EDITORIAL

The approach of a new year is often an opportunity to take stock of the year ending. As you have been able to observe, our Academy is doing rather well; the success of the XXXII<sup>th</sup> Congress of genealogical and heraldic sciences held this summer in Glasgow is proof positive of our vitality. Thanks to the energy and ability of the organisers, and most especially Elizabeth Roads, Alexander Maxwell Findlater and Bruce Gorie, the success of the Congress was absolute, not only from a scientific point of view, with contributions illustrating a variety of approaches inspired by the theme “Origins and Evolutions”, but also from a human basis: those who attend our gatherings regularly, know they are occasions not only to cultivate old friendships, but also to be enriched by new contacts. As an added bonus, Scotland is undoubtedly one of the European nations with the strongest heraldic tradition. What a pleasure it is to thank the organisers for this highly colourful congress!

During 2016, the Academy’s Council was not idle as you can realize by reading the minutes of our general meeting. The Quinquennial plan adopted unanimously marks the determination to enshrine our Academy’s heritage into the XXI<sup>st</sup> century. Already, you have been able to appreciate the introduction of bilingualism in our newsletters. This will be progressively extended to all our communications, and notably to the website. During 2017, our three priorities will be the implementation of an electronic method of payments for dues, a reflection on the granting of bursaries to facilitate the participation of young researchers to our activities, as well as reviving the publication process of the not yet published Acts.

If these projects, or others to be found in this report, interest you, by all means do not hesitate: contact the Secretary general to offer your services. The more contributors, the more the Academy will reinforce its cohesion and its outreach. We are very grateful to all those who have come forward to offer their assistance and their expertise.

In terms of scientific activity, the publication of the Saint Petersburg Acts is announced for November 2017 within the programme of the Copenhagen colloquium that promises to be particularly rich around the theme of “the great Orders of Chivalry and their Heraldic Traditions”. As to the XXXIII<sup>th</sup> Congress, it will be held in Arras (France), from October 2 to the 5, 2018 under the theme: Genealogy and Heraldry, between War and Peace.

Until then, the Council wishes you jolly Christmas celebrations and offers to each and everyone its Best Wishes for the New Year.

Robert D. Watt, President, and Nicolas Vernot, Secretary General
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the A.I.H. was held at Trades Hall, 84 Glassford Street, Glasgow (United Kingdom), on Thursday August 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. as a component of the XXXIIth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences.

The following Academicians were in attendance: Mses. Claire Boudreau, Elizabeth Roads and Mssrs. Adrian Ailes, Ronny Andersen, Nils Batholyd, Darrel Kennedy, Henrik Klackenberg, Per Norevall, Peter Ratzel, Georg Scheiblerрейter, Kaare Seeberg Sidselrud, Rolf Sutter, Carlo Tibaldeschi, Pierfelice degli Uberti, Nicolas Vernot and Robert Watt.

The following Associates were also present: Mses. Maria Loredana Pinotti, Marta Gomes do Santos and Mssrs. Jan Anema, Richard d'Apice, Alexander Maxwell Findlater, Paul Fox, Jovan Jonovsky, Bruce Patterson et Karl-Heinz Steinbruch.

The following Academicians were represented: Mssrs. Gaëtan Cassina, Christian de Médindol, Robert Pichette, Baron Pinoteau, Michael Siddons, Jean-Marie Van den Eeckhout.

The agenda was set as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

   The President opens the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomes all Academicians and Associates.

2. A moment of silence in remembrance of deceased Academicians and Associates

   The President asks the attendees to rise and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Academicians who died in 2016, the late Zdenko Alexy, Emmanuel de Boos and Jan von Konow.

3. Approval of the minutes of the general meeting held on August 19, 2015 at Saint-Jean-du-Gard

   Proposed by the President. The minutes of the general meeting held on August 19, 2015 were approved unanimously.

