



## State of Affairs Meeting (SAM)

of the International Students of History Association, was held at the ISHA Autumn Seminar 2017 on Friday, the 15th of September 2017 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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### **1) Opening**

Lucija Balikić, president of ISHA International opens the SAM at 14:51.

### **2) Appointment of Speaker**

Lucija Balikić is appointed as a speaker without objection.

### **3) Appointment of Minute-Taker**

Tamara Pataki is appointed as a minute taker without objection.

### **4) Taking down of Attendance**

#### **International Board:**

President: Lucija Balikić

Vice-President: Dániel Molnár

Secretary: Tamara Pataki

#### **Council Members:**

Matej Samide

Alexandra Leonzini

Adam Tuković

Domen Kodrič

Tom J. Laber

#### **Member Sections:**

ISHA Berlin

ISHA Budapest

ISHA Graz  
ISHA Heidelberg  
ISHA Jena  
ISHA Ljubljana  
ISHA Skopje  
ISHA Sofia  
ISHA Vienna  
ISHA Warsaw  
ISHA Zadar

**Observer Sections:**

ISHA Belgrade  
ISHA Bucharest  
ISHA Istanbul  
ISHA Kent  
ISHA Marburg  
ISHA Maribor  
ISHA Moscow  
ISHA Osijek  
ISHA Thessaloniki  
ISHA Zagreb

**5) Reading the agenda**

Lucija Balikić reads the the agenda, no comments, no objections are made

**6) Upcoming events**

**a) Extra Seminar in Maribor, Slovenia**

“Ottomans in the Balkans”

October 26th – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Domen Kodrič (Council, ISHA Maribor): everything is prepared, participants are selected, everything is progressing well.

**b) New Year’s Seminar 2018 in Zagreb, Croatia**

“(Re)making Europe”

January 8th – January 14th, 2018

Lucija Balikić: progressing well, everything is going great, the application period is going to be early-mid November, exact dates to be announced.

**c) Annual Conference 2018 in Maribor/Graz**

“Modernisation and History”

April 2, 2018 – April 8, 2018

Domen Kodrič: Organisation slowly progressing, workshops are planned, financial plan is done, applications start in January  
80 participants, promotional videos on the facebook page are coming.

**d) Summer Seminar 2018 in Warsaw, Poland**

“Concept of city and human environment”

Date: To be announced

ISHA Warsaw: title is to be specified, topic is decided (city development)

40-60 participants, special guest from Iran to be invited, Web-site is created, more information will follow soon.

**e) Autumn Seminar 2018 in Skopje, Macedonia**

“Music and History”

ISHA Skopje: counting with 40-50 participants the new title is “History through Music”, organization is progressing good, currently working on planning the workshops.

Date: To be announced

**f) New Year’s Seminar 2019 in Marburg, Germany**

Topic: To be announced

Date: To be announced

ISHA Marburg: It is going to take place on the first, or second week of January, for 40-50 people, basically the same organizing team, as the previous, similarities in the program, more information is coming soon.

**g) Summer seminar 2019 in Berlin, Germany**

Topic: To be announced

Date: To be announced

ISHA Berlin: The topic is going to be “Walls in History” the seminar is going to take place beginning of August, 50 participants, organization is in progress.

**h) New Seminar proposals**

- i) ISHA Osijek: We are planning an **extra spring Seminar in 2018**, a regional seminar for more cooperation between ex-yugoslavian sections The topic is going to be about the everyday life on the territory of Yugoslavia during the 18-19<sup>th</sup> Century. The seminar is to be organized for 30 Participants (+ 5 invited participants from non-active sections). There are going to be 5 Workshops, workshop leaders from 10 ex-yugoslavian sections, announcement of Workshops and workshop leaders to be announced. The seminar is

going to be organized for four days. Participants from other ISHA sections are invited to apply as a freelancer. The aim is to spread the word about ISHA among other cities to create more sections.

ISHA Maribor: can other members of other sections apply as participants?

ISHA Osijek: Yes, but preference to be given to participants from ex-Yugoslavia, others are still welcome to apply as a freelancer.

ISHA Ljubljana: In which language will the seminar be held?

ISHA Osijek: It will be held in English.

- ii) **Budapest Extra Seminar**, ISHA Budapest: a similar seminar as the ISHA Balaton event is planned for 2018, more information will be announced soon.

## 7) State of Affairs

### a) International Board

#### iii) **Lucija Balikić, President**

Since the beginning of my term I have participated in all the skype handover meetings and in the handover meeting in Budapest. My main goal was to help facilitate the seat changing to Berlin and make all the necessary changes in the statutes and standing orders so they could be in accordance with the German law. In doing this, I did my best to ensure the structure that ISHA will be having in the future is maintainable and fair to all its members.

