



## **General Assembly (GA)**

of the International Students of History Association, that will be held at the ISHA Summer Seminar 2017 on Friday, the 28th of July 2017 in Helsinki, Finland.

### **1. Opening**

**Lilla opens the GA at 13:34.**

**2. Appointment of Speaker** The representatives appoints Lilla Zábó as speaker, without objection.

**3. Appointment of Minute-Taker** The representatives appoints Daniel Molnar as minute-taker without objection.

### **4. Taking down of Attendance, checking the Quorum**

**Officials:** Lilla Zábó, acting president of ISHA International

**24 member section, 13 is needed, 16 represented:**

Split, with proxy-vote of Osijek

Budapest, with proxy-votes for Zagreb and Maribor

Kent

Warsaw

Zadar, with proxy votes of Eger and Skopje

Berlin, with proxy-vote for Jena

Turku

Helsinki, with proxy vote for Marburg

Vienna

Observers: Rome, Ghent, Lugano, and Joonas from EGEA

**5. Reading the agenda:** Lilla reads the agenda no questions/remarks added

### **6. Review and approval of minutes of the GA in Eger**

No question asked, or comment added. **Vote: 16 voted, 16Y(es)/0N(o)/0A(section)**

### **7. Upcoming events**

- a) Autumn Seminar 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria
- b) New Year's Seminar 2018 in Zagreb, Croatia
- c) Annual Conference 2018 in Maribor (cooperation Maribor and Graz)
- d) Summer Seminar 2018 Warsaw, Poland **VOTE**

**Kuba:** "Concept of city and human environment" as the title; cca 80-90 Euro, 50 people and some extra guests from Iran, or from Lviv, more details in Sofia.

**VOTE: 16 voted, 15Y/0N/1A (Warsaw)**

- e) Autumn Seminar 2018 in Skopje, Macedonia
- f) New Year's Seminar 2019 in Marburg, Germany
- g) Applications  
2019, ISHA Berlin, Summer Seminar, **VOTE: 16Y, 0N, 0A**  
2018 Regional Seminar ISHA Budapest, May,  
**VOTE**  
13Y, 0N, 3A (Budapest and its proxies)

## 8. State of Affairs (14:03)

- a) International Board  
**Lilla:** her report will be sent via E-mail, with most of the other IB and council members (see below). A short summary of her and the board's term. They were mostly occupied with internal affairs (see "Moving the Seat"), and later in the term with international cooperation. Lilla also gave a short report on the work of other officials. (See below)  
5 new section was born or reactivated, in Belgium, Bosnia, Serbia, and Russia. New cooperation with EUROCLIO. For their new project (Teaching the wars in the Balkans in the 1990's,) they eager to cooperate with the local ISHA sections and with ISHA in general. Cooperating with EUROCLIO locally can have many positive effects: scientific visibility, more people can be involved in the section, help in financing, etc.  
Visions for the future: brief report about the handover process, main points of the program of next term  
**Lilla:** More and better knowledge transfer between the past -, now- and future officials. FB groups and Google-drives were shared with the freshly elected IB and council-members before their term begun, and also participated on the Skype-meetings. Skype-sessions were held where issues of Internal/external affairs were discussed. A personal meeting between the current and the 2017-18 IB will be on the late August at Budapest.
- b) Partnerships, cooperation (EGEA, EUROCLIO)  
**Joonas from EGEA:** Iron Curtain project, where local ISHA sections and EGEA entities cooperate. Great opportunity for grants and funding, as it's a popular topic.  
Shared Google-drive documents for easier cooperation, it will be launched in September. Sections support it.  
**Flora:** ISHA and EGEA Berlin will cooperate surely, also on the Summer seminar. ISHA Budapest is also planning it.  
**Lilla:** As the end of the term, we can't appoint a contact person now, but it will happen soon by the new board. Daria Lohman will go to the EGEA

Annual Congress (parallel with ISHA Autumn seminar).

Applying for the funds have to be done until late October. There are differences between EGEA and ISHA events, (the later ones are urban ones, the first ones are rural ones), which have to be concerned.

**10 min. break (14:34-14:45)**

9. **Sections and Observers**

Some sections sent reports, these are distributed, and will be re-sent with the minutes.(see below)

**Daniel** from ISHA Budapest presents their plan for a regional seminar, which hopefully will be a series of weekend events, in cooperation with EGEA, EUROCLIO and research groups all over East-central Europe.

**Ghent (Anselm):** new section, happy to be here, from October they hope for more people and funds and wants to be official member section.

