



State of Affairs Meeting

of the International Students of History Association, held at the ISHA New Year's Seminar 2013 on Friday, January 18th, 2013, at the University of Marburg, Germany.

Present members of the International Board

Sven Mörsdorf, President
Marko Morović, Secretary
Anne Greule, Treasurer

Present members of the Council

Marko Ožegović

Other officials present

Max Boguslaw (Treasury Committee)

ISHA Sections present

1. Berlin (Germany)
2. Jena (Germany)
3. Ljubljana (Slovenia)
4. Marburg (Germany)
5. Sofia (Bulgaria)
6. Zagreb (Croatia)

ISHA Observers present

1. Groningen (Netherlands)
2. Kaunas (Lithuania)

Agenda

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1) Opening, taking down of attendance:

Opening at 17:32. A list is passed around.

2) Appointment of the speaker and the minute-taker

Sven Mörsdorf is appointed as Speaker, Marko Morović as minute-taker.

3) Passing around the minutes of previous meetings

The minutes are passed around. They are approved with minor amendments.

4) Reading and discussion of the agenda

The agenda is explained and passes unchanged.

5) State of Affairs

a. International Board

1. Membership Fees and Finances

The IB and Council are trying to promote ISHA in order to get interest and perhaps new sections. Considering the membership fees, treasurer Anne Greule is in contact with representatives of former sections who have not paid for this year yet. The info about paying membership fees is once again repeated. She also reports that where possible, bank transfers are encouraged over cash payments because they make both the treasurer's and the treasury committee's work much easier. During the seminar, the participants and organizers had a chance to buy ISHA t-shirts.

2. Contact detail forms and other administrative procedures

The IB and Council have already sent contact update forms to all sections. Great care is being taken to keep the contact list updated, and also to stay in touch with all contacts.

3. Website and newsletters

The website update was a big and important project on which the webmaster and IB and Council members were actively working on, and continue to do so, including maintenance. Some new improvements have been applied already and more are planned in the near future, like update of texts and functions and solving problems with bugs. The design was already improved so that the website now looks more attractive and professional. The newsletter has been improved, with an illustrated, layouted version being sent around together with the usual text-only version, and the IB encourages everyone to subscribe on the website.

4. Board of Patrons

After suitable candidates have been agreed upon already during the past term, the IB will contact them in the weeks to come, so that the GA in Leuven will know if they would be available to join the Board, and vote about their membership.

b. Council

The IB and the Council members continue to work together on various tasks. Some of them are long-term tasks (e.g. the ones connected to the ISHA archive and the updating of the event organization manual), and others are based on ad-hoc needs (e.g. editing the newsletter, help with the website improvements, contact list updates). Over the year, the tasks and newest results are being presented in more detail in the newsletters, with a first major evaluation at the Leuven GA, and will later be summed up in the Annual Report.

c. Treasury Committee

Lia Hamminga and Tina Stele have finished their report for the 2010-2011 term. It will be presented at the next GA:

d. Carnival

Editor-in-chief Dubravko Aladić from Osijek will present the 2012 Carnival issue in Leuven. Also, twelve copies of Carnival 2011 were brought to the Marburg Seminar and distributed among interested participants and observers.

e. Sections and Observers

Groningen: Marjolein Vos informs that there are no news considering ISHA Groningen.

Marburg: The organization of the New Year's Seminar took around three months, says Ulrike Döbel. The section has some new members, including a few young ones, and there is the possibility that they will stay active after the seminar. At faculty level, ISHA Marburg organizes excursions and lectures.

Zagreb: The section is getting some new members, there are around 25 active ones. ISHA Zagreb is more active at the faculty level than before. They are preparing the journal of the Autumn Seminar, and Mišo Petrović stated it will be available probably at the time of the Summer Seminar in Berlin. Considering regional cooperation in the Balkan area, he informed about the regional seminar that will be held in Banja Luka.

Kaunas: Nothing is happening as there are only two active members, but Augustinas Šemelis assured they are trying to inform other students about ISHA and its activities.

