



State of Affairs Meeting (SAM)

of the International Students of History Association, will be held at the ISHA Autumn Seminar 2014 on Thursday, 2nd October 2014, at Pula, Croatia.

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1) Opening – 15:30

President Barbora Hrubá opens the General Assembly

2) Appointment of Speaker

Barbora Hrubá, president

3) Appointment of Minute-Taker

Daria Lohmann, secretary

4) Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum

International Board:

President: Barbora Hrubá

Vice-President: Anthony Grally

Secretary: Daria Lohmann

Sections:

Berlin – Daria Lohmann

Helsinki – Jyri Lavikainen

Rome – Flavia Caruso, Manuele Ambrosini, Matteo Acciaccarelli

Saint-Etienne – Thomas Justin

Observers:

Bologna – Andrea Spicciarelli

Budapest – Arpad Bayer

Graz – Bianca Saad, Tom Laber

Kent – Charles Carlin

Pula – David Žufić

Split – Annamarija Bašić

Vienna – Pia Nagl, Georg Gänser

→ There is no quorum, therefore the General Assembly will be a State of Affairs Meeting

5) Reading the agenda

6) Review and approval of minutes of the SAM in Ljubljana and GA in Budapest

Minutes of the GA in Budapest were approved.

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7) Upcoming events

a) Weekend Seminar in Helsinki by ISHA Helsinki and ISHA Turku

Nov 13, 2014 – Nov 16, 2014 (subscription time for non-finish: 22 – 26 Sep, 2014)

Borders

Barbora (president) presents above stated information about the seminar.

Jyri (Helsinki) adds that seminars in cooperation with other cities are quite common in Finland.

b) New Year's Seminar 2015 in Olomouc, Czech Republic

Jan 19, 2015 – Jan 24, 2015 (subscription time: Oct 30, 2014 – Nov 02, 2014)

Associating throughout History

Barbora (president) presents the above stated information about the seminar and adds that the participation fee will probably be 90€ and that the Hostel is booked. The cooperation contract with EGEA will be signed during the seminar in Olomouc.

c) Annual Conference 2015 in Bucharest, Romania

Apr 20, 2015 – Apr 26, 2015

Local vs Global: A transnational perspective on history

Barbora (president) presents the above stated information about the seminar and adds that there might be some changes in the general program. Maybe Patrons will be invited.

d) Summer Seminar 2015 in Skopje, Macedonia

July, 2015

- Barbora (president) presents the title of the seminar: "History on the screen: Historical movies, Documentaries and TV shows".

e) Autumn Seminar 2015 in Graz, Austria

Sep 06, 2015 – Sep 12, 2015

Failure & Beyond. Telling History – Shaping Memory

Bianca (Graz) presents above stated information about the seminar and adds that the organization is making good progress and that they are not sure yet about the participation fee because they are not finished with fundraising.

Tom (Graz) adds that there will be lectures and a minimum of four workshops maybe even up to six with a wide range of topics. They are receiving great support from the University.

f) Application New Year's Seminar 2015/16 in Marburg, Germany

Barbora (president) reads Marburg's application for the New Year's seminar 2015/16 (see Annex 2). Pia (Vienna) says that it is a very nice application, that she likes the concept and that it will probably be a nice seminar.

g) Conference 2016 in Kent, UK

April 2016

No new information. Charles (Kent) is not involved in the organizational side of things.

h) Summer Seminar 2016 in Osijek, Croatia

July, 2016

No new information.

i) Autumn Seminar 2016 in Zagreb, Croatia

September 2016

The SAM is not happy with two seminars in one country in a row.

Thomas (Saint-Etienne) says that Saint-Etienne might be interested in organizing the Autumn Seminar 2016. This is not an official application (yet).

Barbora (president) notes that the GA can vote when there are more than one application for a seminar.

8) State of Affairs

a) International Board

→ Anthony (vice-president) reports on what he has been doing since the term started: He has been in contact with students of History in North-America (mainly Canada) since the end of August in order to spread ISHA outside of Europe and maybe even establish ISHA North-America as twin to ISHA Europe. They seem generally interested but there are problems: The travel costs are too high, exams are during the seminars and the students from Quebec want to speak French. He adds that he also contacted students of history in Lisbon, in order to spread ISHA in Portugal.

