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LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of IPH,

The 37th IPH Congress has with success taken place 2024 in Oslo, the capital of Norway. We can soon look forward to the distribution from Oslo of the 37th IPH Congress Books that is expected to take place in the near future.

Spring has finally started after this cold winter, so full of snow in Scandinavia and Europe. We can now look forward to participating in the 38th IPH Congress "PAPER TRADE" in the Netherlands. Here, the first Dutch IPH Congress took place in Oegstgeest 1961 and the second one 11 years later in Arnhem 1972.

The third Dutch IPH Congress will take place at the end of August 2026 in Amsterdam, still full of flowers. Here, IPH members, new participants, congress organizers and coordinators will for the first time meet each other in the capital of the Netherlands at the 38th IPH Congress.

I have retired as President of IPH at the end of February 2026 because of health problems of my vision and operation of both eyes since 2025. This letter will therefore be my last Letter of the President.

Vice-president Patricia Engel is most kindly acting as President of IPH until the General Meeting in Amsterdam. Hopefully, Letter of the President will continue to be published in Paper History, Journal of the International Association of Paper Historians, by our new President of IPH, elected 25 August 2026 in Amsterdam.

Anna-Grethe Rischel

President of IPH

BRIEF DER PRÄSIDENTIN

Liebe IPH Mitglieder!

Im Jahr 2024 fand der 37. IPH Kongress erfolgreich in Norwegens Hauptstadt Oslo statt und nun erwarten wir bereits den Kongressband, der in Bälde ausgeliefert wird.

Nach einem kalten Winter mit Schneemassen in Skandinavien und dem Rest von Europa ist nun endlich Frühling eingetroffen und wir können uns auf den 38. IPH Kongress, der in den Niederlanden zum Thema „Papierhandel“ abgehalten wird, freuen. Es ist bereits der dritte IPH Kongress in diesem Land, der den Kongressen 1961 in Oegstgeest und 1972 in Arnhem folgt. Dieser Kongress wird Ende August in Amsterdam, einer Stadt voller blühender Blumen, stattfinden.

Ich habe mein Amt als Präsidentin der IPH Ende Februar aufgrund von gesundheitlichen Problemen, die Operationen an beiden Augen nötig machten, zurückgelegt. Dies ist daher mein letzter Brief als IPH-Präsidentin an Sie.

Vizepräsidentin Patricia Engel hat meine Agenden bis zur Generalversammlung, die während des IPH Kongresses abgehalten wird, übernommen. Ich hoffe, dass der/die neue Präsident*in, der/die in der Generalversammlung gewählt wird, weiterhin Briefe des/der Präsident*in in unserer IPH Zeitschrift Papiergeschichte veröffentlichen wird.

Anna-Grethe Rischel

Präsidentin der IPH

LETTRE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Cher-e-s membres de l'IPH,

Le 37e Congrès de l'IPH s'est déroulé avec succès en 2024 à Oslo, en Norvège. Nous attendons à présent la publication des Actes, qui devrait avoir lieu prochainement.

Le printemps a enfin commencé après un hiver froid et enneigé en Scandinavie et en Europe. Nous nous réjouissons désormais de participer au 38e Congrès de l'IPH sur le thème « COMMERCE DU PAPIER », qui se tiendra aux Pays-Bas. C'est dans ce pays qu'a eu lieu le premier Congrès de l'IPH à Oegstgeest en 1961, suivi du deuxième onze ans plus tard, à Arnhem en 1972. Le troisième Congrès néerlandais de l'IPH se tiendra fin août 2026 à Amsterdam, dans cette ville toujours fleurie.

J'ai pris ma retraite en tant que Présidente de l'IPH fin février 2026 en raison de problèmes de santé affectant ma vision et nécessitant une opération des deux yeux depuis 2025. Cette lettre est donc ma dernière "Lettre de la Présidente".

La vice-présidente de l'IPH, Patricia Engel, assure la fonction de Présidente de l'IPH jusqu'à l'Assemblée générale d'Amsterdam. Espérons que la Lettre de la Présidente continuera d'être publiée dans *Paper History*, la revue de l'Association internationale des historiens du papier, par notre nouvelle présidence de l'IPH, élue le 25 août 2026 à Amsterdam.

Anna-Grethe Rischel

Présidente de l'IPH

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear IPH members and readers of *Paper History*,

Unfortunately we have to preface this issue of *Paper History* with an apology for its delay again, sadly, still due to health issues and other pressing deadlines from our jobs.

This year is an eventful year for the IPH. The proceedings of the IPH congress in Oslo in 2024 are already on their way to us. The next IPH congress will take place this August in Amsterdam. After eighteen years, Anna-Grethe Rischel is retiring from her post as president of the IPH, and a new president, as well as several other roles within the board and general leadership of the association will be elected at the general assembly. The assembly will take place on Tuesday, 25 August 2026, during the congress, and we urge you to participate and to vote for the new president and others. And concerning this journal, we try to open it up to include more information about national paper associations and other formats, such as shorter texts with less vigorous scientific standards. Please send us your contributions!

From what can be gathered about the history of the IPH, we believe that we are in the middle of a transformation process. Previously, many members had close ties to paper production and the modern paper industry, whereas now a large part of the members are paper conservators, historians and others conducting research on paper. But what unites us all across time – and space – is our enthusiasm for paper. As we can read on the homepage of the IPH, our association "integrates professionals of different branches and all friends of paper within the field of paper history." Let us work together to encourage all efforts that are connected to paper history!

It is the right moment for me, Aude, to step aside. I have been very happy to contribute to the journal over the past few years. It has been a rewarding experience. I wish the journal every success in its future development.

Silvia Hufnagel and Aude Argouse