



**Invitation to the General Assembly,
30th of September 2011 – Turku, Finland**

Dear members,

The International Board 2011-2012 of ISHA would like to invite you to attend the General Assembly that will take place during the Autumn seminar in Turku on the 30th of September.

Below you will find the following documents:

- Preliminary agenda for the GA in Turku
- The minutes of the GA in Pula (28th of April 2011)
- The minutes of the SAM in Bucharest (7th of July 2011)
- Amendment proposal of ISHA Jena, concerning the Board of Patrons

The IB requests that all members/sections read these documents before the GA and take notes to discuss during the GA. Make sure the representative of your section that will be present at the GA is informed beforehand as well! Note that we will expect at least one representative of every section present at the Turku seminar.

Hopefully see you all in Turku!

Viva ISHA,

The International Board 2011-2012.
Stephanie, Jernej, Sanna and Frerik



AGENDA – 30 September 2011
General Assembly of the International Students of History Association
ISHA Autumn Seminar - Turku, Finland

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- 13) **Proposal ISHA-Jena, adding articles to the Statutes and Standing orders concerning the Board of Patrons**
- 14) **Approval of the minutes of the GA in Pula and the SAM in Bucharest**
- 15) **Voting on the new Carnival Editor-in-Chief**
- 16) **Voting on the additions to the Statutes and Standing orders concerning the Board of Patrons**
- 17) **Questions and Closing**

This is a preliminary agenda, the IB may choose to change the agenda and points may be added on request of a member section.



General Assembly

The General Assembly took place during the Annual Conference 2011 in Pula, on 28th of April, 2011.

ISHA sections present

- Belgrade (Serbia)
- Berlin (Germany)
- Bucharest (Romania)
- Galway (Ireland)
- Helsinki (Finland)
- Jena (Germany)
- Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Leuven (Belgium)
- Marburg (Germany)
- Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
- Osijek (Croatia)
- Pula (Croatia)
- Reykjavik (Iceland)
- Rome (Italy)
- Sofia (Bulgaria)
- Trieste/Koper (Italy/Slovenia)
- Turku (Finland)
- Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Zagreb (Croatia)

Observer sections present

- Canterbury (United Kingdom)
- Prague (Czech Republic)
- Rijeka (Croatia)
- Split (Croatia)

Present members of the International Board:

Sarah Stroobants (President), Sven Mörsdorf (Vice President), Timo Vuorikivi (Secretary) and Bodil Lindberg (Treasurer)

Present members of the Council:

Anita Buhin, Marko Bagic, Jernej Kotar and Lia Hamminga

Agenda

- 1) Opening
- 2) Election of the speaker
- 3) Appointment of the minute-taker
- 4) Taking down of attendance
- 5) Reading of the agenda
- 6) Review and approval of the minutes of the Weekend Seminar in Leuven
- 7) Upcoming events
- 8) Board of Patrons & Friends of ISHA

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- 9) State of affairs
 - a) International Board
 - b) Council members
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 - d) Carnival
 - e) Sections and observers
- 10) Presentation of candidates for the term 2011-2012

Break

- 11) Elections for the term 2011-2012
- 12) Questions & Closing

- 1) **Opening** at 15.30.
- 2) **Election of the speaker:** Sarah is appointed.
- 3) **Appointment of the minute-taker:** Timo is appointed.
- 4) **Taking down of attendance:** A list is passed around.
- 5) **Reading of the agenda:** The agenda is read.

6) Review and approval of the minutes of the Weekend Seminar in Leuven

Minutes of Leuven seminar are passed around

Remarks: ISHA Bucharest has 25 members instead of 5. Zagreb has 48 members of which 30 are active.

7) Upcoming events

Summer Seminar in Bucharest 4.-10.07.2011. The date of the seminar is changed. Application period is on 6-11.05. Website of the seminar will be up soon, more information on ISHA website. 60 students are expected to participate in the event. Topic is 'Myths, Heroes and Identities'.

Autumn seminar in Turku 26.09.-2.10.2011. Organisational situation is good at the moment but financial situation is weak because of lack of sponsors. Turku is the European cultural capital this year, which might prove to be positive thing for the seminar, providing financial benefits etc. Participation fee will be slightly higher than in Pula. Sarah is promoting the finance for Turku. Web page opened at <http://isha2011turku.wordpress.com/>. Topic will be 'Shared Past – Conflicting Histories'.

New Years seminar in Belgrade. Problems with the funding. Funding will probably be solved by the time of Bucharest seminar.

Weekend seminar in Nijmegen. February is a possible time for the seminar. Lia Hamminga could organize the whole event only by herself, other sections in NL are not interested joining the organisational team at the moment. Nijmegen does not have proper accommodation facilities. Old schools and such can be arranged to serve as accommodation though. This means that the weekend seminar is open for organising again!

