



General Assembly (GA)

of the International Students of History Association, was held at the ISHA New Year's Seminar 2016 on Thursday, the 7th of January 2016 in Marburg, Germany.

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1) Opening

President Daria Lohmann opens the General Assembly at 14:14.

2) Appointment of Speaker

Daria Lohmann, president of ISHA, is appointed as speaker.

3) Appointment of Minute-Taker:

Michelle Simon, ISHA Marburg, is appointed as minute-taker.

4) Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum

International Board:

President: Daria Lohmann (Berlin)
Vice-Presidents: Lisbeth Matzer (Graz)
Anthony Grally (Saint Etienne)

Council Members:

Vincent Regente (Berlin)

Member Sections: (Voting Members are underlined)

Paris: Lilla Zámbo, Alexandre Faure, Alexandra Leonzini
Berlin: Matej Samide, Nicole Hanisch, Daria Lohmann (president), Vincent Regente
(council), Lukas Uhde
Vienna: Flora Fuchs, Clara Peterlik
Helsinki: Riina Hyökki
Graz: Lena Plankenbichler, Lisbeth Matzer (vice-president)
Ljubljana: Maja Lukanc, Tanita Seifert
Warsaw: Magda Próchniak, Kajetan Stobiecki, Przemyslaw Pazik
Sofia: Nadya Doykova
Budapest: Daniel Molnár
Kent: Lottie Brouwer
Nicosia: Iliana Koulafeti
Marburg: Jan Brack, Natascha Rieke, Peter Molthagen
St Etienne: Anthony Grally (vice-president)

Proxy Votes:

ISHA St Etienne holds ISHA Roma's vote. The vote is held by Anthony Grally from St Etienne.

ISHA Paris holds ISHA Strassbourg's vote. The vote is held by Alexandre Faure from Paris.

Quorum:

13 of 22 member sections are present, so there is a quorum. With two proxy votes, there are 15 votes altogether in this GA.

Observer Sections:

Zagreb: Iris Živičnjak
Lausanne: Séveric Yersin
Thessaloniki: Pavlos Vasileiadis
Split: Anamarija Bašić
Mannheim: Miriam Eisleb, Simone Daumel

Guests:

Alumni: Karen Bähr, Ulrike Döbel
EGEA: Michael Witte
prospective members: Lena von den Driesch (Heidelberg), Maike Wendland
(Heidelberg), Uula Neitola (Turku – even though Turku is a
member section, it is not represented by Uula)

5) Reading the Agenda

Daria Lohmann is reading the agenda to the GA. There are no objections or comments.

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

The minutes from the GA in Graz are given out by Daria Lohman into the plenum at 14:21. Attendants will be able to read them during the time of the GA.

Addendum: The minutes from Graz are given back to the IB after the GA. There are no objections or comments on it from the attending section representatives.

7) Upcoming events:

a) Annual Conference 2016 in Kent, United Kingdom

“Sensing the Past”

Mar 28, 2016 – Apr 02, 2016

- The application period was prolonged once, but now is over.
- 111 applications
- ISHA Kent is struggling with the financing and most likely going to ask the participants to pay the fee early.
- New concept for the PhD event will be tested during the seminar.
- Section has largely grown during the organization of the seminar, now approx. 20 students.

b) Seminar in Paris, France

"Time and Space"

May 31, 2016 – June 3/4, 2016

- The Seminar will have to change it to a totally academic event as the ISHA sections in France are not going to get any funding otherwise.
- Co-organized by ISHA Paris, ISHA Strasbourg, ISHA Lausanne and ISHA Saint-Etienne.
- Subject is the diversity in the city itself, working in different parts of the city
- Application fee will be 25€ (BUT: additionally 26€ for transportation within the city as you have to use a city pass)
- planned with 50 participants

c) Summer Seminar 2016 in Osijek, Croatia

“History of Marginalisation”

July 18, 2016 – July 23, 2016

- No-one present from the section at the GA, but it is looking good.
- The Seminar will be earlier than thought: 11th – 16th July !!
- Question from ISHA Paris: Who is the current section president? Answer from the IB: Toni is still vice-president, best way for communication is to contact him.

