



General Assembly (GA)

of the International Students of History Association, was held at the ISHA Annual Conference on Friday, the 6th of April 2018 in Maribor, Slovenia.

- 1) Opening: Miriam Eisleb opens the GA at 14:13.**
- 2) Appointment of Speaker. Miriam Eisleb appoints herself and Dániel Molnár as speakers.**
- 3) Appointment of Minute-Taker. Miriam Eisleb**
- 4) Taking the Attendance. Miriam Eisleb takes the attendance and counts the votes. 24 delegates have the right to vote.**

a) Attending members (delegate ISHA Section)

Logghe, Anselm (delegate, ISHA Ghent)

Molnár, Dániel (ISHA Budapest)

Nikolova, Yordana (delegate, ISHA Sofia, proxy vote from ISHA Thessaloniki)

Erceg, Sonja (delegate, ISHA Osijek, proxy vote from ISHA Pula and ISHA Split)

Mayrhofer, Michaela (delegate, ISHA Graz)

Sterjov, Stefan (delegate, ISHA Skopje, proxy vote from ISHA Sarajevo, ISHA Belgrade)

Pešut, Dominik (delegate, ISHA Zagreb)

De Santes, Lizzie (delegate, ISHA Kent)

Revoll, James (member, ISHA Kent)

Achleitner, Marius (delegate, ISHA Vienna)

Hanisch, Nicole (member, ISHA Berlin)

Samide, Matej (member, ISHA Berlin)

Eisleb, Miriam (member, ISHA Berlin)

Tabatt, Hannes (delegate, ISHA Berlin)

Hough, Sean (delegate, ISHA Jena)

Jeswein, Eric (member, ISHA Berlin)

Kohrs, Charlotte Sophie (member, ISHA Berlin)

Miran, Hamidulla (delegate, ISHA Helsinki)

Ahto, Hano (member, ISHA Helsinki)

Vrhovec, Valentina (guest, EGEA)

Tóth, Noémi Dalma (member, ISHA Budapest)

Németh, Patrik (delegate, ISHA Budapest)

Katsarkov, Dimitar (member, ISHA Sofia)

Özal, Özge (member, ISHA Istanbul)

Päbst, Raphael (delegate, ISHA Marburg)

Galardini, Luca (delegte, ISHA Rome)

Pasculli, Viviano (member, ISHA Rome)

Lohmann, Daria (member, ISHA Berlin)
Acavedo Torres, Ana Maria (ORCEH)
Nedeliou, Ioan-Stefan (delegate, ISHA Bucharest)
Milijic, Petar (member, ISHA Ljubljana)
Petrov, Kaloyan (member, ISHA Sofia)
Tomažić, Ajda (member, ISHA Maribor)
Spreitz, Saskia (member, ISHA Graz)
Tuković, Adam (member, ISHA Osijek)
Kodrić, Domen (delegate, ISHA Maribor)
Laber, Tom (member, ISHA Graz)
Kren, Lara (delegate, ISHA Ljubljana)
Glauer, Ryan (member, ISHA Berlin)
Kraus, David (delegate, ISHA Heidelberg)

5) Reading the agenda, comments to the agenda

Tom Laber: Should the candidates go outside during the discussion?

Raphael Päßt: Not all candidates but the ones we would like to discuss about should leave the room.

Daria Lohman: This is the standard procedure in the standing orders.

Miriam Eisleb suggests proceeding as usual.

6) Review and approval of the minutes of the SAM in Sofia

Voting: Y 23 N 0 A 1. Minutes are approved by the GA.

7) Review and approval of the minutes of the GA in Zagreb

Voting: Y 23 N 0 A 1. Minutes are approved by the GA

8) Upcoming events

a) Extra Seminar in Bologna, Italy (in cooperation with IAPS)

Topic: "HYPER (History and Physics Experienced)"

Date: 25 – 27 May 2018

Ryan Glauer: Application Period: is ongoing. We still need for more applications from ISHA. Please apply!

b) Summer Seminar 2018 in Warsaw, Poland

Topic: "Building cities, creating societies"

Date: 9 – 15 July 2018

Magdalena: application period will be opened in April.

c) Autumn Seminar 2018 in Skopje, Macedonia

Topic: "History through Music"

Date: 11 – 17 September 2018

Stefan Shterjov: Workshops are planned, hostel has been picked. They hope to get funding from the university. Place and time for the GA is reserved.

Those interested in being workshop leaders can contact Stefan.

d) Regional Seminar in Budapest, Hungary

Topic: To be announced

Date: ~~23 – 26 May 2018~~, Moved to end of October 2018

There will be more information about the seminar next week. They already found the workshop leaders and workshop titles.

e) Extra Seminar in Ghent, Belgium

Topic: “Remembering the First World War – 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day”

Date: 24 – 27 October 2018

The hostel is booked. There will be about 30 participants. They are currently searching for funding. The day trip is going to be to the front-line of WWI. The workshop titles and topics are already set. They would like to have a student and a professor as a workshop leader.

