



General Assembly

This General Assembly was held during the Annual Conference in Helsinki on Thursday, the 8th of April, 2010. The General Assembly took place in the 'Uusi Ylioppilastalo', Mannerheimintie 5A, Helsinki.

ISHA sections present:

- Belgrade (Serbia)
- Berlin (Germany)
- Groningen (The Netherlands)
- Heidelberg (Germany)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Leuven (Belgium)
- Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Marburg (Germany)
- Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Osijek (Croatia)
- Pisa (Italy)
- Pula (Croatia)
- Rome (Italy)
- Salzburg (Austria)
- Turku/Åbo (Finland)
- Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Zagreb (Croatia)

Observers present:

- Banská Bystrica (Slovakia)
- Bremen (Germany)
- Iași (Romania)
- Miskolc (Hungary)
- St. Petersburg (Russia)
- Tel Aviv (Israel)

Present members of the International Board:

Frerik Kampman (President), Elsa Mäki-Reinikka (Secretary)

Present Council members:

Sven Mörsdorf (Marburg), Katharina Rein (Berlin), Sarah Stroobants (Leuven), Timo Vuorikivi (Helsinki)

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1) Opening at 15.23.

2) Election of speaker: Frerik is appointed.

3) Appointment of minute-taker: Elsa is appointed.

4) Taking down of attendance

- The quorum is acknowledged. According to article 8 of the Standing Orders, the quorum for a GA is reached if at least half of the member sections are represented (ISHA currently has 24 member sections, out of which 18 are represented at this GA).

5) Reading of the agenda: No alterations.

6) Review and approval of the minutes SAMs Vilnius and Marburg: Both approved.

7) Upcoming events

- **ISHA** will turn 20 years on May 9th. A reason to celebrate!
- **Cyprus**: ISHA Nicosia will organize a seminar titled “War, Father of All” for 30 participants from 10 sections and 3 observers (Peru, Thessaloniki, London).
- **Amsterdam**: ISHA will be present at and take part in the program of the ICHS 2010 (International Congress of Historical Sciences, August 22nd-28th). The IB invites everyone to register before May 1st, since the early bird student fee for registration will be 120 €. Private accommodation during the whole week will be available for 10 persons for only 50 €.
- **Sofia**: The seminar titled “Unions throughout History” will be held during September 23rd-30th, 2010, including a two-day excursion through Bulgaria. There is room for 36 participants and the participation fee will be set at 65 €. Applications are due in April/May. More information coming soon.
- **Other** upcoming events:
 - **New Years’ Seminar 2010/11**: Berlin is interested. Because the section only has ten members, this would be a difficult undertaking.
 - **Annual Conference 2011**: To prevent holding two successive Annual Conferences in the same country, Turku resigned from the duty of organizing the next event of that kind. Pula, having ten active members, will do it instead, which is greatly applauded. Turku is going to organize the **Autumn Seminar 2011** instead.
 - **Summer Seminar 2011**: Ljubljana is thinking about the possibility, as well as Rome, probably in June. A decision will follow after travelling back.
[Decision taken: Rome will try to organize a seminar in July]

- ISHA Belgrade has new members and, the Autumn Seminar in Turku's responsibility, accepts to organize the **New Years' Seminar 2011/12**.
- Leuven has difficulties to organize ISHA events because of their exam periods. Perhaps a **weekend seminar** like the one Marburg did earlier this year will be possible in February 2011.

8) Presentation of Carnival 2008-2009

- Lia was elected editor of Carnival at the 2008 Annual Conference in Delft. Her Carnival issue is only published now, far later than expected, because of health problems.
- It includes twelve articles and a new kind of contribution in form of a statistical evaluation of the 2009 Zagreb Annual Conference. An expanded online version with seminar reports is also available on the ISHA website.
- The current issue has a more professional layout than before, which will facilitate standardization for future issues. Lia also expresses her willingness to help future editors with their tasks.
- The 150 copies will be handed out to sponsors, contributors of articles, and observers (one copy each), while the remaining copies will be divided among the sections according to their needs.
- Thanks go to all contributors, as well as Lia and Volker for editing the issue, and to ISHA Osijek for handling the printing.