d) Autumn Seminar 2016 in Berlin, Germany

“Historians at Work”

Sept 19, 2016 – Sept 25, 2016

- Concept a bit different from the traditional seminars: workshops about the actual working fields of the historians, e.g. a school, an archive, a foundation, a museum, ...
- Question from ISHA Marburg (Jan): Is it possible for freelancers to attend the Workshops? Answer ISHA Berlin (Matej): Not completely cleared right now.
- 50 free slots, maybe up to 60 (depending on the funding)
- Question from ISHA Sofia (Neda): Also open for students of other subject? Answer ISHA Berlin: Yes, it is.

e) Applications for upcoming seminars 2017:

Applications from the following sections: Strasbourg, Zagreb, Sofia, Budapest, Helsinki, Prague

- ISHA Strasbourg: applying for the AC as ISHA France (all three French Sections), conference for 150 participants, first conference in France since 1993
- ISHA Zagreb: Summer Seminar, topic not fixed, but day trip planned, further information as soon as they return from Marburg
Addendum: ISHA Zagreb chose to host their seminar between Summer and Autumn Seminar instead, making it a smaller extra event
- ISHA Helsinki: also a Summer Seminar, not many details given yet, daytrip planned, couple of years since the last seminar in Helsinki, new board just elected, maybe together with the help of ISHA Turku
- ISHA Budapest: New Year Seminar, no topic yet, information about the exact date coming asap
Additionally: regional seminar (as in the previous summer), maybe around 20th August
- ISHA Sofia: Autumn Seminar; elected new board, theme might be about money and history/ history and colonization
Planned date is first week of September
- ISHA Prague: also considering to host the Summer Seminar
Addendum: considering re-dating it after the suggestion from the IB, but representative needs to get in touch with her local section before making the decision
- Suggestion from Daria (IB): instead of three Summer Seminars making it one additional seminar as it had been the case in 2015 (see addenda on the specific sections)

- Question from ISHA Split: Able to fit in another weekend seminar in September 2016?
IB disagrees, because it is too close to the Autumn Seminar in Berlin
Suggestion ISHA Split: October 2016
- ISHA Ljubljana: thinking about an Autumn seminar or an Extra Summer Seminar as well, problematic with the funding as it is basically the same region as ISHA Budapest
 - > needs to be talked through, maybe a collaboration between the two sections?
 - > adding ISHA Graz and ISHA Maribor as well?
- Suggestion from the IB: Decision about the New Years seminar and the Annual Conference to be voted on during this GA, rest should rethink, create concepts and hand them in before the GA at the AC in Canterbury.

VOTE commencing on the New Year Seminar and the Annual Conference:

AC 2017 in Strasbourg by ISHA France: 15 positive answers, 0 negative, no abstentions

New Year Seminar 2016-17 in Budapest: 15 positive answers, 0 negative, no abstentions

First Break from 14:53 to 15:10 PM

Continuation at 15:12 PM

8) State of Affairs

a) International Board and Council

- Vincent (Council): Working on the PhD events and organization
- Reported by Daria (president):
 - Nina (Council): Administrating social media and web presence. Problems with the servers, @ishainternational.org is dead, problem still needs to be fixed
 - To **all** sections: If there are official facebook pages for ISHA – do not post crazy party pictures as it is not helpful for the general image campaign!
 - Pia (Council): Alumni questionnaire will be send to the sections after this seminar, every section then please try to reach the alumni!
 - Teemu (Council): graphic design, working on the new homepage
Call for pictures – send them in as the IB needs to have a database of images to choose from for the website, leaflets, etc.!
 - Anna (Council): Collecting the sections' contact details, please give notice of all the changes in your board etc.!
 - Roberto (treasurer): responsible for merchandise and all money things concerning ISHA.
 - Elke (secretary): She is doing certificates and other paper work
- Anthony (vice-president): external affairs, annual congress of EGEE, ESU gathering in Zurich, ESTIEM training session , trying to have a good cooperation with these organizations
- Lisbeth (vice-president): for internal affairs: fundraising committee in ISHA is in work (idea since 2014), slowly processing, hopefully able to present a first version in Kent PLUS responsible for the academic quality of the seminars
 - New ISHA Event Organization Manual, coming soon via download, will be edited throughout the next months
 - additional thanks to Karen and Maja for the proofreading and comments