My second biggest project was the EUROCLIO's „Learning History which is not yet History“ for which I participated in two meetings with the director and assistant of EUROCLIO. I also wrote a call for applications for our sections that wish to participate in it and I helped spreading the word about this very exciting project. Besides this, I overlooked and coordinated the work of different committees, as well as coordinated the intake of new members in the existing committees. My work in the Alumni Network Committee continued as I participated in the meetings, helped with the production of merchandise and promoted the first ISHA Alumni seminar on social media, during the second round of applications. I maintained communication with the sections and introduced the upcoming changes, discussions and procedures to them. I prepared the agenda and the materials for the SAM in Sofia.

Together with ISHA's Vice-president Dániel Molnár I participated in the meeting with ISHA's future partners – EHS (Economic History Society) and helped to maintain contact with the prospect section in Manchester, UK. I will soon continue communication with the initiative "Historians Without Borders"; because I believe it will be beneficial for ISHA in the future. Finally, I held two meetings for the officials on which we discussed the ongoing affairs and solved the matters of ISHA representative on EGEA event in Poland, new visual identity, new merchandise and many others. I am currently undertaking preparations for the upcoming IFISO meeting in Belgrade, that will take place in late October. Council member Alexandra Leonzini and I will represent ISHA there and learn about structures, funding and experiences of other international organisations, thus helping ISHA to raise its academic standard, grow and develop in general.

While working for the international affairs, I also coordinated the organisation of ISHA's New Years seminar that is going to take place in my section of origin – Zagreb. ISHA Zagreb gathered some new sponsors, presented the seminar to the members of our department and created a content for its new website (workshop descriptions and so on). None of this would be possible without an immense help, support and effort from the other members of IB and Council with whom it was a real pleasure to work so far.

iv) **Miriam Eisleb, Vice-President**

Since the handover process and the handover weekend in Budapest, when we sat up the policy paper and wrote a new draft for the statutes, I started managing with the Project Management Committee (PMC). Some of the tasks, as stated in the policy paper, we are already working on, some will we start after a first skype meeting which we will have soon after Sofia. Hopefully, we will gain some new committee member soon. Members of the committee will get in touch with organizing sections to assist with advice and experience during the organizing process.

Together with the IB, I am working on the changing of the seat which is our main priority. I already translated part of the statutes into German, so we can apply with them in Berlin. Because of my experience as secretary last year, I am helping the IB with getting used to the work for ISHA. We have regular skype meetings to ensure smooth and efficient work.

v) **Dániel Molnár, Vice-President**

I re-started talks with Economy History Society, and it seems a cooperation will be launched with them. They can provide us with visibility and publication possibilities, and vice-versa. They also interested in our networks, as they are in lack of PhD-students and young researchers. Hopefully they will send somebody to Maribor or to Zagreb.

With other members of the IB, I re-wrote the template of the „Application form,” in accordance with the new standing orders and statutes. I’m working on to re-refresh the manuals so they will be synchronized with the new statutes and standing orders as well. Hopefully it will be finished in the next 2 weeks. I also hope to (re)start the Fundraising committee.

vi) **Natasha Rieke, Treasurer**

Dear International Board, dear Council and dear member sections, after being elected for treasurer, I started to prepare myself for the new job. I’ve read the last year treasury report to get a view of the financials and I talked with the former treasurer. Right now, I’m still waiting for the card reader and other important things to have the full access to the bank account. If I have everything under control ☑ I will assume my duties soon.

vii) **Tamara Pataki, Secretary**

During the first two month of our term I was mainly concerning about the topic of the seat changing and administrative duties of ISHA. Regarding the moving of seat, I informed myself and others about the requirements of the law, sought legal help at our university and actively participated in drafting the latest version of the statutes.

Concerning the administrative issues, I am taking care of the communication with the sections and have the oversight of our e-mail account. I am also helping to coordinate the workload among ISHA officials and taking care of the documentation of our meetings and upcoming tasks.

**b) Council**

viii) **Domen Kodrič**

My whole term as Council member in 2016/17 I was basically the right hand of the webmaster. My job was to regularly update and improve the ISHA Inter website, the map of the sections, constantly post on Facebook, personally remind sections that didn't respond to official emails in time, search for sections posts to share on ISHA Inter FB, send live reports from seminars, update ISHA PowerPoint presentations, and so on.

Work as council member in my second term 2017/18 has now already started and it seems that I'll be doing pretty much the same job as last year.

ix) **Alexandra Leonzini**

Since the handover in August, I have started laying the groundwork for a database of PhD programs, Post-Doc positions, and funding opportunities that will be accessible to all members of ISHA. This will be the primary task of the PhD Committee this year, and will require a significant amount of manpower! As such, I have issued a call to attract new members to the PhD Committee which I encourage all sections to share with their members. In addition to this, I have continued my work on Carnival, issuing a Call for Book Reviews and preparing papers with the assistance of the journal's new editor, Ryan.

x) **Matej Samide**

As of now there has been no handover for the alumni committee. The reason for this is, that Klara will stay head of the committee until after the Alumni Seminar in October. The seminar however is going smoothly and there are still some places, if some alumni want to attend spontaneously.

