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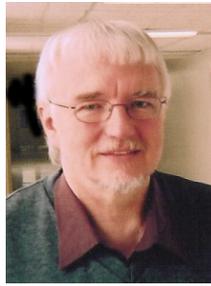
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Notes from the Editor



Just prior to sending out this newsletter, the Swedish Deaf History Society informed me that the new deadline for submissions of abstracts for the 7th DHI Conference in Stockholm is the 1st of December 2008. Also, the SDHS wants to remind you that the conference is limited to 250 seats on a first-come, first-served basis with the participation/registration fee. Please visit www.sdhs.se/dhi2009 regularly for any other

additional and/or updated information about the conference.

Proposed amendments to our DHI Bylaws can be found on pages 10 to 13 in this newsletter. Please read them carefully. These changes are to be discussed and voted at the Stockholm Assembly. Your presence and input are very important.

The DHI Newsletter welcomes advertisements for inclusion in its publication. The content of all textual advertisements should be related to the field of Deaf history and the educational purposes of the newsletter. The rates are: \$100 for a full page and \$50 for a half page. There is no charge for ready-made graphics. For further information, contact the editor.

Last but not least, submission of news, articles, announcements, book reviews, photographs, and the like for possible inclusion in future issues of this important newsletter would be greatly appreciated by your DHI editor.

Subtle Mystery Revealed

If you wondered who "Dr. C. & Alice" (as mentioned in the rare 1831 letter shown in the previous issue of *The DHI Newsletter* (Spring/Summer 2008—Nos. 34 & 35, pp. 8–11) was in reference to. It was in reference to Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell and his daughter, Alice. Dr. Cogswell died on December 17, 1830 and his daughter, apparently heartbroken, died 13 days later on December 30, 1830. These dates fit in well with the timeline of the letter. Dr. Cogswell was one of the benefactors and founders of the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, and Alice was the impetus in Thomas H. Gallaudet's endeavor to educate the Deaf.

—Kenneth S. Rothschild of California USA, a Deaf philatelist

The Deaf History International Newsletter welcomes Deaf History-related submissions of news, articles and essays, book and film reviews, images and photographs, newspaper clippings, conference and workshop announcements, websites, and other readings of interest for possible inclusion.

Please submit them to the editor by the following deadlines:



FOR FUTURE ISSUES

DHI ISSUES	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	DISTRIBUTION DATE
SPRING	March 15	April 15– 30
SUMMER	June 15	July 15 – August 15
FALL	September 15	October 15 – 31
WINTER	December 15	January 15 – 31



President's Column

By Douglas Bahl (USA), DHI President

I trust that all of you enjoyed the summer and are now in full swing with fall activities.

The new DHI website is coming along nicely and we are grateful to have hired a Deaf webmaster – Suzanne Stecker of the United States – to develop it professionally. She has been the owner and president of Design Actually, LLC since 1999. Suzanne was involved in webpage design, layout and graphics for the original Deaflympics website (2000–2002). She also designed and set up websites for other organizations such as CSD (Communication Service for the Deaf), and GUAA (Gallaudet University Alumni Association) class reunions. She taught web design at Gallaudet University for 3 years before joining Viable Inc. in Rockville, Maryland as Creative Director last summer. DHI welcomes Suzanne to the fold! Our goal is to unveil the DHI website sometime before the 2009 DHI Conference.

As you may know, the 2006 Berlin Conference organizers have encountered some financial difficulties. This is really a serious situation and I am as deeply concerned for them as anybody else. The DHI Bureau wishes to make it clear that our present finances are in good shape. The planning and expenses of the 2006 DHI Conference are entirely the responsibility of the Berlin organizers. The DHI Bureau has never given money to any organizers after the conferences. Many of the DHI members who went to the 2006 DHI Conference received an electronic letter from the Berlin organizers appealing for donations. If you would like to help with the financial difficulties resulting from the Berlin Conference, please feel free to make a donation to help defray the costs.