**Kent:** The representative (Thomas) not really sure, what's going there, as he is a new member.

**Roma (Luca):** Many people left Rome, and the sections seem to be declining, but they hope for a better future and working on to get new members.

**Warsaw (Kuba):** recruitment is good, new website: [ishawarsaw.wordpress.com](http://ishawarsaw.wordpress.com); growing cooperation with Russian and Ukrainian sections, and they planning to build contacts to North-Africa as well. They also had a conference-excursion to Tehran.

**Turku (Paolo):** they are part of a bigger organisation and are relatively small, they have a board and a few members, they have plans for more event and active participation in seminars.

**Lugano (Zara):** many people graduated, but they hope that they will survive. Have a huge support from the University. Recommended co-operating with Lausanne.

**Thessaloniki (Maria):** Most of them study abroad, but when at home, they organise something and try to keep the section.

**Vienna (Henriikka):** many local events, city walks, strong cooperation with local EGEA.

**Helsinki (Kari):** Having the seminar now. Many local events, and stable membership. Changes in the history education program, but hopefully it will not affect the section.

*15: 28: 10 min. the break was proposed by Lilla, but the representatives decided to continue without a break*

**9. Proposal for starting the process of changing the Seat of International Students of History Association *VOTE***

(submitted by Lilla Zámbo, Acting President of ISHA International for term 2016-2017)

**Lilla informs the representatives according to the following paragraph:**

**A brief story of having the Seat of ISHA in Zürich:**

ISHA was founded in 1990 in Budapest. Since this year, the seat of ISHA was moved several times in order to create the best circumstances for the association and its members.

Prior to 2003, our seat was in Leuven and until this date, we were a Belgian international association. That was an ideal legal form, but soon it had to be changed, as there was one big problem: one official always had to be a Belgian citizen (the "legal Belgian"). So long as we were in Leuven, that wasn't an issue, as if no officials were Belgian in a given year, anyone from ISHA Leuven was given a nominal extra seat to fulfil the requirement. But when ISHA ran out of Belgians, we had a problem. In the early 2000s, the GA of ISHA decided to move to Zürich (Switzerland), as anywhere else would have needed ISHA to have a physical office. That would have made ISHA dependent on a local section, which at any time might cease to exist and cause ISHA much bigger problems again. Unfortunately, this happened a few years ago, when ISHA Zürich/Freibourg ran out of members.

In the last few years, ISHA had to face another problem by having our seat in Switzerland, as far as this makes us ineligible for EU grants, as EU subsidies can not be given to non-EU organisations.

In the previous two years, there were many discussions held within the IB of ISHA on the issue of the Swiss seat. But only during this term, has it become clear that we have to make moves to develop ISHA on a further level. In January (see GA minutes from Budapest), the IB saw two cities that could be suitable for having the Seat of ISHA: Budapest and Berlin. Unfortunately, due to the recent political actions and given circumstances in Hungary (see GA minutes from Eger), the International Board suggests

choosing Berlin over Budapest.

At the GA in Helsinki, all sections will be informed about all the requirements of re-founding ISHA in Hungary and in Germany, too. However, the International Board favours choosing Germany, and thus Berlin, as the new seat of the association.

Based on our research in the past few weeks, we could find the following information on the seat changing process and on the founding of an association in Germany (more details will be sent to the Sections before the GA in Helsinki).

If the seat of ISHA would be changed, the best option for the association would be to re-found it as a Non-Profit Registered Society "eingetragener Verein", however, this would require substantial changes in the structure and in the Statutes of ISHA.

### **Requirements for Registered Societies:**

1. Statutes – We already have those. They would have to be changed, however, to meet all the requirements of the statutes of a registered society. Here is a list of the requirements, some of which we already fulfil.

a) The statutes need to declare shared aims and goals – ours do so in article 4.

b) The statutes should include the name of the organisation, which needs to be "true" (not misleading) and which has to be different from other societies registered in Berlin – this is also already the case, see article 1.

c) Our statutes would need to include a declaration to register the organisation as an "eingetragener Verein", a registered society. This would need to be changed and declared in article 2. The relevant laws can be found in Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch (BGB), Article 21 to 79.

d) The society needs to have a seat, however "Berlin" would be sufficient, it need not have an address. The seat should be where the society is active, we don't yet know whether being mainly active outside of Berlin would be a problem (if at some point no administrative business for ISHA International would be going on in Berlin).

e) The aims and measures of a registered society should be idealistic, not economical – we may not charge for services or aim for economic goals. We fulfil this requirement.

