General Assembly (GA) or State of Affairs Meeting (SAM) of the International Students of History Association, will be held at the ISHA New Year’s Seminar 2015 on Friday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} January 2015, at Olomouc, Czech Republic.

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Minutes:

1) Opening – 14:15
President Barbora Hrubá opens the General Assembly

2) Appointment of Speaker
Barbora Hrubá, president

3) Appointment of Minute-Taker
Nina Kraus, council

4) Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum

ISHA International
Barbora Hrubá - president
Anthony Grally – vice-president
Roberto Tuccini - treasurer
Nina Kraus – council member
Anna Vrtálková – council member

Sections
Berlin – Helge Poesche, Matej Samide, Sophie Kühlenz
Kent – Iain Sturges
Leuven – Elke Close
Graz – Lisbeth Matzer, Susanne Korb, Jürgen Thomas Laber
Saint Etienne (SE) – Thomas Justin
Rome - Flavia Tudini
Sofia – Mario Filipov, Nadejda Dobreva
Budapest – Bálint Bak, Csaba Szabó, Dániel Molnár
Marburg – Ulrike Döbel, Michelle Simone
Olomouc – Anna Vrtálková

Observers
Pula – Marta Kuveždić
Edinburgh – Elke Close
Milan – Antonino M. La Commare
Ljubliana – Maja Lukanc
Maribor – Domen Kodrič, David Kramberger
Wien – Georg Gänser
Bologna – Flavia Tudini
Zagreb – Marko Čičko
Thessaloniki – Maria Adamopoulou
Other Observers
Euroclio – Pieter Baeten
EGEA – Nora Varga

11 out of 21 member sections are present. We reached a quorum and continue the GA.

5) Reading the agenda

6) Review and approval of minutes of the SAM in Pula
Minutes of the SAM in Pula are approved.

7) Upcoming events

a) Annual Conference 2015 in Bucharest, Romania
Apr 24, 2015 – Apr 30, 2015 - Local vs Global: A transnational perspective on history
Barbora (president) presents above stated information about the seminar. The date has been changed to end of April. On behalf of ISHA Bucharest Barbora (president) informs the GA that so far things seem to be in order and that the hosts are still working on the program and fundraising.

b) Summer Seminar 2015 in Skopje, Macedonia
July, 2015 - "History on the screen - Historical movies, Documentaries and TV shows"
Barbora (president) presents above stated information about the seminar. On behalf of ISHA Skopje she informs the GA that the organization is in progress and an approval of funding by the Ministry of Culture is pending.

c) Autumn Seminar 2015 in Graz, Austria
Sep 06, 2015 - Sep 12, 2015 - Failure & Beyond. Telling History – Shaping Memory
Lisbeth (Graz) informs the GA that their funding efforts so far have been successful. They are working now on workshops, daytrip and the cultural program. The participation fee will probably be about 70€. Everything is going well.

d) New Year’s Seminar 2015/16 in Marburg, Germany
The application to host the New Year’s Seminar 2015/2016 in Marburg, Germany was send for the SAM in Pula (see annex 1).
Michelle (Marburg) shortly presents their idea about a seminar on history and fiction. They already made some rough planning, but have no fixed agreement yet because of the pending vote of the GA to approve their application. The allocated date is end of January 2016, but has still to be discussed within the section. The section is small but motivated and believes that hosting a NYS already became a kind of local tradition in Marburg.

VOTE to approve ISHA Marburg’s application to host the New Year’s Seminar 2016

Pro: Berlin, Budapest, Graz, Kent, Leuven, Marburg, Olomouc, Rome, SE, Sofia, Vienna
Contra: 0
Abstain: 0

Application approved. ISHA Marburg high-fives.
**e) Conference 2016 in Kent, UK**

*April, 2016*

Iain (Kent) says that the section struggles to stay alive. Next year there will only be one active member left. So far the potential funding for the AC would be approved. He informs the GA that he had a meeting with the IB the day before the GA and discussed the proposal to change the application for the conference 2016 to a seminar in 2016. They had the idea to try a cross section cooperation for the event to help the Kent section with organizing. But Kent could host only 60 participants due to accommodation shortages. Also, the participation fee is problematic: they have no fixed budget yet. In the best case the fee would be 90€, in the worst case they would have to raise the fee to 120€.

Barbora (president) says that after a long discussion with officials there is a high possibility to have to cancel the conference in Kent due to the limit of participants. She informs the GA that the final decision will be made in Bucharest, because the GA needs to vote for a new application.

**To apply to host the Annual Conference 2016 is possible again.** Sections are asked to talk with their members and to keep in mind that two sections can cooperate to organise the AC together! Every interested section is welcome to address the IB regarding questions.