The DHI Bureau will take a cautious approach when reviewing budget proposals for future DHI conferences. The bid to host the 2015 DHI conference is now officially open. It is the organizer's responsibility to ensure that the expenditures allowed for the conference are within the budget so that no debts will accumulate afterwards. Time is short so I want to encourage all national Deaf History organizations to consider submitting a bid proposal for their country. We look forward receiving them!

There are a lot of exciting things to look forward to in the upcoming 2009 DHI Conference. It will take place on August 4–8, 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden. The conference host is hard at work planning to make this a great conference, and it is all waiting for YOU! If you haven't made your travel plans, registered for the conference or made your hotel reservations, please check the website (www.sdhs.se/dhi2009). It is going to be great...I guarantee it.

In closing, I would like to extend congratulations to our DHI Bureau member, Jochen Muhs of Germany for receiving the Culture Prize (Kulturpreis). He truly deserves to be singled out because he has done so much for the Deaf Community in Germany. We are proud of you, Jochen!



**8th DHI Conference
Toronto, CANADA
July 24–29, 2012**

7th DHI Conference

No History No Future



Stockholm, Sweden
August 4–8, 2009

WELCOME MESSAGE

from the Chairman of Swedish Deaf History Society

We would like to extend our warmest greetings and announce with great delight that the Clarion Hotel Sign in Stockholm, Sweden will be one of the sites of the 2009 Deaf History International Conference taking place in August 2009. The Swedish Deaf History Society (SDHS) has succeeded in setting up an agreement with Clarion Choice, a large hotel chain in Scandinavia, for a special hotel price for DHI guests from August 3–9, 2009. This discount will be offered until April 2009 for only 250 guests.



Clarion Hotel Sign will make a special web page for booking code in our web page for the 2009 DHI Conference. It is our goal to have all DHI delegates housed at the same hotel. This would make it easier for us to get information about the activities and social events during the DHI Conference to everyone.

Clarion Hotel Sign is our newest and largest hotel in Stockholm, opening in February 2008. It has a unique style and its interior was designed by some of the most famous designers in Scandinavia. The hotel is conveniently situated in the central part of the city near the main railway station.

We also would like to add that we have reached an agreement with N ringlivets Hus, a Trade Centre in Stockholm, for a good price. They have recently renovated the conference hall for 250 persons. This building is only one subway stop from the hotel.

At this point, we strongly recommend that all DHI delegates reserve their hotel rooms very soon. Because of the limited seating (250 people) in the Trade Centre, we also recommend that you register for the conference itself early. First come, first served! The conference, including the DHI General Assembly Meeting, will take place August 4–8, 2009.

We will start with registration taking place at Manilla School for the Deaf on August 4th. This school was founded in 1809 and is our oldest school. The present buildings date back to 1864 and are used today for educating Deaf children using the bilingual approach. All rooms are rather modern,

having been renovated some years ago. We also plan to have a guided historical tour for the registered delegates that day. In the evening, we will have a welcome reception at the nearby City Hall, which will include a buffet.

Our social events for the delegates during the week include a guided and historical tour by Deaf guides at Old Town in Stockholm, which has houses and buildings dated back to the 15th–16th centuries; Deaf House (Stockholm Deaf Association); cruising around Djurg rden, a national park; and a guided tour at the Northern Cemetery, where certain famous Deaf people such as the founders of the Deaf schools and Deaf organizations are buried. Also, other famous Swedish people such as Alfred Nobel and August Strindberg have their resting place there. Finally, we will have a wonderful and unforgettable gala dinner at the restaurant in the Vasa Museum, which houses a famous 17th century warship. The price for gala dinner is not included in the registration fee.



Our official webpage with all the menus will be posted sometime during the month of August 2008. This website will include pictures of historical events and buildings as well.

We warmly welcome you to Stockholm for the 2009 DHI Conference in the summer of 2009, and look forward to seeing you all. Please don't forget to register and pay in advance after you get all the information you need from our website.

Tomas Hedberg, Chairman
Swedish Deaf History Society

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this newsletter, pages five to eight contain information about the 2009 DHI Conference. Please check the conference website regularly for any changes and/or updated information about the registration form, accommodations, public transportation, program, and so on at <http://www.sdhs.se/dhi2009>.