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

Topic: “Memory Spaces”

Date: 7 – 13 January 2019

Topic and hostel is settled, as well as the draft titles for workshops. Call for workshop leaders is out. There will be a team of a local and a non-local students. They are applying for funding, based on the financial plan from last year. There will be 40 participants and an option for freelancers. There might be some plans for an alumni program but it is not yet decided.

g) Spring Conference 2019 is still vacant

h) Summer Seminar 2019 in Berlin, Germany

Topic: “Walls in History”

Date: 29 July – 4 August 2019

The hostel is booked. They are currently looking for sponsors right now. The seminar concept is done. The workshop leaders will be locals.

i) AC 2019 (Interim Term!) in Autumn is still vacant!

j) Applications

i. ISHA Belgrade for the AC 2019 in September

Stefan Sterjov: ISHA Belgrade is excited to organise the AC. They would like to have an interdisciplinary approach and invite students from neighbouring disciplines. They are thinking about a topic like “Religion through History” or “Women in History.”

ii. Noémi Tóth: ISHA Budapest is applying for the AC 2019 in September too.

Stefan Sterjov: It would be better if the Spring Seminar would be in Budapest, because it would be the first event in 2019, which would be a good way to celebrate the anniversary. Also, Belgrade applied earlier for the AC.

Noémi Tóth: Budapest started to plan the AC 2019 already. They are planning to organize for 80 participants.

Daria Lohmann: Can it be even a bigger event for more people? ISHA's birthday should be celebrated in a bigger scale, like it was in 25th of Anniversary.

Miriam Eisleb: The Anniversary celebration should not necessarily be the AC, ISHA Budapest could organize another Seminar too.

Raphael Päbst: Should we decide now? Belgrade is not present, it would be nice, if Budapest and Belgrade could agree on it together.

Adam Tuković: It would be a nice symbol to have an AC in Budapest, but we should give the possibility to Belgrade, because they are a new section. They do not have many members and this would be a good possibility for them to grow. If they are motivated, they should be given a chance. Maybe Budapest can choose another time slot?

Stefan Sterjov: I agree.

Noémi Tóth: we will talk about it in Budapest. It is hard to discuss now, because Belgrade is not here.

Miriam Eisleb proposes to vote on postponing the decision

Ryan Glauser: The decision should be made now because of logistic reasons.

Miriam Eisleb: not necessarily. It is not necessary to have a spring a seminar.

Adam Tuković: The two sections should talk to each other. Than it does not matter when we vote, because they already started the preparation. They can start the preparation without an official yes.

Raphael Päbst: We are all saying the same thing. We do not have anyone for the spring, but 2 for the autumn. If we do not vote today, the two sections will sort it out amongst each other and we can confirm it in the GA in July in Warsaw.

Stefan Sterjov: A joint seminar?

Dániel Molnár: Logistically impossible

Daria Lohman: Lets vote on proposing the vote.

Lara Kren: We could have an online vote in a month.

Miriam Eisleb: We can vote now: do we want to vote in 4 weeks online?

Vote: 20 yes 1 no, 3 abstains

An online voting session is going to be on the 4th of May. The sections and members will get an email about it from the IB.

9) Reports of Sections

- a) **ISHA Jena:** Our actual winter term program ended in February with our monthly meeting.

Looking back at 2018 so far, the highlights were our private excursion to the Thuringian World of Dumplings at Heichelheim near Weimar (find fantastic pictures on our Facebook site) and another historical game evening.

At the end of January, two members got involved in organizing and supporting the Romanian Cultural Days at our University. It were three days full of music, dance, workshops, historical lectures, films and talks on Romania.

In February, we had the honor to host guest from ISHA Marburg, ISHA Warsaw and ISHA Wien! We explored Jena (it was cold), strolled through its bars and visited the Memorial Buchenwald near Weimar. It was great to have you visiting and we hope to meet again soon.

Also in February, we supported a fellow history student who organized a time witness talk with an impressive lady named Henriette Kretz who is a child-survivor of the Shoah. She talked about her life and history, leaving us moved and thoughtful about her story and the history itself.

Right now, we are deeply involved in planning the summer term. Since the guided tours and the hike in October were successful, we plan to establish some regular tradition with this kind of activities. Also, there are going to be regular meetings and a big excursion to a baroque palace in Rudolstadt. Since most of our "older" members are facing their last term, we will explore Thuringia and make some memories!

We are looking forward to the next conferences. We thank the IB for their work and are happy to send Sean as member of ISHA Jena to Maribor. Thanks for your support!

- b) **ISHA Maribor:** Since GA in Zagreb, ISHA Maribor has been occupied mostly with the preparation for the AC 2018 "WORK IN PROGRESS - Modernisation of History". Besides that we've been hired to guide several tours in Maribor. We also presented ISHA on several occasions at our faculty and managed to find some potential new members.
- c) **ISHA Osijek:** On the local level, we held this year's first movie night with movie Dunkirk and organised a party for the end of the exam season and the beginning of the summer semester. On the academic level: 1) members of ISHA Osijek participated in the New Year's ISHA seminar held in Zagreb from 8 to 14 January 2018 and our section was, again, one of the more numerous ones

2) we opened the application period for a student conference that we will hold together with colleagues from the Glotta association in Osijek, from 24 to 25 May

3) last but definitely most important – from 14 to 18 March ISHA Osijek held the Regional Seminar "Yugoslavia Revisited", which was attended by more than 30 participants from 8 countries (11 ISHA sections plus colleagues from Mostar and Dubrovnik). We are very happy with the entire organization and how it all went well as well as the academic and non-academic parts of the program.

d) **ISHA Split:**

1) Unfortunately, our plans and projections sent in previous mail were not fulfilled. Our cooperation with historical unit of Uskoks of Klis was cancelled due to desire to raise the coronation of king Zvonimir on a higher level, with authentic clothing and accessories. Therefore, the coronation was postponed.

