



General Assembly (GA) of the International Students of History Association, will be held at the ISHA Annual Conference 2016 on Friday, the 1st of April, 2016 in Canterbury, England.

- 1) Opening**
- 2) Appointment of Speaker**
- 3) Appointment of Minute-Taker**
- 4) Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum**
- 5) Reading the agenda**
- 6) Review of minutes of the GA in Marburg**
- 7) Upcoming events**
 - a) Seminar in Rome, Italy**

“National State and Multicultural State from early modern to contemporary age”

May 12, 2016 – May 15, 2016
 - b) Seminar in Paris, France**

“Time and Space”

May 31, 2016 – June 3, 2016
 - c) Summer Seminar 2016 in Osijek, Croatia**

“History of Marginalisation”

July 11, 2016 – July 16, 2016
 - d) Autumn Seminar 2016 in Berlin, Germany**

“Historians at Work”

September 19, 2016 – September 25, 2016
 - e) New Year’s Seminar 2016-17 in Budapest, Hungary**
 - f) Annual Conference 2017 in Strasbourg, France by “ISHA France”**
 - g) Applications (VOTE, if required)**
 - ISHA Budapest, Ljubljana, Maribor, Graz (Regional Seminar August 2016)**
 - ISHA Split (Extra Seminar October 2016)**
 - ISHA Prague (Extra Seminar between AC & Summer 2017)**
 - ISHA Helsinki (Summer Seminar 2017)**
 - ISHA Zagreb (Extra Seminar between Summer & Autumn 2017)**

- ISHA Sofia (Autumn Seminar 2017)

8) Proposal for Statute Amendments VOTE

- a) Integrate Committees into the structure of ISHA (Annex 1)**
- b) Increase number of Council members (Annex 2)**
- c) Erase the Structure "Friends of ISHA" (Annex 3)**
- d) ISHA's Partnerships (Annex 4)**

9) Proposals to found Committees (in case Annex 1 is accepted)

- a) Ph. D. Committee (Annex 5) VOTE**
- b) Presenting preliminary Concept for Fundraising Committee**

10) Elections VOTE

- a) Appointment of 1 electoral commissioner and 2 electoral helpers**
- b) Presentation of Candidates**
- c) Discussion**
- d) Elections**
- e) Counting / Break**
- f) Presentation of Results**

11) Questions

12) Approval of minutes of the GA in Marburg

13) Closing

1. Opening of the GA

The General Assembly of ISHA International during the Annual Conference in Canterbury was opened at 14.01 on the first of April 2016.

2. Establishment of Quorum

International Board:

President: Daria Lohmann (Berlin)

Vice-presidents: Lisbeth Matzer (Graz)

Anthony Grally (St Etienne)

Secretary: Elke Close (Edinburgh)

Council Members:

Pia Nagl (Vienna)

Nina Kraus (Berlin)

Anna Vrtalkova (Prague)

Vincent Regente (Berlin)

Archivist: Georg Gänsler (Vienna)

Member sections:

Graz: Markus Wurzer, Susanne Korbel, Lisbeth Matzer, Doris Stadler, Michaela Mayrhofer, Maria Sonnleithner, Anita Bacher, Moritz Deininger, Martin Reichstam

Warsaw: Sebastian Żbik, Igor Niewiadomski

St Etienne: Thomas Justin, Anthony Grally

Kent: Lottie Brouwer, Giles Connolly, Ben Harding, Sam Cook, Vicky Buck

Paris: Alexandre Faure, Clara Peterlik, Lilla Zábó

Vienna: Georg Gänsler, Pia Nagl, Ruth Goren, Clara Peterlik, Martin Preinesberger, Flora Fuchs

Olomouc: Eliška Krahulíková, Natália Krátká,

Nicosia: Stavroula Kozakou, Maria Sotiriou

Sofia: Anita Volova, Maria Valkova

Prague: Anna Kolárová, Anna Vrtalkova

Maribor: David Kramberger, Domen Kodrič

Ljubljana: Irina Lešnik, Daniel Siter, Barbara Habit, Jože Glavič

Berlin: Tamara Pataki, Daria Lohmann, Vincent Regente, Nicole Hanisch, Linda Alpermann, Luisa Jabs, Carina-Rebecca Pansch, Hannes Tabatt, Klara Schwalbe

Budapest: Bence László Bari, Tamás Sárhegyi, Dorottya Bartha

Turku: Marjaana Tuominen, Pauli Rossi

Jena: Sarah Ulrich, Franziska Hahn

Milan: Francesca Montecucco, Nicola Comaianni, Antonio Mario La Commare

Helsinki: Aleksii Järvinen

Marburg: Jan Brack

Rome: Flavia Caruso

Observer Sections:

Eger: Diana Sellyei, David Szepesi

Zagreb: Zvonimir Plavec, Lara Zelić, Iris Živičnjak

Osijek: Toni Šafer, Andrea Kovačević, Adam Tuković

Split: Anamarija Bašić

Guests: Miriam Lunge (Regensburg) and Ruth Pope (Munster)

There are 21 member sections present and an additional 4 proxy votes (Berlin has the proxy votes of London and Lausanne, Paris that of Strasbourg and St Etienne that of Skopje), which means that 25 sections are voting and thus ensuring that there is a quorum.