7th DHI Conference

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The Swedish Deaf History Society (SDHS) is pleased to host and also invite you to the 7th Deaf History International Conference in Stockholm, Sweden from August 4th to 8th, 2009.

No History, No Future is the theme of this conference. This theme has been selected to reflect the fact that historical changes always bring about changes in the community, both present and future. Life, education, work, heritage and fellowships also change simultaneously as history changes. These events and changes need to be documented and researched. Without documentation and research, our future can't guarantee a good life and community for Deaf people. Therefore, our future thrives on research and documentation of the history of our life, education, work, heritage and fellowship. The future and history are dependent on each other.

Why have the conference in Stockholm? The reason is that we will also be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Deaf Education in Sweden, which has its origins in Stockholm. Throughout history, Deaf Education has played an important role in the emergence of the Deaf Movement and the fellowship/socialization of Deaf people. It laid the basis for culture, politics, sports, language and heritage.

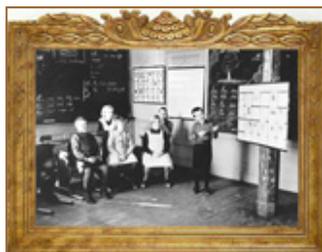
We are happy to have the conference in beautiful [Stockholm](#), a city of contrasts with water and islands. The area consists of fourteen islands, all a part of the famed Stockholm archipelago. Other notable contrasts include history and innovation, big cities and small towns, short winter days and long summer nights — a dazzling array of impressions.

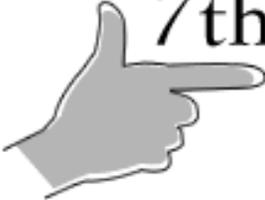
The history of Stockholm goes back to the 13th century. Thanks to its strategic location between Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea, Stockholm had a good chance of becoming an important city in Sweden...and it did.

Visitors to Stockholm can see and do most things in a short space of time. This makes it a perfect destination for city breaks or long stays, all the year round.

It is also worthwhile to visit Deaf historic sites as Manillaskolan, the location of the first Deaf school in Sweden, which was founded in 1809. Another interesting site is Norra Kyrkogården, which is Swedish for "The Northern Cemetery." This is where many famous people who had connections with Deaf people, have found their final resting-place. Don't leave Stockholm without seeing [Old Town](#); the beautiful Stockholm Archipelago, one of the largest in the Baltic Sea; City Hall, the most exclusive ballroom in Stockholm that is frequently used for the yearly Nobel Banquet; [Skansen](#), the oldest open air museum in the world, which portrays life and nature in Sweden, principally from the 18th century onwards; and [Vasa Museum](#), where the 64-gun warship from the 17th century is on display.

We are expecting about 250–300 participants from around the world. Do not miss out this great and exciting event in August 2009!





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CALL FOR PAPERS

We need your abstract—a short paper (40 words) about yourself and a longer text for the lecture (400 words).

You can send a 6-minute maximum video clip (international sign). In the video clip, you should introduce yourself, explain your background, and briefly summarize the contents of your presentation. The format of the video clip can be DVD, QuickTime (.mpg) or Windows Media Player.

Video clips should be sent to the Coordinator with information about the abstract sent via email.

Your lecture must be presented using PowerPoint and sent two months before the Conference for the interpreter's benefit.

Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent out before February 1, 2009.

If there is no PowerPoint-file after June 1, 2009, the lecture will be cancelled.

All communication should be addressed to the conference administrator. Details about the conference will be communicated through e-mails and our website.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Other information can also be found in future issues of *The DHI Newsletter*.

