labour history project, Woodstock , South Africa
- Arbetets museum/The labour museum
Laxholmen, 602 21 Norrköping, Sweden
- Noel Butlin Archives center
- Australian National University, Australia

The following institution has resigned as a member:

The institution of history at the university of Turku, Finland

The secretariat sent information on IALHI and its activities to:

- Alexandre Fortes, Fundação Perseu Abramo, Rua Francisco Cruz, 234
CEP 04117-091, Villa Mariana, São Paulo Brazil
 - Alice Mackay, Head of Library Services
Bishopsgate Foundation, London, EC2M 4QH, England
 - William J. Puette, Ph.D. Director, Center for Labor Education & Research
University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu 96-043 Ala Ike, Pearl City, Hawai
- Until now, the secretariat has not received any answers.

According to the constitution of IALHI “Applications for membership shall be made to the secretary of the Association who submits them for endorsement to the Co-ordination Committee”. (Art 2, revised in 2000 in Oslo.)

During the year 2002 - 2003, IALHI had 64 paying members (situation on 1st September, 2003). Five institutions among them pay reduced membership fees and five institutions came under the “godparenthood” system. The “godparenthood” system is possible because seven IALHI members (ISH-Amsterdam, AMSAB-Gent, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung-Bonn, ABA-Kobenhavn, Fondazione Feltrinelli-Milano, Arbejdermuseet-Kobenhavn, ARAB - Stockholm) had declared themselves ready to pay the membership fees for financially weaker members.

The IALHI membership fee is 112Euros.

Number of paying members:

15.07.1997: 46
31.12.1997: 55
15.08.1998: 48
31.08.1998: 61
31.12.1999: 73
09.09.2000: 60
31.12.2000: 78
31.12.2001: 71
01.08.2002: 62
31.12.2002: 63
01.09.2003: 64

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3. Publications and projects

3.1 IALHI News Service

The IALHI Newsletter has been transformed into the IALHI News Service, which is distributed by mail and coordinated by Jaap Kloostermann. From August 2002 to July 2003 inclusive, the IALHI News Service published 173 items. 97 Persons used the monthly email subscription service. The number of visitors to the News Service homepage is estimated to a 9,705 single visitors, slightly more than during the same period a year ago.

It should be noted that the number of items far exceeds that published in the printed Newsletter, and that the content list sent out in the email service is regularly reproduced by both H-Labor and LabNet, thereby reaching the many hundreds of subscribers to those discussion lists.

3.2 IALHI Serials Service.

The IALHI Serials Service has been improved and tried in a test version that has been presented to members for comments. A second version is to be presented at the IALHI conference in Dublin. Marien van der Heijden coordinates the Serials Service.

3.3. IALHI gender web page

The IALHI Gender web page, <http://www.ialhi.org/gender/> is managed by Jenneke Quast, who has added new links and reports to the page during the year, both in English and French.

3.4. IALHI Directory

The revised IALHI directory is still to be published.

3.5. List of Addresses

The current address list will be distributed in connection with the Dublin conference and sent to members who are not present at the conference, for corrections and modifications. The revised list will be distributed together with the report from the conference.

3.6. IALHI leaflet

In order to be able to spread the word about IALHI to potential new members, the secretariat has revised the IALHI folder. The folder will be presented at the Dublin conference and can be obtained at the secretariat on demand.

3.7. IALHI on WWW

IALHI has a place on the World Wide Web on the site of the International Institute of Social History.

3.8. Circular letters of the IALHI secretary

The secretariat sent circulars on the 25th of February, 10th of April, 19th of May and 1 of juli concerning the report of the XXXIIIrd Annual Conference in Stockholm, the invitation for th Dublin Conference, membership fee 2003, the Acta of the XXXIIIrd IALHI conference in Stockholm and a proposal for a digital session at the Dublin conference.

3.9. Relationships

There is at present no formalized relationship between IALHI and the international organizations as the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and with the International Council on Archives. Individual members are active in those organizations ex officio or in their personal capacity.

4. Financial statement of IALHI 2002-09-03 – 2003-08-3.

	2003-08-31		2002-09-03
BALANCE SHEET	EURO	BALANCE SHEET	EURO
Resources		Resources	
Bank Account – Deposit	10.065,24	Postal Account	7.317,37
Bank Account	21.260,51	Postal Account – Deposit	22.165,91
Bank Account EURO-pocket	957,47	Cash Account	119,17
Amounts to be paid 3.9.02	- 1.263,00		
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Total bank account	32.283,22		28.339,45
I. Equity and liabilities			
Accounts payable	1.406,00		----
Equity	<u>28.315,58</u>		----
	29.721,58		
INCOME STATEMENT		INCOME STATEMENT	
II. Income			
Membership fees: Bank	9.017,60	Postal Account	7.579,30
Interest rate	260,04	Cash Account	84,00
		Sale Book I.C.F.T.U	65,81
		Transfer Cash/Postal Acc.	247,89
		Guest Postal Deposit 2001	<u>644,14</u>
	<hr/>		8.721,14
Total Income	9.277,64		
III. Expenditures			
Travel fund for members	707,44	Administration costs	1.114,09
A.C.T.A. publication	1.058,05	Stamps	357,95
Translation costs	4.000,00	Transfer to cash	247,89
Stamps	326,95	Travel Fund for members	690,00
Bankservice costs	404,24	A.C.T.A.: past and future	1.526,91
Banking costs	219,32	Books ICFTU	65,81
		Translation costs	3.495,30
		Banking costs	0,43
		Miscellaneous	<u>350,75</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>	<hr/>		7.849,13
	6.716,00		
		Administration of accounts	500,00
		Costs transport	250,00
		Invoice ACTA – Tampere	<u>513,00</u>
Total expenditures	6.716,00		9.112,13
Net profit per 31 august 2003	2.561,64	Net loss per 3 september 2002	- 390,99
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5. Conferences

The future conferences will be in Paris in 2004, Ghent in 2005, Zürich in 2006.

II. PROJECTS

The IALHI projects as well as Projects of IALHI members will be presented at the annual conference and reports will be made available in the A.C.T.A publication for the conference.

Karin Englund, Secretary General