The transfer of the seat to Berlin is in the working, but it takes its time. I am in contact with a law firm, that will hopefully do pro bono work for us. This would be very helpful if this doesn't play out I will try to get assistance from somewhere else. I am however reading into the law so I hope that I will be able to do most of the stuff without a lawyer.

As for the fund raising committee I did not get to it yet. I plan on issuing a call for committee members shortly after Sofia so we will hopefully get this going soon. A lot of the work of this committee is however bound to the seat changing topic.

xi) **Tom J. Laber**

In the few months of the time of the term of I tried to support the new officials and joinend the PMC Committee. At the hand over meeting in Budapest (Thanks for the great hosting of ISHA Budapest) I contributed at the highly productive and enriching discussion and work to improve our statues and standing order. I will try my best going on with further supporting the IB and as being member in the PMC- helping sections by organizing international Seminars and other events. Viva isha!

xii) **Adam Tuković**

Unfortunately due to personal reasons (mostly universitiy obligations) I wasn't able to be active as much as I would like to be. For now I have been on most of the skype meetings regarding the new ISHA policies and decided to be a part of the PMC. With Miriam on top, we try to see how we can restructure and put in some new ways of how the PMC should/could work. For now I overtook the overseeing of the seminar in Skopje and helping them at some problems (if they occurred). I'm now working on a timeline list that could be maybe implemented in the work of the PMC which would be helpful for (especially) new sections, but I would like to implement more ideas and experiences from people who have participated in organizing a seminar so far.

## **8) Reports of Member and Observer Sections**

### **a) 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 later part of the semester was mostly dedicated to planning and organizing the New Year Seminar 2018. The organisational committee choose 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, daytrip, 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 were 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 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.

#### **b) ISHA Ljubljana**

Since annual conference in Eger we were mostly active in April and May, because in June the exam period started and people usually don't have time in this time of the year.

In April we organized movie night with theme of concentration camps. We watched two propaganda films one was “Der Führer schenkt den Juden eine Stadt”, it is nazi propaganda movie and shows “generosity” of nazi regime to the Jews. The other film was “The Star and the Sand”, British propaganda film about Yugoslav refugees in Egypt. This movie night was in collaboration with Department of History in Ljubljana.

In April we also went to the Ljubljana Castle and viewed permanent exhibition Slovenian history. The exhibition is divided into six parts along the historical timeline: prehistory and the Roman period, the Middle and the Early Modern Ages, the 19th century and WWI, the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and WWII, the socialist Yugoslavia and the independent Slovenia.

In May we had a bigger project, it was excursion to Italian region Friuli. In collaboration with professor of Medieval Slovenian History we visited towns Grado, Aquileia and Cividale del Friuli. Theme of excursion was connected with early Christianity and Aquileian patriarchate which had jurisdiction over most of Slovenian territory. In Cividale we have seen also

Lombard heritage etc. We filled the whole bus and also 3 members of ISHA Maribor went with us.

In following months we didn't have activities but we are preparing activities for next semester. Two excursions / trips are planned in November and December. We are also planning movie nights, visits of museums, collaborating with Department of History at our Faculty etc.

**c) ISHA Jena**

ISHA Jena has found new members and some old members are returning soon. Our actual program ended in August with our monthly meeting. Looking back at the summer term, the highlights were the visit of 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. Hopefully, they will visit Jena soon, too. At the end of July, we spent 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 and discuss possible themes and topics for a lecture/ theme series about Jewish life in the region or bigger excursions to Leipzig or Berlin.

We are looking forward to the next conferences! We thank the last IB for their work and are happy to get to know the new IB at Sophia. Thanks for your support!

**d) ISHA Ossijek**

ISHA Osijek made a small pause over the summer with it's programs to recuperate the energy for the next year. This summer we hosted ISHA Maribor in Osijek and we are now using the chance to call other sections to visit us at any time if they want. ISHA Osijek members were hosted from ISHA Skopje and ISHA Split this summer. We pointed this three visits out cause it improved our friendship even more.

For now, we are preparing for the presentation of the new volume of our magazine (Essehist, Vol.8.) which should be in October. The main editor (Toni Šafer) and the editor board came to the conclusion that it would be best to make the presentation on the beginning of the next academic year

cause we could reach more visibility in the public, than over the summer (more students). The leadership of ISHA Osijek is also preparing for the new elections that should take place on 5th October 2017 and making plans of how to recruit new member.

Some members of ISHA Osijek pointed out that they would like to organize a regional seminar in Osijek including the ex-Yugoslav countries. The main focus of the seminar would be to improve the dialog in some hot topics regarding Yugoslavia. For this Seminar we would like to also include some non ISHA cities like maybe Novi Sad, Rijeka, Dubrovnik, Banja Luka, Mostar...