AREAS OF INTEREST OR TOPICS:

- ◆ Deaf Educational History
- ◆ Deaf Movement in the Society
- ◆ Deaf Women's History
- ◆ Social, Cultural and Political Situation of the Deaf since 1880
- ◆ Deaf Biographies
- ◆ Deaf Movement in the Future
- ◆ Future and Goal of Deaf History Research
- ◆ The Status, Definition and Contribution of Deaf History Studies
- ◆ Role of DHI for Deaf History

Other topics are welcome!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstracts Due:

~~October 1, 2008~~

New Deadline: December 1, 2008

Notification of Acceptance:

February 1, 2009

Papers Due:

March 1, 2009

PowerPoint & Revised/Final Papers Due:

May 1, 2009

Full Article Due (for proceedings):

October 15, 2009

Revised (if needed) version
should be submitted no later than
December 1, 2009

Send your materials to:

E-MAIL: dhi2009@sdhs.se

– or –

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WRITING THE PAPER ABSTRACT

Language: English

Programme: Microsoft Word 6.0 (or later version)

Paper Title: Title should be centred completely capitalized, and in Times Roman Font 16-point, boldface type

Author's: Include affiliations of all authors

Identification Length: Maximum 1 page (including figures). DO NOT number your page!

Font: Times New Roman Six 10 throughout; except for the title, which should be Times New Roman and the abstract, which should be Times Roman 12. remember to embed all fonts. Avoid the use of non-English language fonts.

Colours: Avoid use of colours in figures and text, since they may be invisible, when printed in black. Only grey-tones will be printed correctly.

Special Characters: When inserting special characters in text use as 'pictures.' File-format of figures should be Jpg (300-600 dpi) or Tiff (up to 1200 dpi).



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PRICES & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEES	BEFORE MARCH 31, 2009	BETWEEN APRIL 1 and JUNE 30, 2009	AFTER JULY 1, 2009
Regular	2600 SEK	2800 SEK	3200 SEK
DHI Member	2500 SEK	2700 SEK	3000 SEK
Developed Countries	2300 SEK	2500 SEK	2900 SEK
SDHS Member	2500 SEK	2700 SEK	3100 SEK
Student	2300 SEK	2500 SEK	2900 SEK
Interpreter*	900 SEK	900 SEK	900 SEK
Lunch and coffee per day	300 SEK	300 SEK	300 SEK
Gala	1100 SEK	1200 SEK	1300 SEK
Each Guided Tour	50 SEK	50 SEK	50 SEK

*The price of 900 SEK is in regard to the interpreters needed for lunch and coffee.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>	<u>NOTE TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES</u>	<u>DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION</u>
The order for registration is only valid when payment is made within the time period. If not, the next higher fee will have to be paid.	We are not responsible for VISA issues.	July 15, 2009

<u>ACCOUNT NAME:</u>	<u>FOR BANK TRANSFER</u> (in Swedish Crowns SEK):	<u>ADDRESS OF THE BANK:</u>
Sveriges DovHistoriska Sällskap (SDHS)	IBAN: SE80 9500 0099 6018 0038 6763	Nordea Bank AB
BANK NAME: Nordea AB	International order can be done with a Credit Card (MasterCard/Visa). Cheques or money orders (like from USA) are not accepted.	Plusgirot
ACCOUNT NUMBER: Plusgirot Account 38676-3	Payment via Paypal now accepted.	Hamngatan 10
BANK CODE: NDEASESS		105 71 Stockholm Sweden

Cancellation of reservation from the 2009 DHI Conference:

- Complete cancellation of reservation from the Reservation Register should be submitted in writing to the following e-mail address before May 31, 2009: registration@sdhs.se
- The fee for the cancellation amounts to 50% of the Registration Fee. It is impossible to reimburse a person with the full cost of the Registration Fee after June 1, 2009. If the resigned participant is able to find another participant to replace him/her, then it reduces the cancellation fee by 500 SEK..
- We, therefore, strongly urge you to purchase a special Cancellation Insurance in case of cancellation.

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To register online
for the 2009 DHI Conference, go to
<http://www.sdhs.se/dhi2009/registration.html>

— OR —

FAX the website's registration form to Tomas Hedberg
at the Swedish Deaf Association: +46 8 442 14 99

Should you have any questions regarding registration,
please do not hesitate to e-mail us:
registration@sdhs.se



hands on travel

Hands On Travel provides customized travel by and for the Deaf. Our agency, owned by Terry Giansanti, a deaf American, has been in business for 6 years now with much success.

