General Assembly (GA) of the International Students of History Association, will be held at the ISHA New Year’s seminar on Friday, the 11th of January 2019 in Marburg, Germany.

Minutes:

1) Opening
The GA began in 14:25

2) Appointment of Speaker
The appointed speaker was Anselm Logghe (ISHA Ghent), president of ISHA International

3) Appointment of Minute-Taker
Bianca Vassileva from ISHA Sofia was appointed

4) Taking the Attendance
A quorum of over 50% has been reached

5) Reading the agenda
The GA Agenda Minutes have been approved by 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

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

a) Questions, Voting

7) Upcoming events

a) Spring Seminar 2019 in Belgrade, Serbia
Topic: Deconstruction of Myths about women in History Date: 8 – 14 April 2019
ISHA Belgrade will publish the call for participants soon. They will host 50 participants + international workshop leaders. 7 workshops will be available, they will be announced in the following days along with a programme. They are ready with most of the organization and funding is going well. They have received money from their university and everything will be announced soon after they return to Belgrade. Their bank account will be set up soon as well.

b) Summer Seminar 2019 in Berlin, Germany
Topic: “Walls in History” Date: 29 July – 4 August 2019
Nothing new to be added.

c) Annual Conference
2019 in Budapest, Hungary
Topic: Recycling History Date: on the first week of September
They are already working on the accommodation. They will not be able to use Wombat Hostel, as it is too small for the event. The food is settled. There are some issues with establishing contact with their old members. The PMC committee will assist with this.
d) Applications

Moscow would like to apply for the 2020 Summer seminar on the topic of Revolutions in History. The dates are to be discussed, and the application dates will be in May-June. The participation fee will be 80 euros. They will send their official application to be voted in Belgrade. The 2020 New Year seminar is still not covered. The PMC committee encouraged new applications and will offer their full support. ISHA International is also always ready to help.

8) Reports of Sections

a) ISHA Budapest

In September we started to organise the Annual Conference of 2019 with a huge swung, but firstly we had to build a team. Having attended at several local occasions and had trips to Eger or Vienna we recruited newbies so our team was amended with people full of willingness of helping us. We have already devised some workshop topics, we are planning to announce all the titles and workshop leaders in Belgrade (there will be minimum 8, maximum 10 workshops). We have that huge luck, that our previous members will also participate either as a workshop leader or as guides and leaders of other occasions. Many options of free time activities from visiting museums to folk night are also being discussed connected to the relevance and popularity of these engagements. Food will be reserved during next week, probably we have found the best place according to the prices. Also chances of financial support will be revealed in January, as the application period will start for the next semester.

As exam period approached us that swung cooled a bit off, we're still seeking for the best place of accommodation (sadly there are not really hostels here which are able to host approximately 100 people), and most of us were also buried with our university tasks throughout November and December but from the end of January the organising process will be sped up, we are not disconcerted at all.

b) ISHA Bucharest

ISHA Bucharest right now is in the exams period, so the activity was slightly reduce (we also pay attention to the personal side of our members and their academic progress). In 2019, ISHA Bucharest will start working at full capacity in February. After the previous ISHA Seminar (and the General Assembly) in Skopje, where ISHA Bucharest participated, we had done some diverse activities but also made some changes in members’ status.

Our first activity started on 1st October with a guided tour in Bucharest, made by the older members, in order to get acquainted (new students) with the new surroundings. At the same time, we promoted the purpose and objectives of ISHA to convince many new students to apply. The selection campaign was made on the basis of their preference among departments within ISHA Bucharest (PR, Project Manager, HR and Fundraising) as well as their qualities acquired over time, behavioural characteristics and how much are they available to help the association. We also apply a new rule: ISHA Bucharest members can be active (more than 50% availability) and inactive (less than 50% availability). Inactive members are people with a busy time schedule and don’t have
enough time to attempt at least 3 weekly meeting consecutive.

In November we organized our traditional “Christmas Charity” (earlier than in 2017 because the calendar allowed many days of national interest) which held until mid-December.

Like we wrote in the last report, the “Christmas Charity” means having small Home-made Cake Stands, located in the interest point for students. Next was the Charity Party, Secret Santa and Movie Evening, all in order to collect donations to help children between 3-5 years old from an orphanage in Bucharest.