**f) Summer Seminar 2016 in Osijek, Croatia**

*July, 2016*

Barbora (president) informs the GA that the application was made during the SAM in Ljubljana, but since then there is no more information. No one from the section is present.

**g) Autumn Seminar 2016 in Zagreb, Croatia**

*September 2016*

Barbora (president) says this application too was made during the SAM in Ljubljana but also has no new information.

Marko (Zagreb) says that ISHA Zagreb had some personal changes and that he will carry the questions of the GA to the section. Also regarding ISHA Osijek he says that there will be a representative in Zagreb soon and he will check on it as well.

**h) Applications**

**Application ISHA Berlin**

Helge (Berlin) applies for a “Weekend-Seminar” in Berlin Germany (see annex 2) in 2016. This would fit the sections three years cycle to host ISHA seminars and it would be the last possibility for the current ISHA Berlin generation to organize an ISHA event. Because all regular slots have already applications pending they had the idea to host an irregular seminar, also because of their concept idea.

The topic would be “Historians at Work” to present and discuss career-options beside University for history students and graduates. This is a regular topic at ISHA-Seminars between participants. Berlin has a wide infrastructure of different institutions; the workshop will have one group per institution, preferably with a practical project for its participants.

Michelle (Marburg) ask how many participants the seminar would have. Matej (Berlin) answers 40 to 50 maximum, with eight participants in one of the five workshop.
Maja (Ljubljana) ask why they apply as “Weekend seminar”. Matej (Berlin) answers that Berlin wants to host a special seminar with a week-long-program, but using the format of a “weekend-seminar” to host it next to the usual ISHA-seminars.

Roberto (treasurer) asks for the date. Matej (Berlin) answers 6 to 12. June in 2016, but nothing is fixed yet. Roberto (treasurer) asks if it’s possible to host the official Summer Seminar in Berlin if Osijek should cancel. Matej (Berlin) agrees that this is a possibility as it is only one month difference, but they have to talk to their section first. Helge (Berlin) ask what would happen if Osijek would not cancel. Barbora (president) says that it would be problematic to organize a seminar this size only one month before the official summer seminar and not “steal” participants. Helge (Berlin) prefers to take vote on application rather now than in Bucharest to start working on the planning. Matej (Berlin) reminds the GA that the date is subject to change due to the early application as well as the response on fundraising and the institutions.

Roberto (treasurer) asks if ISHA Berlin could host the 2016 conference. Helge and Matej (Berlin) say that the problem is the size of participants; the concept would not work for a 100plus people. If the response of institutions would be positive beyond their expectation then it might be feasible.

Roberto (treasurer) asks if they can make a decision to Bucharest in regard to the feedback of the institutions. Helge (Berlin) answers that he as main coordinator thinks that making it to conference is difficult. Sophie (Berlin) says that she has contact to multiple institutions through her study program. Roberto (Treasurer) suggests to have only two days per group per Institution instead of a whole week and figure out a rotation for a bigger group for participants. Matej (Berlin) answers that there are theoretical sessions planned and this would be the case for the smaller seminar anyway. ISHA Berlin will be asked and they can make no decision today. The application in Bucharest might be possible but not certain.

Roberto (treasurer) asks if fundraising will be a problem, Helge (Berlin) answers no. Barbora (president) asks if the GA approves that ISHA Berlin can start working on the seminar and during the GA in Bucharest there will be a decision what kind of seminar it will be. GA agrees.

Application ISHA Vienna
Georg (Vienna) presents ISHA Vienna’s idea for a weekend-seminar in 2015, probably 28 to 31 May with 15 – max. 20 participants, but 15 is more likely. They plan to have 3 to 4 workshops, with around 7 participants per workshop. They have two ideas for the topic: 1) 70 years – End of WW2 or 2) social injustice. It’s a short last-minute idea. They need to do fundraising, participation fee is allocated around 40€. Accommodation might be problematic. They consider an airbnb or couchsurfing-like accommodation. Besides the usual cultural program there is a visit to the Austrian State Archive possible. If anyone has any tips concerning the organization and program, please feel free to address Vienna.

Application ISHA Budapest and ISHA Bologna
Bálint (Budapest) presents their idea for a weekend-seminar, but not in Budapest, but at Balaton lake during summer. There is a possible cooperation with the in center for political analyses. They would have a focus on eastern central region regarding the participants. Date and timeframe are open and the section is open to suggestions. He asks the GA if that would be of interest.