We are organizing a Scandinavian tour from July 21 to August 3, 2009, that will occur in the days leading up to the 2009 DHI Conference. The tour will be managed by a deaf American, Mike Marzolf, along with local deaf guides in each place we plan to visit. Stops on our

itinerary include Stockholm, Western Sweden, Copenhagen, Oslo, Bergen and the nearby fjords. We will end the tour in Stockholm on August 3.

For more information, please access our website at www.handsontravel.com under "Group Tours" or contact us via e-mail at hot@handsontravel.com. Spaces are limited and we have only a few spots still available!

Thank you very much for your interest!

BOOK REVIEW

The Spanish National Deaf School: Portraits from the Nineteenth Century

Susan Plann, *The Spanish National Deaf School: Portraits from the Nineteenth Century*.
Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet University Press (2007),
Hardcover, 300 pages. ISBN 1-56368-355-5.

Reviewed by

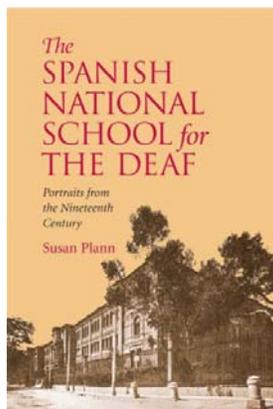
Cynthia Peters, Professor, English Department, Gallaudet University (USA).

Susan Plann, the author of *A Silent Majority: Deaf Education in Spain 1550–1835* (1997) has come out with another excellent account of deaf education in Spain, *The Spanish National Deaf School: Portraits from the Nineteenth Century*. As its subtitle indicates, Plann's tome, rather than being a dry, fact-filled account, is a collection of biographical essays, or "portraits." It is these portraits that bring the history, that is, the school, to life since a school is, after all, what its staff, faculty and students make of it. And, this storied school is, or was in the 19th century, not your everyday school for the deaf.

The National School for Deaf-Mutes and the Blind in Madrid in the country known as the cradle of oralism, was, however, not an oral school. Indeed, according to Plann, the first deaf education ever had its inception in Spain, and it incorporated signs. As it has been documented, many Benedictine monks at monasteries in Spain used hand gestures at times of contemplative silence in the 16th century. So, Plann proposes that Fray Vicente de Santo Domingo at the Order of Saint Jerome taught the young Fernández Navarrete ("El Mudo"), later a knowledgeable, literate deaf artist in the early 16th century, by using signs. Hence, deaf education had its beginning.

A decade after the young El Mudo's instruction at the Order of St. Jerome, Ponce de Leon (1520–1584), a Spanish Benedictine monk considered "the first teacher of the deaf," established a school for the deaf at the San Salvador Monastery in Madrid, providing speech training, mostly for the children of aristocratic families who could afford private tutoring. De Leon apparently was the first to attempt speech instruction at a time when speech was thought to be instinctual. Nevertheless, De Leon also instructed children in writing and in simple gestures (but not sign language) and according to Juan Pablo Bonet, De Leon may have developed a manual alphabet.

So Spain was the birthplace of both oralism and manualism, but it was other European countries that took advantage of Spain's "invention" and began establishing deaf schools right and left. Spain itself did not have a deaf school for ordinary deaf pupils until 1805, nearly 300 years after its significant breakthrough. But once Spain got around to establishing a deaf school for ordinary deaf students, it did something different from other countries. In contrast to the mostly church-



supported schools in other European countries, Spain went with a state-supported school.

According to Plann, this state-supported national school of Spain respected and recognized the usefulness of deaf people's natural language. Instruction made use of sign language, and speech instruction was supplemental. Even l'Epee's school merely borrowed from FSL to promote speech-supported signs. And, despite the Milan decision, Spain's National School gave mostly lip-service to oralism in the early 20th century.

In incorporating sign language, the National School did one thing right, but much of everything else wrong from the viewpoint of really understanding what deaf people needed in the way of education, community, and agency. For instance, a deaf school needs deaf instructors. Harlan Lane has observed that usually when a country's sign language is recognized, deaf instructors are hired. The hiring of deaf instructors affords role models for the students and leaders for the deaf community. The National School did have a deaf instructor from its inception and for its first three decades. This deaf instructor, Roberto Pradez, practically ran the school when its directors and head teachers came and went during the Napoleonic era and later during the Restoration. But, thereafter, deaf instructors were systematically excluded from the school. Pradez was a role model for a while, but after his passing, the deaf community suffered from a lack of deaf leaders.

