Thanks to James Murphy, we have a photographic history of the founding meeting of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric. One point of contention was the naming of the society as for the “Study” or the “History” of Rhetoric. Had the founders gone with the former, the Society would most likely look quite different today. Since memory is fading, please let us know whether you can correctly identify individuals whose names are in italics.

Voting on the Society’s Constitution as drafted by Lloyd Bitzer (USA).

Craig Kallendorf (USA), Wayne Booth (USA), Brian Vickers (Zurich), James Murphy (USA), Alain Michel (France)
Chaim Perelman (Belgium)

?, Father Walter Ong (USA)
Pierre Laurens (Poitiers), ?

Margareta Fredborg (Copenhagen)

Michael Leff (USA), Lloyd Bitzer (USA)
James Murphy (USA)

Brian Vickers (Zurich)  James Murphy (USA), Michael Leff (USA)

Zürich Conference Assistants:
Ilse Fannenböck; Elisabeth Fritzsche  Michael Leff (USA)
Brian Vickers (Zurich), James Murphy (USA), Alain Michel (France)

Aaron Kibédi Varga (Amsterdam)