Part of our secondary activities consisted in the celebration of the most cherished political ideal after the end of the World War I: the unification (1st December) of all provinces where Romanians were in the majority- Transylvania, Banat, Crișana, Maramureș, Bessarabia and Bukovina- with the Old Kingdom of Romania, one democratic and national state. The main topic was the celebration of 100 years of the Great Union (1918-2018). We organized conferences, workshops, parades in front of the Faculty of History and important places in Bucharest, as well as various movie evening in which we presented documentaries related to the status of Romania at the end of the First World War.

c) ISHA Helsinki Last Autumn ISHA Helsinki stayed somehow active. Articles about Warsaw Seminar and Ghent, in which we had participants attending, were written and published in some of the history student journals of the university. We also organised a few events with varying success: the events have not been so popular among new students interested in isha, instead the attendees have mostly been ex-isha members, other not-so-interested history students or current board members. Most of the long-time isha members are either close to graduating or otherwise quitting student organisation work, so we're in crucial need of new people. We did manage to get the board together in December for the year 2019 (with one newbie member!). Though, there are still very few of us.

We are trying to be as active as possible, but the spring will be hard because most of us are busy with other work. We will still try to co-operate with other student organisations and organise some events: possibly movie nights, museum visits, a History themed tour walk for international students and a History students sitsit (sitting). Furthermore, getting our website updated and making new promo leaflets are in our action plan for this year. We are also thinking of starting to work on changing the statutes of ISHA Helsinki in a way that would make us be able to accept students from other history-related disciplines that are not currently listed in our statutes, e.g. Area and Culture Research disciplines.

In the Autumn, however, we are planning to be more active and really put our minds into recruiting new students to participate in ISHA Helsinki. Though, it is challenging because there are so many other student organisations doing the same. In general, we're
trying to keep ISHA Helsinki alive and active, and recruiting new people and encouraging them to attend the international seminars are our main priorities.

d) ISHA Rome

ISHA Roma has nothing particular to declare in the report this time, only the fact that we did not manage to organise the new elections, which will probably took place in spring 2019 at this point. We do not require a delegate to represent us for the next General Assembly.

We wish you an excellent seminar and we thank you for the adjournment on the statutes of ISHA. Sincerely and Happy New Year.

e) ISHA Ghent

ISHA Ghent had a very busy period since the last report. Our new academic year started during the Skopje seminar, so we started up our local activities again and welcomed the new Erasmus students at our university. Many people attended our first activities (Historical City Tour, "Locals Meet Internationals" gathering, WWI Movie Night), for some activities there more than 40 people. But our main energy was reserved for our own WWI Memorial Seminar, which took place at the end of October. It was the first time that we organised an international event, but we got a lot of positive vibes and results from the seminar. We received a lot of credit from the participants, the workshop leaders and the faculty for our efforts regarding professionalism, the topic, the relevant day trip and almost all other parts of our short seminar. Afterwards, exams started coming up already, so attendance numbers in local activities started to drop, but we managed to finish one very important step towards being a local association: we got recognised by the university! We hope we can keep our positive vibe going for the rest of the year, we'll try to visit ISHA Leuven or other neighbouring sections soon, and maybe we'll start thinking about organising a bigger conference in the future. In any case, we hope to be able to attend many international seminars this year and we hope to see all of you again soon!

f) ISHA Mostar As you may know, ISHA Mostar is a new section, one of the youngest that "we" have. Even though we are considered as a new one, we were existing for past two and a half years as a club of history students called Klub studenata povijesti Filip Lastrić. In this past two and a half years we did much, meetings, lectures, trips, debates, pub quizzes, but I would like to point out a conference of students of history. We had more than 50 participants from 6 different countries. In this academic year, we have become a part of ISHA. During our meetings, that are held once per week, we are searching for new ideas for some lectures which will be organized in this academic year. Also, we had one pub quiz which was a chance for gathering and meeting for all the new students who weren't a part of our club. We are trying to reach more young and active students.

This was short and clear. g) ISHA Maribor ISHA Maribor managed to get 4 interested
and serious new members after almost 2 years of not expanding. We’re planning a
department trip in April, probably to Sarajevo and we’re making proper ISHA Maribor
identity cards. Otherwise there is not much new to report.

h) ISHA Sofia
Our section is currently small, but active on a local level. We successfully
participated in the European researchers’ night at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”
with three presentations and promoted the section. We were also present and gave out
leaflets during the official ceremony for the beginning of the academic year. We took part
in organizing a public lecture together with Google garage on How to build an effective
online presence, and we assisted with the renovation of the National Student House,
which was damaged in a fire a few years ago. This year marks the 10th anniversary
from the founding of our section, so we had a small weekend alumni reunion between
30.11 and 2.12, during which we also had a few guests from other sections along with
the ISHA Sofia alumni. The program included museum and city tours, a traditional
ethno-bass concert, a short visit to the Balkan rakia festival, etc. The
highlight was the official birthday dinner, during which we all shared stories and photos
from the section’s history and our ISHA experiences in general.

i) ISHA-Berlin
In the beginning of the academic year, we managed to gain new
members for ISHA Berlin. They are very enthusiastic to participate within the section
and looking forward to attend seminars. Furthermore, they will support us with the big
task of organising the summer seminar 2019 in Berlin.