f) The statutes need to clarify entry and exit for members. This is not specified in our statutes (see article 7, especially article 7.2). We assume that the Member Sections of ISHA are the members of the registered society since ISHA as an organisation has no member criteria for real persons. We need to clarify whether a member section can be a member of a registered society. Here is where another problem comes up: the Executive Committee, e.g. the board, would need to be made up of members. We assume that the persons running for a position could do so as representatives of the member sections. But that would mean that persons from Observer Sections could no longer run for an office. This would also mean that we need to come up with binding criteria for members

(maybe the 75 Euro fee). But, again, our members are diverse legal entities.

g) The statutes need to make clear whether members pay a fee and how high the fee is. This is not the case with our statutes. (It's in the standing orders).

h) The statutes need to make the constitution of the executive committee, e.g. the board explicit (our statutes do).

i) The statutes need to name how protocols are made for general assemblies, and they need to be signed. This is not in our statutes and we don't sign our protocols – we would have to clarify who signs them.

j) The founding statutes (statutes used for founding the registered society) need to be signed by seven members. If members are legal entities rather than real persons, the signing person needs to be able to represent the legal entities. Again: The structures of the ISHA sections are varied, it is unclear how and at what times a real person can represent them.

k) The statutes also need to name the date of the registration.

### **Extra requirements for Non-Profit Registered Societies:**

1. copy of the Statutes

2. a founding protocol

3. a written application to become non-profit to a Berlin tax office

The copy of the proposed statutes should be sent before registering the society at court and the tax office will respond whether it will be successful in becoming non-profit (the response is free of charge - that's not the actual application though, we could only actually apply to become non-profit once our seat is registered). In our statutes, we will need to be precise in how our organization is beneficial to the general good. (BGB, article 52, 2.1 "Support of Science and Research"). We should also specify who we will support (individuals? sections?) and how we will support them.

### **Costs**

The preliminary costs for registering a registered society are between 90 and 140 Euros, for the costs at court, for the notarial fee and the actual registration. More costs for legal advice for the statutes could occur!

Extra costs: We would be required to indicate the change of board every time, every year, which costs 50 Euros at court each year (a new board is elected each year) and the notarial fee (to certify the protocol of the election and the declaration that the office has been accepted by the elected candidate).

### **How to proceed now?**

In conclusion, changing the seat to Berlin would require a lot from ISHA and the Sections. First of all, we need to implement structural changes to the association and to the Statutes to fulfil the requirements of a Non-Profit Registered Society as indicated above.

Thus, there are a few important points to be discussed in the upcoming General Assemblies:

1. Define the new membership of ISHA: implementation of the individual membership.
2. Define the new tasks of ISHA Officials, especially the ones who will be charged with the administration of the association (like tax declaration).
3. Define all the structural changes that the seat changing requires from us.
4. Begin the closing procedure of ISHA in Switzerland (based on our legal status there).

More information on the advantages and disadvantages for having our seat moved will be shared with the Section in the following weeks and there will be room for more discussions.

However, the International Board sees the necessity of such a radical reform within ISHA and is ready to proceed in the above-mentioned way to assist the Sections and make ISHA a better and up to date International Association that is eligible for funding, too.

Lilla explains the situation and the following points in short.

Most sections were against of personal/individual membership fee on an international level.

Flora, Berlin: will the members of Berlin will be merged to the new association?

Lilla: no, each section remains individual, fees will be collected by them

Rome(Luca): will it affect the membership fee; Answer: Not yet

Paolo, Turku: Wealthy sections could pay more than poorer ones. It was a debate a long time ago, and it's important to talk about it, in Sofia.

## **Proposal for starting the process of changing the Seat of International Students of History Association *VOTE:16 voted, 16Y, 0N, 0A, 15:40***

**12. Proposal for changing the criteria for the „Certification of Participation” VOTE**  
(– submitted by Miriam Eisleb, Secretary of ISHA International for term 2016-2017)  
**Lilla explains the proposal and the reasons behind it.**

Many organisations have a criteria-system, to ensure a minimum academic level and to

make the organisation look more serious and professional. For some sections, these criteria are obvious, for some new sections they can be a guide line for the workshops. Looking through this, we think we should implement the following criteria:

