

International Students of History Association

International Board 2008/2009

Minutes of the General Assembly, Belgrade, 21st of October 2008

Presence:

Sections:

Marburg (Germany)
Pisa (Italy)
Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Utrecht (Netherlands)
Nijmegen (Netherlands)
Roma (Italy)
Helsinki (Finland)
Galway (Ireland)
Zagreb (Croatia)
Belgrade (Serbia)

Observers:

Vilnius (Lithuania)
Sofia (Bulgaria)

International Board:

Marko Halonen (President), Larissa Vanamo (Secretary), Zrinka Kolaric (Treasurer).

Council Members:

Frerik Kampman, Bojana Pavlovic, Ana Tomljenovic.

Agenda:

- 1) Opening
- 2) Appointment of minute-taker
- 3) Election of speaker
- 4) Taking down of attendance
- 5) Reading of the agenda
- 6) Approval of minutes of the last State of Affairs Meeting
- 7) Upcoming events
- 8) State of affairs (Sections, Carnival, Council, IB)
- 9) Approval of the Financial Report of the former IB

10) Other matters

11) Closing

1) Opening of the GA

2) Appointment of minute-taker

-Larissa Vanamo appointed as minute-taker

3) Election of speaker

-Marko Halonen elected as speaker

4) Taking down of attendance

5) Reading the agenda

6) Approval of minutes of the last SA

-Minutes of Ljubljana 08's State of Affaires approved

7) Upcoming events

No New Year's Seminar 08/09

Annual Conference 2009 in Zagreb

The exact dates are from the 13th to the 17th of April 2009. The topic will be "Turning Points in History".

Summer Seminar 2009 [venue not confirmed]

The location of the Summer Seminar is still unclear as both Utrecht and Pisa want to organize it. For both sections it would be better to organize the seminar in the summer and not in autumn, but both will look into other options and report as soon as possible. Utrecht has however priority as it had reserved the summer seminar first.

Autumn Seminar 2009

Helsinki could organize it, but will wait first to see the situation with Utrecht and Pisa.

Galway also expressed its interest in organizing some event.

8) State of Affaires

Sections

- Marburg: Sven Mörsdorf is the only member left but there are people that are interested. They just haven't decided yet whether to join or not. Sven is still hopeful though and will work on making the section grow. Another problem for the moment is the financial situation.
- Rome: The situation looks positive, there are around ten members and they will try to get more people to participate in the Zagreb Conference. It was however noted that organizing an ISHA event in Rome could be difficult.

- Nijmegen: Rinse Mesker from Nijmegen didn't really know what was going on in the section of Nijmegen but he had the idea the section was a bit dying out. Frerik Kampman on the other hand knew that the history students' organisation in Nijmegen wants to keep the ISHA section alive.
- Utrecht: The section is busy organizing the seminar.
- Ljubljana: There have been new people coming in after the Summer Seminar and the members have done presentation about ISHA to the new students. The next event in Ljubljana will be maybe in two years or so.
- Pisa: The section has grown during the last months and has now ten members and enough money to become an official section. Pisa is interested in organizing an event and thinks they will get more members as many students are interested in joining the section.
- Helsinki: Still quite strong, will organize something.
- Galway: Has a problem of many students going to study abroad but still going strong, could possibly organize something.
- Belgrade: Has many new members, Bojana thinks the situation is quite good and that many people will come to Zagreb. A student from Novi Sad has been in contact with Ljubljana, he is interested in forming a section in Novi Sad.
- Zagreb: Was in a phase of decline but had a good experience this autumn in attracting new members. Concerning the Conference: has had problems with finances but hopes it'll get better. There will be a new approach to the workshops in order to improve the academic level.

Observers/Possible Future Sections

- Vilnius: For the moment they are only three persons, if they get more people they will found a section.
- Sofia: There are five or seven persons interested in ISHA and probably there will be more. The ones participating in Belgrade liked what they saw and they will discuss membership.

The Carnival

The matter of whether there should be a printed version of the journal was discussed and it was clear that members were in favor of still keeping a printed version, although in order to reduce costs, the amount of copies should be reduced to five copies per section. Reasons for keeping a printed version are attracting sponsors and more academic credibility (than if the Carnival was published only online). Digital versions of future Carnivals will also be provided on the web site for those who wish to read it but do not need a paper copy.

The Council

All council members except one have been appointed tasks and they have confirmed they will fulfill them.

The IB

- As there has been some unclarity on what the previous IB's have been doing, this year's IB will try to start an archive (the previous archive cd got lost) and write down what has been done and what was left unfinished. The archive will be digital as far as possible and will also contain all important e-mails, documents etc.
- The IB wishes that in the future all sections who apply for any greater sum of funding would notify the IB about this, just as a prevention measure for future complications.
- There are still some t-shirts left to be sold as well as pens. New t-shirts will be available for the Conference.
- The Policy Paper is ready but not yet online.

9) Approval of the Financial Report of the former IB

The Financial Report was approved, although it was left unseen by most of the people. Approved due to the GA's trust in the former and current IB.

10) Other matters

- Galway interested to know about previous sections in English-speaking countries (none). Bojana thinks she could get in touch with England.
- Sven asked about the academic level of the Zagreb Conference. He was wondering whether there could be fixed guidelines to what needs to be written for each event and whether one could get credits from participating in a seminar/conference. The idea of a certificate was brought up, but individuals should first contact their home universities and only then ask for a certificate from the organizer or the current IB.
- New great homepage, everyone should register themselves and participate in the discussions on the forum.

11) Closing of the GA