Flavia (Bologna) says they want to organize a weekend-seminar too, in October with 15 to 20 participants maximum. They have no fixed plans yet as they are an inexperienced section so far. Their topic would deal with the Great War. They will bring an official application to Bucharest.
Lisbeth (Graz) says that the date and funding would be unsure so short-notice and that bologna should maybe switch dates with Budapest? Bálint (Budapest) says that there no specific planning yet, therefore so far only their application is only asking if there would be interest at all. Barbora (president) says that Vienna already has exact date and if Budapest wants to organize something between summer and autumn it might be better to have a clearer idea of the proposed date. Bálint (Budapest) agrees and says that he needs to check with the section and suggests that Budapest will reconsider and apply with more concrete details later. Barbora (president) ask Budapest that they will proceed to prepare a solid application for the AC 2015. Bálint (Budapest) agrees and says that they will take care that there is no conflict with other events in June/August 2015.

**VOTE to approve ISHA Vienna’s application to host a weekend-seminar in May 2015**

- **Pro:** Berlin, Budapest, Graz, Kent, Leuven, Marburg, Olomouc, Rome, SE, Sofia, Vienna
- **Contra:** 0
- **Abstain:** 0

Application approved.

8) State of Affairs

**a) International Board**

**Barbora (president)**

She has been in contact with EGEA (see point 9a of the agenda). There are new sections that will become full members in the next month: ISHA Warsaw and ISHA Kosovska Mitrovica. Furthermore she is in close contact with the Union of Students of History in Colombia, but there is no decision on a possible cooperation yet. She was contacted by the Spanish Students Union, and the Student Union in Bangladesh, but there was no more contact since then.

She was at a training seminar of the Youth Trainer Academy in Budapest in 2014 and wants to establish a training system within the ISHA network. Interested member can learn more about soft skill events in the course of a local weekend-training. At end of March 2015 will maybe be a weekend-training event in Vienna led by Barbora and another trainer. If sections are interested to have these training-events too they can contact Barbora (president@isha-international.org) and she can help to find a suitable trainer.

Helge (Berlin) ask what kind of training that would be. Barbora (president) answers that one training session takes to 4 hours. Nina (Council) answers that these trainings are a lot like the fundraising workshop at the AC in Budapest 2014. Lisbeth (Graz) ask if these trainings would only be for ISHA. Barbora (president) answers that they are for ISHA-Sections, but with trainers from other contexts as in the ISHA network there are to trainers yet.

**Anthony Grally (vice-president)**

He had contact to enhance ISHA network in North America There are three to four interested association in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. Their problems are the high travel costs to come to ISHA events and the time of the events that clash with their exam-times. Also French-speaking participants are concerned about the language issue. He is pursuing contact with other universities. In general the concept of ISHA sparks interested, but is unknown. Anthony will be in Canada in August this year.

He met a representative of the Spanish Student Union at the ECU-meeting in Baku in December.
2014. There is a contact established and they are proceeding. Sven Mörsdorf forwarded contact from interested people in Lisbon and Kiev but the contact is pending so far. Flavia (Rome) says that she will be in Lisbon in July and can lobby for ISHA. Anthony (vice-president) says that the interested person is very motivated, but MA-student and alone so far.

He represented ISHA at the IFISO-Meeting in October 2014 in Belgrade with best-practice sessions and informal meeting on behalf of ISHA, and with a meeting with StudyPortals (see point 9c in the minutes).

Pieter (Euroclio) argues that ISHA sparks interest at a global level and should consider going global and “twinning” the network: open ISHA Europe, ISHA North America etc. In this way Canada could function on its own. Babora (president) say that they discussed several options for the Student Union in Colombia 1) that their members can become ISHA member sections, 2) that they merge with the SU and create a South American Union (so far only informal discussion, no plans of implementation yet) and 3) that the SU becomes a twin of ISHA, effectively creating ISHA Europe and ISHA South America.

Georg (Vienna) asks how the Student Unions in South America work. Babora (president) says that the principle is basically the same as here: they connect the history departments and the section in Cartagena, Bogotá etc., they are less formal but have regional congresses and local activities similar to ISHA, publications and journal, they have connections with teachers in schools, hold training events and one international congress that is organised by the South American Union with around 600 participants.

Roberto Tuccini (treasurer)

There are 21 member sections at the moment, plus several dormant and ephemeral sections. The ISHA bank account holds 2 500€ plus 100 € from the dormant Fribourg/Zurich section that the IB is authorized to manage (If member would come to event, they would be able to vote). Him and Daria (Secretary) are currently working on the contract with Fribourg; that should be solved in the course of the next week.

ISHAs only income are the member fees, next to several payments: Carnival, leaflets, shipping costs and other various expenses. He proposes to add official ISHA International merchandise as a source of income. To start with T-Shirts in various colours they would roughly need 500€ for a pre-order dispatch. Roberto (treasurer) says that the surplus from the sale could be invested in more merchandise and to help sections to finance events. He proposed the help of a Fundraising Committee and they will present more details in Bucharest. Fundraising is not only an issue for ISHA International but the main issue for everyone in ISHA.


