



General Assembly

This meeting was held during the New Year's Seminar in Belgrade, on the 29th of December 2011.

ISHA sections present:

- Belgrade
- Berlin
- Bucharest
- Helsinki
- Leuven
- Maribor
- Nijmegen
- Osijek
- Prague
- Pula
- Rome
- Sofia
- Thessaloniki
- Trieste-Koper
- Turku/Åbo
- Utrecht
- Zagreb
- Zürich

Observing sections:

- Banja Luka
- Ljubljana
- Rijeka
- Sarajevo
- Vilnius

Present members of the International Board: Jernej Kotar (Vice-President), Frerik Kampman (Treasurer)

Agenda:

- 1) **Opening**
- 2) **Appointment of Speaker**
- 3) **Appointment of Minute-taker**
- 4) **Taking down of Attendance, Checking the Quorum**
- 5) **Reading the agenda**
- 6) **Review of minutes of the GA in Turku, subsequent voting**
- 7) **Upcoming events**
- 8) **Election of new Seminar venues**
 - *Annual Conference 2013*
 - *Summer Seminar 2013*
- 9) **Presentation of the Policy Paper 2011-2012**
- 10) **Presentation of the Carnival 2010-2011**
- 11) **Discussion point: Revision of the voting system**
- 12) **Discussion point: Board of Patrons**
- 13) **Discussion point: Moving ISHA**
- 14) **State of affairs**
 - a) The International Board
 - b) Council Members
 - c) Treasury Committee
 - d) Carnival
 - e) Sections and Observers
- 15) **Questions and Closing**

1. Opening at 16.27.

2. Appointment of Speaker: Frerik Kampman is appointed.

3. Appointment of Minute-taker: Nenad Markovic is appointed.

4. Taking down attendance of Attendance, Checking the Quorum: A list is passed around. There are 18 sections present, thus the requirement of 2/3 of the sections is established.

5. Reading of Agenda: Frerik reads the agenda.

6. Review of Minutes of the GA in Turku

- Minutes of the GA in Turku are passed around. Frerik goes through them page by page. The Minutes are approved, with the mentioned small alterations.

7. Upcoming events

- **Galway:** Galway is organizing their IHSA Conference 2012 in Ireland the first weekend of March for two days.
- **Annual Conference in Jena:** Preparations are going well and they are expecting 100 people.
- **Summer Seminar:** Bucharest expresses its interest in organizing the next Summer Seminar.

8. Election of new Seminar venues

- **Annual Conference 2013:** The slot is still open.
- **Summer Seminar 2013:** Dario and Karen from Berlin tell the GA that Berlin might be able to organize the Summer Seminar 2013, or possibly the Annual Conference.

9. Presentation of the Policy Paper 2011-2012

- There is discussion about ISHA's intranet. Frerik informs the GA that it would be mainly for officials. Sarah and Fabian have developed it but it is still debatable whether other sections will get access to it.

10. Presentation of the Carnival 2010-2011

- Carnival 2010-2011 will be available in Jena.
- Position for the Editor-in-Chief for Carnival 2011-2012 is still open. Lia (Nijmegen) has offered to help the new Editor and said other past editors might be willing to do the same. Dubravko Aladic (Osijek) asks about the ways of distribution, Ferik answers that it happens during the Conference and other Seminars. Printing in Osijek has been very good so ISHA will continue printing there. Kristina Stojic (Rijeka) wonders about the funding of the printing to which Ferik replies that ISHA International will pay for the printing but the responsibility of editing falls on the Editor.
- Dubravko and Kristina both express their interest in being the new Editor-in-Chief.

11. Discussion point: Revision of the voting system

- Petra (Bucharest) wants to make it clear that everything should be ready in this regard in Jena.

12. Discussion point: Board of Patrons

The following changes have been made in the standing orders with consent of the GA.

Article 11a: Board of Patrons

- Section 1) Last sentence delete – “Patrons are not expected...”

(1) The Board of Patrons shall consist of a small number of people who wish to support the Organisation and its mission with their expertise, good name, contacts, and by promoting the Organisation and its activities wherever appropriate. ~~Patrons are not expected to support the Organisation financially; they may, however, decide to do so by becoming Friends of ISHA in addition to their patronship.~~

- Section 2) “, and for assuring...” and the last sentence have been deleted.

(2) The IB shall be responsible for the general coordination of the Board of Patrons, ~~and for assuring its good communication with the Organisation.~~ In this capacity, the IB shall call upon the Sections to make suggestions for candidates, evaluate them in order to provide recommendations to the GA, and duly inform the Patrons so that they may provide further counsel to the GA. ~~The IB shall also be responsible for contacting the candidates after the GA decided about their invitation or dismissal.~~

- Section 3) “but not necessarily” delete

(3) Candidates for patronship will be evaluated by the IB and selected by the GA with utmost care according to the following criteria. They should

- a) have a background in historical science or history education, preferably ~~but not necessarily~~ as trained historians;
- b) be well-respected in their fields of activities both nationally and internationally;
- c) promote international perspectives and cooperation.

