



State of Affairs Meeting (SAM)

of the International Students of History Association, held
at the ISHA Summer Seminar 2013 on Friday, July 19th, 2013, at HU
Berlin, Germany.

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- 2) **Appointment of the speaker and the minute-taker; checking the quorum**
- 3) **Passing around the minutes of previous meetings, amendments and approvals**
- 4) **Reading and discussion of the agenda**
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Present members of the International Board (IB)

Sven Mörsdorf (Vienna), president

Marko Morović (Zagreb), secretary

Anne Greule (Jena), treasurer

Present members of the Council

Pieter Baeten (Leuven), Dario Prati (Berlin), Cédric Suttels (Leuven)

Other officials present

Max Boguslaw (Berlin), Treasury Committee for 2011-12

Andraž Kamenik (Maribor), Assistant Webmaster

Sections present (15)

1. Berlin (Germany)
2. Bucharest (Romania)
3. Budapest (Hungary)
4. Helsinki (Finland)
5. Jena (Germany)
6. Kent (United Kingdom)
7. Leuven (Belgium)
8. Ljubljana (Slovenia)
9. Marburg (Germany)
10. Maribor (Slovenia)
11. Rome (Italy)
12. Sofia (Bulgaria)
13. Trieste-Koper (Italy-Slovenia)
14. Vilnius (Lithuania)
15. Zagreb (Croatia)

Observers present (6)

1. Belgrade (Serbia)
2. Graz (Austria)
3. Kaunas (Lithuania)
4. Skopje (Macedonia)
5. Thessaloniki (Greece)
6. Vienna (Austria)

Others (2)

1. Copenhagen (Denmark)
2. Zurich (Switzerland)

1) Opening, taking down of attendance: The president opened the session at 15:10. The attendance list was passed around.

2) Appointment of the speaker and the minute-taker: Sven Mörsdorf was appointed as speaker and Marko Morović as minute-taker.

3) Passing around the minutes of previous meetings, amendments and approvals: The minutes of the GA in Leuven were passed around and approved without amendments.

4) Reading and discussion of the agenda: The agenda is explained and passes unchanged.

5) State of Affairs

a. International Board

The IB explained its and Council's work until the present day. As almost a whole term has passed already, tasks are in the stage of finalization.

ISHA has officially got status of affiliated organization with EUROCLIO, and they shall soon become associate organization with ISHA. Furthermore, Borče Nikolov was a host of Sven when he paid a visit to Skopje (Macedonia). Cooperation with EUROCLIO has been agreed for their 2014 Conference in Ohrid (Macedonia). It is mainly intended for Macedonian students but opened to everyone else interested. Anne strongly encourages cooperation because of good experience that members of ISHA Jena had at their last Conference. More info about the next year Conference will follow as soon as possible.

A partnership with Network of concerned historians has been officially established at the GA in Leuven. GA agreed on taking further steps to become a member of Right to research coalition but as there was no reply Sven will try to contact them again.

Anne gave a report about financial situation. It is still very good, 8 sections have already payed for the 2013/2014 membership. Even though an unknown amount of money will be spent for printing of Carnival, she estimates that around 2 000 Euro should be left on account. She has prepared a manual for treasurer and made a search for a bank that operates on ethic terms. Unfortunately, neither one is interested in giving an international service, but Anne stated our current bank provides good and cheap service, with option to check balance, and therefore there is no need to change the bank.

As a part of her task in new ISHA merchandise, Lara Kren made a search for an ethic company that makes t-shirts by order. Unfortunately, an ideal candidate has stopped business. She will continue with her task, and in two weeks time will inform new treasurer Max Boguslaw about findings. Also, two of the old t-shirts are still available for sale.

New leaflets are available. If any section is in a need of them, IB should be contacted.

Handover: The current IB has met with the new Board on 18th July, in order to pass on all information and to ensure a smooth transition. Term of the new IB will start on 1st August, open call via e-mails will be send to sections for GA in Vilnius.

b. Council

The present council members gave info about the progress of their most important tasks.

