

Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce the new Board and officers for the International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine, who will take office during the General Assembly of the Society at the 14th ICHSEA in Paris in July of this year. They will serve the society 2015-2019. The followings are their short biographical sketches.

President: Marta HANSON, Associate Professor, Department of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University.

Marta Hanson writes on the history of disease and disease maps, traditional epidemiology, the geographic imagination, and arts of memory in Chinese culture. In 1997, she completed her dissertation "Inventing a Tradition in Chinese Medicine: From Universal Canon to Local Medical Knowledge in South China, The Seventeenth to the Nineteenth Century" in the History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Her first academic position as Assistant Professor was as a historian of late imperial China in the Department of History, University of California, San Diego (1997-2004).

She currently holds a position as Associate Professor of the history of East Asian medicine in the Department of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University (2004-present). Her book is titled *Speaking of Epidemics in Chinese Medicine: Disease and the Geographic Imagination in Late Imperial China* (Routledge, NRI series on Science, Technology, and Medicine in East Asia, 2011). Since 2012, she has been co-editor of the journal *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity* (Brill). Whereas her first book examined the significance of the spatial-geographic imagination in classical Chinese medicine, her second book examines the temporal imagination in medicine, astrology, and bodily hand mnemonics. The working title of this book manuscript is "Understanding is Within One's Grasp: Medicine, Astrology, and Arts of Memory in Late Imperial China."

Most of her publications are available on her website:
(<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/martahanson/research/publications.htm>).
Her department webpage has further information about her:
<https://www.hopkinshistoryofmedicine.org/content/marta-hanson>

Vice President: Alexei VOLKOV, Associate Professor at National Tsing-Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan.

Alexei Volkov graduated from mathematics department of Moscow State University (1980) and obtained his PhD degree in history of science from the

Institute for History of Natural Sciences and Technology (Moscow, 1989); his dissertation advisor was A.P. Yushkevich. A. Volkov's dissertation was focused on the commentaries written in the first millennium AD on the Han dynasty mathematical classic *Jiuzhang suanshu*. His study of early Chinese mathematics later expanded to a number of adjacent topics including the relationship between science and religion (esp. Daoism) in medieval China and history of mathematics and mathematics education in traditional Vietnam. Since 2006 he teaches history of science in the National Tsing-Hua University (Hsinchu, Taiwan) and was a member of the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) in 2007.

Secretary: Jiří HUDEČEK, Research Fellow at Chiang Ching-Kuo International Sinological Centre, Charles University, Prague.

Jiří Hudeček studied Sinology at Charles University, Prague, and History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge. He initially focused on the Han dynasty mathematical classic *Jiuzhang suanshu*, and published its Czech translation in 2008. His doctoral research moved to contemporary Chinese mathematics, culminating in the book *Reviving Ancient Chinese Mathematics: Mathematics, History, and Politics in the Work of Wu Wen-Tsun* (Routledge 2014). Apart from history and historiography of Chinese mathematics, he has been interested in the institutional and intellectual context of Chinese twentieth century science. He was the first holder of the Soon-Young Kim Studentship in the History of East Asian Science and Technology, awarded by the Needham Research Institute (2007-2011). He is currently member of a research team on the project Deconstruction and Construction of National Traditions and Science in China, funded by the Czech Ministry of Education.

Treasurer: Florence BRETTELLE-ESTABLET, Researcher, SPHERE team (UMR 7219, CNRS & Université Paris Diderot).

Florence Bretelle-Establet is researcher in SPHERE team (UMR 7219, CNRS & Université Paris Diderot). Since her PhD obtained at Paris 7 University in 1999, she works on the history of medicine in late imperial China. Author of *La santé en Chine du Sud, 1898-1928* (2002), she has published articles and book chapters on the history of medicine in the Far South of China and edited several works, notably *Looking at It from Asia: The processes that Shaped the Sources of History of Science* (2010). From 2005 to 2015, with Romain Graziani, she was the chief editor of the journal *Extrême-Orient Extrême Occident*. Her website is at: <http://www.sphere.univ-paris-diderot.fr/spip.php?article195>.

We are excited about the new Board and the future of the Society. All of the officers are highly respected scholars and have been very active in the Society and in the field of the history of East Asian science, technology and medicine. We believe that their vision and expertise will continue to bring success to the Society.

Sincerely,

Jeff Chen

Secretary, ISHEASTM, 2011-2015