### **a. Proposal for Standing Orders Amendments**

#### **Article 2c: Certificates**

- (1) A participant earns her/his certificate in an ISHA seminar if she/he
  - a) attended at least 80 % of the academic program which includes workshop sessions, the Keynote Lecture, the Final Conclusion, the Round Table or other elements as defined by the organising sections as an academic part. Each workshop session counts as a separate event.
  - b) produced an English abstract of her/his topic, and a bibliography that should include more than five titles. The abstract and the bibliography should be sent to the workshop leader(s) before the ~~end~~ beginning of the event. (Comment from Flora, Berlin: why not before? Some sections agree Zora, Lugano: have it before, easier to handle for the ws leader. Luca, Rome: would make an end of last-time abstracts, therefore raising quality. Kuba, Warsaw thinks that if complication happens before the seminar, this loophole should be there. The sections support to change the proposal for the “beginning of the event”)
  - c) completed the pre-stated task for her/his workshop as defined by the workshop leader(s), that can be a presentation and read the required literature, etc. Without meeting this requirement, no certificate can be created for the participant.
- (1) The workshop leader(s) need to communicate the criteria to their participants in time before the seminar.
- (2) The workshop leader(s) confirms the participants' adherence to the criteria by her/his signature in the Seminar Booklet in a reserved space. Each Seminar Booklet should include a page for this purpose. There needs to be a space for each academic session and the required work load. (Flora, Berlin: academic or just participating control? Lilla: maybe now just the later, but can be made into a quality-control as well)
- (3) In case of illness or other good reasons for not attending, the participant needs to communicate this to the workshop leader(s) who can make a note accordingly into the booklet.
- (4) The Secretary of ISHA International collects the pages of the booklet and checks the attendance before creating the certificate and sending them to the participants via e-mail.

**Proposal for changing the criteria for the „Certification of**

## Participation **VOTE V16 voted: 16Y/0N/0A 15:59.**

### **13.Discussion: How to raise the academic standards of ISHA?**

(proposed by Miriam Eisleb, Secretary of ISHA IN 2016-2017)

#### **Lilla explains the following points, followed by remarks of the representatives**

During the last seminars, I often talked to a lot of you who are disappointed with the academic standard in ISHA. We think with a joint effort and some good ideas we can improve that, so that ISHA will not only be a contact point for meeting friends and colleagues but also as a serious support for our academic life. Of course, that wouldn't mean any less fun. A good step is our 'How to ISHA'-workshops for training our social skills and a minimum level of criteria for the workshops as we prepared them in the proposal above. But do you have some other ideas? Please brainstorm for us and bring your ideas and opinions into the GA or write an e-mail beforehand.

- Do you think an open call for workshop leaders would be helpful in finding adequate specialists for the topics? (Recommend it? survey-vote: Majority accepts, Ghent abstaining (observer sections, too), nobody opposes
- Should evaluations for the participants about their presentation and their participation, given by the workshop leader, be mandatory? Survey: not really supported. Constructive criticism should be mandatory; 60/40% for it, recommended: 50/50%
- Should the seminar evaluation include a part for evaluating the workshop leaders? Survey-vote: everybody supports
- What other (social skills) trainings should ISHA offer? Splitt: rhetorics, academic-English training.
- Blaž, Splitt: Education WS was a great job, but some other workshop, as he heard, had no introduction, and had a lower level.
- Lauri, Helsinki: the two WS leader there were recommended by people. They gave a lot of freedom for the leaders, not controlling them on the macro level. Admitting that more coordination, some guidelines, would be better. "How to workshop guideline"==Lilla: How to organize manual exist since years. But maybe a separate manual for the academics is a good idea. The WS-leaders had also other tasks, maybe they were not that prepared because of that.
- Flora, Berlin: WS leader has to be someone who attended at least one seminar, due to the experience he/she collected.
- Paolo, Turku: More attractive can be, if it became more professional, even on the level of getting credit for it. Experienced WS leaders are a necessary
- Zora, Lugano: Supports the open call for WS leaders like Turku did before. Maybe the WS leader should be somebody who finished her/his Bachelors.
- EGEA: Has open call, and yet it's not a guarantee that it works. However, some people only apply to get a fixed place in the event. Lilla: it should be controlled

strongly. Also, the selected leaders must be provided with accommodation and food, etc.

- Kuba, Warsaw: How will the workshops be created if the leaders are unknown? How can the topics be created? General topic, and after the selection, they write the exact calls and descriptions? How they can cooperate with the organizers. Will it be obligatory? Lilla: she does not think so

## **15. Questions**

Flora, Berlin: What is the situation with EqualitISHA? Lilla: still goes on, not obligatory. Some people do it, some not

## **16. Closing 16:41**

## **8. The State of Affairs**

### **a) International Board**

**Acting President: Lilla Zábó**

**Vice-President: Giles Connolly**

So since the last report, I have been assisting with the hand over process and helping out with various ongoing aspects of policy creation and with future projects. As ever there has been proofreading and editing work, and newsletter stuff. More specifically, as I said in my last report, I worked on checking the contact details for our various partners. After checking everything was up to date, I turned this information into a hand over sheet for our prospective vice-presidents that I hope will be useful. I attended a meeting with the European Students Union about addressing the needs of LGBT+ students which I believe will help us make ISHA as safe and inclusive a place as possible.