On the academic level:

- 1.) we contributed to this year's activities of the Museum of Slavonija for the European Museum Night, we were active in the organization and presentation of the exhibition on the topic "telling the untold"
- 2.) we also had a workshop in the Museum of Slavonija on how to motivate people to come to the museum and how a program is prepared, so we are continuing to have good relationships with the museum of slavonija
- 3.) we continue to have a good relationship with the state archives in Osijek. We had three organized visits (including when ISHA Maribor visited Osijek) to the archives, so they are eager to work with us and to make the archives more visible to the history students in Osijek
- 4.) last but not least, members of ISHA Osijek organized a open lecture on the topic "Volksdeutsche in the post-war Yugoslavia" which opened our doors for a more fruitful cooperation with the University library and the Austrian library in Osijek and opened ISHA Osijek for the public even more

#### **e) ISHA Budapest**

Dear ISHA People!

ISHA Budapest has it's new leaders from the 6th of September:

President: Sára Lakatos

ELTE-coordinator: Zsanna Antallóczy

PPKE-coordinator: Tamás Sárhegyi

CEU-coordinator: Bence Bari

Secretary/legal consultant: Péter Pusztai

Webmaster: Miklós Tömöry

We have plenty of plans for this term. We planning to have ISHA Budapest movie nights and „How to UNI” workshops. We hope to launch our Academic English Preparationand Rhetoric training programs in the winter,

We planning a short event for the May of 2018. the important dates are the following:

- application period: 22-27 of January, 2018
- announcement of participants: 31 of January - 4th of February
- Date of the event:23-26 of May, 2018

The seminar will be open for students from the former „Eastern Bloc,” and for those who have a research on this field.

Workshops and full, detailed program will be announced at Zagreb.

Participation fee will be 40 Euro.

We also plan to take part in EUROCLIO's new project. It will be coordinated by Miklós Tömöry and his group, build on history teacher-students. The project plans to create an event for history teacher-students, and for history teachers in Budapest and Pest county. The event will be a training seminar where participants can develop their skills and knowledge about the topic, which will be the Yugoslavian wars and the impacts on Hungary (refugees, black market, etc.)

#### **f) Split**

As we explained in our previous report which was presented at GA in Helsinki, ISHA Split is doing quite good. The projects we had in mind in the period between May and September are more or less fulfilled. To be more precise:

- 1) From 28th to 30th of July we volunteered in the Battle of Klis and had an opportunity to feel the spirit of Uskoks and witness the battles as they were fought in the time of Ottoman threat to Klis.
- 2) From 14th to 18th of August we organised an ISHA exchange/trip with ISHA Osijek, in which they visited the city of Split and nearby town of Trogir, as well as Klis Fortress and famous ancient city of Salona and its archeological sites with the guidance of our members.
- 3) We are very happy to announce that prerequisites and preparations for printing the second issue of our magazine Pleter are almost done and the magazine will certainly reach the daylight in the year of 2017.

Now, for the future projects, we have in mind to organise a certain event regarding the topic "History that is not yet history" before the end of 2017. It will probably be a local event and will deal with the post Yugoslav wars. Furthermore, we will soon be in contact with the Uskoks of Klis in order to help them in organising the coronation of king Zvonimir, which we did last year and which proved to be a very popular event among locals and tourists.

**g) ISHA Berlin**

We started planning the Summer Seminar 2019. On the local level, we are organizing movie nights to recruit new members, and are also currently busy with organizing the new academic year.

**h) ISHA Kent**

Our section has currently very few members, therefore there very few activities to report on. Activities are planned to attract new members, but it seems to be very hard as few people are interested.

**i) ISHA Moscow**

As a newly established section, we are happy to start participating in international Seminars. New officials has been elected, Yan Dzyubinsky as president, Vladislav Peresvetov as vice-president, Kseniia Medvedevskikh as secretary. We are organizing the visit of ISHA Berlin, planning to have a joint workshop with ISHA Kalningrad in October where we will invite students from other universities as well.

**j) ISHA Bucharest**

We are a very large section with almost 35 members. Currently a new board has been elected. Everybody is quite a young member (mostly BA students) and we have very few support from the University therefore there are organizational difficulties.

**i) ISHA Tessaloniki**

Our section is pretty small and getting smaller, we are thinking about how to attract new members.

**j) ISHA Heidelberg**

In our section there are 10-15 people, we have regular meetings. Our problem is the lack of new members, everybody is getting older and soon graduates. That is why we are thinking about how to attract new members. One of our activities is organizing an exchange with ISHA Berlin. They visited us in May, we are planning to organize a visit to Berlin soon.

**k) ISHA Warsaw**

Members of our section are currently busy with handover processes, we have a younger board now, but unfortunately not everybody is Warsaw. Concerning our academic program: we contacted EGEA to consult the academic program of our future seminar. We are also working on

organizing accommodation and food for the seminar. Regarding other projects, we established great contacts and cooperation with Asian and North-African cities.