ISHA is an associated member of the European Students Union, he will represent ISHA during the different meetings where ISHA will be allowed to talk or take part. Most of the time: roundtables, workshops and sometimes "pools" (group of different students unions or organizations). Associate organizations like ISHA have the right to, attend all ESU meetings, except closed points of the meeting, speak at all meetings, except closed points of the meeting. Associate organizations have the duty to attend the Board Meetings of ESU.

Flavia Caruso (Rome) and Pia (Vienna) comment that they also have problems with the dates of seminars, because those often overlap with exams. Anthony (vice-president) answers that the travel costs is probably the biggest problem for the Canadians he talked to.

Pia (Vienna) asks why we are a member of the European Students Union, but can not vote. Anthony (vice-president) answers that we are an associated member and can not vote, because ISHA does not represent students of one country but (international) history students.

Georg (Vienna) asks what the European Students Union does. Anthony (vice-president) answers that various student organizations exist at the European and International level that deal with higher education in different ways. The European Students' Union (ESU) works towards unifying the voices of student bodies in Europe in relation to higher education. The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO. Through its members, ESU represents over 11 million students in Europe.

→ Daria (secretary) reports on what she has been doing since the term started: She answers/forwards E-Mails, prepared a certification for Zurich/Fribourg section to certify that we store their money until those sections start up again, prepared posters, prepared this GA/SAM and generally took care of ISHA's everyday paperwork. She reminds everyone that they should contact her via E-Mail (secretary@isha-international.org) in case they need a certificate for their participation in ISHA events or other ISHA activities.

→ Roberto (treasurer):

Barbora (president) presents Roberto's report:

So far we have 16 sections for the term 2014/15. There are 2037,66€ in our bank account, not including the money from Friburg and Zurich that we store.

Roberto (treasurer) has been working with Daria (secretary) and members of ISHA Zurich and Friburg on a contract about their money that ISHA International stores. He is trying to save some money on the next issue of Carnival together with Flavia T. (carnival editor), a Roman publisher might help us with it at the cost of adding their logo or something similar to the journal. The Copyright of Carnival and its contents are and will be held by ISHA. Issues XI and XII also have sponsor's logos on it.

Unfortunately jstor has declined our request to add Carnival to their database.

He is also spreading leaflets under the sections and is improving the ISHA International Wikipedia page.

→ Barbora (president) reports on what she has been doing since the term started:

She represented ISHA at EGEA events and is currently working on a cooperation contract that will be signed in Olomouc.

She is in contact with board of patrons.

Anton De Baets (patron) introduced us to a new, ISHA-similar organization in South-America. Barbora (president) contacted them in order to help and cooperate. So far they have similar events and magazines.

She is generally spreading ISHA, so far she received interested answers from Krakow, Warsaw and Brussels.

b) Council

No council member is present.

Barbora (president) presents their reports:

Anna (Olomouc) is working on ISHA's LinkedIn profile and is updating the list of sections' contact details.

Vincent (Berlin) is working on the Archives and made a proposal for a PhD workshop (see TOP 12).

Nina (Berlin) is working on the improvement of the ISHA homepage and facebookpage (see TOP 11). She is also working on a cooperational project with EUROCLIO (see TOP 9b).

There are no information about the doings of Maros or Alessia.

c) Carnival Editor

Flavia Tudini (carnival editor) is not present. Barbora (president) presents her report: So far there are 7 articles for XVI and 5 for XV (this issue will be a joined one). She asked ISHA Kent for a review and is still waiting for the reply. This issue will most probably be published in January. She has been working with Roberto (treasurer) on saving money by looking for a cheaper publisher in Rome.

Barbora (president) asks if Flavia Caruso (Rome) wants to add something. Flavia Caruso (Rome) answers, that she is helping Flavia Tudini (carnival editor) with proofreading and sorting of articles.