Finally, I am currently working on a proposed partnership with the Economic History Society, which was initiated by Ben last year. While I doubt it will be completed this term, I hope to have the groundwork done so all the new board will need to do is finalise a memorandum of understanding.

### **Secretary: Miriam Eisleb**

As always, I regularly check our emails and forward them to the person responsible. I also update our calendar with any deadlines or events that are important for the IB and Council. For the seminars in Berlin, Budapest and Eger, I helped to organize the GA, set up an evaluation form and took the minutes which we send around in advance of this GA as well. Also, I created certificates for these seminars, as well as the Extra Seminar in Lausanne, for all participants, workshop leaders and local organizers. Moreover, I helped Lilla with layouts and corrections, as well as setting up documents and taking minutes during the skype meetings of the IB and Council. In Eger, Klara and I organized and moderated the *How to ISHA-Workshop* around the *How to organize-Manual*. For the

next handover, I wrote a *handover manual* for the office of Secretary and I am training Tamara as the next one. With the IB, we are organizing regular skype meetings with the new officials to guarantee a smooth and efficient handover.

**Treasurer:**

The current bank balance is 3.395,14 EUR.

We are still expecting payments for the international T-Shirts and Hoodies, which were handed out during the Annual Conference 2017 in Eger. We also made a second call for T-Shirts and Hoodies, which will be handed out during this Summer Seminar in Helsinki. For this merchandise call, we are also expecting the payments. Please pay as soon as possible after you received your order.

In the term of 2016 / 2017, we had 24 member sections, which created an income 1.275,00 EUR.

For the upcoming term 2017 / 2018, we already received the payment for the membership fee from 8 sections, which are: Heidelberg, Bucharest, Berlin, Graz, Ljubljana, Marburg, Jena and Turku.

If you want to become member sections for the next term please transfer the membership fee as soon as possible. Please keep in mind, that the reduced membership fee of 50,00 EUR is just valid if the transaction is made before the 1st of August 2017.

If you pay after the 1st of August the, the membership fee will be 75,00 EUR. If there are any problems with your transaction or you have questions please feel free to contact us. In very special cases we are willing to accept a reduced membership fee of 50,00 EUR after the 1st of August 2017.

In the past months, I've been part in the process of changing the seat. Since Berlin is the favoured location for the new seat we have been figuring out the circumstances and the requirements for having a registered organization in Germany. We are making good progress, but there are still certain issues that have to be solved and details that have to be figured out. I'm not going any further into detail since this topic will be discussed separately during this General Assembly.

Even though my term as an official will end on the 31st of July 2017, I'm willing to help with that issue after my term if necessary. Which will also be a part of the handover process that has already started.

In order to make the office change as convenient as possible we already started the handover process. I'm in contact with the new treasurer. She'll receive all the remaining and necessary documents and information in the next days. Of course, I'll also offer my help and support after the 1st of August.

- b) Council and ISHA Committees**
- c) Carnival Editor**
- d) Webmaster**
- e) Archivist**

## **9. Sections and Observers**

### **ISHA Berlin**

ISHA Berlin has been very active in the last few months. During the semester, we met once every two weeks to organize our events and discuss upcoming issues. We are currently between fifteen to twenty active members in Berlin.

One of our regular activities is the *Museumscrawl*: we organize visits to museums, memorial sites or special exhibitions about twice a month during the semester. Usually, one of us gives an introduction to the museum or exhibition, or we organize a guided tour. Sometimes, we manage to go for free or at a reduced price. The *Museumscrawl* has a very long tradition within ISHA Berlin, nevertheless not as many people as usual attended the museum visits this semester, so we want to approach the planning of the next semester somewhat differently, focusing less on (special) exhibitions and providing a more varied program.

The movie nights that we started a couple of months ago are a total success. The evenings are well attended and are leading to great discussions about the films afterwards. We will definitely continue this event in the upcoming semester, continuing with about one movie night per month.

ISHA Berlin is almost done editing the Seminar publication of the Autumn Seminar "Historians at Work", which ISHA Berlin will present within the next two months.

Over the last semester, we organized some Getting-to-Know-ISHA-events, which became more and more successful over the course of the semester. We have created a new position within ISHA Berlin with the responsibility of recruiting new members.