This semester ISHA Berlin improved its schedule and established regular events
besides our weekly meetings on Thursdays. We are having a regulars table at a bar
nearby the university every first Thursday of the month and a movie night on every third
Thursday of the month. In the past months, we watched films like Nosferatu and Scrooged.
We are planning to continue with this regular programme in the next semester.

Besides that, we are also visiting museums and exhibitions once a month. For
example, we went to an exhibition about Europe and the sea at the Deutsches
Historisches Museum and the city museum of Berlin.

One of the highlights in the past months was the trip to Wittenberg. We visited the city
in which Martin Luther started the reformation and had some hot wine in front of the church
where he gave sermons back in the days. Our last lovely event in 2018 was the historic
city tour through the medieval heart of Berlin lead by an amazing tour guide finished by
having hot wine again. We started 2019 with our annual New Year’s Reception,
which is traditionally organised and hosted by the acting president of ISHA Berlin. This
event gives us time to think about the past year and the things we achieved and those we
have not on the one hand. On the perfect way to look forward to another amazing year
full of chances and possibilities.
Organising the summer seminar was of course our biggest task in 2018 and will of course be our biggest task and main issue for the upcoming months until July, when we will happily welcome you in Berlin. Now we are looking for money sources very intensely since two big grants did not accept our applications.

Our application period will be between the 15th of April 2019 and the 28th of April 2019 right after the spring seminar in Belgrade.

Detailed information about our seminar will follow in the upcoming weeks on our website and Facebook page and during the Belgrade seminar.

**j) ISHA Warsaw** After the major event that was the Warsaw summer seminar, three of our members participated in the Ghent extra seminar. Because the General Assembly was held and the officials were chosen relatively late (at the very end of November), we have not managed to partake in a lot of activities yet, although we organized a Christmas celebration event in December. We also have over 10 new members. Our main plans regarding the upcoming semester include: increase of the number of local activities, the cooperation with other students’ organizations from our institute of history. ISHA Warsaw is also planning on reviving the initiative of the Polish-Russian relations conferences (like the ones held in 2016 in Moscow and Warsaw), and as a result we are working on organizing a conference in Petersburg (along with ISHA Moscow) sometime in 2019, although we do not have any detailed information yet.

**k) ISHA Zadar**

With the beginning of the new academic year in October, the recently elected Board began its term. Striving to rejuvenate its section, ISHA Zadar took a number of steps in order to attract new members, with special care given to the incorporation of younger generations of students who are enrolled in our Department. Since the last elections, held in June, many of our leading positions have been filled by junior members. With this decision we seek to set a positive example and hopefully encourage new members in their willingness to actively participate in upcoming projects and to accept new responsibilities. Furthermore, in the last few months we have increased our section with new members at a steady pace. We are sure that in this way ISHA Zadar will overcome the challenges which arise with the graduations and subsequent departure of our older members and ensure continuous level of activities in the coming years. Since our last report in September ISHA, Zadar participated in and organized a number of events on our local level, with the final goal of improving public consciousness about the significance of history and its present day implications. Also, we worked on establishing and improving our relations with the cultural establishments in our home town, building a solid foundation for future cooperations. In November we commemorated the end of the First World War by attending a number of lectures and conferences hosted by University of Zadar and the State Archives in Zadar. We also gave our humble contributions to this significant date by dedicating one of our regular movie nights to documentary about the final day and the end
of WWI. Our practice of complementing visual images with oral explanations given by our members accomplished a good turnout, with students from other departments attending as well.