Roberto asks sections and members to take a look at the page, comment, update section information’s and the event list etc. Everyone can improve the page by translating it to their language and put pictures online. This would help to spread ISHA, and aid also in raising funds for merchandise etc.

All section who needs receipts for fee-payment can contact Roberto ([treasurer@isha-international.org](mailto:treasurer@isha-international.org))!

Daria Lohmann (secretary, report by Babora) is doing the necessary paperwork. If anyone needs a copy of a certificate as participants from one of
the last events, please contact Daria (secretary@isha-international.org)! It’s also possible to request a certificate with a list of all events for CV or exams.

b) Council

Maroš (Prague) is head of the fundraising committee (see point 10 of the minutes).

Alessia (Rome) is helping with the newsletter. She was in contact with ISHA Ljubljana in regard to local activities in Belgrade. Maja (Ljubljana) says that so far there was no official event, so contact either private or no meeting at all.

Vincent (Berlin) is responsible on the archives and will publish a new call for archive soon. He also works on a PhD-workshop, see the proposal in the minutes of Pula and is in contact with ISHA Bucharest, ISHA Graz and ISHA Skopje to include this to their seminars programme (and would aims o include this in a possible Berlin Seminar)

Pieter (Euroclio) asks if there is an agreement with the Leuven Archive yet. Babora (president) answers that Vincent gave her no information, but that he asked for assistance of Pieter regarding the communication and will contact Pieter himself.

(Reports presented by Babora (president))

Anna (Olomouc) worked on the ISHA LinkedIn profile (https://www.linkedin.com/company/isha-international?trk=top_nav_home). She advises members to join group, use it and so connect with own profile, she also has been in contact with academia.edu on behalf of Carnival. She will start working on the newsletter from now and she has helped with the organization of the New Year’s Seminar. She asks all member sections to urgently update their contact details and their information on members etc. on the Contact List. If changes happen please contact the IB directly!

Roberto (treasurer) adds that if sections know about dormant section from their home country to please forward all info so they can contact Anna.

Nina (Berlin) will present her report at point 12 of the minutes.

c) Carnival Editor

Flavia (Editor) reports that the 15/16 edition is now well under way and apologizes for the delay in publishing! The proof reading in progress and the publication date will be April 2015. There will be an update article on the cooperation of ISHA and EGEA included. There will be a facebook page for carnival to share articles and publish things related to the journal and increase the communication with other kinds of academic journals. Flavia and Nina plan to renew the Carnival website and to put out an academia.edu page. The Call for paper for the Pula and Olomouc seminar will be send by the End of January/beginning of February 2015.

Flavia plans to establish a committee for Carnival for future editions. The committee will work volunteer- basis, to proof read the articles on 1) academic and 2) language level from Edition 17 onwards.

If any author wishes a certificate for publishing article in Carnival, please contact the Secretary of ISHA International!

d) Webmaster

Webmaster Fabian (Zurich) is in contact Nina, for more information see point 12 of the minutes.
e) **Board of Patrons**
Babora (president) reports that the Patrons will be involved in project with EUROCLIO see point 9b in the minutes.

f) **Alumni**
Anthony (vice-president) says that the alumni-network is not settled yet and that so far things haven’t evolved since Pula. There will be more results in Bucharest.

g) **Sections and Observers**

Antonino (Milan): New observer section since November 2014. Main capacities to recruit members, eager to organize an event maybe in cooperation with other Italian section, participated in carnival-Cover Call (see point 13 in the minutes)

Flavia (Bologna): Section will approve their statues and board next week, 5-10 members, probably present in Bucharest. They are planning to organize event in autumn.

Flavia (Rome): Section is in with several local associations, local Museumscrawl and/or daytrip nearby Rome. **ISHA Rome** and **ISHA Saint Etienne** organized twin-section seminar to create contact between sections, with mainly cultural program. Most members of ISHA Rome have never participated in an international event and want to organize another seminar soon, (no concrete planning yet, maybe one meeting per year and exchange between members).

Anthony (vice-president) says that this was no official event, no application etc., mainly informal! ISHA Milan is interested to join cooperation. Thomas (SE) reports that their long-term goals is to foster Italian-French cooperation and that there are plans to make this seminar more official in the future, fundraising is easier due to cooperation. Roberto (treasurer) says that Rome did no fundraising, food was on own costs, but this was only experiment and can be institutionalized and an official how-to can be agreed on and further discussed in Bucharest. This could be a new event format in ISHA and proposes to kick-start new connection between sections beside international events. Regional networks (although not exclusively) could provide a first framework for new type of inter-section cooperation, e.g. Mediterranean cooperation Italy- Croatia. Nora (EGEA) says that EGEA has an exchange system in place for this, events include scientific, cultural and social programme, hosts entity pays event costs, and the visiting entity pays travel cost Babora (president) says that these types of seminar had been much more regular just a few years ago.