2) As you are probably aware, we were not chosen for organizing the event "History that is not yet history", but therefore we had time and determination to participate in seminar organized by ISHA Osijek "Život tijekom opsada" in December which was financed by EUROCLIO. We had four members of ISHA Split in Osijek and I personally have to say that organization was brilliant as well as all the participants.

3) Being a freelancer on the New Year Seminar in Zagreb, for I had obligations in Munich, I was unable to report ISHA Split progress on 2nd issue of our magazine. I am very happy to announce that our magazine Pleter was presented to the public at the end of February and our head of the history department on Faculty of Philosophy gave a speech and briefly analyzed the magazine in front of about 60 visitors. Also, we announced the call for papers for the 3rd issue of Pleter and we're hoping that each issue will be better than the previous one.

4) On the local level we participated in "The Golden arrow of Uskoks", an archery tournament where we won 2nd place. We also continued with movie nights on a monthly basis and we lit the candles in remembrance of the fall of Vukovar and Škabrnja. We volunteered in several museums in Split during the "The Night of Museums" and in cooperation with the "Itheom" (Association of students of Croatian, Italian and English language) we organized a quiz with questions from history and literature and we also founded our own independent pub quiz.

5) Last, but not least we organized a lecture dealing with the making of the painting in Medieval period which attracted around 40 visitors.

I will mention that we'll have elections very soon, so you can expect some changes in the leadership of ISHA Split.

I certainly hope that ISHA Split will have participants on Summer Seminar in Warsaw so our presence and will to promote ISHA values can be felt.

- e) **ISHA Olomouc:** For a fair amount of time we have been running film clubs, in order to make the students acquainted with interesting historical movies and also after every screening a discussion is held. In the last academical year we mostly screened thematical movies about warfare and totalitarian propaganda. Those movies were primarily set in the 20th century (in one case it was even set in the 19th century). Namely we screened these films: *Tomorrov, people will be dancing everywhere; Ten days that shook the world; Dr. Divnoláska; Starship Troopers; Glory; Die Welle; Markéta Lazarová*. In this academical year we aim to choose movies set across various historical epochs that depict any signifiant or thematically specific events. In the winter semester we screened films such as *Luther* and *Popírání holocaustu (Denial)*. The latter was critically acclaimed due to its controversy and the theme's academical popularity. We are looking for a new format where before every screening a designated lecturer will have their opening monologue to shine some light on the events that are about to be seen in the movie.

Annually we also organize a Christmas get together which is basically a casual meetup of students and lectures. In terms of the whole university we, also annually, send out our representatives to a university fair where they present what historians do to other students from different fields. For example- they provide a closer look on heraldry or old forms of cursive.

We also cooperate with another historical organisation at KHI (Guild of the history students). This collaboration is the most prominent during the organizing of the KHI ball, which is the former closure of every winter semester. Last year we also cooperated on an event called An evening with historical cuisine, which goal was to present meals of the times past.

Our main activities are, however, aimed at foreign students coming to KHI. We take care of students partaking in Erasmus+ as well as of students arriving from Nebraska (Nebraska semester abroad program). Another important activity is going abroad where we try to tighten our

relationships with other middle european organisations. In the latest months we should point out the cooperation with ISHA Graz, with which members we organized both sided exchange programs, therefore bettered our position in the whole organisation. Other branches we cooperate with are ISHA Wien and ISHA Graz. In the future we would like to aim at expanding the cooperation with other middle european organisations for a myriad of reasons- some of them being geographical proximity and similarities in terms of historical thinking. With the help of such a connection we could acquire a quality foundation for creating conjoint projects.

In terms of the Czech Republic we are being active in the association of historical clubs which hosts a meeting twice a year. One of them always being a part of scholarly student conference, the other one is a meeting of delegates. In accordance to that, last year we partook in a meeting in Brno and Slovakian city Nitra. Casual meetings that took place last year were held in a spirit of promoting the activities of each club and association, however in June of 2017 it was also agreed upon bettering the bonds of clubs and associations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In the future we would love to take on a more prominent role in popularizing history not only at our university but also in the general public. Our goal is to better the overall promotion and hold a higher amount of mainly popularizing activities.

- f) **ISHA Bucharest:** 1. "Flowers for Girls" - Every year Isha Bucharest organizes an event for celebrating women , so the members buy and give flowers for every women in the Univeristy of Bucharest. (8.03.2018) 2. Conference "The role played by the intellectuality in forming the Unification of the Romania " (22.03.2018) 3. Erasmus Info. Meeting - Sharing knowledge and experience for students that want to apply for Erasmus programs. (26.03.2018)
- g) **ISHA Sofia:** made a charity event: donations of books. There was a conflict with ISHA Skopje, but it is fixed now.
- h) **ISHA Skopje:** They are working on the Seminar and on a publication. They are cooperating with ISHA Thessaloniki.