I) ISHA Skopje ISHA Skopje gave a report on the Autumn seminar, which took place in September 2018. The initial feedback was successful, but in recent conversations it has emerged that ISHA has gone in a new direction, focusing much more on the academic aspects of the seminars. ISHA Skopje finds it offensive that their seminar has been seen in a negative light in that regard recently and are concerned about their efforts not being appreciated. They would like to emphasize that people should appreciate the hard work and commitment, even if the end result was not perfect. The section’s appointed speaker explained that the expectations were quite high and the funding they had was minimal. They feel like they went above and beyond to do their best to make this a positive experience, but with the limited resources they had to focus on certain parts of the seminar, and could not cover all bases.

The PMC committee speaker said that at no point has anyone on the ISHA PMC or ISHA seminar has declared ISHA Skopje as a failed seminar. They would like to point out that they were not informed about the funding problems and were not asked to assist with funding issues until a few weeks before the seminar. They only had the information about the hostel booking and about the cuts due to the lack of funding. The day trip and the academic program were not sufficiently presented. The seminar is an example for the lack of communication between the committee and the PMC, and both sides have a hand in this. ISHA International is trying to improve the academic standards and a seminar which does not adhere to those can damage the organization’s standing when applying for international funding. In this regard Skopje was not a good example, but it is in no way considered or endorsed as a bad seminar. The overall feedback from the participants has been positive

The Vice-President (Raphael) pointed out the main issue was the lack of communication between the PMC committee and ISHA Skopje and this is something, which can easily be fixed in the future.

ISHA Skopje offered to use their experience to help anytime when a section has similar issues with organizing a seminar. They suggested that everytime someone wants to apply for organizing a seminar, it should first be discussed with the PMC committee. They pointed out that they are not a supervising committee, and will offer their help only when asked. The IB does reserve its right to engage the PMC committee when deemed necessary.

9) Reports of ISHA International

a) International Board i. Adam Tuković, President ii. Domen Kodrič, Vice-President The time between the autumn and new year ISHA event is usually the calmest part of the ISHA year, since it's the longest time without an international seminar.
Nevertheless, ISHA board is always active. As for the post of vice president, there is not much to report in this period. I have mainly kept in touch with our new members oversees and contacted some quite interested students from Nigeria and explained extensively how ISHA works and what its benefits are. iii. Tamara Pataki, Vice-President

In this intermediate term I continued working on administrative tasks I had started in my previous term as secretary. I monitored e-mails and helped prepare paper work, maintaining our documentation, archiving e-mails and forms. I also actively participated in the day to day business of ISHA, coordinated during the handover process and contributed to organising communication between officials and with representatives of the sections. Furthermore I contributed to the evaluation and discussion of the ongoing seminars. I also helped out with writing the application for the grant „Sharing European Histories“. Other than that I also contributed to the work of the Committees and organised a meeting with the YNGO Training Network and the Training Committee.

ISHA is now established in Berlin which means that we need to report changes in the statutes and IB members, and we need to send in the tax returns. I helped with the first steps of the registration process for the next regular term and assisted Nicole, our treasurer in the paper work required for our finances. It was a pleasure to serve ISHA as a member of the IB, I wish you all success and luck for the years to come! iv. Nicole Hanisch, Treasurer

German bank account (4.239,75 EUR) One of my main task was the opening of a German bank account. Therefore I talked to several German banks and finally found a cheap and also English operating bank, which provides accounts also for registered associations like ISHA. I chose therefore the Berliner Sparkasse and our new bank details are: Name of the account owner: International Students of History Association e.V. Name of the bank: Sparkasse Berlin IBAN: DE50 1005 0000 0190 7659 50 BICC: BELADEBEXXX

Swiss bank account Since ISHA registered in Germany our Swiss bank (the PostFinance) wrote me to declare our tax identity to them. I declared the status of ISHA, since they didn’t know about our registration in Germany as an association either. In the process of this I also quitted the account, since we have the German one and we payed around 5€ each month for the Swiss account service. The PostFinance confirmed this and transferred the money to our account at the Sparkasse Berlin. Tax number Since we registered as an association in Berlin, Germany, we had to get a German tax number. I filled it out with the help and signature of Tamara Pataki, our vice president. Since our responsible tax office isn’t the fastest in Berlin we received it just a few weeks ago. Our new German tax number is: 27/668/60301 Charitable status I tried to get ISHA the status of a charitable status in the process of getting the German tax number. Unfortunately our charitability wasn’t express clear enough in our statutes so I made a proposal for changes in the statutes with the ‘Think Tank statutes and standing orders’, which will be presented bevor voting on them at the GA in Marburg in January 2019. Tax report In the process of getting a German tax number it occurred that ISHA had to
hand in the German tax report for 2017, since we began registering ISHA in October 2017. I did the tax report a week ago and now I’m waiting on a positive answer or further instructions from the tax office. Work Unfortunately I didn't had the time to attend to Skype meetings as often as I liked to due to work reasons. I'm very sorry for that. I was a little bit active in the not very active fundraising committee and in the newly founded ‘Think Tank about the statutes and standing orders’ and I would like to work with those groups more closely in the next year. Also I would like to work more on the fundraising committee because it is very inactive at the moment. My other tasks (reminding old members to pay their membership fee, writing payment confirmations, invoices etc.) worked out good so far and I hope to do them in a more routine way in the coming year. Annual report I’ll finish my annual report for my term till January 2019 and send it with the account statements and invoices to the Treasurer supervision team (Stefan and Magda) for a review. v. Yordana Nikolova, Secretary

