



General Assembly (GA)

of the International Students of History Association, will be held at the ISHA Summer Seminar 2015 on Wednesday, 8th July 2015, at Skopje, Macedonia.

Minutes:

1) Opening

VP Anthony Grally opens the GA, states rules of engagement.

2) Appointment of Speaker

Anthony Grally is appointed as speaker.

3) Appointment of Minute-Taker

Lisbeth Matzer is appointed as minute taker

4) Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum

IB: Vice-president Anthony Grally, treasurer Roberto Tuccini
no council members present.

Sections (in alphabetical order):

Berlin (member)
Budapest (member)
Graz (member)
Helsinki (member)
Kent (member)
Ljubljana (member)
Marburg (member)
Osijek (member)
Paris (observer)
Rome (member)
Skopje (member)
Sofia (member)
St. Etienne (member)
Strasbourg (observer)
Thessaloniki (observer)
Vienna (member)
Vilnius (member)
Warsaw (observer)

With 14 member sections present the GA has quorum.

5) Reading the agenda

No comments on the agenda.

6) Review and approval of minutes of the GA in Bucharest

Accepted by GA without objections.

7) Upcoming events

a) Autumn Seminar 2015 in Graz, Austria

Sep 06, 2015 - Sep 12, 2015

Failure & Beyond. Telling History – Shaping Memory

The application period 13th to 18th of July is announced, Participation Fee: € 70,00. ISHA Graz will announce all necessary information for participants at the seminar homepage as well as via the events facebook group.

No troubles or difficulties with the organization.

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

January 2016

History and/or Fiction

Dates: 6th-10th of January

Topic: History and/or Fiction

aim at participation Fee of € 80,00

ISHA Marburg is currently looking for Workshop leaders and is thinking about publishing a call for WS-leaders soon; ISHA Marburg wants to hold the Phd-Workshop, Vincent is proposed as facilitator ISHA Marburg is currently trying to organize funding and food as well as accommodation.

Anthony compliments Lisbeth.

c) Conference 2016 in Kent, UK

April 11, 2016 – April, 16 2016

Sensing the Past

The AC 2016 "Sensing the Past" will consist of at least 5 workshops dealing with hearing, tasting, smelling etc. the past.

Participation fee will be € 100,00

ISHA Kent is currently trying to organize the accommodation but has difficulties here concerning the dates and the high number of participants (100). Jan Brack helps out and suggests to split the participants (again).

d) Summer Seminar 2016 in Osijek, Croatia

July, 2016

History Marginalised

The representative of ISHA Osijek at the GA cannot give information about the ongoing organization as he is not an active member of ISHA Osijek at the moment. Anthony Grally states that he will contact ISHA Osijek.

e) Autumn Seminar 2016 in Berlin, Germany

September 19, 2016 – September 25, 2016

Historians at Work

Process of planning is already under way, ISHA Berlin is currently looking for sponsors, accommodation but nothing is fixed yet.

f) Weekend Seminar August 2015 at Balatonakali (ISHA Budapest)

August 23rd to August 26th, 2016

Common History and Society in the Post-Habsburg States

Participants list is to be published on the day of the GA, the seminar will take place at lake Balaton. Organization (program, accommodation) is fixed and going well. For the workshops ISHA Budapest plans to employ a different concept than usually and will have the participants discuss in round-table sessions. ISHA Budapest offers to organize an after-seminar-trip to Budapest for those interested.

Anthony compliments and emphasizes that every section should dare to try new things for the workshops and academic program.

Upcoming events / call for application

Anthony thanks all sections that are about to organize or have organized events; he voices a call for application for the next spots that are still open starting from New Years Seminar 2016/17 on.

8) State of Affairs

a) International Board

Treasurer (Roberto Tuccini):

As the FR committee had not been established yet his main focus was/is fundraising. So far: The ISHA International T-Shirts have arrived and are being distributed to the sections and the planning for new merchandising is under way. The idea is to have fabric bags, pens, pencils, or whole “merch bags” which could be ordered by sections.

Roberto and Anthony plan to establish a working FR committee during the next term 2015-16. Concerning the leaflets: Teemu from the Council 2015-16 is working on it, no designs are ready yet. The idea is, that ISHA International will print a certain amount of leaflets to distribute it but the design will be available for download so that sections can print it themselves and they need not to be shipped anymore.

Concerning the membership fee for 2015-16: The deadline for payment is the Graz Seminar, after it the fee is € 75 in total. As Roberto will not be in Graz someone else from the IB will collect the fee.

Vice President (Anthony Grally):

Bára Hrubá (president) and Daria Lohmann (secretary) were working together a lot on ISHA internal issues. Anthony as VP has been travelling a lot to represent and promote ISHA at international students meetings and congresses (ESU meeting in Avignon, History conference of Higher education, IFESO). The aim is to share best practice examples.