- Daria (president): She does everything else. Especially communicating, organizing, delegating. She is also the one to contact if there are people who are interested in becoming a section

b) Carnival Editor:

Daria and Lisbeth report:

- Call for papers for the next Carnival issue, 30th of January, abstract with the maximum of 500 words
- no more printed versions, only digital download
- Several questions about what has to go in there from ISHA Marburg, ISHA Warsaw and ISHA Prague, answered by the IB
- Always looking for more proof-readers
- For any more questions please ask Flavia Tudini (flavia.tudini@gmail.com)

c) Member and Observer Section

ISHA Saint-Etienne: raising money from different partners, lots of work

ISHA Paris: expressing thanks to the other French sections for their help, academic workshop twice a month where members can present their works, history pub crawl, guided city tours to introduce the students to the city, thankfully no problems

ISHA Zagreb: starting to get more active, helping the new students, organizing movie nights and quizzes, small trips to Graz and Belgrade, trying to raise some more money for publishing, small seminar with the sociology students, 20 members but not too active mostly, really confined on the local level, trying to change it now

ISHA Lausanne: wanting to be observer section, trying to expand on the international level, working together with ISHA France to get more reach, in symbiosis with a more regional organization in which ISHA will be the international voice

ISHA Thessaloniki: in decline (sadly), going down to observer section now, two/three people left from the section, on the positive side ISHA Thessalonica is still known to exist in the student body

Heidelberg: working to become a section, working on becoming a student initiative to be able to rent rooms etc.

ISHA Vienna: managing to attract lots of people after the archive workshop, sadly some members left because they finished their studies, working on a local seminar about the remembrance culture

ISHA Helsinki: new board, small local events, working with the Erasmus students

ISHA Graz: high motivation since the semester, many members visiting international seminars, contact with EGEEA, Christmas party and hiking trip together, many workshops

ISHA Split: lots of good news: organized round table of the history students of Croatia, thanks to IB for letter of support, send a letter to the president but problem with the government as they are not completely elected at the time being, preparing for the night of museums now, working on a magazine, hopefully many applications for upcoming seminars

ISHA Ljubljana: doing very well, kind of “resurrected”, 15 active members, hoping to continue the trend, more events like museum tours, movie nights, visit to Prague before Christmas, meeting with ISHA Prague, new elections in Spring, hoping to get to Kent

ISHA Prague: 100 members , small membership fee, voted assembly to choose the council (5 people) plus control committee, meeting four times a semester, organizing events for everyone, folk evenings, lectures, discussions, cooperation with other student associations, ice-breaking party for the freshers as well as orientation event for them, magazine published once a semester, trying to be more active on the international level

ISHA Nicosia: trying to reorganize as they have been inactive for a long time, getting in touch with university again, official meeting, organizing trips, 9-10 people interested

ISHA Kent: questions about how to improve their visibility, trying to get more in touch with the post-graduates at the university, looking forward to the seminar

ISHA Budapest: huge assembly after Graz, new board now, far better organized now, Bence new president, striving to become an official organizing esp. for fundraising, contacting more universities within the city (four the city, two already contacted and now trying to establish a stronger cooperation), lot of local events plus regional events, Hungarian national holiday in October used for a meeting, plus guests from ISHA Graz and ISHA Maribor

ISHA Sofia: getting better since the last seminar in Graz, new elections, new members, more recruitment, restructured, working on statutes, planning several round tables, workshops planned and theatre nights to attend theatres together, cooperation with the student and faculty council, 14 official members plus alumni’s

ISHA Warsaw: new section, but very active, academic trips to Moscow, trying to get scholarships for a trip to Saxony, events rather local, not deeply connected with other ISHA sections but getting better, collection for an orphanage worked very well, exchange of academic experience from Belarus and Warsaw, call for papers in the students magazine