Spain went from being one of the richest countries to one of the more backward, impoverished, and unstable ones in the early 19th century. While Spain later had only one or

two schools for the deaf, other countries had over fifty. Although the enlightened Economic Society got the school up and off the ground, it was touch and go whether the director would have a background in deaf education. As Plann shows in a number of "portraits," the directorship of the school was often a political appointment. One director was a surgeon by training and another was a military colonel. Only infrequently did it happen that the first professor, who would have had experience, was promoted to director.

In highlighting deaf agency, Plann offers particularly fascinating portraits of two students at the National School, Manuel Tinoco and Patricio Garcia. At a time when the school lacked adequate funding, one of the students, Manuel Tinoco, ran away. In a letter to his parents, Tinoco had earlier implied that he was not getting enough to eat. He and other students had also been physically abused. Attempting to call attention to the physical abuse, another student, Patricio Garcia, communicated in writing with an alumnus. An investigation then ensued, as a result of such unprecedented collective resistance on the part of the students.

Another of Plann's interesting profiles is of Marcelina Ruiz Ricote y Fernandez, the first woman instructor in the National School's first 72 years. This was at a time when it was considered improper for women to work outside the home. But, as Plann points out, lower-class women *had* to work. As for middle-class women, they were expected *not* to work but when they became impoverished for various reasons, they faced a lack of training and opportunities. Only teaching, considered a service to humanity, was the one respectable vocation for women. So, Plann's profile of Ruiz Ricote as the first woman instructor, hired in 1869, and the various details about the instruction of female students at the National School is a fascinating account of gender issues in the 19th century. For instance, although she was probably more highly trained and capable than many of the male professors, Ruiz Ricote did not receive comparable pay until only two years before her death.

Susan Plann, a professor in the Department of Applied Linguistics and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of California at Los Angeles, has given us a

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Proposal to Amend DHI Bylaws

In 2004, the DHI Bureau under President Odd-Inge Schröder began work on a much-needed update of our bylaws. Unfortunately, however, they did not complete their work in time to bring the proposal to the DHI membership for a vote at the Berlin meeting in 2006. The present Bureau inherited and continued this work. These proposals are therefore the result of five years' work by two Bureaus. They will not become official until – and unless – the membership approves them in 2009 in Stockholm.

Please read through these proposals carefully. They are arranged in two columns. The column on the left shows wording that would be deleted; the column on the right shows wording that would be added.

You will notice that many of the changes simply make wording clearer or more consistent, for example, changing “business meeting” to “Assembly.” Other revisions are new items, such as the duty to maintain a website (Article II) and appoint a webmaster (Article VII Section 5). Still other changes are aimed at spelling out duties in greater detail, such as the descriptions of the duties of each elected member of the Bureau (Article VII Section 2A) and the stipulation in Article VII Section 6 that the Bureau must meet before each Assembly.

The proposals in Article VII Sections 1 and 2 are a response to members' concerns about the rules regarding a deaf majority on the Bureau. These proposed changes simply clarify the stipulations we now have in place that the president and a majority of the Bureau shall be deaf.

If you approve of all these proposals, plan to vote “yes” at the Stockholm Assembly. If you disapprove, plan to vote “no” at that time. If you wish to bring an additional proposal or a substitute proposal to the membership for a vote, you are encouraged to do so.

These proposals will be published again in the spring and a third time in June or July 2009, so that all members will have the opportunity to cast informed votes.