Anthony managed to get ISHA Strasbourg on board and has been working on the idea of the Training Committee offering soft skills workshops and so on.

Egle asks if there were a PowerPoint presentation about ISHA to promote it at the section’s home universities. – Nina Kraus from Council is currently working on a promotional video which hopefully will be ready for Graz.

The problem here according to Anthony is that it is hard for IB and Council to get pictures that can be used as hardly anyone answers respective calls or the legal question concerning the use of the pictures is not always resolved easily.

Lilla Zambo introduces the promotional video of ISHA Budapest which the section has just recently made. Concerning the legal questions they did everything by themselves to avoid that matter. Roberto proposes Teemu as the official ISHA photographer for this matter in the future.

b) Council

As none of the Council members were present, Anthony gives the reports that were submitted. Anna Vrtalkova is searching for a new webmaster and tries to keep the list of contacts updated.

Vincent Regente is working on PhD-Workshop improvement based on the Bucharest feedback. Nina Kraus keeps updating the website and the Facebook page and tries to improve the website as well as the whole online presence of ISHA International

c) Carnival Editor

Roberto gives the report of Flavia:

Carnival No. 16 is about to be published and she began work on issue No. 17. Two articles are already ready for publishing in No. 17; Daniele and Flavia from ISHA Bologna are helping with the editing, Vicky from ISHA Kent with the proof-reading.

Flavia is also trying to include the remarks of Maja concerning the online journal.

Flavia also asks everyone to check the online database of their universities concerning journals and asks if everyone could get in touch with the respective responsible in order to connect carnival with it.

ISHA Berlin is currently working with the library to have Carnival registered in their online portal so that it is findable by academic search engines. Therefore ISHA Berlin CALLS for old Carnivals.

d) Alumni

Anthony: So far there are no news concerning ISHA Alumni.

In reference to the statutes he proposes to either change them to establish an Alumni organization within ISHA or speak of "friends of ISHA".

These decisions are postponed until Graz.

e) Sections and Observers

Sofia

Problem that section is growing "too old", lack of new members.

Changes in Organization of ISHA Sofia, member cards and new seal; ISHA Sofia tries to become more professional in that matter and is optimistic to resolve with the member issue in the future.

Marburg

ISHA Marburg is basically fine; they recently organized a historical city tour and gained new members; The organization process for the New Years seminar is also going well in their eyes especially concerning "(wo-)manpower". Ulrike left ISHA Marburg but stays as "consultant" for the seminar organization.

Berlin

Recruited a lot of new members, enough people to organize the Autumn Seminar in 2016; Daria resigned as president of ISHA Berlin and Helge was appointed the new one.

Ljubljana

As the representative present is not an active member of ISHA Ljubljana at the moment she can only state that it appears that the section declined as a lot of old members finished their studies recently.

Skopje

Has been busy organizing the present event. ISHA Skopje offers to give advice to other organizers in the future.

Budapest

ISHA Budapest has been working on the organization of the weekend seminar and on the promotional video. They are currently working together with a local student organization to organize e.g. weekend tours, preparation workshops for seminars and the promotion of each other. Through

this work ISHA Budapest got new young students interested in joining ISHA which will keep ISHA Budapest going.

ISHA Budapest is also helping to organize ISHA Paris and ISHA Eger.

Paris

ISHA Paris started to operate after Bucharest at the end of the French academic year, for now the organization is on hold until the next semester starts. St. Etienne helped with establishing the section. Paris wants to organize something in 2017 but will hopefully have more news about that by Graz.

St. Etienne

Everything is basically the same since Bucharest; The financial situation is critical but the section is "secured" as Thomas stays another year and tries to recruit new members.

Graz

ISHA Graz has been very active during the last semester organizing workshops and guided tours for local students and has been very busy organizing the Autumn Seminar.

In June ISHA Graz organized an "international meet and greet" with all international student organizations operating in Graz. Egea, Elsa, Aiesec, the student union, the sustainers and ISC (medical students) attended. Based on this further cooperations are planned for an interdisciplinary event in late 2016.

Fundraising is going really well.

ISHA Graz plans to change the sections statutes in late September.

Osijek

ISHA Osijek recruited new members which are also engaging in leadership.

They organized a field trip to the hillside and are still publishing their own magazine whose presentation attracts a lot of people, especially professors.

Strasbourg

Is not a section yet because for now it is only Coline who is the president of the student union in Strasbourg but she will work on it to get more people interested in ISHA soon enough.

Vilnius

Representative of ISHA Vilnius has not been present recently and cannot update about what is going on exactly. However, it appears that ISHA Vilnius had a change in members as old ones graduated but new, younger ones keep coming.

