



23 April 2006

Minutes of the  
General Assembly, Utrecht, 20 April 2006

**Presence**

*Members*

Fribourg (Switzerland)  
Heidelberg (Germany)  
Helsinki (Finland)  
Ljubljana (Slovenia)  
Marburg (Germany)  
Nijmegen (Netherlands)  
Turku (Finland)  
Utrecht (Netherlands)  
Zagreb (Croatia)  
Zürich (Switzerland)

*Observers*

Beograd (Serbia)  
Berlin (Germany)  
Debrecen (Hungary)  
Eindhoven (Netherlands)  
Oradea (Romania)  
Pula (Croatia)  
Zadar (Croatia)

*International Board:*

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

*Council:*

Jonas Ahlskog, Dominic Tegelbeckers, Iva Žutić

*Carnival Editor:*

Maartje Vermeulen

**Agenda**

1. Agenda and Minutes
2. Upcoming Events
3. State of Affairs
4. Co-operation with other organisations
5. Tasks for officials
6. Altering the Statutes and Standing Orders
7. Elections
8. Questions & closing

## 1. Opening, Minutes, Speaker and Agenda

The GA is opened by the president at 14:06 hours.

Christian Schlag is appointed minute-taker.

The minutes of the General Assembly, Heidelberg, October 2005 are approved unanimously.

Alan Götz is elected Speaker.

There are no additions to the agenda proposed by the IB.

## 2. Upcoming Events

*Seminar, Zagreb, 3-8 May 2006:*

'Cultural and Historiographical Perception of the Balkans'

Comment: There will be no participation fee.

*Summer/Autumn Seminar 2006, Pula, 4-8 September:*

'Everyday Life through History'

Comment: There is capacity for about 40 people.

*New Years Seminar 2006/07 [No venue yet]*

Comment: ISHA Beograd are thinking about it and will report back in about two weeks.

*Annual Conference 2007, Turku*

Topic tba

Comment: Turku is beginning to prepare things.

## 3. State of affairs

### *Sections*

- Beograd (Observer) is looking forward to becoming a proper section, will in the first instance try to sort out things like funding etc.
- Berlin (Observer) will try to establish a section but says it is hard to attract people there because of the broad variety of engagement possibilities students enjoy there.
- Debrecen (Observer) has problems in building a section. There is interest, but too many people there fear speaking English.
- Eindhoven (Observer) will be graduated soon...
- Fribourg (Member) started co-operation with the local students union and is setting up a website.
- Heidelberg (Member) is working on their seminar journal (together with Marburg). They have a 'baby problem', but are co-operating with their local history students' association (*Fachschaft*) concerning funding.
- Helsinki (Member) had some changes behind the scenes and quite a few new members, even female ones. Money things are order.
- Ljubljana (Member) experienced dramatic changes, new president is Lea Vrečko. They are trying to raise their number of members and are awaiting local student elections.
- Marburg (Member) has meanwhile got a younger leadership, is working on the seminar's journal (with Heidelberg) and organises excursions and discussions every now and then.
- Nijmegen (Member) has a 'baby problem' but also 10 freshmen willing to go to Zagreb next month.

- Oradea (Observer) would like to found an ISHA section and organise some event some time. At the moment they are getting themselves established at their university and are reviving the local students' organisation.
- Pula (Observer) just published their journal 'Epulon' and is starting to organise the Summer/Autumn Seminar 2006.
- Turku (Member) has a new leadership and is planning the Annual Conference 2007.
- Utrecht (Member) is quite busy with the conference and has their *Carnival* edition nearly finished. It should be ready for distribution next week.
- Zadar (Observer) has been influenced by Zagreb to come to ISHA and hopes to start a new section. Due to the current members' age they already have a 'baby problem'.
- Zagreb (Member) tries to win Split over for ISHA and did some co-operation with military miniaturists. They organise freshmen parties to attract new members and are working on a new edition of their local journal. They – congratulations! - got an award for international engagement.
- Zürich (Member) is working on the report from the last seminar there. They have some problems in attracting new people (referred to as 'baby problem').

#### *Carnival 2004/05*

All texts are translated and language-checked. They need a last reading and then will be printed. Ivan Dujmić (editor) apologises for being late, a list of the articles can already be obtained from him. Paying sections may tell the editor how many copies they would like to receive.

#### *Carnival 2005/06*

The theme of this ISHA year's first edition is 'The Invention of Tradition'. To help with the printing costs, 100 euros at the most are needed from ISHA International. There are some people from the section of Maartje Vermeulen (editor) working on it under her aegis. They won't be able to another edition. Causes are that most articles in the first edition come from Utrecht and there are not enough foreign contributions. Another problem was that articles have been quite specific. One member of the editor's section proposes to have each section for example to hand in an article per year.