Break, 5 minutes.

9) State of affairs

a. International Board

- Financial matters:
 - The membership fee 2010-2011 will be 50 € until August 1st, 2010.
 - The printing of Carnival cost 660 €, of which 150 € were sponsored by the University of Utrecht which placed an advertisement for their MA programs in the issue.
 - Pens and markers with the ISHA logo for promotion purposes have been bought (to be sold at the price of 1 € and 1.50 €, respectively).
 - The ISHA leaflets are getting out-dated; new ones will be designed and printed before the Cyprus seminar. They proved very helpful for promotion.
- The Questionnaire results are almost ready. They include a lot of interesting recommendations for the future of ISHA, but also give good image of ISHA's current situation. Final results will be published in the newsletter.
- ISHA was present at the ESU (European Students Union) conference in Vienna. Frerik and Sven attended the event. ISHA became an associate member of ESU, the umbrella organization of European student representations, in November, a step which had been prepared by Marko during his presidency. At the event, which fell together with the Ministerial Conference in Vienna and Budapest, the Bologna Process was discussed in roundtables and workshops. Copies of the ESU publication "Bologna with Student Eyes" were given to ISHA in Vienna and presented to the GA.
- After the ESU conference, Frerik used the opportunity to visit Banská Bystrica. We are happy to have them in Helsinki!
- Elsa was (and is) very busy with organizing the conference. Thank you, Elsa!
- Marko couldn't come to Helsinki, but will come to Cyprus.

b. Council members

- **Katharina's** task is to contact universities and student representations (mostly in Germany) in order to inform them about ISHA and thereby possibly gain new sections. She sent many different kinds of emails (friendly, funny, serious) but did not get any response. A student of the Humboldt-University in Berlin, she tried to interest students of the other major university of the German capital, the Freie Universität, but without success.
- Katharina also greatly helped Sven editing Carnival.
- **Sarah's** task is to bring some light into the circumstances of the Belgian bank account which 'disappeared' ten years ago. The account had been supervised by ISHA Leuven (now submerged with 'Historia', the current history student association in Leuven), and Sarah tried to get hold of people who knew what had happened. It was hard to bring everyone together, but they will meet later this April. A compromise is likely, to which the GA agreed: The Leuven alumni want to get 700 € from the account, while 1000 € will stay with ISHA Leuven (for organizing a seminar). The rest, about 5000 €, will be transferred to ISHA international. Florian made a point in this context: An ISHA alumni organization should be set up, to which there were no objections.
- Sarah also attended a one-day seminar by The Europaeum in Paris. In the future, it would be good to have more contact with France and French-speaking countries.
- **Sven** was busy with organizing the Weekend Seminar in Marburg during the first half of his term. He used this experience for his first task, which was revising and improving the ISHA Event Organization Manual. The manual had been written in 2008 and needed to be updated to meet current needs. His section-mate Robert helped him with the task.
- Together with Frerik, Sven also went to the ESU event, as well as to two conferences of the CLIOH networks. He also will attend the annual meeting of German history student representations (BuFaTa) and promote ISHA among the participants.
- **Timo's** task is to compile a list of possible patrons for ISHA, that is (mostly) professors and other academic personalities who wish to promote ISHA. While many seem to be enthusiastic in Helsinki, other sections should also send candidates so that Timo can contact them.
- **Fabian** (absent) is the webmaster of ISHA and is currently busy with updating the ISHA website.

c. Treasury Committee

- Presentation of TC report 2008-2009, IB Halonen. Bojana and Florian, made a financial report of International Board of 2008-2009. The TC is in touch with Zrinka for any unclear points, so for now there will be 760 euro profit. Monitoring the finances of the IB. A clearer separation of promotional material should be implemented in the future. Membership fees are a bit negative, should be more clear. The Treasury Committee however presents a report in which they declare they accept the financial administration from Zrinka Kolaric, treasurer of 2008-2009.