4. President's report

   Ladies and gentlemen,

   With the invaluable help of the Secretary General, the webmaster, and the treasurer, in particular, most of the time since our last meeting in St Jean du Gard, has been spent developing a plan for increasing communication with our members, creating a proposal for the Academy's next five years, which you will shortly be asked to endorse, reviewing our finances and considering a method for electronic payment of fees, and in general, embracing opportunities to increase membership and to increase involvement of our current members. Thanks to the immense efforts of Michel Popoff and his predecessors, and of Gunter Mattern, and now Gaëtan Cassina, we have an excellent foundation on which to move forward and we are looking forward to serving you and to having your help in bringing aspects of the five year plan to life. We have substantial resources; human talent and financial resources, we must use them".

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5. The Secretary General’s report, including the reports from the Secretary for bibliography and the Secretary for the website

The Secretary General begins his report with a tribute to the enormous work accomplished by Michel Popoff, who not only assumed the Presidency during the last few years, but also the function of Secretary General, while keeping up to date the international heraldic bibliography. In addition, he found time to organise the Saint-Jean-du-Gard colloquium whose high scientific value was rightly praised by all. In taking over, the President and the Secretary General realised the magnitude of the tasks they have been called to undertake if they want to maintain the Academy at the enviable level it enjoys, thanks to Michel Popoff endeavours. On behalf of the Academy, the President and the Secretary General offer their heartfelt gratitude to Michel Popoff.

The 2015-2016 exercise may be considered as a period of transition during which the new Secretary General has familiarised himself with the workings of the AIH in order to be able to discharge the task that is his from now on. In close cooperation with the President, it was agreed from the start that particular attention must be paid to keeping the membership informed. That translates into:

— A very regular updating (several times a year depending on the information submitted) of the membership list, including Associates, as well as the numbered seats as assigned; the Secretary General takes this opportunity to remind everyone that is everybody’s responsibility to transmit relevant changes so that newsletters are properly addressed;
— A systematic introduction in the newsletter of newly elected Academicians and Associates;
— The systematic implementation from now on of French and English bilingualism, first in the newsletters then, eventually, on the web site. On this subject, the Council wishes to cordially thank our colleague Robert Pichette who has undertaken to ensure henceforth the required translations swiftly and successfully.
— The tabling ahead of the general meeting of the financial report with a detailed agenda called the “Quinquennial Plan” outlining the policy that the Executive intends to follow during its mandate. In prior preparation, the general meeting was subjected to an important preparatory study: old newsletters were carefully perused, and members of the Council were consulted, in order to arrive at a diagnosis of the Academy, taking into account not only its achievements and its strengths, but also the problems that confront it and other unresolved issues.

This important undertaking, not always visible to many, had the effect of interfering with the publication of newsletters. The Secretary General assumes responsibility for this delay but, nevertheless, hopes to reach a more satisfying rhythm in the future. In spite of delays, 6 newsletters were published (N°s 176 to 181), for a total nearing 50 pages. Short newsletters drawing the attention of members to a specific item (payment of dues, general meeting) alternated with weightier newsletters based on information transmitted to the Executive. Once again, the Secretary General highlights Michel Popoff’s involvement in the production of newsletters, and notably in the regular updating of the heraldic bibliography.

The Secretary General also reports on the activities of the other two secretaries:

Explicitly introduced in 2015, the function of the secretariat for the web site has been discharged ever since by Kaare Seeberg Sidselrud who has put online swiftly and efficiently the information transmitted to him. Thanks to him, the content of the Academy’s website is regularly updated and will undergo important upgrades in the months and years to come. Bearing in mind the growing importance of the Internet in recent years, the upgrading of our site takes on a crucial importance, not only for better information among us, but also for the public at large.
Michel Popoff maintains the secretariat for the bibliography, also introduced explicitly in 2015. He, in fact, pursues a task he never ceased to discharge over several decades, thus providing invaluable services to the community of heraldic researchers. Members and Associates are reminded that they must inform Michel Popoff of their various publications and, if possible, to send him a printed copy that will then be placed in the Academy’s library. **Your attention please: the publications must be sent from now on to the following address:**

M. Michel POPOFF  
14, rue au Bois/boîte 5  
B-1150 BRUSSELS  
BELGIUM

6. **Treasurer's report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary General outlines the major points of the financial report. This document having been sent previously to all members and associates in August 2015, ahead of the general meeting, will not be reproduced here.