**l) ISHA Graz**

There was a change in the board in June because some members are leaving Graz. We are working on the organization of the Annual Conference 2018. There also will be an exchange with ISHA Zadar in October. We are also busy with attracting new members, e.g. organizing movie nights.

**m) ISHA Marburg**

Recruited 2 new members, we are very proud of it as our section is very small. ISHA Sofia (Mario) visited and gave a talk at our University. We are also planning to invite other PhD students to give a presentation on their project, we could also organize their stay. We are also organizing trips, for example a visit to ISHA Jena.

**n) ISHA Sofia**

We are very busy with the ongoing seminar in Sofia. This is a great chance for recruiting new members, for a lot of our helpers, this is the encounter with ISHA.

We thank ISHA Sofia for the ongoing seminar!

**o) ISHA Belgrade**

Our section was founded in March 2017, and re-joined ISHA organization in June. In April we had our first action: lecture about historical content of the movie "Montevideo, Bog te video". Our guests were professor of history from Belgrade University dr Radina Vučetić, and director of the movie Dragan Bjelogrić.

In May we had another lecture, about medieval armor and weapons, and many people came to see. Also, the professor who was lecturing also brought samples of medieval weapon and armor.

In June, we joined ISHA, and started our international relations. We had several meetings where we discussed our future actions, and raised the popularity of our section. Currently we have 40 members, and plans to start a journal, and many other lectures. Our section was not active in July and August, and then we started our new activities in September.

We sent two of our members to ISHA autumn seminar in Sofia (our first attendance), and we are planning to participate in the Euroclio program: "Teaching History which is not yet history".

In conclusion, we are a young section with a lot of enthusiasm and energy and we are looking forward to our further actions within ISHA!

**p) ISHA Skopje**

We are currently working on attracting new students and organizing the upcoming Seminar. Accommodation, planning the Workshops are in progress. We also cooperated with ISHA Sofia to make a publication.

**q) ISHA Vienna**

The section is shrinking, due to members studying abroad, recruitment is to be planned for the new academic year. We organized an exchange with ISHA Berlin, Berlin already visited, Vienna is planning to visit back. Cooperation with EGEA is planned.

The Speaker Lucija Balikić announces a break until 16.00.

**9) Discussion on the proposed changes of the statutes and standing orders regarding the moving of the seat of ISHA**

Lucija Balikić: As we voted on Changing the seat of ISHA in Helsinki, the IB worked out a plan to adjust our statutes to the requirements of German law. We are going to presents the changes made in the statutes today.

Why are we moving? The existence of ISHA as an Association in Switzerland could not be find, we cannot for sure know what is our status in Switzerland. This uncertainty can cause us problems in the future therefore it is crucial to make some steps.

According to our research, the legal situation for student associations is the best in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Our presence is the strongest in Berlin, therefore it was voted in Helsinki to move there.

Our aim is to rise academic standards. For that it would be very useful to get funding. Moving the seat to the EU would help us to get EU funds, therefore we would not depend on the fundraising ability of the sections. For these reasons, we are establishing ISHA in Berlin as an association, but for that we have to reform or structures to harmonize with the German law, therefore we propose following changes:

In the Preamble:

*In 1989, out of the rubble of the falling Iron Curtain, the International Students of History Association (ISHA) emerged. In this climate of rapid and unpredictable political change a group of Hungarian students of Humanities*

*took the initiative and started forging links with their colleagues in different countries. They wanted to establish an association that would allow students of history and related sciences to interact, cooperate and exchange ideas on an international level, something that had not been possible in a divided Europe.*

*On May 9, 1990 ISHA was founded in Budapest at a the first of the association's annual conferences. As the association has grown in size and scope, additional events have been added to ISHA's calendar, including smaller seminars, regional activities and projects. In 1999 the first issue of ISHA's academic journal, Carnival was published.*

*Since the foundation of ISHA, the location of its headquarters has changed several times from the Hungarian capital to Leuven, Belgium, and later to Zürich, Switzerland. After almost three decades of existence, ISHA has continued to grow and now boasts members from all around the world.*

Marburg comments: ISHA is international, members from all around the world. Can we still apply for EU grants?

Alexandra Leonzini (Council): International members also attend seminar in Europe.

Lucija Balikić: yes, but seminars take place in Europe and we have a lot of European members, therefore we are eligible for grants.

ISHA Osijek: does ISHA want to have members form outside Europe?

Lucija Balikić: yes, we already have Istanbul, and ISHA Warsaw cooperates with Iran, so we are hoping to gain new members from all around the world.