Cédric Suttels: update of the event organization manual

Cédric's task was to update the organization manual. It will be available soon, right after spelling corrections procedure is completed.

Pieter Baeten: ISHA archives

Pieter's main task is developing the ISHA central archive, but he stressed that he needs more time for handling it. He asked a law student college to help him with possible Statutes changes and amendments. After Conference in Leuven he had been in contact with French history students and will try to revive ISHA in France.

Dario Prati: evaluation of organizations

Dario's task was to evaluate various organizations with which ISHA might cooperate. He has been in contact with Tihana Sedlar and her work, which was contact list update.

c. Annual Report

Report for the 2011/2012 board is not finished yet, but should be ready soon. IB 2012/2013 should finish their report during summer.

d. Carnival

Carnival 2012, edited by Dubravko Aladić (Osijek), was planned to be ready right before Berlin Summer Seminar, but was unfortunately yet more postponed because the proofreading and technical polishing process takes even longer than it was anticipated at the time of GA in Leuven. It is estimated that it should be done over Summer, than printed before Autumn Seminar in Vilnius and distributed there.

Meanwhile, the next editor, Simona Barbu (Bucharest), issues call for papers for Carnival 2013, which will be also send online after the Seminar. She has some new ideas for Carnival promotion, such as blog, and invites anyone interested for help to contact her. Deadline to apply for article writing, editorial tasks and any other kind of help is September 2013. Simona can be contacted via *carnival (at) isha-international (dot) org*, which is the newly-created central address for all journal-related matters. A few remaining copies of previous Carnival editions were presented and distributed at the SAM.

e. Sections and Observers

Sections

Berlin (Germany): The section is organizing this Summer Seminar. Karen Bähr says they have few more members and are looking forward to future.

Bucharest (Romania): Oana Peiu reports everything is going well. Section has new members, and their members are also very actively participating in Youth in Action cooperation.

Budapest (Hungary): Sections members are very enthusiastic about organizing Conference 2014. They have been promoting ISHA, and Arpad Bayer hopes there will be more students joining them.

Helsinki (Finland): Section members are working hard on New Years Seminar preparations. Tiia Niemelä states they have some problems with funding but cuts are the last option.

Jena (Germany): Section has a strong core of five people. They have a meeting room, and Anne Greule thinks 10 more people are interested in joining the section. Section members have some new tasks, like giving city tours to new students.

Kent (United Kingdom): Pip Gregory informs there are four active members, but they are still in a process of promoting the section and ISHA. Jan Vandeburie helps them a lot.

Leuven (Belgium): Section has got new members since the Conference, Cedric Suttels says they are very interested in ISHA.

Ljubljana (Slovenia): Maja Lukanc informed section had a good year. They've been organizing movie nights and trips. Preparations for Summer Seminar 2014 are going well.

Marburg (Germany): Natascha Rieke reports section is very active at the faculty level. They are organizing movie projections and field trips. Plans for future include applying for funding from Faculty.

Maribor (Slovenia): Status of section is stable, some new members have joined their ranks. Andraž Kamenik assured they are promoting section to get more members, they are trying to get more funds and they will also try to start a new journal.

Osijek (Croatia): In the name of ISHA Osijek, Mišo Petrović reports section has elected a new president and the newest edition of their local journal should soon be ready for publishing. Also, older members are graduating.

Rome (Italy): Alessia Iannascoli says section has new members, and it has been promoted as an important international organization. They also have support from Dean.

Sofia (Bulgaria): New members have joined section, Lačezar Stefanov informs the old ones that will graduate soon or already have are still in contact.

Trieste-Koper (Italy-Slovenia): Igor Gardelin reports there has been a new board elected. Section members have bought books and donated them to faculty library.

