



State of Affairs Meeting

This meeting was held during the seminar in Marburg, on Friday the 29th of January 2010. The State of Affairs Meeting took place a building of the Student Housing in Marburg.

ISHA Sections present:

- Heidelberg (Germany)
- Marburg (Germany)
- Berlin (Germany)
- Utrecht (the Netherlands)
- Zagreb (Croatia)
- Osijek (Croatia)
- Pula (Croatia)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Turku (Finland)
- Belgrade (Serbia)
- Leuven (Belgium)

Present members of the International Board:

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

Present Council Members:

Timo Vuorikivi (Helsinki), Sarah Stroobants (Leuven)

Agenda:

- 1) Opening
- 2) Appointment of speaker
- 3) Appointment of minute-taker
- 4) Taking down of attendance
- 5) Reading of the agenda
- 6) Passing around the minutes from SAM Vilnius (*rough version*)
- 7) Upcoming events
- 8) Cooperation with other organizations
- 9) State of affairs
 - a. *International Board*
 - b. *The Council*
 - c. *Treasury Committee*
 - d. *Carnival*
 - e. *Sections*
- 10) Approval of minutes
- 11) Questions
- 12) Closing

1. Opening occurred at 17:19.
2. Appointment of Speaker: Frerik Kampman was appointed as speaker.
3. Appointment of Minute-taker: Elsa Mäki-Reinikka was appointed as minute-taker.
4. Taking down of attendance: A list was passed around.
5. Reading of the agenda. Frerik also points out the 'information table' to the left of the board, in which information about several organizations is on display and to take home.
6. Passing around the minutes from SAM Vilnius. Comments will be written on the files. As it is merely a rough version, it will not be approved in this State of Affairs Meeting, but in the General Assembly in Helsinki.
7. Upcoming Events:
 - a. IHSA-conference in **Dublin**, taking place from 19-20 February. This is the annual conference of the Irish History Students Association (IHSA). ISHA supports these kind of national conferences, which is a strong tradition in Ireland. The topic was focused on Irish history, but from many perspectives. There is more information on the website, of which the URL can be found through the website of ISHA.
 - b. **Helsinki**, 5-10 April 2010. As announced before, the theme will be 'integration throughout history', Larissa puts emphasis on the use of 'throughout', instead of 'through'. All is going well, the application period will be shortly after the Marburg seminar, namely from the 8th of February onwards and will last for two weeks, in order for everybody to do some promotion as well in their home sections.
 - c. **Galway**, 25-28 May 2010. As told in Vilnius, this will be the Aistir-conference, which is meant to bring history students together on a national and international level and therefore in line with ISHA's objectives. Members of ISHA are encouraged to take this chance and visit Ireland and learn about Irish history.
 - d. **Cyprus**, 7-12 June 2010. Only news is that the applications will be at the end of February, shortly after the conference applications. This is to make sure that people can book affordable flights to Cyprus.
 - e. **Amsterdam** International Conference, 22-28 August 2010. In Amsterdam the International Congress of Historical Science will take place. This is a five-yearly event in which historians from all over the world come together, also a lot of historians from developing countries. ISHA is in contact with the organization and will host a session on 'how to survive a conference'. In this way ISHA can do some promotion in a 'studentesque' way. The student fee (apply before the 1st of May), is 120 euro, which is very cheap for such a big conference. Frerik will try to arrange cheap accommodation in Amsterdam.
 - f. **Sofia**, September/October 2010. Unfortunately, no representatives of ISHA Sofia are here to update on the seminar, but it is still far away, so more information will follow.
 - g. **Future Events**. The IB continues to call for organizers for the NY seminar 2010/11, as well as the Summer Seminar 2011 and maybe even the Autumn Seminar 2011. Also, initiatives as this Weekend Seminar are always welcome.
8. Cooperation with other organizations
 - a. ESU, the **European Students' Union**. As ISHA is now an official associate member of ESU, we were invited to join in the 'European Student Summit 2010', organized just before the ministerial conference in Vienna/Budapest which will celebrate ten years of Bologna. The Student Summit will critically analyze the results of ten years of Bologna Process. Frerik and Sven Mörsdorf will attend this summit in March.
 - b. **Euroclio/Europaeum**. In the joint project 'Connecting Europe through History', there is an event organized in Berlin during this seminar in Marburg. Florian Frasch from ISHA Berlin is attending this event and will report back to the IB. To explain this project some more, Frerik made an information sheet which is shared with the representatives in the State of Affairs Meeting.
 - c. **ICHS**. This is already discussed in point 7.e.
9. State of Affairs
 - a. International Board