Thomas (Saint Etienne): Section is part of Student Association of Human Sciences, association had internal financial problems lately resulting that the section had no resources at all and priority was in fundraising. Members consist of 4 people, among which Thomas is the only historian. Now they use more capacities for recruitment and activities

Ulrike (Marburg): lot of cultural activities like movie nights. At the moment the section is small but very active and very motivated. They had a meeting with EGEA Marburg and discussed recruitment and fundraising and will continue this cooperation with common events. They will start planning the New Year’s Seminar. Section had been approached to participate in mentoring programme Erasmus students at Marburg University, possibility to spread ISHA international.

Maja (Ljubljana): new board and they hope the new ISHA Generation will hopefully be present in Bucharest. Mainly evaluation Summer Seminar, they had no evaluation forms to this point, but can
continue now. They organized some cultural activities before Christmas. End of 2014 they published the journal Klio on Summer Seminar.

Daniel (Budapest) – In December 2014 they organized a roundtable discussion as preparation for New Year’s Seminar with help of PhD committee (PhD members of Budapest) that gave tips on presentation. They want to make it a regular thing that will hopefully attract more people in future; cooperation with Hungarian Social Student Association and Elections.

Domen (Maribor) - section had difficulties with their current president who wants to put history on the side of ISHA and work use network for local politics, they want to hold new elections to go against that. Problems that resulted from that was the Cancellation of original 2015 New Year’s Seminar as fundraising was not completed. Also the section membership fee was not paid which was unknown before the GA. They hope to resolve this situation asap and then apply for a seminar (regional) next year.

Georg (Vienna) – Section became an official association at their University in December 2014 and had some activities, like a visit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cultural section with lecture. They meet regularly and have 10 active members but more are interested but more as inactive ‘fans’. They had some problems with the local student association, but want to enhance local activities.

Mario (Sofia) - New president (Nadja) and 15 active members, but most are in last stage of education therefore they aim to bring in freshman and motivate new members. Section would be interested in the soft-skill-training, as they realized after their weekend-seminar in 2014 that there are thing that could have been prepared better.

Marko (Zagreb) – Section is not very active at the moment, they had couple of activities in the old year and there is a new generation of ISHA in Zagreb. So far there is no progress in the application of Seminar 2016.

Lisbeth (Graz) – Main efforts are to organize Autumn Seminar, section had 10 – 13 people very active members. Lisbeth promise this to be the best seminar ever attended by ISHA people. Besides the planning they had several workshop in the last year and have been contacted by EGEA Graz.

Elke (Leuven) – the Section is silent and they might become inactive, despite staying ‘full member’. Roberto (treasurer) says that this is problematic: if inactive sections keep paying they will still stay full member which makes it difficult to reach quorum if they don’t participate in international events. Elke is considering to approach art historians and archaeology to keep section running.

Elke (Edinburgh) - Björn is in Edinburgh and they are eager to start a section, but interest been low so far. People regard ISHA less serious and more concerned with drinking which is negative, but both have ideas to get things started there.

Iain (Kent) – most capacities are in recruitment of new members and making first arrangements for conference/seminar.

Marta (Pula) – Organized Autumn Seminar 2014 and now want to improve contact with wider ISHA network, planning different activities like movie nights with discussion rounds and a project or open seminars by Students, Alumni and Professors. They like the idea about twin-project and might pick it up.
Helge (Berlin) – Main activity is the Museumscrawl which is very successful. They won a prize from the department at Humboldt University for the initiative and could organise a trip to Dresden, which attracted more than 20 participants. Section has problems with new members and suggestions on recruitment are welcome.

Anna (Olomouc) – organizing the New Year’s Seminar. Otherwise the section keeps recruiting, their movie club is very successful with strong attendance. They experienced the opposite to Edinburgh, that people consider ISHA too serious with no fun. They have cooperation with other student unions in CZ, but so far no interest in ISHA. They also connect local students with Erasmus students and run a buddy-programme with exchange students coming from Nebraska University buddy-programme, who might pick up the idea of ISHA North America.

Babora (Prague) – section is very active and motivated, but only on local level. They have no national or international cooperation and no participation at the seminars. Yet they run many programmes like magazine (copy for freed or for donation).

Pieter (Euroclio) says that there seems to be an image-problem with ISHA and proposed to increase PR on what ISHA is about, e.g. like TED-Talks to have lectures taped and distribute them or take up promotion videos (see Agenda point 12). Roberto (treasurer) ask if it is possible to put guest lectures held on seminars into carnival (General nodding of the GA) to increase visibility.

