

International Students of History Association

International Board 2008/2009

Minutes of the General Assembly, Zagreb, 17th of April 2009

Presence:

Sections:

Marburg (Germany)
Pisa (Italy)
Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Utrecht (Netherlands)
Nijmegen (Netherlands)
Berlin (Germany)
Helsinki (Finland)
Turku (Finland)
Galway (Ireland)
Zagreb (Croatia)
Sofia (Bulgaria)
Vilnius (Lithuania)
Belgrade (Serbia)
Zurich (Switzerland)

Observers:

Leuven (Belgium)
Pula (Croatia)
Osijek (Croatia)
Budapest (Hungary)
Istanbul (Turkey)
Kaunas (Lithuania)

International Board:

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

Council Members:

Leonie Huijs, Frerik Kampman, Volker Prott, Bojana Pavlovic.

Agenda:

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- 2) Election of speaker
- 3) Appointment of minute-taker
- 4) Taking down of attendance
- 5) Reading of the agenda
- 6) Approval of minutes from the last General Assembly

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1) Opening of the GA

2) Election of speaker

- President Marko Halonen elected as speaker

3) Appointment of minute-taker

- Secretary Larissa Vanamo appointed as minute-taker

4) Taking down of attendance

5) Reading the agenda

6) Approval of minutes of the last SA

-Minutes of Belgrade 08's General Assembly approved with two minor changes

7) Upcoming events.

Summer Seminar 2009

The Summer Seminar will be held in Utrecht from the 6th to the 10th of July. The topic is "Comparative History of Religion", there will be room for 32 participants and the participation fee is set to 60 euros but might rise later on. Frerik Kampman had posters about the Seminar to deal to other sections.

Autumn Seminar 2009

The Autumn Seminar will be in Pisa on the third week of September. The topic will be "Multiculturalism" and there will be room for maximum 30 participants, possibly even less. The participation fee will be quite high, approximately from 100 to 120 euros as hostels in the city center are very expensive. Professors will give opening lectures to start the workshops. To improve the quality of presentations, complete papers will have to be sent to Pisa before hand.

New Year's Seminar 2009/2010

-Vilnius expressed its interest in organising the Seminar, they have ten persons willing to work on it. No topic has been set yet.

-Marburg is building up a local event. The event is a career day but the faculty in Marburg proposed to make it a bigger event. The career day or week would be somewhere between November and January. Sven was a bit worried if anyone would attend the event, but Leonie thought it might work. Also Volker thought so as the quota of participants will be small in previous events.

Annual Conference 2010

Helsinki is organising the Conference with the topic "Integration throughout history". The Conference will take place from the 12th to the 18th of April. The hostel has already been booked for 70 people.

Summer Seminar 2010

Galway is willing to organise the Summer Seminar. June would suit Galway the best, but August is also an option because of exams.

Autumn Seminar 2010

Berlin has the idea of organising the seminar and it would take place in the end of September. However, the section is currently not very organised.

-Later note: Berlin has informed the section will not be able to organise the Autumn Seminar 2010.

Annual Conference 2011

Turku will organise.

Sofia expressed its desire to organise something as soon as possible. Possible options would be New Year's Seminar 2010/2011 or the Summer Seminar 2011.

8) State of Affaires

8a) The IB

- One of the main projects during this term has been to promote ISHA as much as possible together with the help of the council. The plan is to "bomb" history students all over Europe with emails containing the promotion package of ISHA, which is still under work. Also, the President and the Secretary have been in contact with various students around the globe interested in ISHA.
- EUROCLIO, the European Association of History Educators, has proposed co-operation with ISHA. The IB has consented to the co-operation, which means members of ISHA will have the possibility to take part in the events of EUROCLIO in the future. The President will inform the sections about EUROCLIO when he will know more about it.

- *The Treasurer*: Zrinka has had problems getting the rights to access the account of ISHA but she hopes to have everything sorted out before Utrecht. If things go well, Zrinka will also try to order some ISHA goodies. Zrinka also informed the sections about how and when the membership should be payed.

8b) *The Council*

- *Leonie* has been working on the promotion letter and she plans to approach sections to translate the letter when it's ready. She has also been in contact with CliohNet, which will have a conference in May.
- *Frerik* has found out that ISHA doesn't need a legal Belgian to become an EU organisation but the seat of ISHA should move to Belgium. Frerik was also in contact with the library of Leuven and the ISHA documents never got there. He found some documents of ISHA at his department and is thinking about moving the documents to Leuven. He would be interested in writing a history of ISHA.
- *Volker* made a new version of the ISHA leaflet in order to promote ISHA in a more visual way. Now he is helping Lia with the Carnival.
- *Bojana* has had trouble finding contact information of history students' organisations as the addresses are not posted on the university websites. Mainly Russian universities answered her enquiries. She tried to be in contact with Novi Sad.
- No information about Ana's task as she wasn't present in the GA.

8c) *The Treasury Committee*

- Vedrana declared that the TC accepts the financial report of the previous IB, discharging of the previous IB.