3. Approval Marburg Minutes

The formal approval of minutes from Marburg will happen at the end of the GA, for now we ask that you read through it and add any comments.

4. Upcoming Events

1. Extra Seminar in Rome

ISHA Rome provides more details on the programme, stating that this is the first seminar in Rome and want to thank everyone for applying.

2. Extra Seminar in Paris

ISHA Paris has made all of the details known and are looking forward to it, especially working with the other sections involved both in France and outside of it such as ISHA Eger and Rome.

3. Summer Seminar in Osijek

They are also looking forward to it as it is most likely the last seminar they will organise. The participation fee is 90 euros and they can accept 45 participants. The application deadline is for the Seminar is in April for which the exact details can be found online, including the workshops. So have a look at the homepage and apply for the Summer Seminar.

4. Autumn Seminar in Berlin

Everything is going great. Even though the final cost is unknown, ISHA Berlin would like to keep the event as cheap as possible and applications will be held after the Summer seminar.

5. New Year's Seminar in Budapest

The title will be xenophobia and authority and the price will most likely be 70 euros. They are currently making plans concerning the workshops and would like to cooperate with the GA about these.

6. Annual Conference in Strasbourg

ISHA France is organising this, yet they have not started working on this due to the upcoming Paris Seminar. They are pulling together the forces of several sections however combining their experience and they want to do something with big partners.

5. Applications

The regional seminar organised by ISHA in Slovenia did not include Maribor and Ljubljana so it is not happening.

ISHA Split is working on a regional seminar just for the Adriatic countries and is busy finding funding for this.

ISHA Prague are in their exam period at the moment but are hoping to organise an event at a later date.

ISHA Helsinki is still applying to host the summer seminar which they detailed in a letter written to the GA by their president. There is no theme yet but they are enthusiastic about the organisation of it in cooperation with Turku.

ISHA Zagreb is thinking of applying for the autumn or new year's seminar 2017.

ISHA Sofia is sending in an application for the autumn seminar 2017. Even though they are a small section, they really want to do it. The topic would most likely be 'history and money' and they have already started looking for accommodation.

There will be no voting but everyone is accepting the applications of ISHA Helsinki for the summer seminar and of that of ISHA Sofia for the autumn seminar 2017.

6. Amendment Proposals

The following amendments to the statutes have been proposed by the International Board and the Committee, the reasons for which are detailed below.

1. The Addition of Committees to the Statutes

The IB and Committee wanted to do this because a lot of ideas had been popping up which required the establishment of committees. Yet these committees have not been working properly, so by incorporating a section on how they should function into the Statutes and Standing Orders, making them more streamlined, the officials hope to guarantee the future success of these committees. However, they will not be part of the ISHA officials, although this may change at a later date. To do this the following articles (see supra) will be added to the SO.

There are some questions raised by the GA. Can people be a part of this without being actually approved by the GA? Yes, as only the foundation of the committee needs to be approved by GA. The membership can be much more fluent and can be involved however they want to be.

Voting will now take place on the following question: The result of the voting was unanimously in favour of the decision with 25 yes votes, zero no votes and zero

abstentions. In order to comply with the statutes, the treasury committee will be changed into the treasury supervision as they are already in existence.

2. Increase of the maximum number of council members

Due to the rapid expansion of ISHA, the IB and Council have been dealing with so many extra tasks that it would be great to have more people involved in order to be able to divide the workload better since many people are working as well as studying. However, this change means that there will be more officials and it is a lot of people which might be a problem at a smaller seminar where the officials could end up taking more than half of the places. To prevent this, it might be worthwhile to look at guidelines which are just recommendations and therefore smaller seminars should think about implementing other rules such as accepting a minimum of five officials.

There are some questions: Is it not better to have a minimum of three instead of four council members. This makes sense in a practical way and so the proposal is changed to a minimum of three members. Additionally, member and observer sections cannot outnumber each other.

The result of the vote is 21 sections for yes, 3 for no and one abstention.

This creates an issue with the upcoming elections as the decisions made during the GA usually come into force at the end of it, leaving us with two options: let this decision come into force right now making the committees and council members elected now in accordance with the statutes or do we leave it until the end of the GA, which means the elections will be put into effect between now and Osijek.

Concerning the committees, the GA has decided with 18 yes votes, five no votes and two abstentions, that the committees elected during this GA will be able to start working immediately.

Then concerning the increase of the council members, which is just a one-off as at the GA during the next annual conference a maximum of seven council members can be elected. The GA has decided that this change in statutes will come into effect at once by a vote of twelve yes votes, eleven no votes and two abstentions. This means that seven council members could be elected during this GA.

