



**Minutes of the  
General Assembly, Heidelberg, 5 October 2005**

**Sections present**

*Members*

Fribourg  
Heidelberg  
Helsinki  
Ljubljana  
Marburg

Nijmegen  
Turku  
Utrecht  
Zagreb  
Zürich

*Observers*

Eindhoven  
Mönchengladbach  
Odense  
Pula

**Officials present**

*IB*

Alan Götz, President  
Christian Schlag, Secretary  
Marc Lutz, Treasurer

*Treasury Committee*  
Astrid Buys (Nijmegen)

*Council*

Dominic Tegelbeckers (Eindhoven)  
Iva Zutic (Zagreb)

*Carnival Editors*  
Ivan Dujmic, 2004/05 (Zagreb)  
Maartje Vermeulen, 2005/06 (Utrecht)

**Opening**

Alan Götz (President) opens the GA.  
Andreea Cristea (ISHA Heidelberg) is appointed to take minutes  
Dominic Tegelbeckers is elected speaker

**Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes of Ohrid GA
2. Upcoming events
3. State of affairs (Sections, Carnival, Council, IB)
4. Treasury Committee
- Break-
5. Final report of former IB and discharging

6. IB meeting in Lloret de Mar, July 2005
7. Membership cards
8. Official tasks for the Council
9. IB policy 2005/06 & draft budget
10. Cooperation with other organisations
11. Standing Orders
12. Questions & closing

## **1. Minutes of the Ohrid GA**

Approved

## **2. Upcoming events**

- New Year 2005/06: There won't be a New Year Seminar this year.
- 17-23 April 2006: 17th Annual Conference of ISHA "Ideologies through History" in Utrecht, The Netherlands; organisation is proceeding smoothly
- May 2006: local seminar in Zagreb, perhaps in cooperation with local section of European Sociology Students Association (ESSA); financing secure, topic tba at Utrecht conference at the latest
- Summer 2006: ISHA Pula confirms Summer Seminar 2006 will be organised by this section; probably last week of August (tbc)
- Autumn 2006: Autumn Seminar 2006 will probably be organised by ISHA Ljubljana; tbc by new leadership at Utrecht conference at the latest
- New Year 2006/07: Italian sections have expressed interest, but nothing definite yet
- Easter 2007: ISHA Turku expresses interest in hosting 18th Annual Conference of ISHA, but nothing definite yet; tbc at Utrecht conference

## **3. State of Affairs**

### *Sections*

- Zürich: Summer Seminar 2005 in Switzerland was a nice experience; grande dame of ISHA Zürich, Sophie Perrin, has graduated (felicitations!);
- Fribourg: pleased with Summer Seminar 2005, urges participants to send in their papers for publication; trying to attract new people together with local history students' club;
- Pula: working on 4th issue of local journal, Epoulon; contributions by ISHA people welcome; trying to attract new members;
- Zagreb: working on May 2006 seminar and 3rd issue of (Croatian-only) local journal; problems attracting new generation;
- Nijmegen: busy organising local activities and attracting new people;
- Odense: not sure yet whether will spread the ISHA gospel at SDU Odense;
- Ljubljana: change of leadership imminent; busy planning Autumn Seminar 2006 and attracting new people;
- Utrecht: busy organising 2006 Conference and working on Carnival; plenty of enthusiastic new people involved;
- Turku: going to attract new people after New Year party; hoping there will be enough support to organise 2007 Conference;

- Helsinki: doing pretty well, organising parties and lectures; published article on ISHA in local newspaper; lots of local interest in ISHA, but standards for recruitment high;
- Marburg: doing well, 13-14 members at present; organising local activities (ISHA party, discussions); eager to publish 2004/05 New Year Seminar journal, already 7 articles but need more material;
- Mönchengladbach: thinking about trying to establish a local ISHA presence;
- Eindhoven: nothing new, end of ISHA Eindhoven in sight;
- Heidelberg: currently hosting Autumn Seminar 2005; hoping to publish seminar journal, asks people to send in their papers (perhaps joint publication with ISHA Marburg if neither manage to gather enough articles of their own?); next step trying to secure ISHA presence in Heidelberg (generation change imminent/necessary);

### *Carnival*

Ivan Dujmic (2004/05 Editor):

- financing of 2004/05 issue secure
- shows copies of magazines published at his faculty, looking very nice
- wants to fix B5 as standard format
- plan to produce issue of thematically related articles failed
- has included articles from local ISHA journals (one from Pula to be translated), as well as material off the forum and reports on recent ISHA events
- still waiting for one academic article from Venice, but other than that enough material; contributions welcome until end of October, after that please send directly to Utrecht editorial team
- will publish issue by end of 2005 (approx. 500 copies)

Maartje Vermeulen (2005/06 Editor):

- 8 people at Utrecht ready to get working on Carnival
- wants to have first issue ready before 2006 Annual Conference; at least two issues this year
- lots of plans, incl. web edition
- financing not totally secure yet
- will be sticking to format of 2004/05 issue