8d) *The Carnival*

- Lia has been learning the use of a program to edit the Carnival, which will also be the Conference Journal at the same time. She has gotten one article from Nijmegen and also an interview with a teacher from Marburg will be included in the journal. Deadline is end of April and Lia hopes to get all the articles on time. The journal will include a presentation about the evaluations people have done of previous events, which will add transparency within ISHA. Also a discussion board will be included, for example for book reviews.

8e) *Sections*

- Helsinki: has new members, doing good, not dying out. The section is busy organizing the seminar.
- Pisa: almost ten members, think they can get more, don't know if anyone will go to Utrecht though.
- Nijmegen: not that active anymore, needs more promotion and new members. Not planning on doing anything too soon.

- Utrecht: busy with the seminar, the organising committee has grown to 12 students including both freshmen and MA students, going strong.
- Berlin: In a process of transformation, older members are about to graduate. Trying to find new interested organisers. Problem is finding people who'd want to be responsible for the section, finding participants in general is not difficult. Katarina is going to promote ISHA more in Berlin, might for example do a poster. Hopes the autumn seminar will help attracting more members.
- Ljubljana: things are going well, have new members, had a newspaper published in January and have been organising trips.
- Turku: the section is quite strong, there's even concurrence to get in the board, have been promoting, have badges and a sign.
- Marburg: is a section! There's three active members, trying hard to get more. The event at the end of the year plus the promotion should do the trick.
- Galway: Things are looking good, will try to promote ISHA in other cities.
- Sofia: in the process of building the section and trying to recruit members. Currently approximately 6 or 7 members, hopes to be stronger in a year.
- Belgrade: hasn't been so active since the seminar, also have a transfer problem between the new and the old generation. Trying to contact other cities in Serbia, has financial problems.
- Heidelberg: has one member who is enthusiastic about the future. Mannheim is interested, one possibility would be a double section Heidelberg-Mannheim.
- Zurich: had rather bad news as they have only two real members. These two are doing a lot of things with some new members though. Is convinced Fribourg will be reawoken too, have done a new poster. Waiting for funds.
- Vilnius: has ten members, are going to write about ISHA in their journal, planning the New Year's Seminar.
- Zagreb: The conference is the only thing Zagreb has been working on, only a few really active members though. There are no younger actives as they are interested only in local stuff. Thinking about making some kind of grid to help people organise events in the future.

Observers:

- Leuven: not yet a member, Sarah will be soon. Students in Leuven are the only ones knowing about ISHA so Leuven could contact other cities to promote it. Sarah in a good position to promote ISHA.
- Pula: is back again! Has only two actives though, the others aren't that active. Hopes to become stronger.
- Osijek: most members are new, there are around 15 of them. Trying to figure out how everything works, have a newspaper.
- Moscow: wishes ISHA would develop eastward, Ana will promote ISHA in Moscow if she goes back there. The distance and the visas are a problem though. Ana thinks it would be easy to get the CEU involved.
- Budapest: Erika doesn't really know about things there, but Lia will study there and she could maybe co-operate with Erika to promote ISHA.
- Istanbul: Nitsa will send emails to Turkish universities to promote ISHA, could possibly even start a section.

- Groningen: Heaps of people want to come to ISHA events, the students should contact their faculty about ISHA.
- Kaunas: Thinks it's possible to become a section, especially with Vilnius' help.

9) Corrections to statutes and standing orders

PROPOSALS

To the Statutes:

Chapter 2, article 5f:

"Any

other activities ISHA sees fit AS long as not specifically prohibited by applicable laws."

Ch.4 art.9 "The GA meets AT least once per year."

Ch.9. art.32:

"If the proposal to exclude a member or observer will be discussed at a GA, the IB must inform that member and all other members and observers in writing at least three months in advance."

Chapter 5, article 14: OLD: "The IB keeps members and observers informed about each other, co-ordinateS their activities--"

chapter 9, article 33b Friends of ISHA MAY BE ELECTED TO the Council and TC"
(The old version was "may take place in the Council and TC")

chapter 13, article 45 b, "--a simple majority of the memberS present AT THE GA will suffice."

To the Standing orders:

Article 1 a) The Annual Conference is to be held PREFERABLY between 15 March and 15 April

All proposals approved.

10) Elections

Candidates

International Board

President: Frerik Kampman (Utrecht)

Secretary: Elsa Mäki-Reinikka (Helsinki)

Treasurer: Marko Smokvina (Zagreb)

Carnival Editor:

Sven Mörsdorf (Marburg)

Council Members

Sarah Stroobants (Leuven)

Fabian Würtz (Zurich)

Katharina Rein (Berlin)

Sven Mörsdorf (Marburg)

Timo Vuorikivi (Helsinki)

Treasury Committee

Florian Frasch (Berlin)

Bojana Pavlovic (Belgrad)

All candidates were elected unanimously.

11) Questions & Closing

-Fabian informed the GA about the official ISHA post box in Zurich that will be now moved to the university for reasons of better accessibility. The new address is Karl Schmid-Str. 4, 8006 Zürich.

-He will also make the picture gallery on the website work and add a calendar so the vacations of various sections would show and thus deciding when to have an event would be made easier.

-the use of the forum was discussed. As all the “fun things” have gone to facebook, the main use of the forum is now to discuss more official policy things. Its use is however strongly encouraged.

--Closing--