Since the Skopje seminar I have not made something beyond the normal secretary tasks. After the seminar I made the certificates. It was week or two after the seminar, for which I want to thank to ISHA-Skopje for the fast preparation of the attendance list. I prepared the certificates for the Extra seminar in Ghent. During it I was showing how to make it to Valentina Cola – the future secretary. I made her a “guide for making a certificates”. After one of the skype meetings I understood for a new task – about the membership mail. So since than I am taking care of it – putting all of the information from the new active/passive membership forms. Also I added the missing information and updated the membership list, this is the place to thank to Nicole Hanisch (without her help it will be impossible). I also made an archive of the secretary mail.

The last days I am trying to teach/instruct Valentina for her future tasks. And of course preparing the agenda. b) Council

i. Anselm Logghe

This intermediary term, I have done quite a lot of differentiated things for ISHA. A lot of time has been put in the success of ISHA Ghent’s WWI Memorial Extra Seminar, but I also did a lot of things for ISHA International. I’ve presided the ThinkTank for the statutes changes, I’ve been the main responsible for the Iron Curtain Project and for the Sharing European Histories Project grant applications, and I’ve prepared the Handover meeting and the next ISHA term since I was elected to be the next ISHA President. Next to all those things, I’ve coordinated the Fundraising Committee, I attended most meetings in the PMC (as I am the responsible person for the Berlin Summer Seminar while also giving advice on the seminars in Skopje, Marburg, Belgrade and Budapest), and I tried to do my share of the work in the PR Committee, even though there was not a lot of time left for it. I am very excited to take my work for ISHA to the next level as the new president, and to share my thoughts and experience with the others in the new team. 

ii. Sonja Erceg
Due to personal reasons I could not be a very active member of the officials in recent months and attend Skype meetings, but I work on a list of contacts that will be used by the PR committee when communicating with the media in Croatia. I also call on all who would like to help create a list for their sections/countries to collect as many contacts to facilitate future promotion ISHA International. Also, I am still in contact with members of ISHA Belgrade regarding the organisation of the upcoming ISHA Spring Seminar. iii. Matej Samide

Since the Skopje seminar my tasks as Webmaster have been mainly to keep things up to date. I try to retweet and repost everything local sections do, when the mention ISHA International but sadly not many do. I would like to remind everyone of my requests in the Newsletter. I would love it if ISHA inter gets mentioned more often and would also still be very happy to get some of your favourite ISHA pictures. The lack of pictures is one of the reasons why there is no new Leaflet design but this is the first task on the agenda for next year even if I have to use the pictures I already have. The last weeks of this year will be used mostly for updating the website so it will be up to date on January 1st. iv. Stefan Shterjov

As a council member I am still working on the certificates and also expanding ISHA. I managed to help for the establishing of the ISHA section in Mostar. I went in Sofia and had a meeting with our current secretary and future vice-president where we shared a few interesting ideas that still need to be worked on. For the future I will continue to work with the new board especially with the new vice-presidents and make sure that the ideas will be fruitful. Have a nice afternoon! Viva ISHA v. David Kraus

b) Carnival Editor: Eric Jeswein

As editor, I have embarked upon my project for this term, which is completing, scanning, and uploading the missing Carnivals to our website. I have already received a few of the missing Carnivals, and I would urge those with old Carnivals to get in contact with me! I do not plan to publish a Call for Papers in this term, if I get re-elected it will happen early next year. As a council member, I have started going through the Google Drive and writing a handbook for its current and further usage, and creating standards for file names and folder structures.

