



# General Assembly

This meeting was held during the Autumn Seminar in Sofia, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010. The General Assembly took place in the Faculty of History of the University of Sofia.

## ISHA sections present:

- Belgrade (Serbia)
- Berlin (Germany)
- Bucharest (Romania)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Marburg (Germany)
- Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Osijek (Croatia)
- Pula (Croatia)
- Rome (Italy)
- Sofia (Bulgaria)
- St. Petersburg (Russia)
- Turku (Finland)
- Utrecht (The Netherlands)

## Observing sections:

- Koper (Slovenia)
- Thessaloniki (Greece)
- Trieste (Italy)
- Craiova (Romania)

*Members of the International Board present:*

Sven Mörsdorf (Vice-President), Timo Vuorikivi (Secretary), Bodil Lindberg (Treasurer)

**Agenda:**

- 1) Opening
- 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
- 7) Upcoming events
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- 9) Questions & Closing

**1. Opening** occurred at 14:46.

**2. Election of speaker:** Sven is appointed.

**3. Appointment of minute-taker:** Timo is appointed.

**4. Taking down of attendance** by passing round a list.

**5. Reading of the agenda**

**6. Approval of minutes of last GA** (Helsinki)

- The minutes disappeared while being passed around and thus couldn't be approved. Approval postponed.

**7. Upcoming events**

- **New Year's Seminar in Berlin** with the theme Utopia. The programme will be published in early October. Intake will be around 40 participants.
- **Seminar in Leuven** in February. Sponsorship is found, website for the event already exists at <http://ishaseminarleuven.wordpress.com/>
- **Conference of 2011 in Pula**, 25<sup>th</sup> of April –1<sup>st</sup> of May. Theme will be east-west, since the conference is held in Croatia (which is between east and west), participation fee is to be decided. More information to follow.
- **Summer Seminar**, ISHA Rome will not organise the seminar, ISHA Bucharest is interested in doing it instead. Information to follow.
- Turku is interested in organising the **Autumn Seminar of 2011**.
- ISHA Belgrade will organise the **New Year's Seminar of 2011**, workshops are already decided.

**8. State of Affairs**

**a) The International Board**

- First official newsletter sent a week ago. The IB will send around newsletters at the beginning of every month.
- ICHS conference held in Amsterdam 22nd-28th of August 2010, where ISHA hosted two special sessions ("The Historian's Toolkit"). Also, the IB handover took place there. Special thanks to Nitsa, Margot, Stephanie, Marjolein, Jernej, Sasa, Eva and Ana for their great help in promoting ISHA there.
- At the beginning of September, a roundtable session took place in Bologna. The session was part of the ongoing ISHA-Europeum-Euroclio project. The

theme was emigration-immigration. ISHA will gladly continue co-operation with these organisations.

- Sarah has participated in the ESU (European Student s' Union) conference to find out about available funding fopportunities or student organisations and how to apply for them. Funds for ISHA might be ready next year. We will keep ISHA members informed about developments in applying for the funding.
- In the yearlong project about getting ISHA Leuven's old money back, the IB wanted to make a compromise with ISHA Leuven in order to share the money, but since there might be problems concerning unpaid taxes, they (ISHA Leuven) will have the money. It is better to keep out of this.

#### **b) Policy Plan**

- In the next newsletter the new policy plan for 2010-2011 will be announced.

#### **c) Council**

- Two members present, Anita Buhin and Marko Bagic. Council member tasks have already been distributed and can be looked up in the policy plan.

#### **d) Treasury Committee**

- Will present their results next year. Account reports not ready, can't vote for them.

#### **e) Carnival**

- Two editions finished this year, Carnival 2009 in Helsinki, and now also the 2010 issue. Both copies handed out here in Sofia.
- Problems with the printer and transport, some 2010 covers tend to look a bit "dirty" after transport.
- Dimitar from ISHA Sofia announced that ISHA Sofia is interested in making a publication in English or Bulgarian. Will happen if there are enough volunteers.

#### **f) Sections and Observers**

- **Marburg:** Robert is the only member of ISHA Marburg left, no new members coming at the moment, ISHA Marburg will be incorporated into the local History student association.

- **Berlin:** Members disappearing. Hopefully new members coming up before the seminar.
- **Helsinki:** Only old members left, one member even moved to Lapland. Others will graduate soon.
- **Ljubljana:** Thinking of organising a seminar. Hard to find new members at the moment.
- **Belgrade:** Many active members, publications, English translation coming up, new years seminar of 2011 coming up as well.
- **Pula:** Good news, new president elected and new journal coming up.
- **Thessaloniki:** Trying to arrange new members for the section. Good news, will pay membership fee, which will make them a full member!
- **Sofia:** 7 active members, no new members, hopefully this seminar will inspire new members to participate.
- **Craiova:** Found out about ISHA through internet, wants to establish a new section or merge with ISHA Bucharest later.
- **Rome:** Section is active.
- **Trieste:** Planning to found a section together with Ljubljana because of lack of members, not sure if this will be possible. They do not know how to organize a seminar, IB will help them.
- **Nijmegen:** Two first timers (Thijs and Evi), Lia elected as new president. Nijmegen wants to organise a seminar in the near future.
- **Osijek:** No big news after Helsinki, meeting of ISHA Croatia (all sections from Croatia) will take place in Osijek next year. New number of journal of ISHA Osijek (Essehist) is published. The IB is presented with one copy.
- **Bucharest:** Good news, will do some extra work organising their section, planning to organise next years summer seminar.
- **Turku:** Trying to attract new members, having some problems with funding the future seminar.
- **Utrecht:** Frerik is leaving to Cairo for one year, Stephanie and Margot the only active members.

- **St. Petersburg:** Two first-timers present, plus Anastasia as active member, organising possible future event has to take place during the summer since the weather is awful in the winter (not as bad as Helsinki though). They are interested in organising a seminar in the near future and are planning to participate in ISHA events in the meantime.
- **Zagreb:** Nothing new, representative not present.

#### **g) Other**

Robert will upload some **promotional e-posters** to the website for downloading.

If sections have **new websites** they should send a link to ISHA's website.

#### **h) Annual report**

Frerik finished the report in September, it will be published soon.

*GA continues after break at 16:24*

#### **i) Statues and Standing Orders**

With enough sections present, the GA is found to be legal to vote on the Statues and Standing Orders.

*Changes in Statues and Standing Orders* (based on the totally reworked version which has been submitted by the IB):

- Typographical errors corrected.
- Introduction re-written.
- Several minor changes to the proposal submitted by the IB.

**Voting:** Open votes. All vote in favour of the new statues. New Statues accepted. It has been suggested to refer to the new Statutes as **Sofia Statues**.

*Standing Orders:*

- Article 2.8: amendment : "At any time, the organizers are obligated to show their budget for the event upon request of the IB."
- Numbering of sections redone
- Other articles approved without changes

**Voting:** All vote in favour of the new Standing Orders. New standing orders accepted.

## 9) Questions, other announcements, and closing

- Bodil will collect membership fee payments after the GA.
- Today is Katharina's birthday! She's presented with a copy of Carnival.
- Speaker **closes GA at 17:59.**