In May, ISHA Berlin visited ISHA Heidelberg for one weekend. This exchange was very successful and very inspiring. The people of ISHA Heidelberg prepared a great schedule and introduced us to the lovely city of Heidelberg. We also had a workshop in which we shared ideas and experiences concerning the work as a local section and also international participation. We hope that the contact between our two sections remains and we are looking forward to hosting the members of ISHA Heidelberg here in Berlin in the near future.

Since it was a great idea to have such an exchange weekend, ISHA Berlin and ISHA Vienna are planning to have a similar meeting in the first week of September. The members of ISHA Vienna will host us and we are looking forward to a great weekend.

Last but not least, ISHA Berlin is excited to have received 12.000,00€ of funding by the Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Past in Eastern Germany to organize a joint seminar with ISHA Moscow in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The seminar is called "How Communism Shaped our World – Remembering Communism at the 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the October Revolution.“ and is being organized for 15 history students from Berlin and up to 15 students from Moscow. A few new people applied to the event, and we hope that we can look forward to some new members. At the 100-year mark of the Russian Revolution this year, the seminar will reflect on the effects of Communism in Germany and Russia. There will be four workshops (“Remembering Communism”, “Living in Communism”, “Communism and Art”, and “Communism and War”) as well as a cultural and social program that will complement the academic program. There will be a seminar publication with essays by the participants on self-chosen central questions they will pursue over the course of the seminar.

## **ISHA Zagreb**

During this semester our members participated in international events in Eger and Lausanne and will apply for Maribor and participate in Sofia. One of the biggest achievements of this semester is publishing a new issue (numbers 12/13) of our journal *Pro Tempore* and voting for the new editorial board. We issued a call for papers and chose a topic for the upcoming issue of our journal. Also, the latter part of the semester was mostly dedicated to planning and organizing the New Year Seminar 2018. The organisational committee chooses the seminar's topic and topics for the workshops (also, engaged more experienced members as workshop leaders). Furthermore, we made a preliminary schedule and budget for the seminar, which we then used to apply for different grants (Faculty, University, City of Zagreb, Ministry of Education etc) and to present the seminar to the relevant institutions (such as the States Archives, Institute for History, Student Center, publishers and other sponsors) which we will cooperate with during the seminar. Besides organising the academic part, we also dedicated a few meetings to the informal parts of the seminar (city tours, day trips, pub crawls etc). During May ISHA Zagreb organized a round table „Contemporary history in textbooks and teaching of history“ which took place in the National and University Library, during the „Festival of History – Kliofest“ which was a great success and was recognised by the organizers of the aforementioned festival and the Department of History of our Faculty. ISHA Zagreb also organized a movie night (we saw *Look Who's Back*) and two history quizzes in the local pub which was also very well attended and gave our new members a chance to train their organizational skills. Also during this semester, we organized a trip (for 90 participants) to Krakow, Poland, where we visited many important historical sights. Finally, we had local elections and chose a new board which is consisted of the president (Andrijana Petrina), vice president (Ivan Blažinović), secretary (Ivan Bubalo) and treasurer (Ivan Šulentić). Members of the supervisory board for the next academic year are Filip Žanpera, Josip Kuman, Melani Škrobar and Luka Vrljić. The term of the new officials starts on the 1st of October.

On the behalf of the ISHA Zagreb board,  
Lucija Balikić

## **ISHA Maribor**

Since the last GA in Eger ISHA Maribor has been very active. We organised several city tours, fundraising events and lectures. We also participated on Adriatic Encounters in Zadar and visited ISHA Osijek as they visited us in January.

The preparation for the Regional seminar in Maribor, titled Ottomans and the Balkans, 26. - 29. October 2017, is well on the way. The application period started on 17. July and will end on the 29. July, just like the summer seminar. It is a regional seminar, meaning it's opened for sections from Ex-Yugo and Balkan countries. If the 20 available spaces aren't filled, other countries will be accepted of course.

The Annual Conference 2018, titled Modernisation of History, 2. - 8. April 2018, will also be held in Maribor, co-organised by ISHA Maribor and ISHA Graz. The preparations are going well, the hostel is booked, the workshops are almost done.

See you in Sofia,

Domen Kodrič, ISHA Maribor

### **ISHA Jena** *Jena, the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

Dear Lilla and the other members of the council 2016/2017, this is the report of our local activities from April 2017 until July 2017. Sadly, we cannot participate at the GA in Helsinki ourselves though.

We have given our Proxy Votes to ISHA Marburg.