- i) **ISHA Ghent:** They are doing fine. They are recognised by the University and getting financial help. They are in contact with Leuven, maybe they will be able to activate that section as well.
- j) **ISHA Marburg:** they are organising talks from ISHA Phd Students, Dániel from Budapest talked about Spanish Merchants in Budapest. Angana from ISHA Berlin will talk about her topic. ISHA Marburg is able to pay the travel expenses and looking forward to have more talks. They were visited by ISHA Heidelberg and returned the visit of ISHA Jena. They also have a newbie.
- k) **ISHA Berlin:** ISHA Berlin Section Report The year started with the traditional New Years Reception given by the ISHA Berlin president at his apartment. We had food and drinks, looked back at the year 2017 and welcomed the year 2018 and the task we will face in the future. Our museumsrawl-project was slightly changed and opened to all events we can do together and named ISHA-Events. For instance we visited an exhibition about The Cold War and arts at the „Haus der Kulturen der Welt“ in Berlin. In the end of January a few ISHA Berlin members visited Gdansk in Poland for three days. This event was mainly organized by Sophie Kühnlenz. We visited museums and the beautiful city. In the end of February we gladly welcomed our dear friends from ISHA Vienna of a weekend. A few months before we visited them in Vienna. Together we had a city tour through Berlin, visited museums together as for example the „Deutsches historisches Museum“ and the former concentration camp in Sachsenhausen. Though it was terribly cold we spent a lovely weekend together. Last year we had our project together with ISHA Moscow which went great. Now we are working on a publication with papers and essays the participants wrote. It will be published in the near future. Finally ISHA Berlin is very busy planning and organizing the summer seminar 2019 „Walls in History“. Currently we are finishing our policy paper and are about to start to collect money and ask for fundings and searching for partners to work with.

10) Presentation of the IRON Curtain Project: Daria Lohman

- a) Daria Lohmann presents the joint project of ISHA and EGEE: Iron Curtain. It will be a series of events during 2019.

b) Presentation in the appendix

Eric Jeswein: what is untraditional learning? Are ISHA workshops like that?

Daria Lohmann: yes, they can be, but there can be also much more things to do, workshops are only one way to do untraditional learning.

10 minutes break

11) Reports of ISHA International

a) International Board

- iii. Lucija Balikić, President:** In the period between the GA in Zagreb and the GA in Maribor I have been ensuring that the usual workflow of ISHA International goes smoothly by organizing regular Skype meetings of all the officials. I have also monitored and coordinated the work of different committees and encouraged the forming of the Training Committee, similar to the one other international student associations have. I helped resolve different disputes between sections and in controlling some questionable content that was posted on social media. During February I organized a 'Get to Know ISHA' event at the University College of London and got in touch with their History Society members. Currently, I am also keeping in touch with the officials of the History Society at the University of Southampton, who are very interested in organizing a similar event and founding a section. I encouraged the campaign for the applications of candidates for the official positions and engaged myself on the matter in terms of explaining the prospective duties to potential candidates. I wrote the foundation document for the GA agenda in Maribor and incorporated other officials' comments. Lastly, I participated on the Regional Seminar of ISHA Osijek, „Yugoslavia Revisited“, where I had a chance to observe outstanding standards of seminar-organisation on all the relevant levels, as well as network with a lot of potential founders of new ISHA sections from the cities where sections don't exist.
- iv. Miriam Eisleb, Vice-President:** In the meantime, I handed over the head of the PMC committee, as the GA wanted the IB members to concentrate on their main tasks. For now, we will do turns in leading it, it is Adam's at the moment, but I will do the report for the last time:

- Adam is working on a time line/overview for organizing a seminar,
- Adam is also analyzing the PMC questionnaire,
- Adam will publish a manual for writing an ISHA seminar application soon, that is directed at ISHA newbies, but also at ISHA regulars,
- Daniel and I conceptualized the idea of an Newbie / method workshop which will be tried in Maribor in a short version and in a longer version in Warsaw,
- Sophie is still working on the Equality Survey and
- Jan on the Report of the Evaluations.

The PMC members are still 'advising' sections with the organization of seminars. Sophie is very involved with ISHA Warsaw as this seminar is coming up soon – see her report for more details. Adam is in contact with Skopje about the Autumn seminar.

In Zagreb, we tried the evaluation for participants for the first time. The feedback was torn: Some people gave me positive feedback about it, but the 'regular' evaluation of the seminar said, that only about 75 % even got an evaluation (but then some participants got theirs after their filled in the evaluation) and not as many found it helpful. I would like to encourage the future workshop leaders to take their time with filling it in and not try to flatter people with it, but to think about constructive and helpful comments. We will give it another shot in Maribor! In Zagreb, it was also my task to organize the 'How to ISHA'-Workshop, with the help of Daniel and a lot of other officials.

In order to improve ISHA's professionalization, we decided to further work on ISHA's appearance on facebook. This is why the 'ISHA after conference' group is now closed for ISHA members only – we can still share pictures and funny stuff, but it should be kept between us. For an academic exchange, Bianca is working on a specific facebook group for this purpose only.

As Vice-President and part of the IB, my other important task was to help with the changing of the seat. Tamara and I went to the notary again to hand in the version of the statutes with the necessary changes – we hope it will go through soon! I helped Tamara with organizing the GA and setting up the agenda, as well smoothing the process of registration of the membership fee.

My section, ISHA Berlin, had ISHA Vienna (my other home section) over for a visit and we enjoyed it very much.

v. **Dániel Molnár**, Vice-President: The past term was very busy for all of us. As for my part, Miriam and me run the Project Management Committee, and updated all the manuals, so they can be used for the new ISHA structure. We also added many useful information, based on recent experiences, to the Event Organization Manual.

