

CIÉPO - COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DES ÉTUDES PRÉ-OTTOMANES ET OTTOMANES
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PRE-OTTOMAN AND OTTOMAN STUDIES

A constituent member of the International Union of Turkish Studies linked to the International Union of Oriental and Asian Studies

Purpose and Structure (based on the statutes)

The association was established "for the purpose of encouraging, facilitating, coordinating and publishing works and research on Turcology related to the periods of the Seljuks, Principalities, and Ottomans" (art. 4).

Disciplines which constitute the scholarly domain of CIÉPO are "the humanistic sciences in general and, more specifically, history and ancillary disciplines such as philosophy, history of religion, literature, ethnology, etc." (art. 4). Specialists whose works constitute a contribution in the scholarly domain defined by article 4, who have participated actively by presenting a communication at least during two CIÉPO symposia and paid their dues constitute the individual membership of CIÉPO and enjoy all attendant rights (art. 6). Membership is open to scholars of all nationalities and is determined solely by scientific criteria. Each candidacy must be supported by two bona fide members of CIÉPO.

Governing Bodies (based on the statutes)

The Association holds a General Assembly of its members every four years coinciding with the bi-annual symposium. Among its duties are voting on the report of activities presented by the Executive Board and confirming the nominations for members of the Governing Directorate. The Governing Directorate administers CIÉPO and promotes its scholarly activities. It is elected for a four year term and comprises a maximum of twenty five members who reflect the organization's international character and are eligible for re-election. The Directorate must meet at least every two years.

The Executive Board is elected by the Governing Directorate from among its members for a period of four years. They are eligible for re-election and they include the President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary General, an Adjunct Secretary General, and a Treasurer. The Board administers the affairs of CIÉPO and carries out the decisions of the General Assembly and the Governing Directorate. It presents its report to the General Assembly.

The President of the Executive Board is the President of CIÉPO and is elected by the Governing Directorate as well as by the members of the Board. He is responsible for the meetings of all governing bodies and represents CIÉPO before all outside authorities.

Symposia

According to the statutes, the Governing Directorate organizes an international symposium every two years. Normally the call for papers and the actual arrangements for the symposium are carried out by a committee associated with the host university. The committee is also responsible for the publication of the proceedings.

From 1974 to 2018, there were 23 regular symposia as well as three interim ones taking place in 21 different cities around the world. Hundreds of scholars have participated in them by presenting papers, serving as members of panels, and taking active part in the activities.

The venue of the next symposium in 2020 has not yet been announced.

The following are the venues of the symposia held since the establishment of CIÉPO:

1. Naples, 1974
2. Hamburg, 1976
3. Sarajevo, 1978
4. Cuenca, 1981
5. Tunis, 1982
- Vienna, 1983 (interim symposium)
6. Cambridge, 1984
7. Pécs, 1986
8. Minneapolis, 1988
9. Jerusalem, 1990
10. Ankara, 1992
11. Amsterdam, 1994
12. Prague, 1996
- Budapest, 1997 (interim symposium)
13. Vienna, 1998
14. Çeşme, 2000
15. London, 2002
16. Warsaw, 2004
17. Trabzon, 2006
18. Zagreb, 2008
- Bishkek, 2009 (interim symposium)
19. Van, 2010
20. Rethymnon, 2012
21. Budapest, 2014
22. Trabzon 2016
23. Sofia 2018