CIHEC FINNISH NATIONAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The year 2014 was the ninth year of operation for the Finnish National Commission of CIHEC (*Commission internationale d'histoire écclésiastique comparée)*. The activities of the National Commission and those of the Finnish Society of Church History (FSCH) have been closely connected, and, therefore this report consists mainly of information about the activities of the FSCH.

During 2014, the main areas of interest were academic publishing as well as lectures and seminars presenting new research findings, and the filing of important archive material concerning church history. All these areas have been continually emphasised since the founding of the FSCH in 1891.

The chairman of the Finnish National Commission of CIHEC was Professor Aila Lauha and Professor Tuija Laine, the chairman of the FSCH, acted as a vice-chairman. MA Sini Mikkola acted as a secretary for both, the FSCH and the Finnish National Commission of CIHEC.

International Contacts and Cooperation

Adjunct Professor Mikko Ketola, Professor Aila Lauha and Dr. Hanna-Maija Ketola represented the Finnish Committee in the yearly meeting of the CIHEC at medieval town of Troigir in Croatia in 5.-7.6.

International cooperation has also been carried out through the International Network of Baltic Church Historians (INBCH) and the Nordic-Baltic-Russian Network on the History of Books, Libraries and Reading (HIBOLIRE). Secretary Mikkola continued the cooperation between FSCH and the Belgian journal *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*.

Meetings, Conferences, and Other Activities

The FSCH arranged six lectures presenting the latest historical scholarship during 2014. The lectures gathered an average of 17 persons. The lectures as well as the nine board meetings were held during the university terms.

At the end of the year, the FSCH had 578 members, including 13 honorary members and 11 communities. The archives of the FSCH, including, for instance, the personal archives of various notable pastors are located in the Finnish National Archives in Helsinki.

Academic Publishing

The Finnish Society of Church History published the following scholarly studies during the year 2014:

Publ. 228. **Hannu Suni:** *Röyhkeä opettaja. Esa Paavo-Kallion todellisuuskäsitykset, nälkävuodet ja maailmojen konflikti 1867–1913*. 200 pp. [Arrogant Teacher. Esa Paavo-Kallio's Senses of Reality, the Years of Famine and Conflict of the Worlds 1867-1913]

Publ. 229. *Suurmiehistä rahvaannaisiin. Yksilö ja yhteisö kristinuskon historiassa*. Eds. **Hanna-Maija Ketola**, **Juha Meriläinen**, **Sini Mikkola** & **Päivi Salmesvuori.** 372 pp. [From Great Men to Folk Women. Individual and Community in the History of Christianity]

Suomen kirkkohistoriallisen seuran vuosikirja 2013. Eds. **Jaakko Olavi Antila & Milla Bergström.** 280 pp. [Yearbook of the Finnish Society of Church History 2013.]

The Publishing Council, appointed by the board of the FSCH, continued its work during the year 2014. The main language of the FSCH's Yearbook is Finnish, but articles and book reviews in English and other languages have appeared as well.

Together with the Biographical Centre of the Finnish Literature Society, the FSCH continued the other part of the long-term project concerning the Pastoral Remembrance on the Turku Diocese during the year 2014. The Exchange Centre for Scientific Literature distributed the publications of the FSCH to 17 exchange partners. The FSCH is a member of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies and the Finnish Association for Scholarly Publishing.

More information about the Finnish Society of Church History is available on the website *http://www.skhs.fi* and on Facebook *http://www.facebook.com/SuomenKirkkohistoriallinenSeura* (mainly in Finnish).

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