

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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## Introduction

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The following policy paper was made in order to outline the basic principles and plans of the International Board of ISHA for the term of 2017-2018. The main goal of the International Board for the coming term is to maintain the current state of the organisation, ensure stability and to work on certain aspects and areas in which we feel it could be improved.

The International Board will strive towards improving the academic standard of its international events and will devise maintainable strategies to ensure that all events organised in the name of ISHA are accessible and enjoyable for all members regardless of nationality, sexuality, and race. Together with the significant restructuring of membership that will be undertaken during this term in conjunction with the moving of the seat to Berlin, Germany, we hope to attract a greater number of members and widen our network internationally. In addition to this, it will be a priority of the IB to establish new partnerships internationally, ensuring the continued growth of the association, and affording its members greater opportunities to develop professionally. This work will be undertaken by the International Board, Council of ISHA and all its Committees. In the following we will describe the specific tasks of the Officials for the term 2017/18 to reach these objectives.

## Changing of Seat (IB and Council)

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An especially important task for this term is to establish ISHA International in Berlin. ISHA has a long history of changing its headquarters, for after its initial establishment in Budapest it moved to Leuven and Zürich. Following a lengthy discussion about moving ISHA into the European Union, the General Assembly in Helsinki 2017 voted to start the process of closing ISHA in Zürich and re-establishing it in Berlin.

This move is essential to the growth of ISHA as a professional association, granting us the ability to apply for all relevant grants and funds offered by the European Union, and enabling us to further establish cooperations and partnerships throughout the EU. To facilitate the changing of the seat the current International Board will continue the work of the previous board in reforming the statutes to harmonise with German law,

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something which requires a fundamental restructuring of our association. The most significant change to be implemented is the reform of membership. In order for ISHA to function in Germany as a registered society its members should be individual students rather than sections. As such, reforms of the membership fee and the voting system are required. To allow the continuous functioning of ISHA International, the International Board is working out a structure of individual membership fees. In order to ensure democratic representation in the General Assembly, members will be able to delegate their votes. Despite the reform of membership, sections will still play an important role in ISHA, and the International Board plans to work on strengthening their position and encourage all local activities.

### Partnerships and Fundraising (Lucija, Dániel)

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ISHA has a growing network of partner associations. In recent years, we have cemented partnerships with many student organizations of varying academic focuses. One of our oldest partnerships is with the European Geographical Association (EGEA). From this term, we will cooperate with EGEA, in their “Iron Curtain” project, a project which will focus on the political, economic and social changes experienced by Central- and Eastern-Europe in the wake of the fall of the Berlin Wall (1989). It is our hope that in coordinating with EGEA on this project, ISHA’s influence within Europe will broaden, and our relationship with EGEA strengthen.

We also plan to cooperate with EUROCLIO, the association of European History Teachers. Their new project called “Learning a history what is not yet History” focuses on the breakup of Yugoslavia and the wars that followed. We would like to encourage and help sections to take part in the project with local EUROCLIO entities.

In addition to this, a new partnership with the Economy History Association is in the works. Initially negotiated by the previous board, it is the intention of the current board to strengthen this partnership and begin a cooperation of benefit to both parties.

It is also the intention of ISHA to increase its visibility for potential donors and supporters. In addition to establishing and maintaining contact with former ISHA members (ISHA Alumni), who can help us find new funds, it is the intention of the association to improve its merchandise. As ISHA will become eligible for EU funds with the moving of the seat to Berlin, we strive to project as professional an image as possible, and to apply for and secure as many grants as possible in the interest of the association.

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## Fundraising Committee (Dániel)

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In recent years, ISHA International has started working on establishing a network for fundraising to ensure ISHA's financial situation remains stable. As such, at the GA of 2016's Autumn Seminar held in Berlin, the Fundraising Committee was founded for this reason. The intention of this committee is to help the International Board and the Council (most importantly the treasurer) in the following ways.

Firstly, it aims to examine all possible methods of increasing the wealth of the association to ensure that costs associated with running an international association the size and scope of ISHA continue to be covered. As such, it is responsible for contacting potential patrons and donors.