3. Friends of ISHA

This is an outdated element in the statutes and has not been used for a long time. Being a friend of ISHA means that you cannot vote but you still 20 euros. When it is used by people, it is used in the wrong way so deleting it maybe in favour of future alumni events. Deleting this would not cause any problems with Swiss law or with any other students who want to participate in ISHA and are not history students.

The result of the vote is 23 yes, zero no and two abstentions.

4. Partners:

For the new homepage we are also working on a new partner site. ISHA is partnered with a lot of organisations that have not been in contact for a long time. The new website will

make a distinction between co-operational and associate partners to make the difference between national and international partners with whom we share a common ethos. In the end student associations would be categorised under co-operational partners and any other type of partners is considered an associate partner.

The result of the vote was in favour of the proposal: 24 yes votes against zero no votes and one abstention.

This means that all of the proposals are accepted.

7. Committee proposals:

1. PhD Committee

Vincent presents the main goals on behalf of the submitting group. What they want to do is basically a continuation of PhD workshops, roundtables and related events. They would like to set up a database containing all the research of the PhDs involved in ISHA and possible funding sources, in addition to providing training sessions or workshops on issues like how to write a research plan, etc. Another idea is to connect the PhD committee to Carnival as well as to the Webmaster position, where the aim is to raise the academic quality of the submitted articles, the implementation of a peer review process in Carnival and in that respect to make it a journal worth publishing in. Alexandre is proposed as speaker of the PhD Committee.

Questions on the subject: So is it then a combination of a PR and PhD Committee? (Daria) This process of linking Carnival with the PhD committee, does not exclude bachelor students or anyone else from being involved in Carnival (in whatever position). The aim is simply to have a strong pool of PhDs to actually proofread content as well as language. Is Carnival rated as academic journal at all? (Irina) At the moment not at all, yet credit should be given to Flavia Tudini and Flavia Caruso for all the work done in the last 2 years on Carnival.

The committee is established with the approval of the GA by 24 yes votes (against zero no votes and one abstention).

2. Fundraising Committee

Basic outline for the treasury committee is on three or four members working on a long term and voluntary basis in connection with the treasurer and maybe it is also a good idea to coordinate with another council member who will inform the GA. They will monitor and search for grants on an international level (EU, etc.) and search for companies that might be interested in sponsoring ISHA, as well as monitor the requirements of this funding when it has been acquired. However, it will take some time for this committee to come into effect.

The following remarks and questions were offered by the GA. When thinking about sponsorships, it should be discussed in connection to who is actually giving us money and how can this help or damage ISHA. This should be dependant and considered in individual cases. This is not only in connection to money but other material as well. Should a procedure or application for sponsors be created? Maybe we should think about this and

overall we should be very careful in selection of sponsors. In connection to the structure, maybe there is too much responsibility for the treasurer and how exactly does the council member help? Fundraising committee will be working together with the treasurer who will be representing what they have been doing, so it is basically a logical link. Changing the TC to include them as a supervision committee as well would not be necessary but could be worked into the proposal. Does the GA also have the power to dissolve or replace if it does not work? GA can say after a few years that all the committees can be dissolved. At the moment it is just a draft, so for any changes get in touch with the officials to help or connect it to the PhD committee. They have just focused on the international grants, if ISHA has those big ones then the ISHA International can help all of the sections struggling in the future.

8. Elections:

In the past the elections have not really been done according to the Statutes so now we are going to do them slightly different than usual. The candidates will be limited to a specific time and there is an electoral commission who will take over from the current officials. Daria goes over the entire procedure: speeches will be given, then candidates will withdraw themselves from the GA while discussions take place before we move on to voting. Only member sections can vote and they have one vote per section. The candidates have to be aware that there is a time limit to prevent the GA from lasting ages: the candidates for the position of president get 10 minutes, the ones for the vice-president position 5, and all of the others 2, since it is fair to give them some time to present themselves, just not too long. This will be followed by 10 minutes for questions. Antonino, Lara and Markus are chosen as the electoral committee.

After this they take over from Daria and all of the candidates give their speeches. The following people are the candidates for the following positions:

Then discussions follow and eventually a vote is cast with the following result:

President: Benjamin Harding (ISHA Kent)

Vice Presidents: Giles Connolly (ISHA Kent)

Lilla Zámbo (ISHA Paris)

Secretary: Miriam Eisleb (ISHA Berlin)

Treasurer: Hannes Tabatt (ISHA Berlin)

Council: Moritz Deininger (ISHA Graz)

Tereza Lyčková (ISHA Olomouc)

Klara Schwalbe (ISHA Berlin)

Vincent Regente (ISHA Berlin)

Domen Kodrič (ISHA Maribor)

Iris Živičnjak (ISHA Zagreb)

Editor-In-Chief: Alexandra Leonzini (ISHA Berlin)

Archivist: Georg Gänsler (ISHA Vienna)

Webmaster: Elke Close (ISHA Edinburgh)

Treasury Supervision: Maria Sonnleithner (ISHA Graz) and Lottie Brouwer (ISHA Kent)

9. Varia

The minutes from Marburg are approved.

10. Closing of the GA

The GA is closed at 22.45.