Annual Conference 2012. Previously there were some worries that Jena as a new section is unable to organize this event. Ljubljana and St. Petersburg have expressed their interest in organising the summer seminar. St. Petersburg is however excluded because of the visa issue. Jena is still interested, and already started preliminary preparations. Ljubljana is more willing to organ a New Years seminar in 2012 so the Annual Conference would be difficult to organize on the same year. Thus Jena is chosen to organize this event without objections.

Summer seminar 2012. Rome is interested in organising this event. Problems with funding from the university. Other sources are being searched like the EU Commission. IB will work on a manual on how to apply for funding from the commission.

Autumn seminar 2012: Zagreb is willing to organise this event. For this year, they are in fact working on a similar event, a regional seminar for the Balkan sections. A regional seminar especially aims at attracting those students whose English is less good and who cannot afford to travel abroad. Participation fee will be 30 €. Accommodation has been found already, near the centre of the city. Further information will follow soon.

New Year's seminar 2012 in Ljubljana. Theme 'environmental history'. Some 40 participants are expected. Trieste-Koper section will assist in the organization.

Bodil: Sections should be able to reserve seminars and conference 'spots' further in advance than is done at the moment.

ISHA Reykjavik: **Summer seminar 2013** would be possible in Iceland.

8) Board of Patrons & Friends of ISHA

It has been discussed to create a Board of Patrons for ISHA. A proposal for the inclusion of the Board of Patrons in the Statutes and the Standing Orders already exists. But since the document was not sent out month before the GA (like the rules require). Thus the GA can only debate the proposal and ratify it later.

Sven presents the proposal. Marko, whose council task was to support the writing of the draft, explains the motives for having the list of patrons. Marko calls ISHA sections to nominate their own patrons, professors and other history-related prestigious persons. Sven asks for feedback and opinions on the list of patrons. Jan Vandeburie asks how the patrons are being asked to participate and how the process actually works. Sven explains that the IB asks the proposed persons to become patrons, since the IB has an overall view of the issue. Frerik Kampman asks does the patron has to be from the university where the section is located. This is not the case, and the patrons can be from anywhere. The patrons may come to ISHA seminars if they want to, but this is not compulsory. Sasa Vejzagic asks if the patrons are elected permanent. Sven replies that from the outset they are, but that this point should be the clarified in the document. Frerik points out that the board of patrons is essentially a promotional tool. There are many opinions about the board of patrons and thus he GA cannot decide on it the issue will be worked on by the present board and by the next IB.

The friends of ISHA would register to the organisation (the IB). They can support ISHA with 20 € minimum contribution, and will stay informed about ISHA's activities so that they might join or support them.

The honorary friend of ISHA is a person who has contributed to the functioning of ISHA in 'significant amount'. This is a way of thanking the people who have contributed to ISHA's activities. Sven and Sarah propose Prof. Ann Katherine Isaacs, because she has been supporting ISHA over the course of many years. Frerik questions this. Votes yes (11), votes no (4), no opinion (4). Thus, Professor Isaacs is elected.

After this, John Blake is being suggested as a honorary friend of ISHA. As former ISHA president, and also after his term, he contributed considerably to the success of ISHA. Also, he is suggested as a candidate with a “student” background. Votes yes (15), no opinion (3). Thus, John is elected too.

Sasa has a remark on the voting mode. The voting regulations for absent sections (proxy vote) are not on the line of democracy principles in his opinion. The practice is valid however, since it is in the statutes. There are problems with the details and it is open to interpretation. A vote on this issue is made. Results: 4 options are being voted for (1st option not included at all (12 votes), 2nd option proxy votes included only in the IB election (3 votes), 3rd option proxy votes for all the elections (1 vote), 4th option proxy votes for all the voting matters (0). The GA will clarify the issue of proxy votes at the next General Assembly.

Break: 16:35 – 16:50

9) State of affairs

a) International Board

Sarah presents Study Portals, with whom she is negotiating an agreement. ISHA provides information for the development of Study Portals history programmes database and they will promote ISHA and provide materials (magnets etc.).

Sven will attend the annual meeting of German history students as well as the final CLIOHWORLD conference in Lisbon in June. Sarah will attend an UNESCO meeting in Paris on ‘misuse of rankings’. The event has to be funded by the participants. Sarah is also attending open access meeting in Berlin 21st of May. The meeting concerns the equality of students and access to education around the world. Bodil will attend the Tallinn meeting of ESU.

Voting will be made on the associative membership of French history students (which is organised on national level). This is a good way of getting the French involved with ISHA. Jan suggests that French could be a ‘second language’ of ISHA and people from France would learn English while other students could practice their French (giving French presentations). Votes yes (18), votes no (0), no opinion (0). After this, the Finnish national history student organization is accepted as associate member unanimously (18 votes).