BREAK (16:20 – 16:49)

9) Cooperation

a) EGEA

Babora (president) says that there was a presentation held by EGEA president Nora Varga this morning and they are signing the contract between ISHA/EGEA after the GA. There are no more questions on the cooperation.

b) EUROCLIO

Pieter (Euroclio) sends regard of Jonathan Even-Zohar, Executive Director of EUROCLIO. Euroclio proposes to enhance the cooperation and reminds ISHA section that they are welcome to get in contact with local Euroclio members for professional development on local training events. Also they are always looking for trainees to support their secretariat in The Hague, NL, new vacancies from September onwards, for six months in The Hague. For more information can check the website here http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/traineeships

There is a common ISHA/Euroclio project proposed, with a core group including Pieter Beaten, Sven Mörsdorf and president Babora. The goal of the Program is to organize trainings for ISHA officials (international and local) including soft-skill trainings like event managements together with Euroclio and the ISHA Board of Patrons. They plan to apply for the Erasmus Plus, Key Action 1: mobility of youth workers. ISHA as non-political organization can apply for EU-money, but can use disclaimer to distance the association from the official EU-politics if need be (EU is fine with this). There are several challenges, e.g. the program will most likely stretch over the typical official year. Also the program requires partners in all countries which would send participants: ISHA International/Euroclio would be registered as partner, local section can apply as partners too. The events have to take place where partners are from – this might be problematic with structure on ISHA. ISHA is not officially registered as NGO with the European Commission, but could do that and be accredited. ISHA would be the leading partner in the common project but there would be problems with changing officials while
Euroclio has a steady secretariat, however it would be great for development of training for ISHA to take up this role. In any case Euroclio is willing to assist and support ISHA with that.

Practical details: the program would start 1st January and run between 3 – 24 months during which events would take place and officials would participate in the organized trainings, (they can then organize local workshop for more members to spread their results). Each event would be 5 days with (3 working and 2 traveling days, preferably over the weekend. The budget would require 25 000€ to cover all training cost, but no travel costs. The proposed division of task would require a permanent committee to this project on ISHA-Side.

Babora (president) says that the project needs more people willing to get involved in the complete program, to organize the trainings and inform the sections etc. Pieter (Euroclio) says that if Erasmus plus does not work out, there are other funding options available. Roberto (treasurer) asks if Pieter as former official would be available to cooperate with the ISHA fundraising committee about that, Pieter (Euroclio) agrees. Babora (president) asks if the GA agrees that ISHA gets accredited at Commission. The GA agrees.

c) StudyPortals
Anthony (vice-president) met a representative at IFISO-Meeting in Belgrade. ISHA sections should share more information of study portals on local ISHA fb pages. Nora (EGEA) says that they are in an official cooperation with them too and usually a representative attends the EGEA-events, EGEA does promotion for them etc. Anthony (vice-president) says that they want the PR of the social network of student associations. Helge (Berlin) says that a cooperation with them as advantages, but asks if it’s problematic to cooperate with commercial cooperation. Anthony (vice-president) answers that they are just a platform for career-options, Nora (EGEA) says that StudyPortals was born as student’s initiative itself. Michelle (Marburg) says that we should be cautious and ask what happens if sections don’t share logo on local level. Babora (president) says that ISHA and StudyPortals already had a contract 7-5 years ago and was cancelled because GA was against the commercial character of the portal. The previous IB renewed the contract but although the contract was valid, it wasn’t kept from ISHA sides. But there have been no complains form study portals so far. Anthony (vice-president) says that they are mainly focused on printed issues, and shared posts on ISHA International post for example. Michelle (Marburg) is concerned because of the legal loophole social media. Roberto (treasurer) will check the agreement again and if there is a general problem with this, the GA will take this up again.

d) ESU
Anthony (vice-president) gives a report on the ESU-Meeting and General Assembly in Baku in December 2014. ISHA is an associated member and has no voting rights in their GA (goes only for national students unions), but ISHA should bring expertise concerning history studies and history students and ESU wants to involve its associated member more and he could do some extensive lobby for ISHA. He hopes that next time there will more representatives from ISHA to help with GA presence and lobby, ISHAs support for motions and amendments; e.g. for abolition of visa-fee for students, was popular. The next conference will be in March, the next Board Meeting in Armenia, Anthony plans to be there.

10) Fundraising Committee
Babora (president) presents plan to create a Fundraising Committee for ISHA. The idea first came up after the fundraising workshop at the AC in Budapest 2014 and the first draft is being reviewed by council member Maroš. The problem is that there are no members yet.
The main work of the committee will be to focus on institutions, but also maybe companies to support local sections, and provide sections with tips for sections. Babora (president) asks the sections to inform their members, there are no real resources for ISHA so this is very important to ISHA network. Flavia (Rome) asks what volunteering and tasks mean. Babora (president) answers that the task depends on the plans and include research to get overview of grants in the beginning. The IB will launch a Call for Members. Also, the committee should check the budgets of seminars provided by the organizing sections, because there is a problem with the general participation fees: since the GA to raise the maximum fee to 100€ this became more often the case than it was necessary. Therefore the committee should be able to give tips and push sections to do fundraising, the treasurer will approve budgets.