### **Summer Term 2017 (April-July)**

ISHA Jena was able to get back on track during the last months since we have found new members and some old members are returning during the winter term. Our actual program is about to end in August. Looking back at the summer term, the highlights were our visit to the **long night of open museums in Jena**, some historical **game evenings**, an ISHA intern excursion to the former Nazi "Euthanasia hospital" Pirna-Sonnenstein, monthly meetings to organize and drink together and an **excursion to the Memorial and Education Centre Andreasstraße** in Erfurt due the anniversary of the Uprising of 1953 in East Germany. We **visited ISHA Marburg** for a weekend and learned about what it takes to organize an ISHA seminar. On the 21<sup>st</sup> July, we will have our last event this term: **a day in Erfurt with a nightly flashlight guided tour through the Citadel Petersberg** and a **guided tour through Erfurt by ISHA Erfurt**. You may find photos and short reports about all of it on our Website and on Facebook.

Right now, we are planning for the winter term 2017/2018. We will be at Sophia and look forward to the next conferences! We thank the current IB for their work. Thanks for your support!

*Lisa Rethmeier, Coordinator of ISHA Jena*

### **ISHA Bucharest**

Dear President of ISHA and the other members of the council,

This is the report of our local activities from October 2016 until July 2017.

In October of last year (9-20th of October) we organized a big project which included trainings (Public Speaking, Time Management, Debate and Advocacy, Leadership), workshops and debates on issues that have shaped the European Union in the past couple of years. We also organized the "ASID Training School" in November (25th-27th) aimed specifically towards the new members of the association, so they can understand better the importance of volunteering.

Between our academic projects we try to pay attention to the needs of those who are less lucky, and this year it was the 11th edition of a charity project aimed towards children from a foster care in Bucharest. We managed to raise a pretty big amount of money from donations and buy presents for the kids for Christmas.

After we successfully passed our exams (☺) we celebrated our association's 12th „birthday" with visits to Bucharest's most important museums, movie nights, a football championship. (3rd-9th of April).

Our members are always looking for new ways to improve so they can help the association grow, so they participated in a series of workshops and conferences in their areas of interest: „Promoters for European democracy" organized by the European Parliament Office in Romania, „Call of Diplomacy" organized by the European Law Students' Association Bucharest, as well as a project called "Training of Trainers".

☑Of course, we couldn't forget that between projects, classes and exams we have to party a little bit, so we organized three parties (Freshmen Party in October, Christmas Party in December and Spring Party in March) which were a real success.

On March 23rd we opened the call for our local Annual Conference, which this year has had the theme of "Social Movements, Riots and Revolutions in History". The aim of this conference is to observe the power of revolutions and discuss with participants from the History Faculties from all around the country how social movements have changed the course of history. In our workshops, we would like to analyse these questions and listen to different opinions and perspectives. The Annual Conference has taken place from 4th-6th of May.

Also in May, we organized the project called Erasmus Day, a conference where students and teachers have shared their experience as Erasmus students and explained to those interested all the steps they need to follow (this was even more relevant since this year, the program celebrates 30 years of existence).

EU's future in the debate was our last project before our final exams. It took place between the 15th-18th of May and it was a project which aimed to develop our students' public speaking and argumentation skills by debating some actual issues regarding the EU, such as the Union's future after Brexit.

The most important part of our activities this year is that we have recently chosen our new President and board members, who are currently working together to plan our future activities.

On behalf of everyone here at ISHA Bucharest, I send you our best regards and I hope you will have a wonderful time in Helsinki!

Alexandra Peca, General Secretary of ISHA Bucharest.

**ISHA Budapest**

We had the New Year Seminar, and we also helped in the AC in Eger. We had some nice team-building and member recruitment event, like going for a canoe-trip or a nice swimming-cooking camping-weekend to a lake.

Plans: We will launch (hopefully) next semester two things: one is a regular „How to UNI?", where students (mostly freshmen and BA) get prepared by veteran ISHA BP people for the challenges of the student-life. Mostly practical, but also some academic training – how to write your thesis and CV, how to apply for scholarships, how to organise different events, conferences, how to create a cool presentation, etc.

The other will be an „Academic English" course, with a professional trainer, who will help the people to get their skills better in English – both in spoken and written way. Hopefully, we will launch it on the spring semester.

At mid-May, we hope to have a "Post socialist" weekend seminar – similar than the "Post Habsburg" one. Target sections are the former socialist countries. In cooperation with the project "Courage", with a hopefully support of Hungarian Academy of Science, and the partner universities; ELTE, PPKE, and CEU.

## **ISHA Zadar**

Dear ISHA,

this is the report of our local activities since seminar in Eger till June.