#### **a) Individual membership**

Lucija Balikić: German law requires members of an association in Germany to be legal entities or individuals. There are other laws in countries like Russia, which make it difficult to have ISHA sections. Therefore officials propose a structure of individual membership. In order to create a structure similar to the current one, there will be active and passive membership

#### **b) Annual membership fee**

Lucija Balikić: If we have an individual membership, individual members has to pay the membership fee. The proposed amount is 10€, but it will be decided by the GA. This amount is based on survey results. First time participants are excluded, to have the chance to try out ISHA. This will be

proofed by the secretary; therefore, the secretary must maintain the list of participants.

Alexandra Leonzini: We introduce this structure to stay as close to the current structure as possible. We had to come up with a solution to raise as much money from the membership fee as from the sections until now: it is important to ensure that amount, because the money what ISHA international has is coming back to the organization of the Seminars.

Lucija Balikić: It is necessary for the keep ISHA functioning as it does right now. To encourage people to become member of ISHA and pay the membership fee, the cap of 100€ for the seminar participation fee would be only valid for active members.

ISHA Skopje: The introduction of individual membership fees is problematic because of the high price of international bank transfers in our country.

Lucija Balikić: Because of that we decided that members can pay their membership fee together with their participation fee for a coming international seminar, so that no additional provisions apply. Another solution is that more members can pay together and split the provision fee, as it is already practiced in international seminars.

ISHA Osijek: Is it also possible to pay the membership fee separate from the participation fee?

Lucija Balikić: Yes, it is possible to become a member/activate your membership fee separately, but ISHA international and organizing sections have to be notified.

Matej Samide: Once it is implemented, there will be a system to administer members, therefore it will be clear by the seminar applications, which participant has to pay the membership fee.

ISHA Marburg: Does that mean, that first time participants have to pay more, because they are not yet members?

Lucija Balikić: Not, because new participants do not have to pay the membership price for their first seminar.

ISHA Marburg: Does the organizing section send the money to ISHA international?

Lucija Balikić: Yes.

ISHA Skopje: Is it possible to pay the membership fee on a seminar?

Lucija Balikić: Participants should send their membership fee with the participation.

Alexandra Leonzini : That is a possibility, but it is also advantageous for the participant to pay already before the seminar to get the member price for the participation.

ISHA Sofia: Can we set up an online paying system, to avoid high transfer costs?

Matej Samide: it is possible, ISHA International has to look into it, but it can be, that the cost of setting up such a system is too high.

Lucija Balikić: We will have to look into it. But it is more practical, to collect money through the participation fee, as it would reduce additional transaction costs.

ISHA Marburg: I think that an online payment system should be good to set up, so that participation fee can be payed also without participating a seminar. In that way ISHA could have members who do not participate in international seminars. Furthermore, we are also afraid, that ISHA international will lose money, because there are not always 5 members in each sections, so only a smaller amount of money can be collected as in the current system.

Lucija Balikić: We already did this calculation. We will lose money, but it is not that significant, we will still have a sufficient income. In the current system, we collect around 1000€, in the new system we would collect around 600€. In the same time, our expenses are not that high, we mostly pay for merchandise and advertisement and give financial aid for organizing sections. We do not have high administrative costs.

Alexandra Leonzini: As ISHA Marburg mentioned, we will have less income in the proposed system therefore, we are working on making the membership fee as attractive as possible, so that we can raise enough money. We should come up with ideas to provide more benefits to active members.

ISHA Marburg: And what about the voting system, who is going to have the right to vote? Are there going to be observers?

Lucija Balikić: We will come back to that.

ISHA Warsaw: We are worried, that it could that not discourage people to participate in international seminars, and that we could lose people who are active on the local level. Would it be possible to reimburse the membership fee for people who are officials or very active on the local level?

Lucija Balikić: Yes, we understand your point and that is an open ended discussion, the aim is still to attract as much people as possible to become members. We also have a proposal for the reimbursement of the membership fee, on the other hand, we have to consider, that some sections also raise the membership fee through from their members, in that way, lot of people are already paying themselves for ISHA international. Our proposal for the reimbursement of the membership fee would be a scheme

similar as the equalitISHA in case of the seminar participation fees. That means, members could decide to pay more in addition to their membership fee, which than could be redistributed among those who applied for financial need. We suggest reimbursing people who are apply for it due to various reasons, for example financial need. In our opinion, it would be a better solution as to reimburse officials of local sections, because all sections function very differently, and not everybody has elected comparable elected officials.

ISHA Marburg: It would be also possible to add an ISHA International fee on the top of every seminar participation fees..

Matej Samide: That would not be necessary, because we do not even need that amount of money as we have right now, therefore we are not in a financial need. Moreover, as one of our aims with the moving of seat is to apply for EU grants, we might get EU funding, that would mean even more money.

Lucija Balikić: There are other student associations, who get money from the EU with doing less than us, so I am confident to have the chance to get funding. So the time when ISHA international gathers money through membership fees can be only a transitional period.

Alex Leonzini: Our aim in the first place is to help sections organising the seminars and not to get them into financial difficulties.