Ljubljana: Maja Lukanc said they are more active this year, and also more present in various activities at the history department of their faculty. They organize excursions, presentations, lectures and movie nights.

Berlin: They have around 10 really active members, and new young ones have also joined their ranks. Berlin is busy with the organizing of the Summer Seminar, Vincent Regente and Max Boguslaw gave detailed info about it. They are still debating about the details of their academic programme, which will try out some new ways to hold workshops (see below).

Sofia: Petya Koseva informed that ISHA Sofia got new young members, so the section will soon have a strong core and become more active again. They gained the support of the student council, and are thinking about organizing an ISHA seminar in the future.

Jena: At the moment they consist of seven very active young members. Their next project is helping Euroclio at their Annual Conference and thus most of them will not be present at the Leuven Conference. They are thinking about a possible new project with the Melton Foundation, and Anne said she will try to convince young members to participate at the Summer Seminar in Berlin. All in all, she is very optimistic about the section's future.

Vienna: Sven Mörsdorf is trying to establish a section there. The local student representative body already agreed to support this.

6) Upcoming events

a. Annual Conference 2013, Leuven (Belgium)

The Annual Conference 2013 will be held from April 8th to 14th 2013 in Leuven, Belgium. The topic is "Migration", and 100 persons will participate. The application period is already over.

b. Summer Seminar 2013, Berlin (Germany)

ISHA Berlin prepares their event for July 15th to 21st, with the topic "Places and Space". The application period will be held in April, and the estimated number of participants is 50 persons. The idea is to introduce an innovative concept with having workshops at actual places and historical sites (e.g. cemeteries, excavation sites, and so on). The preparations are going well, both with the academic part as well with finances. It's not sure yet, but the participation fee might be around 80 Euros.

c. Autumn Seminar 2013, Vilnius (Lithuania)

ISHA Vilnius volunteered to organize the Autumn Seminar. More information will be provided at the Annual Conference in Leuven.

d. Regional Seminar, Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The local history student association from Banja Luka is organizing a regional seminar which will be held in September. As a part of regional cooperation, both ISHA and non-ISHA student associations from the Balkan area are welcome to participate in the event.

e. New Year's Seminar 2013-14, Helsinki (Finland)

The next New Year's Seminar will be held in Helsinki, as the section has volunteered to do the organization. More information will be provided in the near future.

f. Urban History Conference

As one of their first actions, ISHA Vienna will host a small international conference for students who are interested in urban history in the central European area. The event is planned for November, and more info will follow.

g. Future ISHA events

The IB encourages the organizing of smaller seminar and events by ISHA sections and observers, as well as volunteering to organize future ISHA seminars in 2014.

h. Other seminars/conferences and events by our partner organizations or individuals

Euroclio will hold their next Annual Conference in Erfurt, Germany, during the same week as ISHA's Annual Conference in Leuven (April 2013).

7) Elections: Call for new ISHA officials

Elections for new ISHA officials for the 2013-2014 term will be held during the Annual Conference in Leuven. It is possible to apply for positions in the International Board, Council, and Treasury Committee. The call for applications will be sent around in a few weeks' time.

8) Cooperation with other organizations

a. *Long-term partnerships (EUROCLIO, ICHS)*

- i. **Euroclio:** There are currently no joint projects, but 6 members of ISHA Jena are going to volunteer at their upcoming Annual Conference.
- ii. **ICHS:** ICHS (International Committee of Historical Sciences) is the worldwide history umbrella organization, and provides a good opportunity for networking. They hold a large conference every five years; the next one will take place in China in 2015. ISHA might contribute a student session again, like during the previous conference in Amsterdam in 2010.

b. *Other co-operations: Network of Concerned Historians*

Council member Dario Prati has gathered more information about the network, as agreed during the Zagreb GA. The NCH will be approached to see if they would find a partnership desirable. After this, the next GA will decide whether a partnership will be sought or not.

9) Questions & Closing: No questions, closing at 18:07.