Secondly, it will cooperate with the Alumni Committee, keeping in contact with former ISHA members to utilize their experience, help and support in gaining new donors. Thirdly the Fundraising Committee will work with the Treasurer to apply for and handle possible European Union funds and applications. Finally, it will also be the responsibility of the committee to help organise the production of ISHA merchandise both locally and internationally.

## PhD Committee (Alex)

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In recent years, ISHA International has made a concerted effort to encourage the participation of PhD students both locally and internationally with the development of the PhD Workshop and the ISHA PhD Network facebook group. It is the intention of the current IB and PhD Committee to work with all post-graduate members of the association to ensure that ISHA events continue to have a positive impact on their studies and their future endeavours as working historians.

In addition to continuing the work of the previous PhD Committee, it is the intention of the current PhD Committee to further broaden the activities of the PhD Network, including the establishment of a directory of members, and a database of postgraduate courses and funding opportunities in both Europe and the world.

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## Project Management Committee (PMC): Miriam, Sophie, Adam, Tom, Matej

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One of our biggest goals is the improvement of the organization and to rise the academic standard of ISHA international. Some sections are new and/or unexperienced in the organization of seminars. This is when the PMC should step in and help. The Committee should not delegate, but give advice and offer experience. Of course, we want to encourage all the sections to take part in the organization and make taking that step easier. For this task, we would be happy to win some new and old ISHA members from different sections. Some of our ideas that we developed with the officials are already implemented since the General Assembly in Helsinki, that is the control of attendance (80 %) and the number of titles each participant should use in his or her bibliography for the presentation.

As a structuring principle, we want to appoint an adviser from the PMC for every seminar, at least one year before the seminar, who communicates regularly with the organizing section. Furthermore, we want to establish an evaluation procedure of the workshops (for participants and workshop leaders), edit and add to the workshop manual and the organizational manual (according to the new Statutes if they will be accepted), write a timeline for the organisation of seminars, promote the use of our manuals and brief workshop leaders if needed.

In general, we want to make organizational knowledge more accessible and focus on the development of social skills, as presentation and teamwork, in the 'How-to-ISHA' Workshops. Moreover, we would also explain the changes in the structure of ISHA if they will be accepted by the General Assembly and develop a new application form template in accordance with changes to the new statutes. We already set up a proposal for possibility of refunding of the membership fee which will be discussed in Sofia along with the statutes.

Based on the results of the equality survey, the PMC will develop strategies to raise awareness for discrimination and equality within ISHA and during international ISHA events. On the one hand, ISHA members will be provided with opportunities to educate themselves about different forms of discrimination and how to handle violations of individual borders. Educational trainings with educators from partner organisations or professionals in this field could be held during 'How-to-ISHA' Workshops or other time slots at local or international ISHA events.

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Besides the educational aspects, structures should be established to provide help for members who experience discrimination, additional to the confidant on the international level who is part of the IB or Council. For this purpose, it would be a good idea to appoint a confidant for each seminar who serves as a contact person if discriminatory behaviour is experienced or observed and mediates between the involved parties, the organizers and IB and Council. The tasks and qualifications of this confidant will be worked out within the PMC according to the needs of all participants and the organizing sections and will be discussed with the members of ISHA. The goal of all measures is to make ISHA equally accessible, fruitful and worthwhile for every member by raising awareness for discriminations and clearly communicating that all members deserve to be treated with respect.

### Alumni Network Committee (Matej, Lucija, Klara)

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The Alumni Network Committee was established at the General Assembly in Budapest in January 2017. Since then, it has acted as the contact point for the Alumni and collected contact information from former ISHA members who are interested in contributing to ISHA. It has also established a web presence and updated members of the Alumni network regarding the current events of ISHA.

Most importantly, the Committee has organised the first ever ISHA Alumni weekend seminar that is going to take place in Berlin between the 6th and 8th of October 2017. Its programme will include thematic workshops, a roundtable and social events. In the coming term, it is the intention of the Alumni Network Committee to extend and strengthen the existing Alumni network by bettering its web presence, keeping in touch with the Alumni and organising more events, thus enabling the transfer of knowledge between the Alumni and the current members of ISHA.

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