Bianca (Graz) asks where she can get a copy of Carnival.

Daria (secretary) answers that as soon as the new Carnival edition is published it will be contributed at the following seminars. Everyone who is looking for old editions should ask in their home section.

Barbora (president) says that there will be a call for a new cover design, because the current one looks boring.

Issuu.com:

Barbora (president) presents issuu.com. At the moment Carnival is only accessible on the ISHA homepage in pdf. Barbora doesn't like that. There should be a nice reader, issuu.com would do that: The issuu.com reader would be connected with the ISHA homepage. Barbora notes, that Flavia Tudini (carnival editor) does not like issuu.com because most magazines on that platform are not scientific.

Flavia Caruso (Rome) ads, that Flavia Tudini is also not happy about the language of issuu.com: It is not generally in English (as Carnival) but depending on your home country in various languages.

Barbora (president) ads that issuu.com can also be used as a social network, where “following” other magazines and journals is possible. That will help with the spreading of Carnival and ISHA.

Georg (Vienna) asks if Carnival would still be available in pdf. The answer is yes.

Daria (secretary) says that sections should have a look at issuu.com and discuss if Carnival should be available on it. The brief results of that discussion should be sent to isha.inter@gmail.com.

d) Webmaster

Fabian Wuertz (Zurich) is still webmaster. At the moment he is in contact with Nina (council member) and together they are improving see homepage (see TOP 11).

e) Board of Patrons

The profiles of our Patrons can be found on the ISHA homepage.

Barbora (president) briefly sums up what they are doing for us: They are advisors and propose contacts.

f) Alumni

Anthony (vice president) presents Pieter’s (Leuven) proposal concerning alumni: One ISHA responsible and 4-5 alumni should cover it as to expand network. Those 4-5 alumni should be spread out across the 25 years of ISHA, each taking one period at the time.

g) Sections and Observers

Bologna (Andrea):

The new academic year starts soon, ISHA Bologna will have a presentation for new students. They need promotional material.

Rome (Flavia Caruso):

ISHA Rome will start movie evenings about first world war. They have a lot of ideas for promoting ISHA. Flavia reminds everyone to contact ISHA Rome when they visit Rome.

Saint-Etienne (Thomas):

Saint-Etienne is now a section! Their statutes are almost finished. They are having problems to engage more people in international ISHA events, because of the language.

Graz (Tom):

ISHA Graz is busy planning the seminar. They are getting well known and have new members. They receive great support from the University thanks to Lisbeth. They are planning a new homepage.

Helsinki (Jyri):

ISHA Helsinki is alive and well and busy with the weekend seminar in November. They have parties and pubcrawls and are preparing to promote ISHA with new students.

Pula (David):

They organized this seminar.

Kent (Charles):

They are promoting ISHA to get more members for the organization of the Annual Conference.

Vienna (Pia):

ISHA Vienna is alive again! They are a section (again). They are in touch with former ISHA Vienna members from the 1990s. Apparently ISHA Vienna stopped existing in 1995, they are back since the Annual Conference in Budapest in 2014. They have regular meetings, five to six members and a board: Pia is president and Georg secretary. They are trying to become an official club in Austria, but that is hard because of Austria's bureaucracy. ISHA Vienna is thinking about organizing a weekend seminar.

A former member of ISHA Vienna would like to become a patron, Pia asks how he could become a patron. Barbora (president) answers that he has to apply and that the next GA will decide.

For some reason students in Vienna think that ISHA is a right wing organization, that troubles us. ISHA Vienna should work hard to reverse that view of us.

Budapest (Arpad):

ISHA Budapest still has a lot of members. Arpad is the new president. They want to cooperate with "The István Hajnal Circle – Hungarian Social History Association". Some members of ISHA Budapest are also members of this association.

Split (Annamarija):

ISHA Split needs new members. Annamarija needs promotional material.

Berlin (Daria):

Next week starts the orientation week for new students of history at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. ISHA Berlin will present themselves there and take part in a pubcrawl to promote ISHA and get new members. They are also organizing an ISHA Berlin pub night and the Museumsrawl project will take place for the third time this

coming semester. ISHA Berlin is organizing an “extended Museumsrawl” to Dresden. They are working on new merchandise (posters, shirts). They were contacted by a Flemish group of history students who will come to Berlin soon.