However, all members are reminded that all projects discussed during the current general meeting presuppose the availability of funds, therefore they are contingent on all members paying their dues. The Council, aware of the difficulties with collection of dues, is actively exploring the possibility of electronic payment. It thanks all members who scrupulously acquit themselves of their dues, and also those who, following the call from our Treasurer, made the effort to comply. Finally, the Council reminds those who, despite several reminders, persist in their non-compliance, that they will be expelled from the Academy.

The assembly thanks the Treasurer for his careful management of the Academy’s finances and unanimously approves his financial management.

7. **Proposed Quinquennial plan (2015-2020) and budget for the 2016-2017 period**

For the record, the plan submitted to the general meeting was as follows:

**Focus 1: Highlighting our contribution to the art and science of heraldry:**

- By spreading the circulation of the proceedings of meetings and colloquia still available (purchase orders posted online or links to the publishers);
- By reissuing out of print proceedings in digital format;
- Follow up on as yet to be published proceedings (Saint Petersburg, Troyes and Verviers);
- By creating on the web site an “In Memoriam” category dedicated to the remembrance of deceased members and highlighting their contributions to the furtherance of the science of heraldry.

**Focus 2: Strengthening and expanding the scientific outreach of the AIH:**

- By developing, alongside French, the academy’s historical language, translations in English on the web site and the newsletters; contributions in other languages are welcome but priority is to be given to site contents; (volunteers needed).
- By expanding the geographical representativeness of the AIH; several countries with well-established heraldic traditions are not present in our ranks (from Europe, Latin America, certain African States, etc.);
- By establishing for students or other persons (non academicians and non associates) scholarships and preferential rates for registration fees in order to encourage young researchers to take part in our activities;
- By improving the publicity around our meetings and publications among the non heraldic institutions in our respective countries in order to create interest in the richness and value of our works, and to entice other researchers in other fields to participate in our activities.

**Focus 3: Modernisation of the Academy’s financial management**

- Balance sheet of paid and unpaid dues and the impact on the Academy;
On a motion from the President, a General Motion inviting the general meeting to approve the 3 focuses is submitted to a vote. Approved unanimously. However, from the discussion, two priorities were highlighted:

— The proposal to adopt an electronic method for payment of dues because of the present cumbersome method and the resulting exorbitant bank fees.

— The publication (in hard copy) of proceedings not yet published up to the current period (Troyes, Saint Petersburg, Verviers). Several members underlined the time spent on research and in participation in the colloquia with written papers; other participants mentioned that they would like to access these texts to further their own research. Therefore, the meeting asks those responsible for organising the colloquia to report officially on the current state of the editing process of those papers for which they were responsible in order that, in light of the information provided, appropriate action might be taken so that publication of the papers could proceed during the current mandate.

8. Proposals to admit new Associate Members

The following persons were unanimously elected as Associate Members. A brief presentation of each person is to be found further on:

— Dr. Agnė Railaitė-Bardė, from Lithuania;
— Mr. Bruno Jousselin, from France;
— Mr. Joseph McMillan, from the USA;
— Dr. Martin Sunnqvist, from Sweden.

9. Proposals for election of Academicians

The following Associate Members were unanimously elected Academicians. A brief presentation of each person is to be found further on:

— Dr. Paul A. Fox (seat No 58);
— Dr. Antti Matikkala (seat No 71).

10. Election to the Council (one seat to be filled)

This year only one seat on the Council needed to be renewed. Dr. Rolf Sutter, outgoing member of the Council reoffered and was re-elected unanimously.

11. Appointment of an honorary Council member

As a mark of gratitude for the work he has accomplished in the service of heraldry, and to our Academy in particular, Baron Pinoteau is unanimously elected Honorary Member of the Council.