ISHA Berlin: doing great, working on the autumn seminar, doing the museum crawls, some pub crawls and BBQs with EGEA Berlin

ISHA Mannheim: new section since October, 20 people in support, writing a statute to become an official student initiative to work with the university, now handed in and hoping to get the official yes soon, board freshly elected, informal meetings, two round tables, around 15 people attending it, problem with both “old members” leaving university and the young members not active enough

ISHA Marburg: mainly busy with organizing the seminar, happy about how it is going, section slowly growing, taking a small downtime afterwards and then starting with fresh motivation into the new semester

EGEA: Michael (Board of EGEA), really enjoys the vibe and energy of the seminar so far, hoping to find many possibilities to help each other out and learn from each other

ISHA Rome: (reported by Anthony) there will be a small seminar in May in close cooperation with ISHA France

9) Webpage

- Fabian (old webmaster) finally quits and the homepage is going to be switched off in March (!!)
- we desperately NEED a new webmaster who will help with building the new homepage and rescuing the old data, migration to the new server, new email system, buying a webspace for ISHA (so far ISHA's everything online is based on Fabian's personal webspace, the IB does not know who decided that years ago)
- the IBs knowledge about IT is exhausted, they are asking for help
- Maja is trying to get into touch with local IT students, Karen gives Daria a lot of ideas for people to ask in Berlin
- EGEA is checking back how they are organizing their stuff, maybe able to help, especially with E-Mails, apparently they are using googlemail.

16:22: Ten minute break till 16:30.

10) Statue Amendments VOTE

a) Archivist position: since the seminar in Graz there is the position proposed, the GA voted in favor of the proposal, now the vote to confirm the new position:

VOTE: 15 positive, 0 negative, no abstentions

b) Duration of Terms for Officials

Proposal to Change the Statues to extend the amount of consecutive terms for Officials by one year. OR to abolish the restriction of consecutive terms altogether.

Discussion:

- Paris: some long-term projects actually need more time to be finished, not helping if the persons switch half-way
- Lausanne: transition is needed, more emphasis on training young members to full out the positions
- Warsaw: needing research committee to gather more information about how the new idea would work out
- Karen (Alumni): not the problem of people staying in the positions to get personal gain, still easy to vote new people in the positions during the GA

- Berlin: keeping those persons who are doing a great job in their positions to get things running smoothly
- Klara (Heidelberg): more help for the transition through ex-IB members in the council instead of prolonging the IB times
- Paris: especially problem with the position of the treasurer, as it needs a long time to work into the job, we need a discussion on the general idea of how the positions work and what the obligations work
- Marburg: we need a better promotion of the idea what the IB is and what they do to encourage ISHA members to strive for the positions

VOTE 1:

- either YES or NO if there should be a change at all
- 13 Yes, 2 No, 0 abstentions

VOTE 2:

- Option 1: to extend the amount of consecutive terms by one
 Option 2: to abolish limitation altogether
- 14 Option 1, 0 Option 2, 1 abstention

11) Presentation of the new Leaflet und Slogan:

- new slogan is “exploring the past”
- new dated added in the seminar section

12) PhD Committee

- growing interest in the PhD workshop, wanting to create a committee to put more emphasis on the subject
- adding a section to the website with ISHA-PhDs with their name, contact dates, research topics etc? (announcement from Vincent and Lilla, more specific in Kent)

13) Application period

- not voted upon during this seminar, but discussed
- time to discuss it now during GA and another round during the evening
- high disappointment within the IB in the very few answers coming back to the question

Calling to the sections to answer these official questionnaires as they are often yes-no questions and easy to answer!

- Round table concerning the application period scheduled in the lobby of the hostel at 8:00 pm. A seminar room has been organized.

14) Questions

- call for help for Vlad, to help him with him with his family (raising money by bake sales etc)

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Daria closes the GA at 17:48.

*These minutes are approved by the General Assembly in Canterbury, England
1st April 2016.*