



State of Affairs Meeting

This meeting was held during the seminar in Utrecht, on the 7th of July. The location was Janskerkhof 13A, room 0.06, in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

ISHA-sections present:

- Pisa (Italy)
- Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Zagreb (Croatia)
- Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Marburg (Germany)
- Osijek (Croatia)
- Berlin (Germany)
- Zürich (Switzerland)
- Helsinki (Finland)

1. Opening at 17:12

2. Speaker and Minute Taker:

As speaker is appointed, without objections: Larissa Vanamo.

As Minute Taker is appointed, without objections: Frerik Kampman.

3. Reading of the agenda:

The agenda is being read, no remarks or objections.

4. State of Affairs:

The President of ISHA, Marko Halonen, could not attend this State of Affairs Meeting, as he is attending the UNESCO-meeting in Paris, representing ISHA there. He did leave a message to be read out loud in the State of Affairs Meeting. It was read by Larissa Vanamo.

The message is inserted here:

Dear ISHA,

as you may know, I am at the moment in Paris, representing ISHA at the UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education. This is a massive event with over 1000 participants including heads of organisations, ministers and student representatives from all over the world. In the end of this conference, all the student organisations are writing a report together about how they felt about the conference and in what way students want to develop higher education in the world in general. As ISHA's representative, I will also be involved in writing this document and taking part in the conversations about students' concerns in the world. I will later bring the report for you to see at the next General Assembly where you can decide whether you want ISHA to continue this kind of international participation or not and whether ISHA will stand behind the document written here in Paris. My opinion is that this kind of international

co-operation is very important for ISHA and I hope you will feel the same.

I have also been talking to people from the European Student Union (ESU) and they would very much like to have more co-operation with us or we could even become their associate member. I will find out more about the plusses and minuses of this, and this matter will also be decided at the next GA.

Frerik will also tell you about his participation on my behalf at CLIOH-world's conference in Salzburg. Another section of CLIOH, Euro-CLIOH is also interested in taking student representatives in their future events concerning European history education. They will send us more information in the autumn and I (or the next IB) shall naturally share that with you.

This would have been the last State of Affairs meeting as the president of ISHA and I am very sad to miss it. However, you should not be too sorry for me, I am thinking of you and drinking a pint in your honour here in Paris! :) I hope that you will have a great seminar and see you all on Thursday.

*Yours,
Marko Halonen*

[Note: Larissa Vanamo did not read the part about Salzburg, as Frerik Kampman will tell more about that later in the meeting]

Also the letter was passed on around the table.

Then Larissa Vanamo informed the State of Affairs Meeting on the current situation of the

International Board:

Marko Halonen, President, and Larissa Vanamo, Secretary, were in contact with other countries, among which South-Korea, to inform students about ISHA. The problem is that e-mails are not well responded to.

An other project is to smoothen the transition of knowledge to the next International Board. An ISHA-memorystick will help doing this. It will pass on from IB to next IB, containing useful information, examples and communication.

Larissa Vanamo is also busy preparing the handing over of documents to the future Secretary [note: Elsa Mäki-Reinikka]. Next to that she is assisting Fabian Würz (Zürich) with the website, on which it is also possible to store documents.

The Speaker announced that ISHA still owes money to people, among whom the section in Turku and Larissa Vanamo herself. People should approach the International Board and claim their money, providing details and bank account information. Preferably one should do this during a seminar or conference.

The minutes of the General Assembly in Zagreb, 17th of April, 2009, are available, though we cannot approve them, because the State of Affairs meeting has no legislative power. But they are being passed on to the General Assembly in Pisa on the 16th of September, 2009.

Then a note from the IB about the membership fee. It is still possible to pay the fee of € 50 (discount of € 25 from the official membership fee of € 75) for membership 2009-2010 today or

during this seminar. From the 1st of August, though, the fee will be € 75. Please contact the Treasurer Zrinka Kolarić for more information about the membership fee.

Council Members:

Present: Leonie Huijs (Nijmegen) and Frerik Kampman (Utrecht).

Leonie Huijs does not have much news to share considering she told everything on the General Assembly in Zagreb. She is working on the promotional letter, which is taking ages, for which she is sorry. Also, she is curious about the event in Salzburg [note: Frerik Kampman will tell more about that below].

Frerik Kampman is telling about his trip to the CLIOH-World meeting in Salzburg, the 26th and 27th of June, where ISHA was invited. Frerik was sent as part of his Council Member task, as well as preparation for next term, when he will serve a term as President of ISHA.