Edna Edith Sayers, Secretary/Treasurer, for the 2006–2009 DHI Bureau

ORIGINAL (with proposed deletions in purple fonts)	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (in red fonts)
<p>Bylaws of Deaf History International As of approved 2 October 1994, Hamburg, Germany As of amended 12 September, 1997, Trondheim, Norway</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE I – NAME</p> <p>The name of this organization shall be Deaf History International (DHI).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE II - PURPOSES</p> <p>The purposes of this Association shall be to</p> <p>Encourage the study, preservation and dissemination of Deaf people's history;</p> <p>Hold international Deaf history conferences; Encourage regional Deaf history activities; Publish a Deaf History International Journal and/or Deaf History International Newsletter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continued on page 11)</i></p>	<p>Bylaws of Deaf History International As of approved 2 October 1994, Hamburg, Germany As of amended 12 September, 1997, Trondheim, Norway</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE I – NAME</p> <p>The name of this organization shall be Deaf History International (DHI).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE II - PURPOSES</p> <p>The purposes of this Association shall be to</p> <p>Encourage the study, preservation and dissemination of Deaf people's history;</p> <p>Hold international Deaf history conferences; Encourage regional Deaf history activities; Publish a Deaf History International Journal and/or Deaf History International Newsletter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maintain a web site.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continued on page 11)</i></p>

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ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

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ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

Section 1. Dues shall be paid **annually** in US dollars/**equivalent**. The amount shall be recommended by the DHI Bureau cited in Article VII, and approved during a DHI **Business Meeting**. Dues shall be paid according to two categories:

Individual membership

Institutional/organization membership

ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

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Section 1. **Whenever possible**, DHI **Business Meetings** shall be held every three years at a site determined and announced by the DHI Bureau. When necessary, special meetings may be held between DHI Conferences.

Section 2. **Whenever possible**, the DHI **Business Meeting** shall be held on the day before the last Conference day, **and be limited to four hours**. Follow-up session(s) may be held as the members agree.

Section 3. The DHI Bureau may meet to determine a tentative agenda for the Conference at a predetermined time before the convention commences.

Section 4. At the minimum, the official languages of communication during DHI Conference sessions shall be the spoken and signed languages of the host country, International Sign, and English.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. DHI **Assemblies** shall be held every three years **during DHI conferences** at a site determined and announced by the DHI Bureau. When necessary, special meetings may be held between DHI Conferences.

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ARTICLE VI - QUORUM AND VOTING

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The Bureau shall be headed by three officers, *the president being Deaf. Apart from the initial election following approval of these bylaws, when the president and secretary/treasurer shall be elected for two terms, each officer shall serve staggered term.** The officers may be re-elected once for a consecutive term.

The Bureau shall be headed by three officers, **each serving a six-year term. The terms of the President and Secretary-Treasurer shall run concurrently, while the term of the Vice-President shall begin and end at the midpoint of the President's and Secretary-Treasurer's terms.** The officers may be re-elected once for a consecutive term.

1. The President shall chair the triennial Assembly. Between Assemblies, the President shall conduct business in consultation with other members of the Bureau. The President shall keep close contact with conference organizers to ensure compliance with conference guidelines.

2. The Vice-President shall serve as President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall undertake any duties assigned by the President, and maintain an active role in the Bureau.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the members list and provide this list to the Bureau and newsletter editor upon request; remind members of dues payments; collect dues; maintain the organization's bank account; and write the minutes of each Assembly. The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct any correspondence requested by the President.

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Section 3. In the event of resignation, removal, or death occurring between DHI **Business Meetings**, the vacant position(s) shall be filled by decision of the DHI Bureau.