11) ISHA Goes Green/Carnival and Evaluation Forms

Babora (president) presents the idea of ISHA Green, which means that we minimize the printing to an absolute minimum (certificates and evaluation so far). Concerning Carnival there has been the proposal that, in order to sustain green, we will not print the journal anymore but become an online-journal. The next tasks are to find an appropriate reader and to renew the Carnival-website and embed reader on there. Issuu was suggested and declined by GA, therefore the research continues.

Michelle (Marburg) asks if there is an opportunity to print one hard copy for each section, because on Marburg has carnival in library and it gets read often. They also use it for PR and it sparks people’s interest. Roberto (treasurer) answers that the cost per copy is much higher instead of printing 150, therefore there is no gain but an online journal can do the same PR via facebook, website and the academic level of the journal will not be touched and there will be more space in each editions of Carnival that could be used, e.g. for including the seminar lectures. Articles would be indexed on google and become more visible and journal can be included in the university library indexes. The money could be used to support sections etc. Matej (Berlin) says that the arguments are understandable but Carnival would still be missed as promotional tool for ISHA and the money should rather be used to put out other items to close that gap. Roberto (treasurer) says that the ISHA International merchandise could do that. Pieter (Euroclio) answers that carnival online can still have promotional purposes, because editions are accessible on mobile devices. Flavia (editor) agrees and points out that if ISHA is going truly international this would also be easier for possible ISHA-twins in the North and South America etc. Babra (president) says that no student NGO is printing anymore. Carnival was no waste of money, but there were too many printed and issues were given away and forgotten. Going online means that there would be around 1.100€ free for other issues. Pieter (Euroclio) says that if sections still want a hard copy is cheaper to print and bind them. Flavia (editor) says that many journals stopped printing and libraries can refer to online reader in their indexes. Roberto (treasurer) points out that libraries usually make a selection due to space issues. Babora (president) says that it would be more attractive if we spend the money for printing rather for increasing the level of the journal and make it more attractive. Matej (Berlin) asks if the next edition will still be in paper, Flavia (editor) answers that edition 15/16 will hopefully be online already so the new website and fb-page will make it possible to connect carnival to other journals as well. Roberto (treasurer) says that due to the new cooperation EGEA and ISHA will co-publish in their respective journals which will add to a bigger promotion.
VOTE to approve Carnival goes Green and becomes an online-reader

Pro: Rome, SE, Budapest, Vienna, Sofia, Graz, Leuven, Kent, Olomouc, Marburg
Contra: 0
Abstain: Berlin

Carnival will become an Online Journal.

The next proposal is to do the Evaluation of ISHA-Events online too. The suggestion is to disseminate a link to the online-questionnaire after every seminar. The proposal is to use an open program. Barbora (president) asks if GA can agree to use online form for Bucharest. Matej (Berlin) says that he has the same at his university and the problem might be that people forget to fill it in. Bálint (Budapest) proposed that workshop leaders could remind the participants by email, he is also optimistic that they will understand that this needs to be done, however the issue is that there is possibility that organisers won’t get all feedback. Babora (president) says that for the Summer Seminar in Ljubljana only 70 percent of the participants filled the evaluation form. Maja (Ljubljana) propose to offer to organizer to either use paper forms or online questionnaire. Anna (Olomouc) believes that the result might be better and more online. Lisbeth (Graz) proposed a vote on a trial-phase for events in Bucharest, Skopje, Graz and AC 2016 and make a final decision after.

Vote to use an online questionnaire for event evaluation for one trial-year until AC 2016

Pro: Berlin, Budapest, Graz, Kent, Leuven, Marburg, Olomouc, Rome, SE, Sofia, Vienna
Contra: 0
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Trial phase approved.

12) Online Presence

Nina (council) is working on the websites with Fabian (webmaster) and regularly posts the facebook page, which almost has 4000 likes. She is sharing articles and likes pages, if anyone has interesting content that could be shared on ISHA International they can forward this to the ninakraus90@gmail.com or the ISHA International Fb page. Furthermore she is working on a new layout for the website to make it more dynamic and interesting. Layout will include more pictures and there will call for pictures that can be used by ISHA Inter for promotional purposes (also because of Copyright). Plans to include image videos on the website, with the assistance of Iain (Kent) and Bálint (Budapest). Nina shows a first draft of the prezi presentation with general Information about ISHA for newbies. Everyone likes it. There will also be a new fb page for Carnival.