12. Modification of the statutes in order to create the category of “Honorary Academicians”, with dispensation from dues; proposal for the nomination of honorary Academicians.

This question having been discussed and eliminated by the Council, is withdrawn from the agenda.
13. Future meetings and colloquia

The schedule for colloquia buy the AIH and meetings with ACGHS is as follows:

— **2017**: XX\textsuperscript{th} Colloquium will be held in Copenhagen from November 10 to 12, 2017. Organised by the Dansk heraldisk Selksah, it will have as its theme: *The Great Orders of Chivalry and their Heraldic Traditions*. Preliminary information was published in Newsletter 181. Supplementary information will be communicated through newsletters and on our web site.

— **2018**: XXXIII\textsuperscript{th} International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences will take place in Arras (2-5 October). Organised by the Fédération française de généalogie and the Société française d’héraldique et de sigillographie, it will have as its theme: *Heraldry and Genealogy, Between War and Peace*. The present newsletter contains a presentation of the colloquium. Supplementary information will be provided in due course.

— **2019**: Our Italian colleagues have proposed that the XXI\textsuperscript{th} colloquium of the AIH be held in **Florence**.

— **2020**: The XXXIV\textsuperscript{th} International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences will take place in **Madrid**.

14. Various issues and closing of the general meeting

The agenda being exhausted and no other issues being raised, the President thanked the attendees for their presence and adjourned the proceedings at 7:30 p.m.
ACADEMICIANS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
ELECTED IN 2016

ACADEMICIANS

Paul Andrew FOX (seat n° 58)

Dr Paul A Fox (born 1964) became seriously interested in heraldry as a result of his membership of the Cambridge University Heraldic & Genealogical Society, of which he was a council member from 1983-88, Secretary 1983-4 and President 1984-5. He published his first heraldry paper in 1986 while studying medicine at Cambridge, having first graduated from Gonville & Caius College in 1985.

After qualifying as a medical doctor in 1987, he devoted himself for some years to rowing, higher medical training, and medical research, eventually emerging as a consultant physician in 2002. Since 2005 he has been an honorary senior lecturer at Imperial College School of Medicine. As the author of many scientific papers, in 2006 he was elected to the fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

The new millennium saw a return to active heraldic and genealogical research and publication with a focus on the medieval period. Since 2005 he has been a member of the Court of Trustees of the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, and from 2006 to 2016 he served as a Council Member of the Heraldry Society, of which he was vice-chairman from 2011-13 and chairman from 2013-15. In 2013 he was elected as a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries for his contribution to heraldry, and also as an associate member of the AIH. Forthcoming in 2017 will be a chapter on medieval rolls of arms in Heralds and heraldry in medieval England, edited by Dr Nigel Ramsay, and a book on the Canterbury cloister, the product of twelve years of research.

Antti MATIKKALA (seat n° 71)

Antti Matikkala (b. 1979), PhD (Cantab.), is a historian specialising in the honours systems and heraldry. He was a Fellow at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, 2009–2012, and is currently writing the history of the Orders of the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland.

He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and of the Royal Historical Society. A past President of the Heraldry Society of Finland and of the Cambridge University Heraldic and Genealogical Society, he has been Moderator (President) of the Collegium Heraldicum Fennicum since 2013. He serves as a member of the Heraldry Committee at the National Archives of Finland and as a board member of the Societas Heraldica Scandinavica and the Finnish Commission of Military History.

For publications, see the University of Helsinki research database: https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/en/person/asmatikk

His heraldic designs include the arms of Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland (http://www.heraldica.fi/Toiminta/Rekisteri/sivut%201-900/1900.html), designed together with Ronny Andersen, in 2012.

Coat of arms of Antti Matikkala, artwork by Ronny Andersen.
Associate members

Bruno JOUSSELIN

Born in 1962, Bruno Jousselin is professor of history-geography at the Saint-Michel-de-Picpus College in Paris. He lives in Theil-sur-Huisne (Normandy), a municipality of which he has been the deputy mayor since 2014. The province of Perche in Normandy is the cradle of his family and the subject of his interest since his childhood.