The trip to Salzburg was a pleasant opportunity. Frerik explains about CLIOH-world. In short this is a European (Erasmus) History Network with a long row of related projects. They bring together professors of history to think about the way education and research in Europe is being organized. Clieh-world in particular is a string of meetings focused on the attention to world history in the European history curricula. Freriks presence in Salzburg was much appreciated, as it was the launch of the new phase of Clieh (in the form of Clieh-world). A lot of professors present there heard from ISHA for the first time, or got remembered of ISHA. Contact with students in Salzburg made them willing to joint ISHA. Also Frerik got invited for the next Clieh-world meeting in Bochum, Germany, somewhere early November. [Note: this is the 6th and 7th of November, when both Frerik Kampman and Elsa Mäki-Reinikka will attend this meeting].

The follow the updates about the work of the other council members, who are not present in Utrecht:

Ana Tomljenovic: Worried about her task, which was to retrieve the money from the Belgian bank account. Irene wonders what the plan was, because it has been a task for many consecutive council members. Irene contacted the lady once who was in charge of the bank account. She never replied. Maybe she had enough of ISHA council members approaching her and then not finishing the job. Ana had no information, she wanted to find out with the help of a lawyer she knows. That is why the task was given to her in the first place.

Sarah Stroobants (Leuven) reacts on this topic. She tells about Leuven and her contacts there with people from before 1996. It might be easier for her to contact people there.

Bojana Pavlovic (Belgrade) is compiling a list of student organizations, but there is the same problem as the IB came across, e-mails are not being answered, or there is not much information available. Positive note: Russian universities seem interested in joining ISHA.

Volker Prott (Berlin) is busy helping Lia Hamminga (Nijmegen) with Carnival. His first task was updating the ISHA-leaflet, which is available on line on the ISHA website. You cannot print it on your computer, go to a professional printshop instead. [Note: The leaflet got outdated as soon as the IB changed on the 1st of August. Printing and Distributing is only recommended when stating on every leaflet that IB has changed, though e-mail stayed the same.]

5. State of Affairs: Carnival

Lia Hamminga says that they have collected nine articles, and that the deadline is now passed. They are trying to get new kind of articles for Carnival, they need new ideas. For example: Interview with professor by Sven Mörsdorf (Marburg). They are still working on that, Volker Prott and Lia Hamminga are discussing what to add to lay-out etc. Until further notice this will be a work in progress.

Larissa asks when it will appear. Lia Hamminga answers: approximately in September. Marko Halonen will write the introduction, as it is the Carnival of the term 2008-2009. Also, relating to this subject, the University of Helsinki was asked to promote their Master's Programme in the Carnival, sponsoring ISHA in that way. [Note: no update on this].

6. State of Affairs: Sections

All sections present will update the State of Affairs Meeting with their current situation. Order is from left from the speaker around the table in a clockwise direction.

Pisa:

Martina Calí (Pisa) tells: In the same condition as in Zagreb, about ten people active. ISHA Pisa is working for the meeting in September, we hope that about six people will continue after the meeting in Pisa. This is because some of the team members are really only active for the seminar in Pisa, afterwards they are not continuing their work for ISHA. ISHA Pisa hopes to speak with other people from Siena, Catania (Sicily), to attend the first Italian seminar in a long time. Organizing the seminar is going well, the workshops are being prepared, the workshops will be published on the forum. They found a hostel, not in the city center, but buses are available. The topic is already announced and will be Multiculturalism.

Utrecht:

Stephanie Bakker (Utrecht) tells. ISHA Utrecht is doing fine, at the moment ofcourse really busy organizing the seminar, but everyting goes well, we hope people will stay involved afterwards.

Zagreb:

Vedran Duančić (Zagreb) tells. Zagreb is recovering from the conference. We did not had much meetings since. But things are as always, they might have changes in members. Half of the active people are graduating and leaving. They do not know how the younger will react to this. They hope they will stay. As well, members for the conference may not stay. Vedran concludes by saying: "We are OK".

Nijmegen:

Leonie Huijs (Nijmegen) tells. We do not have that many members as Zagreb, most active ones are present here. The 'Older' ones are going to graduate etc. The section itself won't disappear, but they do need new people to step forward, and to become the 'face of the section', sofar they didn't find those people. Trying to send people to Pisa ofcourse. People from the future board of GSV Excalibur, the Nijmegen local students of history association, were present in Utrecht, which hopefully will be a positive input in providing ISHA Nijmegen with active people.

Ljubljana:

Tina Stele (Ljubljana) tells: We are very active at home, many trips are being organized. Around Europe as well. They have movie nights and already published two papers this year. We should look further on, to take more younger students to seminars and conferences. [Note from Minute Taker: Take Ljubljana as an example!]

Marburg:

Sven Mörsdorf (Marburg) tells. As stated in Zagreb, there was a promotion event planned, 2 people showed up, who had no interest. That means ISHA Marburg is still three members, and they will stick

to that. Sven Mörsdorf tried to get Carnival in Marburg University Library. More information about Marburg will be announced with the future events.