Prague (Barbora):

ISHA Prague is very active on national level, unfortunately not that much on the international. It is hard to encourage people to take part in international events. They started a new magazine.

9) Cooperation

a) EGEA

Barbora (president) attended the EGEA Annual Congress two weeks ago. There will be a cooperation contract signed in Olomouc, cooperation in the meaning of mutual promoting. This will be good for ISHA, because EGEA has sections basically everywhere in Europe. Sections will be obligated to contact local EGEA sections or promote EGEA in their home town/university. Maybe there will be joined events in the future.

Barbora (president) reminds all ISHA sections to please contact local EGEA sections.

b) EUROCLIO

Barbora (president): There are talks and negotiations about joined seminars and other events, application for grants and training for officials. Everyone liked Jonathan's (EUROCLIO) presentation in Budapest, he (or someone else from EUROCLIO) might also be present in Olomouc.

c) studyportals

The IB is not sure whether or not the agreement was actually signed during last term, because there is no official version of it.

Call to sections: please use studyportals! Write short reviews of Universities, check it, use it.

10) Fundraising Comitee

Barbora (president) reports: There was a fundraising workshop during the Annual Conference in Budapest, a working group was formed and they should have worked on the concept of a fundraising committee. It will consist of five people with different kind of tasks. The first priority will be to help sections which are organizing seminars, so there won't be any more cancellation.

Anyone who is interested in helping ISHA by working in the Fundraising Comitee please contact Barbora (president) at president@isha-international.org

11) Online Presence

a) homepage

Daria (secretary) reports on what Nina (council member) and Fabian (webmaster) changed:

The website-makeover is in progress, there are a couple of general layout improvements (map of sections, officials-page, starting page) and there are further plans to improve homepage in close contact with webmaster. At the moment they are especially concentrating on the “participate” site. There are plans to include videos and other visual material to make the website more dynamic. There will be calls for pictures in the future where ISHA members can submit photos of seminars and other ISHA activities to create a pool of visual material to be used on website, facebook, etc.

Anyone with ideas and willing to offer assistance/help is free to contact Nina (ninakraus90@gmail.com).

Pia (Vienna) asks if there will be a new corporate design?

Barbora (president) and Daria (secretary) answer that we are changing content for now and that we have ideas about a new corporate design but cannot afford it at the moment.

b) facebook (&twitter)

Daria (secretary) reports on what Nina (council member) changed:

She improved the ISHA International facebook activities through “liking” history related and other pages to generate more content. She also shares section news, calls, pictures, etc.

Daria (secretary) asks what the present sections think of the changes. Thomas (Saint-Etienne) answers that he likes the new, more dynamic Facebook page with more content - general nodding.

Daria (secretary) explains the difference of a Facebook fanpage and a personal Facebook profile and asks sections who use the profile to please change it to a fanpage, even though it is a bit of work in some cases.

c) LinkedIn

Daria (secretary) explains why Anna (council member) made a new ISHA International LinkedIn profile: It is now an organization/company page and not a person. ISHA members who use this network should connect with ISHA International (<http://www.linkedin.com/company/isha->

international?trk=tyah&trkInfo=tarId%3A1411129651488%2Ctas%3AISHA+International%2Cidx%3A1-1-1)

d) Blog

Barbora (president) presents her idea: the general idea is that we start an ISHA blog, with reports, articles, etc.

Arpad (Budapest) asks how it would be different to Carnival. Barbora (president) answers that Carnival contains scientific articles and papers, the blog would be less academic.

Pia (Vienna) is concerned about starting another new platform. Daria (secretary) has the same opinion. At the moment we should be concerned with improving the homepage, and the social networks we are already using, maybe in the future there could be a blog, but on the homepage not on an additional platform.

12) PhD Workshop Proposal

Daria (secretary) presents Vincent's (council member) proposal for a PhD workshop (see Annex 1).