Avidly interested in local history, cultural heritage, genealogy and heraldry, he is since 2003, founding president of Mémoires Theilloises (an association for heritage conservation) and, since 2012, vice-president of Foyer Theillois (a culture, sports and social association). From 1987 to 2004, he was the co-founding president of the Centre Généalogique de l’Orme et du Perche.

Author of 7 monographs and of numerous articles on the history and heritage of the Perche region, he published in 2015 the first volume of the Grand Armorial du Perche (letters A to E), considered to be a model of its kind. Drawing from resources in the National Library, the National Archives in Paris, or the Departmental Archives of Seine-Maritime, this compendium provides a complete inventory of every family that originated from Perche or had property there. This historical, genealogical and heraldic dictionary offers very detailed notices on these families with, for each one, a bibliography, illustrations and a coloured drawing of the coat of arms. When this publication is completed, it will comprise several volumes grouping for the first time more than 2000 family histories and more than 4000 coats of arms of noble and non noble families as well as those arms of religious and civic bodies.

Joseph MACMILLAN

Joseph McMillan, president of the American Heraldry Society (AHS), is a consultant on international defense planning and foreign affairs and a retired civil servant with the U.S. Department of Defense. The last assignment of his 34-year government career was as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, a position in which he served from 2009 to 2012.

Mr. McMillan has been president of the AHS since 2012 and director of research since 2007. He is also a member of the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. His heraldic research focuses on armorial practices in the United States during the colonial and early post-Independence era, on which he has produced a number of published articles and presentations. He has also published extensively on national security policy, primarily dealing with politico-military issues in the Middle East and South Asia.

Mr. McMillan earned his B.A. magna cum laude in political science from the University of Alabama and is a 1992 distinguished graduate of the National War College. He is a recipient of the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, among other decorations, and was honored with the Presidential rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service.

Coat of arms of Joseph McMillan, artwork by the owner.
AGNĖ RAILAITĖ-BARDĖ

Agnė Railaitė-Bardė was born in 1984 (Kėdainiai, Lithuania). She has a PhD in Humanitarian Sciences (History) since 2013. Her PhD thesis was about genealogical identity among the nobility of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and its expression in the heraldry of the 16th-18th centuries. She gives lectures for bachelor students about genealogy and heraldry of the nobility of Europe and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in Vilnius University, Faculty of History, and also short training or lectures on heraldry matters on various occasions. As a scholar, she works at the Lithuanian Institute of History, participates in international and national conferences in Lithuania and abroad, writes articles and currently prepares a monograph.

Agnė Railaitė-Bardė was a member of the Lithuanian Symbolism Commission 2010–2015. She is presently Chair of the Lithuanian Heraldry Commission and works as a Chief Specialist for Lithuanian Heraldry in the Office of the President of the Republic of Lithuania. As a representative of the commission, she is an advisor for heraldry for the Central Bank of the Republic of Lithuania (since 2015).

Apart from heraldry, she is especially interested in reading, nature photography and various forms of art. She is married and has a daughter.

More information:
https://istorija.academia.edu/Agn%C4%97Railait%C4%97Bard%C4%97

Martin SUNNQVIST

Martin Sunnqvist was born in 1975. He is a doctor of laws in legal history, Lund University, Sweden, a district judge for civil and criminal cases at the Malmö City Court, Sweden, and a part-time adjunct senior lecturer in procedural law and legal history at Lund University.

His doctoral dissertation concerned the history of judicial review of legislation in the Nordic countries. Within the science of heraldry, he has researched for example the heraldry and iconography of Swedish court seals from the 16th to the 19th centuries, the Swedish law of arms, and the heraldry of the royal Swedish dukes. He is currently involved in the organization of a project for the development of Nordic heraldic terminology.