- i. Merchandise. The IB presented the new merchandise at the opening of the seminar. There are pens available for 1 euro, and triple markers for 1,50. Buttons are spread for free.
 - ii. New Sections. There are some very interesting developments. There are serious contacts made with the little university town of Banská Bystrica in Slovakia. Also, there is interest from Madrid to attend the Helsinki Conference. Karen Bähr, who was doing her Erasmus in Uppsala, and Sven Mörsdorf, who was visiting in Uppsala, made contact with students there and they are coming to Helsinki as well. Then there is also a contact in Brussels, for which Larissa Vanamo is the contact person. In Estonia, there are contact with Estonia, but in the university of Tartu there is mainly Estonian history, which does not make the students interested in the international perspective ISHA offers. We will keep in touch. Finally, international contacts have been made with Toronto, which was received very enthusiastically. There is an active student society there, who may be willing of cooperating with ISHA on the level of publications etcetera. Attending seminars will be difficult, but they are always welcome. In all, we can say that we have many possibilities, and it is also good to notice that many of these people contacted ISHA by free will, which is a good sign, meaning that ISHA is getting known more widely.
 - iii. Leaflets are also available during this seminar and also at the display in the room. The IB was expecting more requests for leaflets, so emphasizes again that people should ask Frerik to send them leaflets.
 - iv. Facebook and Twitter. The new Facebook Page as suggested in Vilnius was created on the 6th of January and has currently already some 1300 members, which is very good. Somehow a lot of people from Chile joined. It is a very low profile way of promoting the organization in Europe but also outside. Also, a Twitter account was created, linked to the Facebook Page status updates. Just to be everywhere on the net.
 - v. New Year Questionnaire. In Vilnius this questionnaire was presented, but sofar not many reactions were returned. Frerik emphasizes its importance to make a thorough inventory of the status of ISHA. The IB hopes to present the results in Helsinki.
- b. The Council
- i. Timo Vuorikivi. He gathered now 12 names of professors who might be possible patrons. However, these are all from Helsinki. Again, he asks the SAM to write down names of people they want to propose as future patron.
 - ii. Fabian Würtz. Not present.
 - iii. Katharina Rein. Unfortunately she is sick at home in Berlin. We wish her all the best.
 - iv. Sven Mörsdorf is busy with the organization of the seminar, so Robert Hanna is representing Marburg in this meeting.
 - v. Sarah Stroobants. She has news about the almost mythical 'Belgian Bank Account'. It exists, and it was owned by the Leuven section that was existing until ten years ago. There is indeed a substantial amount of money on the bank account, and it should be possible to transfer this to the ISHA bank account. We need the cooperation of some former members of the old ISHA Leuven to help us with this. Sarah made contact to these people. The money on the bank account is not EU money, as was widely assumed, but was sponsor money that was gathered just before the ISHA Leuven died out. The bank account is in the bank of Portis.
- c. Treasury Committee. Note: Both Bojana Pavlovic and Florian Frasch were not present.
- d. Carnival
- i. Carnival 2008-2009. Lia Hamminga. The IB is searching for a printing place. The document is getting near to completion, but finishing it before Marburg was not possible anymore. Marko Bagić (Osijek) suggests that it could be printed in Osijek.

- ii. Carnival 2009-2010. Sven Mörsdorf. Not much news, the call for articles stays open of course.
 - e. Sections (sort of clockwise through the room, beginning at the left side from the speaker). As time was running out, sections were asked only to share the most important, as the SAM in Vilnius was just shortly ago, and the NY Questionnaire provides the opportunity to share problems. Here only the important remarks are mentioned.
 - i. Osijek – Marko Bagić presents the latest issue of the 'Essehist', the local ISHA Osijek magazine. Even though it is in Croatian, it looks very good and the IB is very happy and honoured to get a copy. It is highly encouraged to have local publications next to the Carnival, but English sections could be included. The section in Osijek is young, hip and growing bigger. They have 15 active people now.
 - ii. IB – At this point Frerik makes the remark that the new News Letter will be published on the 1st of February, that's within a few days.
- 10. Approval of Minutes: Not possible, because of the rough version.
- 11. Questions: No Questions were raised.
- 12. Closing: The State of Affairs Meeting was closed at 17:58. People are reminded of the information table, with leaflets from Euroclio, The Europaeum, Clloh-world, and also a call for participants for the European Social Science History Conference taking place in Ghent from 13-16 April.