c) Archivist: Lara Kren

10) Reports of the Committees

a) The Alumni and Ph.D. Network Committee The Committee is not completely dead yet and we are working on some projects. One is an update to the Ph.D. Workshops. We will collect data starting Marburg and try to improve that format. The other one is an alumni gathering that will be happening next year in lovely Leuven. Hopefully you will already have gotten some further details until the Marburg GA on that. We are also still desperately looking for new members, especially members who are still active in ISHA.
Since I am fading into the full-Alumni state soonish it would be really good to not lose the connection to the main body of ISHA. b) The Project Management Committee Currently working on improving their guidelines. They would like to discuss the changes to the statues, which would make it mandatory for the sections to consult the committee when planning on organizing a new seminar. They are also looking for new members. Previous experience is not mandatory c) The Fundraising Committee The Fundraising Committee has not been able to fulfill its goals during this half term, mainly due to the fact that we only had two members who were actively taking part in the thinking process. Nevertheless, we have been able to put up some basic foundations to build on in the near future. There are plans to build up new sponsorships, partnerships and cooperations with big organisations and associations. In the meanwhile, we have also finished the Iron Curtain Project grant application, and we have written the new grant application for the Sharing European Histories project. The success of this committee (and of the organisation in general) is highly dependant on the participation of more members, so I would highly recommend people to take part in this committee for the next term.

d) The Training Committee e) The Public Relations Committee

11) The Changes to the statutes (see document) (vote)

Some changes have to be made to the Statutes, mostly related to the English wording. Change: “Organization”, “organization” and “association” to “Association” throughout the text, whenever the word is referring to (the structure of) ISHA, but not when it’s referring to other groups, associations or organizations. Changes have to be made in: the title of Section One and in articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 25, 27, 30 and 31.

19 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained Change: “historical science” to “history”. Changes have to be made in articles 4, 7 and 8. 19 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained Change: “Journal” to “journal”. Changes have to be made in articles 4 and 20. 15 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstained Individual changes: Article 2 To change GA to General Assembly(GA), since it has not been defined before 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained Article 4 (1) Change: “The principal aims of the Organization are:” to “The principal aims of the Organization are the support of education, science and youth through:” Add: “a) charitable purposes according to the “Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke” der Abgabenordnung.” Change the order of “a)”, “b)” and “c)” “b)”, “c)” and “d)” respectively. 18 in favor, 1 abstained Change “co-operation” to “cooperation” 19 in favor Change “historical educations” to “history education”
19 in favor Article 4 (2) Change: “Its activities are:” to “These aims will be realized through its activities, which are:” Change: “co-operation” to “cooperation” Add comma: “in their own field, on an international level” Add comma: “establish links with other students’ organizations, in order to strengthen” 19 in favor of the proposed amendments, 0 against, 0 abstained Article 5 Change: “a) it is a non-profit organisation,” to it is a non-profit organisation and it is charitable; ISHA does not pursue commercial goals” All proposed changes are accepted 19 in favor Article 6 Change: “ends on the thirty-first day of December of the following year” to “ends on the thirty-first day of December of the same year” 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained Article 7 regarding the question of Active membership.

ISHA Berlin proposes an additional change to paragraph 1, adding the word “students” to “those who wish to contribute” 19 in favor of ISHA Berlin’s amendment 19 in favor of the new wording of article 7 Article 8 regarding passive membership ISHA Berlin offers the same amendment to be made, adding “students” after “those” 19 vote in favor of this amendment 16 vote in favor of the general article amendment 3 vote against Elected is amended to elect 19 in favor A second vote was conducted for the new wording of article 9 19 in favor Article 9 regarding Passive membership. A new paragraph has been proposed, regarding sections, who violate the principles of ISHA stated in article 5 of the Statutes. The GA could vote to revoke the section’s use of the name ISHA and their status as a local section of ISHA. This can only be reversed by another GA. ISHA Berlin points out that in paragraph 2 all members should be replaced with active and passive members 19 in favor of the amendment The proposed new paragraph is accepted with 19 in favor as well. Article 10 Currently it says that 50% of a section has to support their delegate, which could be a problem with sections with 2 people, who are both active members. This is related to the issue with ISHA Rome, which emerged during the GA in Skopje. Two versions are proposed – the amendment of the proposal from 50% to “a simple majority”. The second proposal is to amend it to “a minimum of two thirds” ISHA Marburg considers “a simple majority” to be the better option, as 2/3 might be difficult to accomplish in some sections. ISHA Skopje proposed the 2/3 rule to be used only for major decisions, otherwise consider the “simple majority” to be the better wording. Voting on “a simple majority” 16 in favor Voting on “2/3” 2 in favor, 1 abstained Voting to change “50%” to “a simple majority” 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained Spelling changes to c) of paragraph 3 19 in favor

