

International Students of History Association International Board 2006/2007	
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**Minutes of the
State of Affairs Meeting, Belgrade, 31 December 2006**

Presence:

Members:

Belgrade (Serbia)
 Berlin (Germany)
 Heidelberg (Germany)
 Nijmegen (Netherlands)
 Turku (Finland)
 Zagreb (Croatia)

Observers:

French Federation of History Students
 (France)
 Ljubljana (Slovenia)

International Board:

Branimir Bekavac (President), Jasmina Skočilić (Secretary), Iva Žutić (Treasurer)

Council:

Louise Hoevenaars, Jeroen Merks

1) Opening

The meeting was opened by the President, Branimir Bekavac, at 12:20 hours

2) Carnival

Ivan Dujmić, *Carnival* editor for 2004-2005, has finished the job and brought 5 copies to show around. The rest will be distributed to the sections when printed.

3) State of affairs

Sections

- Belgrade (member): Besides organising this New Year's Seminar, the Belgrade section has established contact with history students in Niš and is feeling confident about founding a new ISHA section there. Also, a new leadership has been elected, thus securing the future of the section.
- Berlin (member): Organising the Summer Seminar in August. Consequently, the seminar preparations have attracted new members, who are eager to come to Turku. Considering that

there hasn't been any news from the Alba Iulia section, the idea of switching the Berlin seminar to autumn has occurred. Sophia doubts this possibility because the preparations are already well underway

- Heidelberg (member) expresses regret about the problem with attracting new members
- Nijmegen (member) is still contemplating whether to host the 2008 Annual Conference
- Turku (member) is preparing this year's conference. It seems that the financing is still insecure. There is some new information about the conference on the Turku web site. Also the application will start soon.
- Ljubljana (observer): They have attracted new members but not all of them are interested in international activities. Nevertheless some will come to Turku. Probably, the Ljubljana section will issue a publication this year.
- Zagreb (member) attracted new members, elected new leadership, trying to find some sponsors for travel expenses for Turku. Ivan organised several discussion forums about the Middle East.
- France (observer): Pierre-Marie Brou describes his organisation, the French Federation of History Students, founded in 1993 at the Sorbonne. It encompasses history students' organisations from all over France, in effect functioning as a sort of a French national equivalent to ISHA. They organise discussions, congresses and have even lobbied in the parliament (on the question of the Armenian genocide). Apparently they were members of ISHA back in 1996. A discussion arose about the manner of their joining ISHA, whether they could join as a national or local section. Maybe we will have to make an amendment to the ISHA statutes in the near future. Some people will come to Turku.

Council

Louise Hoevenaars has given a full report on the *Training and Information Day on Funding for International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations* in Brussels that she participated in recently. Also, she brought some materials about NGO funding. Her report led to another discussion about changing the seat of ISHA in order to become eligible for EU grants. Louise stressed that single sections could apply for project-based grants. Also, Louise volunteered to write the report of Belgrade seminar.

Jeroen Merks confessed that he didn't have the time to contribute to Carnival as he was assigned to, but will definitely pursue his task in the future.

International Board

Branimir Bekavac (President) made contact with France.

Iva Žutić (Treasurer) stated that currently there is 1,514.25 € on the ISHA bank account. On the previous T-shirt round, ISHA made a profit of 250 €. The printing of the new T-shirts cost 156.90 €. Some have already been sold, as well as some coffee mugs. This year, *Carnival* editor Mladen Majušević asked the IB for a subsidy for the forthcoming issue.

4) Upcoming events

Annual Conference 2007, Turku

There is some new information's about the Conference on their web site. They can host up to a hundred participants.

Seminar, Split, May

Possible co-operation between Zagreb and Split at organising a seminar in May. However there is still no consensus on the date or topic.

Summer Seminar 2007, Berlin

“Thinking Europe and Self-perception through History”

Their faculty administration is providing them with sufficient funding, so no further financing on the part of ISHA will be necessary. Promotion leaflets will be distributed at the later date.

Autumn Seminar 2007, Alba Iulia

As there hasn't been any contact for a long time and the local history students still have never been to an ISHA event so far, the prospects of the Autumn Seminar being held in Alba Julia seem unlikely. If this lack of communication continues for much longer they obviously won't be able to organise this seminar.

Annual Conference 2008

Nijmegen section still hasn't decided whether to organise the 2008 Conference. Hopefully they will be able to provide us with an affirmative answer soon.

5) Cooperation with other Organizations

- Ivan Dujmić has established some contacts with *ESIB*. The idea of inviting a member to one of the ISHA events to give a lecture was met with disapproval, but there is still possibility for some kind of co-operation.
- *CLIOHnet* - The IB will send promotion packets to *CLIOHnet* executives along with a letter for the president, as soon as all the "recent" Carnivals are available.

6) Closing

The meeting was closed at 13:19 hours.