(4) Candidates will be invited or dropped by vote of the GA. Upon acceptance, patronship is conferred by registration with the IB.

(5) Patrons have the same rights and responsibilities as specified for Friends of ISHA in Article 11 §§1-2 of these Standing Orders, with the exception of the compulsory donation.

(6) The status of Patron terminates at the request of the individual concerned or by vote of the GA.

13. Discussion point: Moving ISHA

- There is discussion about relocating ISHA. The possible countries are the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland (where ISHA is currently located). It is suggested that there should be a list made of the advantages of both moving and staying put. Lia (Nijmegen) adds that this could be a Council task.

14. State of Affairs

a) The International Board

- Frerik and Jernej are present from the International Board.
- In Frerik's opinion, it is likely that ISHA will not get the EU grant this year but if we did get it, every official would get some money for travel expenses.
- Frerik explained about the financial system for paying the membership fee.
- Jernej has also been working with an updated contact list and urges every section present to send him the necessary details.

b) Council

- Nenad is the only Council Member present but has been occupied with organizing the New Year Seminar. The other members are not present and there are no further updates

c) Treasury Committee

- Lia has had contact with Tina and the IB to agree on when the report should be finished. Probably after Jena.

d) Carnival

- Dubravko and Kristina have both earlier in the meeting expressed their interest in being the new Editors-in-Chief.
- Lia advised to create a bigger Editorial Board to be able to delegate the tasks for Carnival.

e) Sections and Observers

- **Leuven:** Fien is present at the GA but has not been in Leuven lately.
- **Utrecht:** There are first-timers who are enthusiastic about ISHA.
- **Berlin:** There has been cooperation between HU and FU, an excursion to Dresden and national evenings.
- **Vilnius:** The section is dying and only Vytautas and Paulina are still members.
- **Sofia:** There are new members who like what ISHA has to offer.
- **Pula:** There has been a generation shift. Field trips, seminars and movie nights have been organized.
- **Zagreb:** Zagreb has a new presidency, 25 members who are very enthusiastic. The Regional Seminar was successful. They are currently working on the Autumn Seminar.
- **Maribor:** A new section and still gathering experiences. They work on a small scale within Slovenia.
- **Trieste-Koper:** Will be organizing Adriatic Meetings in March 2012. Book presentations start in January.
- **Turku:** Has no special activities going on but they are promoting ISHA. There has been discussion about a Regional Seminar in the North.
- **Osijek:** The enlargement is going well and there are new freshmen who have been included. They are organizing lectures and have a magazine.
- **Rome:** Has new members.
- **Rijeka:** Malleus' Students Organization. They have several new projects, a magazine, seminars, a cinema forum, a thematic symposium, field trips and are working with other organizations.
- **Sarajevo:** It is their first time. They will try to organize something in the future.
- **Banja Luka:** It is their first time as well. There is already a local students organization and they will try to cooperate with ISHA in the future.
- **Bucharest:** They are involved in a National Project and trying to increase the number of sections in Romania. Bucharest is also developing a dialog with students of political science from Ankara and thinking of organizing the Summer Seminar again, or maybe the Conference.
- **Nijmegen:** Lia is the only active member, but will be leaving Nijmegen soon. Nijmegen needs promotion but it is hard to get support and interest from the local students organization GSV. Lia is willing to remain contact person in the future.

- **St. Petersburg:** As no-one from St Petersburg is present, Lia is reading a message from Anastasia saying that ISHA St. Petersburg is part of the local historical society now so they have more chances to promote ISHA. There is a lot of interest but the two main problems remained: getting visa and high travel expenses. PHD students are more ready to participate and also to write for Carnival. They are interested if Carnival will be quoted in websites like: Web of Science, Scopus and Web of Knowledge, because to become a PhD student in Russia you need to have such publications.
- **Helsinki:** There is a generation shift as the new board will be elected in January. They are concentrated in attracting freshmen, organizing pub crawls and planning a movie night.
- **Thessaloniki:** Has new members but they are trying to find new MA students to become members. They are also working with the Archeological Department.
- **Belgrade:** Things are going well.
- **Ljubljana:** Will be organizing next year's New Year's Seminar. There are no problems with funding but a problem with the hostel. They also cooperate with other ISHA sections in Slovenia.

15) Questions and Closing

- Speaker closes the GA at 17.49.