Georg (Vienna) likes the idea. Everyone is in favor to change the current way workshops work and make them more diverse. Daria (secretary) and Barbora (president) remind everyone to be creative when it comes to workshops, they do not have to be in the current traditional pattern.

13) Merchandise (Posters, Shirts, etc.)

Daria (secretary) presents the new ISHA International poster (see Annex 3). It will be sent to the sections so they can print it and use it for promoting ISHA at their Universities. The sections are encouraged to design their own posters when they are not happy with this one, but please send it to the IB for approval before printing so we can make sure that they do not interfere with the statutes.

Flavia (Rome) likes this poster. Arpad (Budapest) would like more pictures and suggests to use the comic-like pictures that Pieter (Leuven) made. Barbora (president) says that those pictures might be funny but a lot of them have controversial political contents and should not be used as official ISHA promoting material.

The IB is currently working on a plan to make new ISHA International T-Shirts.

14) Questions and Closing

No further questions.

Barbora (president) closes at 17:58.

Annex 1

Proposal for an ISHA “PhD & Master Thesis Workshop”

*Second Draft by Vincent Regente
(29-09-2014)*

- **Who?** One to two workshop leaders (PhD students or local academics); it's possible to have at least one workshop leader from another ISHA section, but then there should be an additional workshop leader from the local section to simplify the organization of the workshop
- **Who?** Participants who are in their PhD or late Master's program (if there is enough space and they have a good explanation Bachelor students can be accepted as well)
- **What?** Presenting your research (ideally you can connect at least one part with the topic of the conference/seminar – but it shouldn't be mandatory because it's not very useful to “create” a connection which doesn't exist)
- **What?** 30 – 45 Minutes of presentation (it can be shorter if you just present one part of your research). There should be a short paper / abstract of the thesis / main ideas. It should reach all participants around two weeks before the workshop so the participants can prepare themselves for the presentation.
- **What?** After the presentation there has to be time for discussion and questions (30 – 45 minutes; it shouldn't be strictly limited if there's enough interest in the discussion)
- **How?** As written above: Like a usual workshop, but with “limited” access and maybe external workshop leaders / an external workshop leader.

“Maybe” additions:

- Including a short presentation about “How to Phd” (in various countries?)
- Methodological discussion (?)

Annex 2

Application from ISHA Marburg for hosting New Year's Seminar 2016/17

Dear International Board members,
dear section representatives here at Pula,
on behalf of ISHA Marburg, I would like to invite you, with your approval, to an international seminar at Marburg on the turn of the year 2015 to 2016.
Following our tradition of organising a new year's seminar every three years, after 2004, 2010 and 2013, it is time again in 2016 to open the gates of the unspoiled medieval town of Marburg and invite you to the (hopefully) snowy spires of the last home of the fabulous St. Elisabeth of Hungary, as well as the home university of the founding fathers of storytelling itself, the Brothers Grimm.
Marburg may be a small section and town compared to others, but what we lack in numbers, we even out with effort and enthusiasm. We can always rely on the support of our fellow students and we have good connections to our student union as well as the faculty's and university officials. Due to Frankfurt with its international airport and intercity train station in spitting distance, Marburg will be smoothly to reach for every ISHA participant, whom we can accommodate with straightforward board and lodging in walking distance of everything required, from potential workshop and lecture venues to a town centre anxious for decent pub crawls.
As for the topic of our seminar, at our first planning run came up the idea of a seminar

about "History and / or fiction". Like our university alumni, the Grimm Brothers, we would like to collect different kinds of legends, folktales and myths, but also biographies of saints and other fantastical happenings, to compare them and ideally check up on their historicity and maybe their reflection in society. In relation to this, there are also already potential trips and lectures in the works. Please excuse if this overlaps with other upcoming seminar topics.

I hope this short letter appeals the sympathy of our international community and conceals somehow the flaw that ISHA Marburg is not represented here today to bring forward the application in person.

Sincerely,

Jan Brack

on behalf of ISHA Marburg

*First Draft by Daria Lohmann
(27-09-2014)*

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