ISHA Ljubljana: For us it is still the same money, coming from the same source, because ISHA Ljubljana already collects membership fee on the local level to pay for its member status. Although there are other sources of money tied to different activities. Would it be possible in the future for a section could pay the ISHA international fee for its members?

Lucija Balikić: It could cause some problems, because due to German law ISHA international must consist of individual members, who are paying themselves, and sections would not have a legal status on the international level anymore.

Matej Samide: Yes, we must have a list of members. It would be possible to receive the payment for example from ISHA Ljubljana, but it has to be stated for whose membership it is.

Lucija Balikić: Yes, exactly.

Alexandra Leonzini: As there would not be a sectional membership fee anymore, ISHA Ljubljana as an example could do that, but for other sections it could be different.

ISHA Skopje: What is the process of changing the structure?

Lucija Balikić: As we stated in the e-mail sent out in August, we are discussing now, and will have an online vote on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. It is

important to keep this tight schedule, because we have to have our seat in Berlin until November to meet the deadlines for next years grant application. Because we only vote in 13<sup>th</sup> of October, other sections, not present here, can have a chance to discuss the proposed changes, and every section has the chance to vote on their own.

ISHA Warsaw: Our section supports these proposed changes, because we already have membership fee in our section so for us it will not cause a significant change.

Lucija Balikić: We appreciate that. We also think, that because we do not have high expenditures, the transitional period and the administrative costs can be covered by the current money of the international board, so there will not be a significant change for any member and it the restructuring will not cause troubles in the functioning of ISHA. On the other hand we also consulted other student associations throughout Europe which have very similar structures and are functioning well.

ISHA Marburg: We are still wondering, how it will be possible to become and to stay member.

Lucija Balikić: You become a member by participating an international seminar and paying the 10 euros membership fee. The membership is valid for a year.

ISHA Marburg: But will there be an application form to refill every year?

Lucija Balikić: No, if there are no changes.

Matej Samide: As long as you pay the membership fee every year, you are a member. If you stop paying, your membership gets terminated.

ISHA Marburg: There should be a fixed deadline when to pay the participation fee.

Matej Samide: Yes, the concrete dates are still open for discussion. There has to be a possibility to make a 12 month membership instead of a calendar year fee.

Alexandra Leonzini: Both calendar year bound and 12 monthly fees are practiced by international associations.

Lucija Balikić: We will look into that. But if there is no restriction, we would go for the 12 month membership, to make the fee less of a financial burden for members.

ISHA Skopje: We counted that due to individual membership fees ISHA International would have more money from certain section, where there are more active members going to international seminars. Everybody gains money, it is just a personal loss.

Lucija Balikić: Yes, but there is a big overlapping in participants of international seminars, because the percentage of new participants is very low.

ISHA Warsaw: Yes, furthermore the first seminar is free.

ISHA Osijek: We prefer a 12 month membership rather than one based on the calendar year.

Lucija Balikić: Yes, we agree.

ISHA Osijek: Does this system apply for all seminars?

Lucija Balikić: Only for the 4 main events, organizers of regional and extra seminars could decide themselves if they would like introduce it.

ISHA Marburg: How does the system of reimbursement, you proposed, functions? What about the newbies?

Alexandra Leonzini: Reimbursement does not target newbies, because they do not have to pay their first event, so they do not need to be reimbursed.

Lucija Balikić: Who and how many members can be reimbursed depends on the amount of money we can raise from donations of other members.

ISHA Warsaw: Is it connected to EqualtISHA?

Lucija Balikić: No it is not, EuqualitISHA is the matter of on the sections. We are introducing a similar but another system. The reimbursement of the participation fee is the responsibility of ISHA international.

### **c) ISHA chapters and/or sections**

Lucija: In the new statutes, sections are called chapters and/or sections. This formulation makes the new statutes legally appropriate in English. We can keep on using sections, and the statutes are submitted in German, where there is not such a difference. We defined chapters/sections as:

- Groups of individual members located in the same city
- Are involved in local activities
- Together they choose delegates for the GA and instruct them with a vote

### **d) Voting rights and democracy**

Lucija Balikić: Our aim during the rewriting the statutes was to keep the whole structure and also the democracy of ISHA as similar to the existing system as possible.

ISHA Warsaw: What if there is only a newbie on the Seminar and no one else from the section can be present at the GA?

Matej Samide: If the newbie goes to the GA and wants to vote, she/he has to pay the membership fee. But it is also possible to give the vote to a delegate from another city.

ISHA Marburg: Can only active members vote on a delegate?

Matej Samide: On paper, yes. But on the local level, you can include others in the decision as well.

ISHA Marburg: So passive members cannot vote for a delegate?

Matej Samide: No. if there is only one active member, this person is a delegate. We have to consider how many members are required to found a section.

Alexandra Leonzini: we do not need a document or information when a representative chooses itself, than this person is the delegate by default. But the international board has to be notified in cases of bigger sections, who is voted as a delegate for the next GA.