d. Carnival

- Sven is the current editor, with the help of Katharina.
- The upcoming issue 2009-10 will be available in Sofia. Many people are interested in contributing something to it, and a number of articles have already been received.
- Funding will be secured by more advertisements for MA/PhD programs.
- Currently, a working group is forming that will discuss issues related to the improvement of Carnival, e.g. the standardization of its layout. Sven is also thinking

about changing the name of the journal, and will address this in the workgroup. The IB is reminding that any such proposal has to be made public at least six weeks before the GA in Sofia.

e. Sections and Observers

- Because of pressing time, Frerik asks everyone to only mention relevant activities and developments which have not been included in the questionnaire. Sections should also mention whether they need more support from the IB, while observers are invited to tell something about the situation at their universities and whether they think it is possible to found an ISHA section there or make people aware of ISHA's existence.
- St. Petersburg is interested in forming a section, which would be important in order to establish contact with Western Europe.
- Simon from the UK is currently studying in Vilnius. He has contacts to England and will try to promote ISHA there.
- Juraj from Banská Bystrica found out about ISHA because of a former professor. He wants to create a section in Slovakia, and thinks that people will certainly be interested.
- Alexandru from Iași is also interested in forming a section.
- Miskolc does not have a university but hopes to organize some activities.
- In Tel Aviv, relevant infrastructure exists (e.g. a journal for history students), and people are interested in ISHA there. Karen is going to Tel Aviv and will stay in touch.
- Merle wants to get people interested and form a section in Bremen.
- Bojana reports that a new history student journal exists in Belgrade. A copy will be sent to the IB.
- In May, Osijek will attend a meeting of Croatian history students and promote ISHA there. In this context, Marko H. from Helsinki points out the importance of involving more and younger students.

10) Presentation of candidates for the term 2010-2011

- Candidates for official positions are asked to present their motivations briefly.
- Since a possible next IB has already formed, it will present itself as a team:
 - Sarah Stroobants is running for the position of president. She says that she is interested in taking part in international organizations, and that she loves ISHA. She already has international experience from various backgrounds, including an Erasmus exchange. She likes to travel and meet people, and wants to support people to meet and form connections.
 - Sven Mörsdorf is candidating for the new position of vice-president, which is necessary due to the many tasks of the IB. Sven has been very active within ISHA in the current year and is also very interested in continuing and intensifying his work for the organization.
 - Timo Vuorikivi wants to become the new secretary. He has been active for two years now and likes the idea behind ISHA, as well as the people. International networking and organizing activities (e.g. the present conference) are also part of his interests.
 - Bodil Lindberg would like to become treasurer. She is currently attending her fourth ISHA event, and will graduate in two years. After an exchange to Italy, she began to see ISHA in a different light, and wants to join and work together with a strong next IB.

- Council:
 - Fabian Würtz would like to stay in the Council as ISHA's webmaster.
 - Anita Buhin will have free time and has already promoted ISHA in some universities.
 - Lia has been active within ISHA for two and a half years now and would like to share her experience.
 - Marko BagiĆ, Jernej Kotar, and Nenad Markovic are also interested and want to help.
- Treasury Committee: Marjolein Vos and Lucandrea Massaro will run for the positions.
- Carnival Editor: Stephanie Bakker has studied journalism for two years, and in the past has also been editor of a student magazine for design.

Break, 10 minutes.

11) Elections

- The new IB as proposed (Sarah, Sven, Timo, and Bodil) was elected unanimously (18 out of 18 votes), as were Marjolein and Lucandrea for the Treasury Committee (18/18) and Stephanie as the Editor of Carnival (18/18).
- For the new council, only five out of the six candidates could be elected. The new council members are Lia (18/18), Anita (17/18), Marko (16/18), Jernej (14/18), and Fabian (14/18). Nenad (9/18) was not elected.
- Congratulations to all new officials!

12) Questions (none) & Closing at 17.26