Those present discuss the advantages and disadvantages of

- assigning Council members as 'local editors' for finding, translating and correcting articles;
- asking former ISHA members now active in teaching and research to provide articles;
- including summaries of articles in French and German;
- editors printing English translations of new, previously un-translated historical articles (=> question of copyright)

### *Council*

Iva Zutic, Zagreb:

- admits to not having done anything so far, but will be more active starting from now
- will contribute to 2005/06 Carnival
- asked to look into the possibilities of ISHA expanding into Serbia-Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and further in Croatia; specifically by providing people in Novi Sad and Banja Luka with copies of ISHA Zagreb's statutes
- contacts to Rijeka haven't been fruitful so far

- new history department in Split where students have shown interest, but ISHA Zagreb didn't respond quickly enough; will try to resume contact this autumn

Meike Pfefferkorn, Marburg:

- not present, therefore represented by Christian Schlag
- can't be present due to having to finish M.A. thesis, therefore also so far inactive as Council member
- will resume responsibilities to ISHA in April 2006 at the latest

Jonas Ahlskog, Turku:

- not present, therefore Olli Sukeva is asked to comment
- both individuals not in contact with each other, but Olli will try to contact him and see what he's up to

Dominic Tegelbeckers, Eindhoven:

- been keeping busy working on the website etc. and wrapping up term on 2004/05 IB

#### *International Board*

- aims to continue good work of the previous IB
- President: last two months mainly spent on organising Autumn Seminar, but also busy with administrative matters (e.g. Standing Orders changes, minutes), updating website, gathering material for Carnival, and communicating both within ISHA and with other organisations
- Secretary: been working a lot on updating the website
- Treasurer: busy collecting membership fees, looking into possibility of EU funding, drafting budget

#### **4. Treasury Committee**

- Astrid Buys explains that when she put herself up for election for the 2005/06 TC she was unaware that it is the job of the TC to check the books of the previous year's IB. Since she is a member of the same section as the former president and treasurer, this means she unfortunately cannot remain on the TC and subsequently resigns from this post voluntarily. The GA regretfully accepts her resignation.
- Patrick Bottermann (ISHA Zürich, currently Mönchengladbach) stands as candidate to fill this now vacant post.
- The GA unanimously elects Patrick Bottermann to the TC.

#### **5. Final Report of former IB and their discharge**

- Dominic Tegelbeckers presents the 2004/05 IB's final report ("What have we done with ISHA?", downloadable from the ISHA website)
- The GA formally discharges the former IB, expressing its enthusiastic appreciation for the 15 months of dedicated service

## 6. IB Meeting in Lloret de Mar, July 2005

In mid-July 2005, two members each of the outgoing and the incoming IB met in Lloret de Mar to ensure a smooth passage and a high degree of continuity in the way our organisation is run. The meeting provided both IBs with an opportunity to exchange views on ISHA policy and esp. enabled the old IB to pass on tasks it hadn't got round to completing itself yet, making sure that no important information got lost 'on the way'. Both a report on the meeting and the minutes are available on the ISHA website. Both IBs agreed that these meetings are very useful and worth continuing, and should be arranged every time an old IB is succeeded by another one. A convenient venue for such a meeting of the 2005/06 IB and its successors might be Zürich as the seat of our association.

## 7. Membership Cards

- Sasa Ergotic from ISHA Pula has volunteered to design and produce individual ISHA membership cards for the members of all paying ISHA sections
- Some sections think these cards wouldn't fulfil any practical purpose, only waste time and money
- Others think they could (a) strengthen the community feeling within ISHA and (b) provide sections with an opportunity to check exactly how many members they've got at the moment or (c) show which sections actually function where this kind of communication with ISHA is concerned
- If the initial card design would prove unpopular in the course of this academic year, the design could still be altered the year after
- The IB supports Sasa's initiative, provided she finds a way of producing the cards cheaply and takes care of the communication with the sections herself, in which case the IB would cover for the costs of shipping the cards to the various sections
- The GA agrees not to stand in the IB's way on this issue
- Those sections that have paid and are interested in obtaining membership cards for their sections should send a list of their members to [sasa.ergotic@pu.htnet.hr](mailto:sasa.ergotic@pu.htnet.hr) as soon as possible. If the consensus within a section is that it would rather do without these cards that is totally its own business

## 8. Official tasks for the Council

- Description of Council's tasks all too vague at the moment; not enough gets done this way
- Idea: generally connect office of Council member to certain specific tasks before election
- Perhaps arrangement in future to give Council members certain tasks to make Council more efficient
- Question of what to do in case of Council members who are inactive and don't respond to IB
- To avoid scapegoating and unequal treatment, IB and GA unwilling to act more harshly in case of Jonas Ahlskog than in case of other so far inactive/uncommunicative Council members
- Generally, drastic measures such as GA relieving inactive officials of their duties can have the healthy effect of reminding people that offices in ISHA are duties not privileges

- Practice of all officials reporting on their activities during state of affairs should be continued
- Controversial discussion on whether it's more advantageous to have more than one Council member from a section because of added motivation or to have Council members more spread out to encompass more of ISHA and potential areas of expansion; President points out that in the end it's the motivation of individuals that counts, not their geographical location