In the past months I continued discussion with Sergio C. Gamboa, the representative of the Economic History Society. Together with Lucia, we created a draft proposal, what the GA accepts, we can add EHS as our partner organization. It is a good opportunity for both organizations to increase visibility and membership.

I also started to work with some people from EGEA on the Historical Paths project. I really hope that many ISHA people will take part in it. I also hope that as this project aims to activate more student in France, maybe we can have French ISHA members sooner or later. Sadly, the project had to be postponed due to lack of funds and a relatively low activity and small number of applications from the members to be station managers.

With Tasha, found some new founding possibilities, connected to the „Year of Cultural Heritage” 2018. We hope that the events of the following year can use this possibility to get more funds. So far some sections were interested in this, I sent them all the info necessary regarding application for funds. I also monitored – with other officials - the preparation of the upcoming local and international events, helping where we could.

In cooperation with EGEA and other student NGO-s, we started to build a network for Trainers. To be part of it effectively, we would need to establish a “Training Committee”, so we could be able to organize events (much like How to ISHA so far) where people would get useful know-how about event organizing, creating and maintaining a section, recruiting new members, and so on. Hopefully we would be able to train people for a local level section-management, making sections more stable and professional in practical issues.

For this we can get useful material from other NGOs and even can invite their trainers for our events. As some of these organizations cover a much wider part of their subject/discipline, I think we could make profite from it. I ask for 3-7 people to start this new committee, and I’ll contact them with the networks, so they can start to integrate us into it.

Comments from Dániel: He emphasizes the importance of the relationship with EGEA and emphasizes to apply for the Iron Curtain Project. There are also other project, which you can join.

- vi. **Natasha Rieke**, Treasurer: Treasury Report AC 2018. The current bank balance is 3356,99 EUR. Since the New Year's Seminar in Zagreb I wrote a contract between ISHA International and ISHA Lausanne. They are going to be dissolved due to the lack of active members in the section.

We supported the Summer Seminar in Warsaw with a loan about 900, 00 €. Also we are still expecting some payments form ISHA Lausanne.

During the last months I did some research for a new bank account. The current bank account can't be change until ISHA International becomes a registered society. Furthermore I was looking for some different crowdfunding platforms and I have some ideas how to increase the ISHA International money.

Meanwhile I am in contact with ISHA Warsaw to support and help them with the Summer Seminar. I looking forward to find out more about Wikistage a video platform for ISHA International. If you want to become an active member you can still pay the membership fee of 10, 00 €.

- vii. **Tamara Pataki**, Secretary: My main tasks is still handling the registration process of ISHA in Germany. I prepared and submitted the statute changes we made in Zagreb and fulfilled other requests of the registry. Unfortunately our registration is still not done, hope it will pass during my term.

I am also preparing documents and certificates, which takes out most of my time. Since the introduction of the new criteria for certificates in Helsinki I also need to control their fulfillment and coordinate the issuing of certificates with the organizing section.

Other than that, I prepare minutes, additional certificates oversee the e-mail communication and administer members.

b) Council

- i. **Domen Kodrič**: Most of my activities have been the same as my last 2 terms, so basically taking over for the webmaster... Updating the website and ISHA Facebook.

But in last few months I also began promoting and working to expand ISHA in Africa and South America.

ii. Alexandra Leonzini: Since Zagreb I have been working hard with Mattia from IAPS to organise the first ever HistorY and Physics Experience (HYPE) event in Bologna for the end of May. We have found accommodation, organised rooms, built a website, and have opened applications. All ISHA members are encourage to apply!
In addition to this, I have continued in support the IB in whatever way I can.

iii. Matej Samide: Since Zagreb the alumni committee has been rather inactive. This is in part to blame on me, for not having the time and partly to blame on the lack of ideas. Apart from the alumni seminar there wasn't much to do and since we are not planning another seminar right now there isn't much to do. However I wasn't completely inactive. Your section should have gotten one (or if you are planning a seminar two) mails from me. If you have overlooked them please take another look at them.

Apart from the committee I have been assisting with the seat change, which should be good to go now but the German bureaucracy is very strict and quite slow. Also I made ISHA some new mail addresses. Please change them in your contacts since the Gmail address will be most likely used less and less. The new addresses should insure that you always reach the person responsible for your question. There is also the option of getting one for your section. If you are interested ask me about it.

For the next months I plan on focusing on the handover. Hopefully we will find someone to bring new power and ideas to the alumni committee.

iv. Tom J. Laber: In the last term, I tried to support the new officials and council with the focus on supporting and contributing the productive team of our PMC. We tried our best to help the organising sections with their events and developed new ideas and manuals to improve that organisation processes. We offered advice and support.

Successful seminars can be possible if a motivated team-spirit driven local ISHA sections as main responsible is – if help is needed – in constant contact with the PMC from the beginning. My thanks go especially to all the colleagues of our highly engaged team of the PMC. In my opinion, the last year showed, how motivated and – in the middle & long-term run with positive effects, the PMC (and other committees) can work, if by will and “accident “dedicated people work respectfully together.

This is furthermore an invitation to join the committees and especially the great team of the PMC and – maybe – to say thanks to all the outstanding ISHA experiences we all gained through ISHA events on local-regional-and international levels in the social and academic field. Don't hesitate for another surely rich ISHA experience! I must mention, that my personal contribution was – sadly - limited, due to unpredictable negative University-bureaucracy and negative personal events. Not my will and dedication for the forever valid and needed idea of ISHA was the reason.