Article 11 Spelling changes 19 in favor Article 13, regarding the Board of Patrons Change persons to individuals 19 in favor Article 15(2) The
The proposed change is to erase “passive (members)”, so only active members can be officials. The issues that if you become elected as an active member you might lose your active membership if you don’t attend a seminar and pay your annual fee. The issue is that passive members do not have voting rights. ISHA Skopje proposed to make it a prerequisite for the person in question to have been an active member within the last 6 months prior to being elected. ISHA Marburg proposed that is mandatory to be an active member when being elected, but not during the whole term. It is important for ISHA to have more paying, active members. Voting on erasing "passive (members)" 11 in favor, 6 against, 2 abstained. The notion passes Article 16 (5) To clarify whether 50 active members to 50 active and passive members are required to have an extra vote on the GA. Currently it only says “members” The first proposal is to change it to “50 active members” 12 in favor. The second proposal is to change it to 50 active and passive members 0 in favor 7 abstained. Voting on amending it to 50 active members 15 in favor, 0 against, 4 against. The amendment is accepted Article 16(6) The delegates to be named at least a week before the GA. The Vice-President (Raphael) proposes to make it 3 days. The Vice-President (Yordana) is skeptical about the amendment, as it is difficult to even get the sections’ reports on time at the moment. If they don’t announce their delegate on time, some sections might lose their vote and it will be difficult to have a quorum for the GA. ISHA Skopje raises the issue of last- minute cancellations. ISHA Marburg proposes to make it a week before the GA, instead of a week before the seminar. Voting on ISHA Marburg’s proposal 9 in favor. Voting on amending the article to say “at least a week prior to the seminar or on the second day of the seminar at the latest” 8 in favor, 6 against, 5 abstained. The amendment is not approved Article 17 (1) Spelling changes 19 in favor. Article 17 (6) Spelling issues, resulting from the German translation 19 in favor Article 18 (3) Remove the part that says “the passive members cannot outnumber the passive members”, since the changes to article 15(2) have already been passed. Voting on deleting this part of the article: 19 in favor. Article 19(3) Change the wording of the article and add “except if there are no other candidates” 17 in favor, 2 abstained. The amendment passes Article 22 (2) Amendments to the wording 19 in favor. Article 23 Spelling changes 19 in favor Article 25 A new paragraph has to be added 19 in favor Article 31 (2) After the liquidation process the resources should be donated to a charitable or a student organization, selected by the last GA. This is required 19 in favor. Article 32 The amendments and updates are all accepted. A break of 15 minutes begins at 16:07. The GA recommences
at 17:31  a) **Debate about the committees**

The IB have some ideas about a new policy regarding committees. Committee members should have a discount from their membership fee. If a member is part of the committee, but does not contribute, then they will have to pay the other half of their membership fee. Would this help the committees attract new members. ISHA Skopje likes the idea of an incentive like this. ISHA Mostar considers 5 euros to not be much of an incentive and if people want to contribute they will, regardless of this. Their delegate considers the lack of interest to be mostly associated with the time constraints most people have. The workload is different for different committees, and it will be even less when more people join. The Vice-president (Yordana) considers it might be a good idea to have at least 1 person from a section as a committee member. ISHA Mostar raises the issue that quantity does not equal quality and this might not solve the issues with the committees we currently have. The President (Anselm) considers this to be applicable to some committees, such as the PR committee, since it does require a lot of international cooperation. ISHA Marburg proposes to add discounts to other things, such as t-shirts. These proposals should be discussed locally and presented during the GA in Belgrade. ISHA Belgrade proposes that a committee could ask for help with different tasks without being full-time members of said committee. ISHA Mostar proposes a Facebook group, where these notices could be posted. This will not force people to join committees, but if they enjoy the work, they might join up later. ISHA Skopje suggests that committee members should promote their committees more often during the more casual parts of the seminars. ISHA Belgrade proposes something similar to “member of the months”, and ISHA Mostar expands on this notion by suggesting the issuing of certificates for active committee members. The establishment of a Facebook group with contact members from all sections, as decided during the handover meeting of the current ISHA Officials, would make this much easier.  