Vilnius (Lithuania): The section is actively working on the Autumn Seminar preparations. Joginte Užusienyte said the existing members will do their best to revive ISHA Vilnius.

Zagreb (Croatia): Mišo Petrović reports new IB has been elected and there are a lot of things in plan for the future: next year will be the 20th anniversary of ISHA Zagreb section.

Observers

Belgrade (Serbia): Section has new members and their journal will be available for public in ten days time. Jelena Petronijević informed section is considering to organize Autumn Seminar 2015.

Graz (Austria): Lisbeth Matzer informed there are 15 active and very enthusiastic section members, and even more are interested to join. They will try to promote ISHA, and also send a call to ISHA sections from neighboring countries to pay a visit to Graz.

Kaunas (Lithuania): Sections future is unclear. Egle Kazlauskaitė will provide contact info of local history student section.

Skopje (Macedonia): Borče Nikolov informed section is very active. They are holding meetings with student representatives and Vice Dean but additional support from ISHA could be also helpful to make their efforts of organizing Summer Seminar 2015 more easier.

Thessaloniki (Greece): Section has difficulties in recruiting new members. Pavlos Vasileiadis informs they will have to hold a meeting about sections future.

Vienna (Austria): Sven Mörsdorf reports section doesn't exist any more. He thinks in one or two years time some there could be some interested, when board of local history student club changes.

Others

Copenhagen (Denmark): Copenhagen still doesn't have an ISHA section but Mads Fritzboeger will take leaflets with him and promote ISHA.

Zurich (Switzerland): As a president of local history student club, Andrej Markovic will promote ISHA in Zurich. He already got some info from former section members, and he will also try to investigate what went bad with transaction of ISHA Zurich fund to ISHA International bank account.

6) Upcoming events

1. *ISHA Autumn Seminar 2013: "History in Practice", September 23rd-29th, Vilnius (Lithuania)*

There will be 50 places for participation and fee will be 100 €. Information about application period will be provided on the ISHA Vilnius homepage and sent via ISHA newsletter.

2. *ISHA New Year's Seminar 2013-14: "Vice, Violence and Crime: Conspicuous Aspects of Human Society", December 29th-January 4th, Helsinki (Finland)*

Hostel has been already booked, more info will follow as soon as possible.

3. *ISHA Weekend Seminar 2014: Sofia (Bulgaria)*

ISHA Sofia is thinking about organizing a Spring Weekend Seminar for 40 participants.

4. *ISHA Annual Conference 2014: Budapest (Hungary)*

Bálint Bak is the main organizer and can be contacted for questions; they also have a website and a Facebook page. An exhibition of documents and photographs about the beginnings of ISHA will be organized, everyone interested to help in organization can contact IB.

5. *ISHA Summer Seminar 2014: Ljubljana (Slovenia)*

Planning has already started. Potential topic is *Rising and Development* but more info is to follow.

6. EAUH Conference 2014: Cities in Europe, Cities in the World, 3rd-6th Septemer, Lisbon (Portugal)

The next European Association for Urban History Conference will be held in Lisbon. Organizers kindly asked ISHA to organize a student session, if anyone is interested in session or urban history one can contact Sven Mörsdorf at urban@isha-international.org. More info about Conference can be found on the official website.

7. ISHA Autumn Seminar 2014: Pula (Croatia)

More info will follow soon.

8. ISHA New Years' Seminar 2014-15: "Love and War", December 29th-January 4th, Maribor (Slovenia)

Topic of the New Years' Seminar will be "Love and War", and it will be held from December 29th to January the 4th 2014-2015. Four workshops will be divided by historical periods. There will be place for 40 participants, and participation fee will be 100 €.

9. ISHA Summer Seminar 2015: Skopje (Macedonia)

More info will follow!

10. ISHA Autumn Seminar 2015

Belgrade section is interested to host the Autumn Seminar, more info will follow.

7) Questions and closing

No questions. Closing at 16:25.