It was pleasure and brought me numerous experiences and enlightenments to serve that idea from my ISHA beginnings at the local level with ISHA Graz (a City, now even more of Ya have visited recently, I assume) from 2014 to this day.

My personal conclusion of the last term is, that with motivated ISHA creatures in the council, the committees, the IB and in every old, new and growing sections, our ISHA is and can be on a good way.

And can be even better, if You join the IB, the council and our committees – Vidimo se, Vizlat, see Ya soon & VIVA ISHA

- v. **Adam Tuković:** Well hi. Since the last time I and the last seminar we needed to take someone to lead the committee (Since Miriam isnt allowed to lead it) and I decided to take the responsibility. Until now I made a timeline for organising a seminar, I evaluated the last questioner for the Seminar in Zagreb and made a short manual regarding on „how to make an motivation latter“ and I made a short template that should be send to the emails of the sections that organise a seminar with all the manuals and instructions and so on. The next skype meeting is after the seminar in Maribor and at that meeting we are going to evaluate all the work everybody did. Due to my working hours I wasnt able to take part in the last 2 ISHA INTERNATIONAL skype meetings. Thats it for now.

vi. **Dorottya Bartha**

- vii. **Sophie Kühnlenz:** In the first months of 2018 I mainly focused on my duties as supervisor for the ISHA Warsaw summer seminar 2018. I was in touch with the main organizer several times and discussed the ongoing process based on the newly worked out timeline of the PMC. This timeline was developed by the PMC in accordance with the Organisation Manual. It functions as short checklist / orientation for the organizing section when to do what in preparation for the event (e.g. topic, fundraising, accommodation,

food, academic program, cultural program, field trip, promotion etc). I encouraged the main organizer to share the burden of responsibility by appointing different members of ISHA Warsaw to take care of e.g. the academic part (especially the coordination of the workshops), fundraising, food & rooms etc. I spent quite a while trying to establish contact with the appointed persons responsible (besides the main organizer). I pointed out certain tasks that need to be done at different times prior to the seminar like finding workshop leaders, finalizing the concept of the seminar, setting up a website with necessary information on program, workshops, accommodation and application procedure and facilitated generally the contact between the organizers and ISHA international. Since the organization process is not running smoothly (especially in terms of academic program and fundraising) I tried to communicate that team-work and a time buffer is absolutely necessary to organize such a big event like an ISHA seminar. As agreed upon, an open call for workshop leaders was issued in the last weeks. By now, enough qualified workshop leaders are found and started working on their concepts. The program is getting more and more concrete and if the fundraising efforts are successful within the next weeks, the seminar will be a great event to discuss the relation between societies and cities. The general application period will (hopefully) take place in April so that everyone interested in participating has enough time to plan their trip. Besides that I contributed more or less to the ongoing work of the PMC and ISHA international, participated in some of the Skype meetings and commented / edited some documents. In January I (at first) unsuccessfully applied for a training session on gender equality, organized by the European Students Union. The 3 day training session would have provided some helpful input for my work in the context of the equality survey, but unfortunately too many people applied and I was denied participation. A few weeks later however, they offered me a spot but at that point I couldn't attend anymore due to health issues in my family. This is as well the reason why I had to cut short my commitment to ISHA international during the last weeks. Nevertheless I will put as much effort as possible in my duties as supervisor for the ISHA Warsaw summer seminar to make it a success for everyone and will continue to work on an equality training session.

c) **Carnival Editor: Ryan Glauser:**

Since Zagreb, I have been busy editing and preparing the publication of the next edition of Carnival. Unfortunately, volume 18 and 19 will be published together because of a lack of interest and willingness by authors to make corrections and work with the editorial team in both volume 18 and 19. Also, I have continued expanding the email list and have been preparing templates for the next editor of Carnival.

My biggest concern with Carnival is the lack of support from the organization. The last two years have been painful for the editorial team. This year, I did not need to assemble a team because the number of submissions were astonishingly low. In volume 19, we received 6 article submissions and 2 book reviews. In the end, only 2 articles and a book review will be published. These numbers are extremely low and are signs of the general decline in Carnival. From my experiences this past year, I request that we discuss the future of Carnival in Maribor and determine the path forward.

d) **Archivist: Bianca Vassileva:** For the past months I have been focused on 3 main tasks, relating to the ISHA Archives:

1. Sorting, converting and indexing all currently available materials, including the recently digitized materials from the Leuven archives. I will be done by August and we should have a continuous, fully searchable archive, spanning from 1990 to present day. Unfortunately, I will most likely not be able to go back to Leuven and digitize the remaining documents, since I already have plenty to work with.

2. An archives manual for the next Archivist, focusing mostly on the sustainability of the digital archive. It will include relevant information about the indexing system I have used so far, the PDF/A archive standard, etc.

3. Creating a uniform structure for the local archives, to be re-issued as an update to Georg and Pieter's How to Archive manual. I am currently using the Marburg archive as a blueprint. A uniform system will ensure local archives can be incorporated into the existing ISHA International Archive with minimal hassle. After the system has functioned for some time, collecting and entering the local archives into the database should be the job of either a subsequent Archivist, or a temporary Local Archives committee.

Since I will not be present at the Annual Conference due to a previous academic engagement, and since I am nowhere near done with the above-

mentioned points, I should be presenting the final results during the Summer seminar in Warsaw.