12) **Debate about election process**

During the election process, ISHA international has until now been using the practice of candidates having to leave the room while the GA discusses their candidacy. This rule is not written in our statutes or standing orders. The officials propose to explicitly ban this practice as it is disrespectful towards the candidates, draws out the process unnecessarily and has led to bad blood in the past. We ask the GA to discuss this matter. The officials propose to discuss a potential addendum to the standing orders for a better regulation of the election process on which the next GA can decide. It has come to pass that this is not in the statues and the IB feels like the person should be able to defend himself. ISHA Skopje supports the idea and requests an immediate vote on adding a paragraph in the statues to abolish the practice, making it mandatory for the discussed candidate to
remain in the room and be able to defend themselves. The Vice-president (Raphael) raises the issue that not all of the candidates are present during an election. The exact wording will be discussed between the IB and the Council and presented in Belgrade. The problem is that the GA should have the opportunity to discuss the candidates, but they should also have the ability to defend themselves. Making this public could make some people afraid to speak out. The President (Anselm) suggests collecting those comments and question anonymously, to be read to the candidate when they return to the room. ISHA Skopje is against the idea of sending people out under any circumstances. Voting on sending the people out, to get a general feeling on the issue: 2 vote in favor 6 – vote against 7 – abstain The issue is to be discussed locally as well. 13) Iron Curtain Project

Sadly, the Iron Curtain project proposal was not accepted. Alternative funding opportunities are currently being sought after to continue with the planned events 14) Sharing European Histories Project

A Belgian foundation, together with Euroclio, notified ISHA 3 days before the deadline. ISHA did manage to apply, but there were only 2 grants for organization and over 70 applications. ISHA International was not approved for a grant. 15) The status of ISHA Rijeka

They have trouble proving their legitimacy to their university, which makes it difficult to acquire funding. This is due to issues with another students’ organization, who lost the university money in the past. Some members of ISHA Rijeka, including the current president, was a member of that association. It was not a formal association, however, and she was not in a leadership position within it. A certificate would prove that ISHA Rijeka is an official part of ISHA International and a legit organization. The IB will discuss the issue and come up with the best way to prove ISHA Rijeka’s status to their university. 16) Facebook post ISHA Belgrade

ISHA Sarajevo complained about a Facebook post by ISHA Belgrade, made in the last few days. ISHA Belgrade would like to appeal to other sections in the future to contact the section directly first, instead of appealing directly to the IB. The post in question was not voted on by the members of ISHA Belgrade and written and posted by a single person, before being reviewed by the section. The post in question is about the day of the Republic of Serbia, but it’s more regional, than National. On the 9th of January, during an assembly, the Republic of Serbia was declared. It is not connected with the celebration of St. Stefan according to ISHA Belgrade. The emblem used is an issue, since it is also used by Bosnia and Herzegovina. ISHA Mostar clarifies that the post is very political and lacks a historical context. The date is also not an official celebration, as stated by the Constitution and could be
seen as propaganda for the party that endorses it. The complaint of ISHA Sarajevo was vague, stating only that the post in question was political, controversial, and offensive to a lot of people. ISHA Mostar considers the post in its current wording very political, and elaborates further on the issue. It’s not something to be solved by ISHA, as it is currently being discussed by their respective countries. ISHA Belgrade will have a meeting with ISHA Sarajevo to solve the issue and avoid conflicts in the future. The Vice-president (Raphael) suggests that we should discuss how those complaints work in the first place and work out an official process. The process should be formalized and it would require the offending section to be contacted first, prior to involving the IB. The IB suggests ISHA Belgrade and ISHA Sarajevo should try to find a solution themselves, but keep in mind that they are also representing ISHA International. 17) Questions and Closing

ISHA Berlin would like to make a comment. They request that the last 5 editions of the Statutes and Standing Orders should be available online. This is a legal requirement and should be done soon. The webmaster will be contacted by the IB. ISHA Skopje would like to make a comment as well. It’s about the section in Nigeria, Africa. Their delegate works with the country in question and the company he’s currently working for has had some legal issues with fake applications, requiring a visa. He suggests that we should be cautious when sending letters of invitation for seminars, as it could just be a pretext. Currently this is not an issue, as all members of the sections are passive. The Vice-president (Raphael) suggests to ask for a copy of the details of the return flight, so ISHA would have no legal responsibility. Embassies could be involved to facilitate the process in the future. ISHA Lodz would like to invite ISHA to participate in the Cracowian Congress of History students, organized by their local history students organization.

The General Assembly is officially closed at 17:42