Róbert Bálogh asks for a few old copies to show them around to interested people and to interest people.

Alan Götz reminds everyone that paying sections get as many copies as they want, within reasonable limits.

#### *Council:*

Dominic Tegelbeckers is trying to find interested people from all over Europe. He concentrated on Israel and got some responses so far. He still helped with the website and has been working on an ISHA DVD that could be available soon. He also contributed most to the new T-shirts.

Iva Žutić and Goran Miljan are working on spreading the word of ISHA within their region. So far, they have attracted Zadar and Split. In Serbia, they have been in contact with Niš. In addition, they established contacts with all other students organisations at their university.

Jonas Ahlskog contacted universities in countries around Scandinavia and the Baltic. There was feedback from less than half of them. So far, he's been in contact with persons from Denmark and Estonia and has already gained a new observing section in Göteborg.

Meike Pfefferkorn has graduated and is now intensely searching for possibilities of European Union funding for ISHA.

*International Board:*

Alan Götz (President)

- answered the mails of people interested in (re-)establishing ISHA sections at their university (e.g. Beograd, CEU Budapest, Ghana, Oradea, Tblissi, Vilnius, Zadar)
- acted as liaison between certain applicants from faraway places and the organisers of the Annual Conference
- administered the ISHA List and acted as one of the administrators of the ISHA forum
- co-operated with the Secretary on keeping the website up to date
- arranged the printing of the new ISHA T-shirts
- reminded the members of the Council & *Carnival* (2004/05) of their tasks

Christian Schlag (Secretary)

- kept the homepage up to date, added some stuff and dealt with some correspondence
- updated ISHA's entry in the yearbook of international organisations
- collected addresses of history students' organisations in Germany and Austria and invited them to the Annual Conference
- promoted ISHA at the federal meeting of official German history students' organisations ('Bundesfachschaffentagung') and had other people promoting ISHA at a similar event in Poland.

Marc Lutz (Treasurer)

- collected membership fees
- kept the financial records
- arranged the payment for the new T-shirts

#### **4. Co-operation with other organisations**

*ESSA:*

Jasmina Skočilić (ISHA Zagreb) mentions the European Students of Sociology Association (ESSA), an active member of which is present at this Conference. In the past, ESSA has already promoted some ISHA events on their website. So for the future there is at least the possibility of doing this likewise.

*IFISO:*

Alan Götz reports that ISHA has become a member of the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations (IFISO). The forum does not do work on academic issues but concentrates on technical problems international student organisations have and the exchange between them on these matters.

*CLIOHnet:*

CLIOHnet (Creating Links and Innovative Overviews to Enhance Historical Perspective in European Culture) started a student division a while ago whose goals were similar to those of ISHA. However, this student branch already lacks funding and its board ceased in a way, tells

Róbert Bálogh, who was a member of that board. ISHA should resume contact with CLIOHnet and perhaps fill the vacuum created by the early demise of CLIOHnet Students.

## 5. Tasks for officials

Once again, there has been a discussion about the benefit of certain tasks assigned to each Council member some months ago. As the discussion did not really come to an end, the GA decides to postpone this topic.

## 6. Altering the Statutes and Standing Orders

Christian Schlag announces that a revision of both documents has revealed several minor inaccuracies and problems. Unfortunately, the three months the statutes require proposals for changes to be announced in advance were not given anymore. A list of the proposed changes is available on

[http://www.isha-international.org/download/changing\\_ISHAs\\_statutes\\_060406.pdf](http://www.isha-international.org/download/changing_ISHAs_statutes_060406.pdf)

and hereby announced. As it may be expanded, people are asked to send their proposals to the Secretary before 4 July 2006. All changes should be decided on by the next GA in Pula.

## 7. Elections

### *Candidates*

#### International Board

President: Branimir Bekavac (ISHA Zagreb)  
Secretary: Jasmina Skočilić (ISHA Zagreb)  
Treasurer: Iva Žutić (ISHA Zagreb)

#### Carnival Editor

Mladen Majušević (ISHA Pula)

#### Council

Louise Hoevenaars (ISHA Nijmegen)  
Janne Kirjasniemi (ISHA Helsinki)  
Jeroen Merks (ISHA Nijmegen)  
Maartje Vermeulen (ISHA Utrecht)  
Marie-Christine Wenske (ISHA Marburg)

#### Treasury Committee

Eelco Jansen (ISHA Nijmegen)  
Matt Knaus (ISHA Fribourg)

All candidates are elected unanimously.

## 8. Questions & closing

There are no questions and the GA is closed by the speaker at 14:57 hours.