12) Presentation of joint projects with EGEA

Valentina Vrhovec: There is the joint project historical path: Via Francia England-Rome, France-Pavia will be walked. It will be parted into smaller sections, so u can join them separately. It will be about connecting countries and inter-cultural exchange. EGEA already found some sponsors, so it will be affordable.

Training Committee: In EGEA there are workshops on soft skills, such as presentations and body language, to improve work skills. In EGEA there are around 10 trainers. It is very popular. There are also organizing trainings for trainers, for that ISHA members can also apply.

Daria: Training is one of the informal learning approaches. It could be introduced into ISHA seminars and it could make traditional workshops more diverse.

EGEA invites everybody to apply, the training for trainers gonna be in Katowice this year in October.

13) Establishing the Training Committee (Dániel Molnár, Vice-president)

Dániel Molnár suggest an establishment of a training committee in ISHA, with a similar concept as what EGEA has.

- a) Eric Jeswein and Daria Lohmann are interested. Dániel will contact them and send more information about training opportunities to other people as well.

14) Approval of the Committees

- a) ISHA International has the following committees. In order for them to keep on existing, the GA has to approve their existence.
- b) PhD Network Committee
 - i. Matej Samide: The PhD Committee takes part in organizing PhD Workshops, but not for every seminar, they organized the Workshop for Zagreb, but not for Maribor.

Voting: Y 18 N 0 A 6, Confirmed.

- c) Alumni Network Committee
 - i. Matej Samide: consists mainly of alumni members. It would be important that others join the committee as well, so that there is also connection to active ISHA Members. Matej wrote a call for every sections and will keep on doing it in the future.

Voting: Y 19 N 0 A 5, Confirmed.

- d) Project Management Committee
 - i. Miriam Eisleb: There was a change of the head of the committee. The new head is Adam. The committee is very active; skypeing every month. There are a lot of members, but they are leaving in the term,

thus, it needs more members. They are focusing on advising organizing sections. There is an appointed contact person for every organizing section. There is a big potential in this committee for exchanging information. They also evaluate and analyse the participation evaluation forms and writing manuals; for example, a time line for organization. This is a very useful committee which should be continued in the next term as well.

Adam Tuković: this is a lot of fun. It is interesting to analyse the organization of seminars. They are not approaching the organization of seminars from the top down, but want to gather information and pass it on. It is important that more people apply.

- ii. Matej Samide: This is the most important committee, because there is a lot of knowledge and information which gets lost between seminars, so this is good to have a committee to secure and pass on information.
- iii. Raphael Päbst: How do people join the committee?
- iv. Miriam Eisleb: Everybody can apply anytime. You can approach any member of the committee.

Vote: Y 24 N 0 A 0

e) Fundraising Committee

- i. Dániel Molnár: There are not enough people in this committee, Dániel calls for members. The main task of the committee is to explore funds and report them to sections (as it happened in Zagreb, where Dániel held a presentation about the European Year of Cultural Heritage. There is an opportunity to apply for that). Though the committee cannot find country specific funds easily, because it does not have the knowledge and resource for that. It would be only possible with more members.
- ii. Raphael Päbst: This is small committee; can you ensure that there will be enough people next year?
- iii. Dániel Molnár: No, but this would be a significant help for the next treasurer.
- iv. Nicole Hanisch: As a candidate for treasurer, I think this committee is important.
- v. Matej Samide: We do not have to know now if the committee is going to be active or not.
- vi. Adam Tuković: The question is not, if this is going to be active or not, but if we need it. Adam thinks that ISHA needs a fund-raising committee.

vii. Dániel Molnár: It is not necessarily need to be big if it only wants to monitor on the international level.

viii. Daria Lohmann: This committee could connect to the Iron Curtain project, that would be a great way to learn more about grants.

Voting: **Y 19 N 0 A 3 1 Absent, Confirmed.**

15) Discussion about the future of the Journal of ISHA-Carnival

Ryan Glauser (editor): Ryan explains that the Carnival is in a very bad state “slowly dying” with a very low number of submissions. No ISHA Member submitted for volume 19, Ryan argues, that there is no trust for Carnival. If we want to have a journal then it needs to be supported, because it is a way to present the academic activities of ISHA.

Raphael Päßt: He also had the same feeling. He wants to have a working carnival. The question is, why sections only publish on the local level? Why are they not submitting for carnival? Is it a problem of the language?

Ryan Glauser: Language issue plays a role. But keep in mind, this is a student journal, your language skills don't have to be perfect. Alex (previous editor), also introduced an opportunity to publish in languages other than English.

Stefan Sterjov: It is probably also about the titles. That there is a theme for the journal. If there would not be any theme then it could attract more people.

Ryan Glauser: Yes, we recognised that problem and created a general issue template for future editions.

Adam Tuković: Language is definitely an issue. There could be also more submissions, if we would send the call to the alumni network as well.

Ryan Glauser: Alumni is not the target of a student journal. They probably do not want to publish in Carnival.

Adam Tuković: Carnival could also shift to popular audience.

Ryan Glauser: But if you go to a magazine style, you could not place it on your CV anymore. Lowering the academic standard would hinder the academic profile of Carnival.

Matej Samide: It should also be decided, if ISHA wants Carnival to be its flagship, or rather promote local seminar publications. We should cut back on local publications in order to support Carnival.

Ryan Glauser: Another way would be to publish conference proceedings separately. Then, Carnival could be like a coordination of a series.

Eric Jeswein: How long are the essays?

