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Minutes of the  
State of Affairs Meeting, Heidelberg, 25 August 2003

**Presence**

Aleksandar Šopov, Skopje  
Róbert Balogh, Debrecen  
Ivan Žagar, Pula/Council  
Jasmina Skočilić, Zagreb  
Ivan Dujmić, Zagreb  
Olga Poato, Budapest  
Ilarion Țiu, Bucharest

Meike Pfefferkorn, Marburg  
Simon Hehli, Zürich  
Suvi Kansikas, Helsinki  
Olli Sukeva, Turku  
Alan Götz, Heidelberg/Council  
Thomas Foerster, Heidelberg/IB  
Jayadev Vadakkanmarveetil, Colby College, Waterville  
Maine

**Sections**

*Bucharest*

are hosting a seminar this October. Sadly, they were unable to publish an edition of their journal, Erasmus, this year. An even graver issue is that ISHA Bucharest feel that Mihnea Anastasiu, a history student from Bucharest who was elected ??? of ISHA International at the General Assembly in Finland last April, should resign from this post on account of not being (and apparently also not wanting to be) a member of ISHA Bucharest. In response to this it was argued that according to the statutes of ISHA International, it is not compulsory to be part of an established section in order to be elected to a certain office. It was agreed that this subject should be further scrutinised at an active ISHA people meeting in Holland this autumn.

*CEU Budapest*

This ISHA section has apparently received a university grant for publishing its own academic journal, which will be taken up in September. The section mainly consists of PhD students, the implications of which are probably obvious.

*Debrecen*

actually has no functioning section since this university features only one regular attendant of ISHA activities. He is, however, planning to form a section by preying on the coming batch of first-years.

*Heidelberg*

has concentrated its efforts on organising the summer seminar, which went quite well in all respects, despite the fact that we only had a relatively small number of participants (31), but has still organised certain lectures etc. During the organising of the seminar the old problem of attracting suitable people was particularly obvious. But quality is more important than quantity, and among others had the privilege of welcoming a potentially great entire new section from Skopje. Further details of the seminar will no doubt be mentioned in the next issue of 'Carnival'.

*Helsinki*

is still recovering from this year's conference, but is nonetheless working on a conference publication. The section has apparently attracted a large number of new members.

*Marburg*

ISHA Marburg consists of two people at the moment (thus achieving an attendance rate of 100%!) but will try to expand in the near future.

*Pula*

ISHA Pula have kept busy publishing the first edition of their own academic journal, Epoulon, and organising the upcoming annual conference in April 2004.

*Skopje(YoungHistoriansAssociationofMacedonia–Clio)*

YHAM-Clio, based at the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University Skopje, was founded in November 2002 and has already organised a number of lectures, debating courses and an academic journal. Its representatives expressed an active interest in becoming a functioning ISHA section and also hosting a seminar or conference in the near future, probably in the city of Ohrid.

*Turku*

hasn't seen too much activity lately, but is always on the lookout for new recruits.

*Waterville,Maine,ColbyCollege*

The individual from Waterville thinks it is not too likely that a proper ISHA section can be established at his college, for the well-known reasons which have always deterred non-Europeans from forming sections. He did however point out that there are certain acquaintances of his in UTRECHT that ought to be targeted.

*Zürich*

provided ISHA International with a Swiss bank account.

**Carnival**

! Two weeks after the end of the summer seminar, the current issue has finally been printed. !

There was a considerable delay because Otilia from ISHA Bucharest, who had volunteered to take care of the printing, did not respond to the editor's e-mails. (Apparently the consequence of a failure to communicate: according to the representative of ISHA Bucharest, Ilarion Tiu, she was waiting for the printing costs to first be transferred?!?) After a while, following discussions with the IB, ISHA Heidelberg decided to forget about the printers at Bucharest and chose a cheap regional printer. This time the printing didn't work out for weeks on end

because of computer problems and a lack of time to tackle these (due to the imminent summer seminar). Heidelberg's second issue is already in progress and should follow closely behind. Ilarion Tiu, who'll also succeed Thomas Foerster as the next editor of 'Carnival', has volunteered to look for a printer in Romania for our second issue (apparently successfully so, the printer in Romania charging 0,67 Euros per copy. It is however unclear if the 'Carnival' staff at Heidelberg will make use of this offer, since the shipping from Romania to Germany and from there to the various sections would add to the cost, besides other potential difficulties which could arise, as opposed to the advantages of having a regional printer at hand).