Thessaloniki

ISHA Thessaloniki is probably going to become inactive as there are no new members coming while old ones either go abroad or graduate.

Kent

ISHA Kent recruited a lot of new, young members. Jan explains what is going on as he had been with ISHA Kent for their last election and meeting. ISHA Kent has now two presidents – one for Kent and one for Christchurch as the statutes state that there can only be one section per town.

Vienna

Weekend Seminar in May went quite well however the goal to attract new, young members for ISHA Vienna did not pay off that well as now they have only 8 people active and most of them are about to graduate.

Warsaw

Warsaw is still a new section, but thinks about coming full member next term.

Helsinki

ISHA Helsinki calls for photos of ISHA Helsinki members at other seminars in the last years to compile a history of ISHA Helsinki.

Rome

ISHA Rome is currently struggling with bureaucracy to be recognized as an official student's organization.

They organized local book presentations and are cooperating with professors in organizing several events like lectures to bring new people to ISHA.

Milan

ISHA Milan got in touch with the local EGEE section; and plans to make a French/Italian seminar.

Bologna

ISHA Bologna established an "Italian-German partnership" as one of their presidents is studying in Bielefeld and tries to set up a section there.

9) Cooperation

Anthony did not attend the last Euroclio meeting in March because it was too expensive for students. However, he was able to be at the ESU GA in Yerevan in May where they dealt with issues concerning the Bologna process, Erasmus+ and related issues. Represented by Anthony, ISHA participated in the press communication preparation and attended the board meeting of ESU.

Anthony tries to work closer with ESU which could help ISHA concerning e.g. fundraising. For now, ISHA is an associated member which means that ISHA does not get insights in member and financial issues. The next meeting will be held in Bruxelles.

Anthony also attended the spring meeting of IFISO/ Informal Forum of International Students Organizations in Budapest in June where he is able to work on new partnerships for ISHA ("networking"). The next event will be in Zurich.

At the IFISO meeting the VPs of ISHA and EGEE met and discussed the problem that since the signing of the partnership agreement nothing really happened. This is an issue the new IB and Council will also have to work on. Anthony voices a call for papers in the EGEE Annual Congress Publication. They will take historical articles coming from ISHA (and vice-versa).

Concerning the partnership with Study Portals:

Agreement on the official partner label; The ISHA Website has to provide a link to Study portals and ISHA has to promote Study Portals via other channels (especially Facebook).

Four times a year the SECTIONS shall promote Study Portals via their respective Facebook pages so that ISHA gets the promised promotional material. There will not be a total control of the postings however it is a trust issue.

Proposition: ISHA International will post it regularly and send a reminder to sections via Email so that they share the content on their Facebook page!

If this promotion of our side works we will get more and more materials starting with magnets, then t-shirts and later on money.

ISHA sections do not have to update their home universities data in study portals, that remains just a proposition.

Call for VOTE in order for Daria to sign the contract at the beginning of her term. The first deal consists of 250 magnets for us.

VOTE

Zero votes against partnership
4 abstentions (Berlin, Marburg, Osijek, Vienna)
10 in favor
The proposition is accepted by the GA.

Additional: vacancies: The association who recommends an employee if Study Portals has a position opening up, will get 1000 euro reward which is why we need to share the vacancies on our pages.

10) Fundraising Committee

This project is not very far yet. Anthony proposes to have a small committee for the start which is formed by officials and council members to plan and get started until the real one can be established. This is meant as a kind of “ice-breaker” to start somewhere.

This first committee will involve Roberto, Anthony, Lisbeth and some people from the council who are interested in it.

The FR Committee is a very important project of the IB because most other things like the envisaged training committee will not work without funds.

For the future FR Committee it is planned to have grants coordinators, follow-ups of partnerships, and so on. In total the FR Committee should comprise 5 people and it should be a kind of a starter for those who want to become officials in the future.

A Call for members shall be voiced in Graz.

11) Online Presence

Sections should try to improve and update their online presence especially on the ISHA International homepage and maybe link their section’s side to their webpages.

To update the sections page, contact Nina for account information.

The ISHA International Wikipedia page shall be translated in more languages than it already is. People from sections are encouraged to translate it to their mother tongue!

12) Merchandise (Posters, Shirts, etc.)

see above

14) Questions and Closing

Graz asks if there is something already going on for single sections to meet with others in smaller event or to have meetings with ISHA and EGEA sections. Anthony replies that ISHA Milan and French sections are already doing twin-sections events and that it works quite well but it is rather on an informal, unofficial scale.

The idea of the Balaton event came from this aspect, the goal should be to make ties closer between neighboring sections.

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