



**Minutes of the  
General Assembly, Pula, 9 April 2004**

**Presence**

*Members*

Heidelberg (Germany)  
Helsinki (Finland)  
Hradec Králové (Czech Republic)  
Nijmegen (The Netherlands)  
Pula (Croatia)  
Turku (Finland)  
Zagreb (Croatia)  
Zürich (Switzerland)

*Observers*

Eindhoven (The Netherlands)  
Fribourg (Switzerland)  
Marburg (Germany)  
Skopje (Macedonia)

*Council*

Alan Götz, Riikka Mandelin, Ivan Žagar

**Agenda**

- 1) Voting rights
- 2) Membership fees
- 3) Autumn Seminar 2003 in Bucharest
- 4) Carnival
- 5) ISHA`s future
- 6) International Board
- 7) Upcoming events
- 8) Elections

The agenda was approved, noting that the GA should take into consideration the fact that none of the members of the IB were present.

**1) The voting rights**

The sections that paid the membership fee last year and can therefore vote were Heidelberg, Zürich, Turku, Pula, Nijmegen, Zagreb, Helsinki and Hradec Králové.

## **2) Membership fees**

The GA discussed raising the membership fee to 100 euros, of which a section would have to pay only 75 if it did so before the end of July. It was pointed out that this year it'd be impossible to pay the fee in time since there was no-one at the conference to accept the money. ISHA Zürich suggested that the GA would delay this decision till next year, which was supported.

## **3) Autumn Seminar 2003 in Bucharest**

In October 2003 there was a seminar in Bucharest, from which John Blake as a person in present there gave an overview to the GA. There were some problems with the communication between the organisers and the participants and that led to some disappointment on the part of the participants. After the seminar there was an open letter sent to the ISHA List accusing the organisers of this seminar of misuse of money.

This led the organisers of the Rotterdam seminar to deny the participation of the Romanians responsible for the Bucharest seminar. The whole case was discussed on the ISHA List, but not interfered by the IB members.

It was pointed out that the ISHA section of Bucharest is not to be held responsible as a whole for the seminar, since only a few of the organisers were actually members of ERASMUS and thus of ISHA.

The procedure of Rotterdam seminar organisers was agreed on by the GA.

## **4) Carnival**

The editor of Carnival for the last year has been Ilarion Țiu (Bucharest), who has not been able to make any issue, because the previous editor (Thomas Foerster) wanted to first make the Carnivals he still owed ISHA. There was one Carnival published last year and there will be another coming in a few months. Ilarion Țiu will be asked to make a Carnival during the next summer.

## **5) ISHA's future**

There was a discussion about the goals of ISHA and the mentioned goals were: improving the web site, the structure of ISHA, getting more sections and getting sections active. It was suggested to organise so-called ISHA 'power weekends', short meetings during the weekend that could be also regional and easy to organise. This would be no reason to decrease the organising of bigger seminars.

## **6) International Board**

From the initiative made by ISHA Zürich and ISHA Nijmegen the GA voted on "a motion of confidence", which would fire the members of the IB.

*Considering:*

- *the contempt shown by the International Board for the General Assembly by their absence without notification.*
- *the lack of communication by the International Board both internally and towards the members of the association, either formally or informally.*
- *the neglect of their elected duties in general by the members of the International Board.*

*The General Assembly of the International Students of History Association hereby decides to relieve the International Board of their responsibilities with immediate effect and to proceed with the election of a provisional Board to stand until the 2003-2004 academic year expires.*

8 votes were cast, of which 7 were in favour and 1 abstention. The motion to fire the IB was passed.

## **7) Upcoming events**

The next seminar will be held in Hungary next summer or autumn, there was not total certainty about this seminar. Marburg will organise the New Year Seminar 2004/05. The Swiss sections Zürich and Fribourg will organise the Summer Seminar 2005.

## **8) Elections**

The election of three IB members: president, secretary and treasurer; five Council members, Treasury Committee and Carnival editor.  
Call for candidates on the list.

*Candidates for President:*

János Betkó (ISHA Nijmegen)

*Candidates for Secretary:*

Dominic Tegelbeckers (ISHA Eindhoven)

*Candidates for Treasurer:*

Maarten Pillen (ISHA Nijmegen)

*Candidates for the Council:*

Astrid Buys (ISHA Nijmegen)

Matt Knaus (ISHA Fribourg)

Marc Lutz (ISHA Zürich)

Riikka Mandelin (ISHA Turku)

Meike Pfefferkorn (ISHA Marburg)

*Candidates for the Treasury Committee:*

Christian Schlag (ISHA Marburg)

Olli Sukeva (ISHA Turku)

*Candidates for the editor of Carnival:*

Ivan Dujmić (ISHA Zagreb)

All the candidates were elected with the notification that the new IB was in function immediately after the GA.

**-- Closing --**