ISHA Warsaw: What if the delegate cannot attend?

Lucija Balikić: proxy votes still exist, you can delegate your vote to another representative.

ISHA Skopje: How does that works?

Lucija Balikić: You can inform us via e-mail, we do not need an official document about it.

ISHA Marburg: But combining the vote of sections can be a problem of democracy. What if there are a lot of passive members?

Matej Samide: Yes, but only active members are officially part of our association, and only they are represented. Another option would be to give the right to vote to every single active member individually. This would radically change the structure of ISHA, because there would be big differences between the sections. We choose the delegate system to be able to reach the quorum on international seminars (we cannot have hundreds of people present), and to reproduce our current structure as well as possible.

ISHA Marburg: What if members cannot attend seminar?

Lucija Balikić: They can delegate their vote as described above.

Matej Samide: These people are probably not active members, therefore they will not be part of the association.

Alexandra Leonzini: there is only a problem if people are paying the membership fee, but they does not attend. But these people can still delegate their vote.

ISHA Warsaw: But it could happen, that only a very few people can make it to the seminar.

Lucija Balikić: yes, but if somebody is there from your section, this person can represent you, or as above mentioned you could also delegate your vote to somebody from another section. In that way all members can have their say.

ISHA Marburg: Can we make up imaginary members?

Matej Samide: No, because they cannot come to a seminar, but you can donate money to ISHA international. Legally, delegates are not bound to their mandate, so can change their mind, and represent their own opinion on international events.

ISHA Skopje: But what if nobody in a section payed? Than this section is passive? What if nobody goes to a seminar.

Lucija Balikić: We are not talking about sections anymore. Now, the members are individuals. If you do not go international seminars, you do not have a vote. There are two conditions: have payed and been on seminars. If nobody in a section payed or went to seminars, there are no members in that city.

ISHA Marburg: What if there are active members not taking part on international Seminars? What happens to the section?

Alexandra Leonzini: We are talking about individuals, and not about sections. That means, that you did not meet the requirements, and therefore there ISHA Marburg is not a section for that year.

Lucija Balikić: But you can still keep on your local activities.

Matej Samide: And if you pay and then do not attend, that is a donation for ISHA international. Thus, you cannot give your membership to another person, it is bound to the individuum, that is because of the requirements of German law.

Lucija Balikić: We are staying as transparent as possible, there is a chance for sections to react until the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, but we would like to reserve the right to do changes in the statutes, if it is legally necessary.

ISHA Marburg: Regarding the standing orders, is the rule changed who many members of active sections, have to be accepted to a seminar.

Matej: Yes, it is changed, because there are no sections anymore. It will be more important from now to consider academically strong

## **10) Discussion on the rescheduling of the official's term and the Annual Conference**

Lucija Balikić: We suggest the moving of the Annual Conference to the autumn seminar to the beginning of the academic year (everything until now is not affected).

ISHA Marburg: But we do not everything is filled up yet.

Lucija Balikić: We could start with 2020.

Dániel Molnár: We still have no AC or Autumn seminar for 2019. Therefore the call for Autumn seminar in 2019 would be a call for AC.

ISHA Ljubjana: But it can be hard, because in the Summer it is harder to contact people, so it is harder to organize meetings on the local level.

ISHA Marburg: Yes, but we also organize GA for Autumn Seminars, so it could be a problem for that as well. It is therefore not such a big deal. You can still discuss in July.

Lucija Balikić: It can be moved to October.

ISHA Ljubjana: it can interfere with local elections, and in there is a big fluctuation in the beginning of the year.

Lucija Balikić: yes, but there is always still a continuity, it should not be such big of a change. We see these problems, but still think, that the advantageous, it is easier for the handover process of the officials.

This will be up for a vote on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

**11) Discussion on the deadline of sending the agenda for the GA**

Lucija Balikić: We suggest changing the deadline for the sending of the GA from 6 weeks to 4 weeks. It would more practical, because there is not always 6 weeks even between two seminars. We think, 4 weeks are enough to organize a meeting on the local level and discuss the agenda.

ISHA Ljubjana: We agree, that it is better, because it is closer to the actual day of the meeting, we can plan better.

**12) Questions and Closing**

ISHA Marburg: There was a misunderstanding in the Helsinki GA, ISHA Helsinki did not represent our opinion properly, we did not vote for moving the seat to Berlin.

Matej Samide: Send an e-mail to Tamara, minutes can be changed upon the decision of the secretary

Tamara: I have received your complaint from Tasha, I cannot add things which were not said, but change the result of the vote and amend the minutes according to your statements.

Lucija Balikić: Short reminder: keep in mind the date for the online GA, 13<sup>th</sup> of October, you are getting the amended statutes.

Lucija Balikić closes the State of Affairs Meeting at 17.30

Appendix 1: The presentation showed by Lucija Balikić to illustrate the changes made on the statutes.