Osijek :

Marko Bagić (Osijek) tells. ISHA Osijek consists out of about 15 members. Objection to the minutes of Zagreb: Not 'ALL' new members in Osijek, but 'a lot' of them. This will be forwarded to the minute taker in Zagreb [Note: Larissa Vanamo]. An ISHA Osijek paper is on the way, about the seminar maybe. They will publish their own journal, called 'Essehist'.

Berlin :

Katharina Rein (Berlin) tells. ISHA Berlin is hardly alive at the moment. For some reason people are not responding anymore. There was an idea to have the seminar this autumn. Only Florian Fräsch and Claudia Bayer responded. Three people are now graduating, so they have to find a younger team. Volker Prott is graduated, so not able to be active for ISHA Berlin anymore. Katharina is completely new, but not in contact with people who have knowledge. So the seminar next autumn is cancelled until further notice. Try to go to Pisa and create more enthusiasm in Berlin. There have been no meetings since Zagreb.

Katharina Rein asked the history department in the Library of the University about taking the Carnival in their collection. They were interested, but at the moment there is a big change of libraries, movement, so it is a bit delayed, but in the end Carnival will be in the Central Library.

Katharina Rein wrote to other universities in Berlin. Freie Universität, Technische Universität and Von Humboldt Universität (present ISHA section Berlin).

Leuven:

Sarah Stroobants (Leuven) tells. Sarah Stroobants went to the Archives. Mostly it is about ISHA Belgium. Jan Verbrugghe has a great part of the archives up in his attic. A lot of professors in Leuven were involved in ISHA Leuven. If we have the archives stored at the Verbrugghe home, they can disclose it. Sarah knows people who archivists, they can help with sorting everything out.

Then, the local student organization 'Historia' had to vote about membership, and they accepted the proposal. The new board incorporates Ward Lambrecht (Leuven), he will be vice-president finances of Historia. He can promote it. Sarah Stroobants is busy with making a part on the Historia-website for ISHA. They have to find a way in which way members will be counted. Status is to be discussed.

Sarah Stroobants is going to Ghent to inform people about ISHA there.

Zürich:

Fabian Würz (Zürich) tells. Business as usual. ISHA Zürich is active, they are going to museums, but more members would be nice. At the moment they are trying to get closer to the association in Zürich. In Fabians opinion the 'two organizations' should be one. A plan to get in contact with Bern. Member count: 3.

Carnival is in Zurich University Library, thanks to Fabian Würz.

ISHA Zürich expressed their intention to organize a seminar, but did not give any details.

Helsinki:

Larissa Vanamo (Helsinki) tells. There is nothing new in Helsinki. They are starting planning the conference, will be perfect, as long as they get money, so they are searching for sponsors. Three new members, so total member count: 'tennish'.

7. Upcoming Events

With regard to Pisa, which will be from the 13th to the 18th of September, 2009, the application period will start soon after the Utrecht Seminar.

Fabian Würz reacts to this statement by saying that people should be able to apply and get confirmation very well in advance. Also, the application period should be announced on time, so people will have the time to think about it.

Then Sven Mörsdorf tells about the event in Marburg, which he announced in Zagreb. It will be small event of about three days, probably Thursday evening until Saturday. There is a sort of career event planned by Marburg University, and Sven Mörsdorf think a small ISHA-meeting could contribute to this even as well, by having international people attending this event. The date is not certain yet, but most probably the 28-31st of January 2010. They try to finance it all by sponsor money, so there would be no participation fee at all. Marburg is next to Frankfurt. Specific information will be given to the General Assembly in Pisa.

New Years Seminar in Vilnius – Rumour has it that they are working on it. Again with religion. [Note: the topic will be 'Manipulation in History'.]

The Conference in Helsinki will be from the 12th to the 18th of April 2010. The theme will be 'Integration in Europe'. Approximately 70 people will be accommodated. Stephanie Bakker (Utrecht) stayed in the hostel were the reservations are made.

Question from Larissa Vanamo to Stephanie Bakker: was there breakfast included? No, probably that costed money.

Galway for the Summer Seminar 2010. [Note from Minute Taker: recently cancelled]

Berlin in autumn 2010 is cancelled, so maybe Sofia could kick in?

[Note: Sofia, Bulgaria is not yet included in the site. We should add them.]

Turku will host the 2011 Conference.

In the summer of 2010 there could be something be organized.

8. Any other business

Sven Mörsdorf asks about a rumour he has heard about a new feature on the website relating to local holidays and time schedules etcetera.

Fabian Würtz reacts to this, by saying that he was working on this, because it would make planning an event handier. Unfortunately he got only three reactions back. Please send the calendar of your university to Fabian, so he can send them online. Larissa Vanamo will send a new e-mail about this.

Fabian Würtz says about the homepage that he did some changes, not major ones. All the activities are now combined in one database, through which every section can see its activity.

The Speaker asks if there are any more contributions to the State of Affairs Meeting. No response.

9. Closing at 18.18.