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<p><i>(Continued from page 12)</i></p> <p><u>Section 7.</u> DHI Bureau decisions shall be based on a majority vote of the members voting either by mail or in person.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VIII - DEAF HISTORY INTERNATTONAL CONFERENCE</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> The DHI Bureau shall determine and maintain general DHI Conference Guidelines.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> There shall be a local planning Committee in charge of Conference arrangements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IX - CENTRAL LOCATION (For the time being the History Department at Gallaudet University shall serve as the central site of DHI communication and records.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by one of these means:</p> <p>during a DHI Conference Business meeting when announced to members in print at least 30 days before the meeting;</p> <p>by mail when introduced on floor during a DHI Business Meeting without advance notice, then sent to members for consideration at least 60 days before the ballots are counted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION</p> <p>In case of dissolution by a 2/3 vote of ballots returned by certified mail the DHI shall stand dissolved. Any assets shall go to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) for caretaking. Should no new Deaf History International organization be formed within three years, the assets shall become the property of WFD.</p> <p>* [ENVISIONED]</p> <p>A. PRESIDENT 1994-2000, 2000-2006 (NEW ONE OR RE-ELECTED 2000)</p> <p>B. VICE PRESIDENT 1994-1997, 1997-2003 (NEW ONE OR RE-ELECTED 2003)</p> <p>C. SECRETARY /TREASURER 1994-2000, 2000-2006 (NEW ONE OR RE-ELECTED 2000) (COMBINED SECRETARY/TREASURER SINCE 1997)</p>	<p><i>(Continued from page 12)</i></p> <p><u>Section 7.</u> DHI Bureau decisions shall be based on a majority vote of the members voting either by email or in person.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VIII - DEAF HISTORY INTERNATTONAL CONFERENCE</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> A conference shall be held every three years.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> The DHI Bureau shall determine and maintain general DHI Conference Guidelines.</p> <p><u>Section 3.</u> There shall be a local planning Committee in charge of Conference arrangements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by one of these means:</p> <p>during an Assembly when announced to members by email at least 30 days before the meeting;</p> <p>by email when introduced on floor during a DHI Business Meeting without advance notice, then sent to members for consideration at least 60 days before the ballots are counted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION</p> <p>If DHI becomes moribund or must be dissolved for any reason, the members shall be polled either at an Assembly or by email. A supermajority of two-thirds all votes shall dissolve the organization. Any assets shall go to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) for caretaking. Should no new Deaf History International organization be formed within three years, the assets shall become the property of WFD.</p>

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collection of profiles in which a wide knowledge of Spanish history and the Spanish language is evident. Throughout the volume are sprinkled Spanish words such as “labores” (manual skills) and “la gloriosa” (the short period of reform before the monarchy was restored). Proper forms of address are used as in “Don Roberto Pradez” and “Dona Marcelina” and the full name “Juan Fernández de Velasco y Tovar” where the last name is not “Tovar” but “Velasco” with “y

Tovar” probably referring to “of the town or city or area of Tovar.”

Plann’s historical account is a gold mine of information about the political, social, and economic conditions in 19th-century Spain. For instance, the medical profession was divided into “physicians” and “surgeons” with the former responsible for inner body ailments and the latter for outer body ailments. Girls and boys were separated completely at the deaf schools in Spain, but not at the German schools. And the Strasbourg school also integrated Jews, Christians, and Protestants –

not something done in Spain. Bathing opportunities were infrequent: the deaf students at the school bathed in the Manzanes River in July, and rarely at other times of the year. Of interest to the teaching profession in the U.S. is the fact that elementary teachers in Spain were called “professors.”

But most of all, Plann’s account offers valuable insight into the political, financial, and identity issues at the National School for Deaf-Mutes and the Blind in Madrid from 1805–1899.

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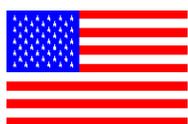
Second DHI Conference

Hamburg, Germany / October 8–11, 1994



Third DHI Conference

Trondheim, Norway / September 10–14, 1997



Fourth DHI Conference

Washington, D.C., USA / June 27–30, 2000



Fifth DHI Conference

Paris, France / June 30–July 4, 2003



Sixth DHI Conference

Berlin, Germany / July 31–August 5, 2006



Seventh DHI Conference

Stockholm, Sweden / August 4–8, 2009

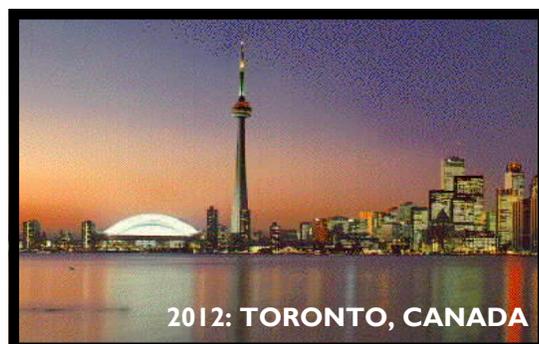


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