Pieter (Euroclio) asks about an ISHA Youtube channel. Babora (president) answers that that would be good but we need to have something that we can upload, for example guest lectures. The IB will approach ISHA Bucharest to set up a recording at the AC.

a) Call for Content

Anna (Council) announces that there will be a regular call for Content to sections for the newsletter, and that there will also be a new layout soon.

Break: 18:10 – 18:23
13) Carnival Cover
Babora (president) informs the GA that the Carnival Designs have been sent by mail before and the IB made a small pre-selection to present to the GA four final designs (see annex 3 to 6). The GA and the IB thank every contributor to the contest!

VOTE for the Carnival Cover Design for Carnival Edition 15/16

- **Design 1**
  Pro: Vienna

- **Design 2**
  Pro: Budapest, Rome

- **Design 3**
  Pro: Marburg, SE, Olomouc

- **Design 4**
  Pro: Berlin, Kent, Leuven, Graz

The Cover Design of ISHA Milan wins.

14) Merchandise (Posters, Shirts, etc.)

Roberto/8tresurer) presents proposal to put our ISHA International merchandise. One way to increase ISHA International resourced. The Plan is to start with T-shirts in do different colours, sizes and fits and then continue with pins/buttons and other articles. The IB wants to invest 500€. If venture is successful we can consider to add products (mugs, posters ...). Study portals offers magnets with ISHA logo to us for free, for example with ISHA Logo, map of Europe or “Cheers” in different languages. Roberto8treasurer) proposes to sell the magnets for a small price. Matej (Berlin) agrees but says that the price should be one that ISHA can hold as soon as we have to make them ourselves. Babora (president) says that there is the possibility to change the price if need be.

Furthermore there are new leaflets available with Roberto and they will print a new stack in Skopje with the new board. They made some changes to the design to make the leaflet be more attractive. But if ISHA wants to reduce the amount of actual printing and extend green to flyers as well costs can be reduced. The leaflets will also be available online so they would be available if sections need them. For promotional purposes there are also posters that can be translated in different languages to use them for local PR. The poster often proof more effective than the leaflet.

15) Questions and Closing

Roberto (treasurer) reminds the GA that every section in need of payment confirmation should contact him.

The General Assembly closes at 18:38.
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
Concept ISHA Berlin Seminar 2016

Historians at Work

(working title)

intended period: Mo, 06.06. till Su, 12.06.2016

“What can you do with History?” – this question is repeatedly discussed between participants at ISHA-seminars, often in a rather fatalistic fashion. However, there is, in fact, an attractive job market for history graduates. The purpose of the intended 2016 Berlin seminar is to connect participants with related career professionals and show them hands on the work that they do. They will not only have the chance to visit institutions and talk to professionals from different sectors, who themselves hold history degrees, but also work with them for a few days, gaining an in-depth knowledge of what they actually do.

Our aim is to find institutions who are willing to cooperate with us and to “host” a group of participants for 2-3 days during which the participants will get to see what the institution does and the chance to do some work themselves. E.g., this could be cataloging a box of photos in an archive or supporting a teacher in school. Ideally, these would be institutions which exist in other European countries as well, giving the experience a greater value for one’s future. So far, our focus is mainly on institutions which are well known to employ history graduates: museums, archives, schools, research institutions (but not universities), publishing houses, and media. It depends on the possibilities of the collaborating institutions whether the workshops will be held completely on site or partially in the university as well.

Participants are not expected to prepare a presentation, but it would be useful to read some preparatory material and of course to engage actively in the workshops. At the end of the seminar, participants will present their institution and what they worked on in front of the entire group. If a “project” (such as an outline for an exhibition) was produced during this time, it can then be presented. However, this is not compulsory. “Funny Conclusions” might not be appropriate at this point but could be relocated to the obligatory NDP.

To have a proof of the working experience for future employers and to spread the experiences throughout the ISHA world, the workshop’s experiences and outputs shall be published in a small booklet. Writing a short text will be within the responsibility of the workshop leaders, and hopefully in cooperation with participants.

Outside of the workshops, there will be a complementary program. E.g., former ISHA members and other history graduates could give talks on what they do. We also think about a serious but potentially funny opening speech on the job perspectives of historians throughout history by a member of the academic staff at our history department. Another idea would be a “round table” on the employment situation of historians in different countries.

Besides that, the seminar shall of course include the usual ISHA formats: opening ceremony, ice-breaking-party, guided city tour, pub crawl, daytrip, NDP.

Mentor and Mastermind: Vincent
1. Head-Coordinator: Helge
2. Head-Coordinator: ??
Coordinator Food: Matej
Coordinator Parties: Daria
Coordinator Housing: Vincent
Seminar plan (preliminary)

17.01.2015

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Annex 2 - Application for Special Seminar 2016 in Berlin, Germany
CARNIVAL XV

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF HISTORY ASSOCIATION
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