### 9. IB policy 2005/06 & draft budget

- The new IB refers to its policy paper, which can be downloaded from the ISHA website
- General aim: expanding ISHA now that administration is working again
- Producing as many Carnival issues as possible, using them in promo packets sent to other universities
- Cooperating with former President János Betkó on producing manuals how to organise ISHA events and what to do as an ISHA official
- Trying to find other sources of income, which then could be put to use to subsidise IB travel costs or to create an emergency fund to contribute 100 euros or similar to ISHA seminars/conferences that have landed the organisers in debt

#### *Draft budget*

Saldo at the moment (29.09.2005): 1'029.11 € resp. 1'603.15 CHF

This includes membership 2005/06:

- Marburg, Heidelberg, Fribourg, Turku, Nijmegen, Venezia, Helsinki, Bologna 400€
- Utrecht, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Zürich 300€

Saldo at GA: 1'329.11 €

Expected income:

Outstanding membership fees (2005/06) à 75 € 150 €(Pula, Skopje)

Expenditure:

Bank costs	25 €
Emergency fund (tbd)	100€
Carnival emergency	100 €
Membership cards	15 €
Web fees (this and last year) 2x60€	120 €

Expected saldo 1119.11€

In addition to the above standing draft budget the IB and the treasurer respectively declared after the conference and GA that the Internetcosts for 1 year are 100€and not 60€ Therefore the expenses for the internet accumulate to 200€, instead of 120€ and the expected saldo should be

New expected saldo 1039.11€

## 10. Cooperation with other organisations

### *CLIOHnet/CLIOHnetStudents*

- CLIOHnet has decided to launch its own student organisation and tried to do so at a conference in Pisa earlier this year, two participants of which are present
- Essentially, this organisation could make us seem redundant (even though the IB sees structural differences between ISHA and the people attracted to CLIOHnet Students), at least in the eyes of CLIOHnet and thus in the eyes of European university teachers of history in general
- The organisation hasn't really taken off yet so there's still time to convince CLIOHnet we're a viable alternative
- One of the three members of the organisation's executive committee is an ISHA member
- In case the new organisation does take off, ISHA could look for ways of cooperating
- In any case, the President has been in contact with one of the heads of CLIOHnetStudents, who has advertised the Autumn Seminar to his colleagues
- The IB will continue its efforts of establishing contact with CLIOHnet directly

### *IFISO*

- The IB will try to get ISHA included in the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations

## 11. Standing Orders

Proposed changes to Standing Orders:

### *art. 1*

Annual Conference

- a) The Annual Conference is to be held every year between two weeks before and two weeks after the Swiss Easter public holiday.

Approved

### *art. 5*

Publication

To be removed without substitute from the Standing orders of ISHA.

Approved

### *art. 10*

Speaker of the General Assembly

- a) The GA elects a Speaker for the duration of the assembly.
- b) The duties of the Speaker of the GA are:
  - to preside over the GA
  - to ensure the execution of these regulations.
- c) The first item on the agenda after the opening shall be the election of the Speaker.
- d) A member of the IB will fulfil the duties of the Speaker until the Speaker is elected.

e) The GA has the right to replace a Speaker when it sees fit.

Approved

*art. 16*

Voting

a) Votes are cast by show of hands, unless art.17 applies.

b) Votes are counted by the Speaker and the Secretary. If the Speaker is also a member of the IB, the GA shall appoint an individual who is not on the IB to replace the Speaker in this task.

c) Directly after the voting the Speaker informs the GA of the result.

Approved

*art. 19*

Election of functionaries

Votes will be cast per function. If two or more persons are proposed for one function, all candidatures will be put to the vote at the same time. Each member can vote for only one of the candidates or against all.

When none of the candidates obtains a majority, the two candidates who gained the highest result are put to the vote again. If after the second ballot the votes are equally divided the matter should be decided by lot.

[Proposal A] Election of the Council and Treasury Committee:

All candidates for the Council and TC are put to the vote at the same time. Members can vote only “yes” or “no” for each of the candidates, and may only cast as many yes-votes as seats on the Council or TC are available. Candidates who constitute a majority are considered elected, unless the number of candidates constituting a majority exceeds the maximum of five Council or three TC members. In that case, the candidates with the most votes are elected. In the case that this also leads to a result of too many people that would be elected, due to several people having the same amount of votes, these people with the same amounts of votes shall be put to the vote again for the remaining places in the Council or TC.

[Proposal B] Election of the Council and Treasury Committee:

All candidates for the Council or TC are put to the vote at the same time. Members can vote only “yes” or “no” for each of the candidates. Candidates who constitute a majority are considered elected, unless the number of candidates constituting a majority exceeds the maximum of five Council or three TC members. In that case, the candidates with the most votes are elected. In the case that this also leads to a result of too many people that would be elected, due to several people having the same amount of votes, these people with the same amounts of votes shall be put to the vote again for the remaining places in the Council or TC.

Proposal A approved

## **12. Questions & closing**

The IB thanks Andreea Cristea for taking the minutes and the officials and section representatives for attending.

The Speaker declares the GA to be closed.