He is deputy chairman of Societas Heraldica Scandinavica, member of the boards of editors for Heraldisk Tidsskrift and Skandinavisk Vapenrulla, and chairman of a committee under the Swedish Heraldry Society responsible for a register of Swedish family coats-of-arms.

Website: https://martinsunnqvist.wordpress.com/

Coat of arms of Martin Sunnqvist, artwork by Sunil Saigal.
PERSONALIA

Reminder: Members and Associate Members who receive decorations, distinctions, titles or awards are asked to inform the Secretary General.

On September 1st 2016 the Ambassador of Finland presented Ronny Anderson with the Knight’s Cross, 1st Class of the Order of the Lion of Finland. On the same day the coat of arms of the President of Finland had been put on display at the Chapel of the Royal Orders at Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark. Our colleague received the decoration for his work with the coat of arms of the president of Finland and his “work for Finland”.

The coat of arms of Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland, has been designed by our colleague Antti Matikkala – with assistance from Ronny Andersen, who realized the final rendition of the composition. The blazon is “Azure five linden leaves conjoined at the stems argent”. The canting charge refers both to the current family name – in Finnish Niinipuu means “linden tree” – and to the original Swedish surname Lindström (Sw. lind meaning “linden”) used by the president’s ancestors. As his motto the President chose JUURISTA VOIMAA (“Strength from the roots”) (text and photo: Antti Matikkala).

Left: Ronny Andersen, between the Finnish ambassador in Copenhagen, Ann-Marie Nyroos and the Director General of the Finnish National Archives and Vice-Chancellor of the Finnish Orders, Jussi Nuorteva. Right: coat of arms of Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland.

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In July 2016, Christian de Mérindol joined the editorial board of the journal Armas e Trofeos of the Portuguese Institute of Heraldry.

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Baron Pinoteau, regretting that he was unable to attend the Glasgow gathering, wishes to make it known that he was deeply touched by the card signed by many members of the AIH who were attending the colloquium. He thanks them sincerely.
For the next congress, the Fédération française de Généalogie and the Société française d'Héraldique et de Sigillographie selected the theme: « Genealogy and Heraldry, between War and Peace ».

Commemorations of the end of WW1 give us the opportunity to focus on the links between war, peace and heraldry. Whatever we may explain about origin of arms, warfare had a predominant role in it and influenced heraldic composition to these days.

From the Middle Ages to the 20th century, from Religion wars to World wars and wars of successions, independence or Napoleonic wars, Old World and New World endured conflicts which have disrupted destinies of families and people and have notably modified international relationships, for belligerent as well as neutral countries.

A vast array of possible approaches

During the 33rd CIGH of Arras in 2018, papers could explore the links between heraldry, war and peace through different approaches:

- **Heraldic glorification of warlike values and exploits**, throughout the ages and countries, as reflected in arms either conceded or freely assumed by citizens or corporations; or, on the contrary, **arms expressing rejection of violence and promoting peace values** (arms of cleric, diplomats, doctors, humanitarian workers, reconstructed cities,...);
- **Interactions between heraldry and other military symbolic systems** ( vexillology, insignia, uniforms,...);
- **The use of heraldry in discourses celebrating war or victory**, honoring soldiers or victims, calling to peace (propaganda posters, memorials,...)
The issue of war’s impact – throughout the ages and in all countries – on families and social groups, on produced or destroyed archives, may also be discussed in Arras in many different ways:

- **public and private archives**: destruction or transport in times of war, protection and restoration in times of peace;
- **genealogy of soldiers, military dynasties** and evolution throughout the centuries: influence of military career on genealogy (marriage and birth in foreign countries,…);
- **transmission of war memory** in families and its influence on familial destiny;
- **victims of war**, civilian and military: from burial to census, from stone memory to digital memory;
- **refugees of war**: situation in the rear and in neutral countries, prosopographic studies;
- **new states, new borders** derived from the war: migrations and questions of nationality.

**Fédération française de généalogie**: http://www.genefede.eu/
**Société française d’héraldique et de sigillographie**: http://sfhs-rfrhs.fr/