Ryan Glauser: 5000 words. That is the international standard.

a) Raphael Päßt: Do the articles in Carnival meet international academic standards?

- b) Ryan Glauser: Honestly, no. Most articles are unscientific, and publishing them would harm ISHA.
- c) Tamara Pataki: There is an issue with Carnival, but there is a bigger issue with ISHA. Academic quality is a big issue of ISHA events as well, that is what the IB tries to raise for a while.
- d) Eric Jeswein: There is also a need for more training for ISHA. Until Alex there was not even a style sheet for Carnival. ISHA should provide more training on academic writing and lead its members.
- e) Ryan Glauser: Yes, there is need to change ISHA and raise them. We do not meet international standards right now, and if we want funding, there is need for a change. Carnival is very important flagship of ISHA which is visible and search-able.
- f) Jule Sprick: I am a newbie, and I not yet heard from Carnival, there should be more promotion.
- g) Adam Tuković: What if Carnival would be open up in its discipline?
- h) Ryan Glauser: The bigger problem is, that there is a general lack of support for Carnival in ISHA. Sections are not reacting to calls. Changing the wording would not do much if there is not support.
- i) Raphael Päbst: The word about Carnival needs be spread more. Carnival is not present enough. Learning more about publishing could be a great first topic for the training committee. Carnival is very essential part of ISHA.
- j) Lara Kren: In Ljubljana, the information reaches the section, but it is not spread enough. Carnival should be spread through other channels as well.
- k) Stefan Sterjov: It should be published as a hard copy.
- l) Ryan Glauser: Yes, but we do not have the money for it, and the journal is not an excellent quality. To finish this discussion: we cannot have an improper and unsupported journal. If we do not want to do it, then we should close it. We should vote about it in Warsaw.
- m) Eric Jeswein: I know the situation of Carnival and I agree with what Ryan said.

16) Elections *VOTE*

- a) **Appointment of 1 electoral commissioner and 2 electoral helpers**
 - i. Electoral commissioner: Daria, helpers: Marius Achleitner, Sean Hough
- b) **Presentation of Candidates** (The number after the name of the candidates indicates the number of votes they received)
 - i. **President 10 minutes / Person**
 - 1. **Adam Tuković 24**
 - ii. **Vice-Presidents 5 minutes / Person**

1. **Domen Kodrič 16**
 2. **Raphael Päbst 12**
 3. **Tamara Pataki 16**
- iii. **Treasurer 3 minutes / Person**
1. **Nicole Hanisch 23**
- iv. **Secretary 3 minutes / Person**
1. **Yordana Nikolova 23**
- v. **Council 2 minutes / Person; max 7 positions**
1. **Anselm Logghe 22**
 2. **Natascha Rieke:** Tasha is our treasurer in this term and a member of the Fund-raising Committee. In her next term as a council member, she is excited to work on building up a crowd-funding for ISHA. **10**
 3. **Sonja Erceg 22**
 4. **Stefan Shterjov 16**
 5. **Matej Samide 19**
 6. **Jan Brack:** I hereby would like to apply for the position of member of council in the upcoming term. My Name is Jan Brack, I am currently finishing my teaching degree in History and English at the Philipps-University of Marburg, Germany. Since my first seminar in Helsinki 2013/14 I have been an active member of ISHA Marburg since 2014 and appointed International Contact Person sine about 2015, I have been helping representing our section both locally as well as internationally. On the local level, I've been responsible for advertising ISHA to our fellow students, for example by maintaining our website and social media presence as well as as a driving force in organizing local activities and events. As mastermind and main coordinator behind the ISHA New Year's Seminar 2016 here in Marburg, I know how important teamwork is in order to achieve things and am looking forward to expand this attitude to an international level in working together with the council and International Board. As one of our small section's few international regulars, I had the pleasure of attending quite a lot of State of Affairs / General Assemblies during the past seminars I visited, and would consider myself well experienced in ISHA politics and affairs as well as familiar with the position's requirements and responsibilities. I am happy to be able to share those experiences, especially in seminar organization, as active

member of the Project Management Committee, and would love to continue this work as a council member. I also happen to have a personal friendship to EGEA as well as an academic interest EUROCLIO, and could imagine myself helping in maintaining our relationship with our partners. Furthermore I'd also be interested in helping to expand the Amuni Network, as I am going to be one myself soon 😊 22

7. David Kraus 22

8. Eric Jeswein 23

vi. Webmaster 1 minute / Person

1. Matej Samide 23

vii. Archivist 1 minute / Person

1. Lara Kren 22

viii. Editor 1 minute / Person

1. Eric Jeswein 23

ix. Treasury Supervision Ioan Stefan Nedeliou 23, Magdalena Grodzińska 23

c) Discussion

d) Elections

e) Counting/break

f) Presentation of Results

i. International Board

President: Adam Tuković

Vice-President: Domen Kodrić, Tamara Pataki

Treasurer: Nicole Hanisch

Secretary: Yordana Nikolova

ii. Council

Anselm Logghe, Sonja Erceg, Stefan Sterjov, Matej Samide, Jan Brack, David Kraus, Eric Jeswein

iii. Webmaster: Matej Samide

iv. Archivist: Lara Kren

v. Editor: Eric Jeswein

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17) Questions and Closing

No further questions, Miriam Eisleb closes the GA at 19:03.

18) Appendix: Presentation from Daria Lohmann



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