From 19th to 20th of April we held our traditional manifestation "Days of History" with this year's topic "Particularism through History". "Days of History" is the name of a conference that takes place every spring at the University of Zadar. It was held for the first time in 2007 and it's our longest running project. This year we organized a series of lectures about particularism throughout history and hosted several visiting lecturers.

In the first half of May, from 10th to 14th, we organized ISHA Regional Seminar Adriatic Encounters: "Clash of civilizations". We hosted 26 participants from 8 different countries. Some of them came from the cities/countries in which there are no ISHA sections (like Sarajevo) so we informed them about ISHA. Our colleagues from Sarajevo really liked our seminar so they formed an ISHA section in their city upon return.

Adriatic Encounters Seminar was a very hard test for ISHA Zadar because a lot of our members never participated in such kind of international events before, but nevertheless, they've proven themselves as good hosts. The seminar ended up as a great event, with most of the participants being very satisfied. Except enjoying in Zadar's cultural heritage, beautiful sea and interesting workshops, the participants also found the day trip to Paklenica National Park very exciting.

Just two days after Adriatic Encounters Seminar we participated at Scholarship Fair which was organized by Croatian Institute for Development of Higher Education. This kind of event was organized in Zadar for the first time, so we seized the opportunity and represented ISHA in the best possible way.

At the very end of the same month (31st of May) we organized a public presentation of the new volume of our journal "Rostra". The distinguished guests (such as vice-rector of

the University) were present at the event, but the main speaker was Marin Banović, member of ISHA Zadar and main editor of the journal. This year's "Rostra" has approximately 300 pages and it's consisted of many professional articles as well as critiques, reviews and interviews.

Our members will also participate at the Summer Seminar in Helsinki and at the Autumn Seminar in Sofia where they hope to meet a lot of new colleagues and to share experiences with them.

On behalf of ISHA Zadar  
Ante Skelin, president

## **ISHA Split**

Dear Lilla and the other members of the council 2016/2017,

this is the report of our local activities from May (after the seminar in Budapest) till June 2017.

On the 11th of May at 8 PM, our colleague Luka Ursić took part in a radio show "Kroz Bolonju i prašumu" with Barbara Žaja on Radio Split. As a lead organizer of a student forum on the subject of "How do we treat our cultural and historical heritage?" which we organized as a part of this year's Kliofest.

On the 12th of May, at 7 PM (Peristil, Poljana kraljice Jelene 1, top floor), our student forum was held on the subject of "How do we treat our cultural and historical heritage".

On Sunday, the 14th of May at 12 PM, our colleagues Luka Ursić and Blaž Ševo took part of a radio show "Nedjeljni akvarel" with Goran Pelaić on Radio Split. They shared their impressions of the student forum, while Luka, as the new editor-in-chief of our magazine Pleter, talked about what we can expect from the second issue and Blaž, as our new president, announced future activities.

On Monday, the 15th of May, at 8 PM at Klub mladih Split we held a movie night themed "Projection of the past" with the movie "The Cranes Are Flying". Movie background and further historical perspective were given by our colleague Ive Verić, lead organizer of the movie night.

On Tuesday, the 16th of May, at 4 PM at "Studentuša" (Zrinsko-Frankopanska 38) we were a part of the University of Split's Student Union's day, in which we presented our organization. That day the Student Union was awarding accolades. We have received the award for the project "Adriatic Encounters" for the best promotion of the Student Union of the University of Split.

On Saturday, the 3rd of June, we organized an educational walk on Marjan and have visited some of the famous Marjan churches and the Botanical garden.

Between the 23rd to 25th of June, we participated in the workshop "Dealing with past" organized by Youth Initiative for Human Rights held in Rožaje, Montenegro.

At the end of June we made a promotional video of our activities in the academic year 2016/2017 which you can check on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFpuPtdwWBs&t=7s>.

Furthermore, some active projects due for realization in the next few months:

- The second number of our journal Pleter
- Volunteering in the Battle of Klis from the 28th to 30th of July
- ISHA exchange/trip: our colleagues from ISHA Osijek will come for a visit from the 14th to 18th of August

We hope you will have a pleasant GA in Helsinki and kindest regards from all of us from ISHA Split!

On the behalf of ISHA Split,  
Anamarija Bašić

### **ISHA Skopje**

We are working on the publication of the presentations from our regional seminar with ISHA Sofia, writing our annual programme for the next term and slowly ending this semester with a historical trip throughout Macedonia. We give our vote to ISHA Osijek.

Have a nice day and VIVA ISHA!