Sarah informs that three of the evaluation forms of the ISHA seminars and conferences 2010-2011 are almost ready, while the rest will be finished soon.

b) Council members

Lia: The sponsorship brochure design is almost finished. The information part is ready but the graphics still need some work. Lia asks for some opinions/tips on the brochure. Some spelling mistakes are found, but no crucial remarks. Comments on the new brochure are welcome to the IB and Lia. Comments on the ISHA informative letter are welcomed as well.

Marko already presented his task.

Jernej and Anita: A draft of the workshop manual is ready. It will be finished by the Bucharest seminar.

Fabian Würtz has been working a lot on the website lately, and has done great work. There is a project for creating an internal ISHA website. More info on this will follow later on.

c) Treasury Committee

Marjolein Vos created a system for tracking the section payments, and has also approved last year's financial report. She has not been assisted by her elected colleague Lucandrea, who did not respond to any messages. Thanks to Marjolein for her good work!

After some confusion has arisen, a new system for paying membership fees is proposed. Sections will have the opportunity to pay during the conferences which host a GA in cash, or between those two conferences by bank transfer, for the coming year. Late fees rise to 75 euros. An exception is made for new sections, who may pay for the first time during the current year. The GA asks to put the new system in the standing orders during the next GA. A vote is made on the new system's use. Vote yes (16), vote no (0), no opinion (1).

A new system for paying participation fees. In Pula the present system did not work properly. The fees should be handled on the local level, since only few people (mainly the organizers) know the applicants contact info. A local section should confirm their participants. A further problem is that some people apply only to secure their position in the seminar. A copy of the ticket (in order to confirm the participation) and a black list for members who are not showing up could be created. In addition, 50% fine of the fee could be implemented if application is cancelled outside the agreed limits. Vote yes (16). Approved.

d) Carnival

The current editor Stephanie Bakker, who is not present, has told the IB that everything is going well.

e) Sections and observers

Pula. The Conference was the main focus of the entire year. The section has ten active members at the moment. Some second year students are involved as well, so a bright future is guaranteed for a few years.

Trieste-Koper. Some members from Italy and some from Slovenia, 25 altogether. The Koper History department has only 15 students though.

Ljubljana. Nothing special going on. Focusing on the seminar next year. Two new members have joined since the Leuven seminar.

Utrecht. The section has 10 active members. Promotion is going on for more members.

Helsinki. A new board was elected. A new idea in the section is to sponsor participants to seminars/conferences to a small extent.

Osijek. Nothing new going on.

Belgrade. The section has 25 members at the moment. It will be more active when the summer seminar is coming closer.

Rome. Some 30 students participating in ISHA at the moment. Seminars and conferences are arranged within the university/sections. The idea is to promote the use of English language. ISHA Rome is working together with the local history student association in a local days to promote ISHA for new and becoming students.

Sofia. Some problems attracting new members. Many active members are graduating and promoting ISHA for first and second year students is crucial.

Canterbury. Jan is presenting ISHA there as much as he can.

Prague. New section, which has 15 members, some more active than others. Organizing meetings, parties etc. Sven visited them in March and presented ISHA to some students and faculty staff.

Bucharest. A new board has been elected. 25 active members at the moment. ISHA presentations held within the section. At the moment the section is busy with the Summer seminar. Participation fee for the seminar will be a bit lower than the one in Pula.

Rijeka. The local student association has 14 active members, and was founded in 2006. Trips and activities organised. Rijeka has an own magazine. Their president sends greetings.

Split. A revitalised section. Fieldtrips to different parts of Croatia are organised. ISHA Split will try to get more people to participate to ISHA events.

Galway. 60 students in the local history association. Hard to say how many interested in ISHA. Irish history seminar will be organized next March in Galway. A good opportunity to promote ISHA.

Reykjavik. Enthusiastic about ISHA and hosting a seminar in the near future. 10 strong members are involved at the moment.

Zagreb. More than 50 members at the moment, 35 of them are active. Old and young students. Regional seminar will be organized soon. ISHA Zagreb's own magazine coming out soon.

Berlin. A small but growing section at the moment.

Nijmegen. Lia the only properly active member. Others not too interested. Could the IB send a letter to motivate people?

Bremen. Not present, but Lia says: 'Hoping to become a full member soon.'

Leuven. No participants since lecture weeks going on. Cédric (from Leuven) will be the next president.

Jena. Small but active group. Projects and co-operation with Hungarian and Serbian history students. A lecture series has been organised in the current seminar as a first activity, also ISHA Marburg will come for a visit.

Marburg. Message from Sven: ‘A project to include Erasmus students to mingle with the local students is being created in Marburg, which fills a gap for foreign students who want to meet locals.’

Turku. A week ago accepted as a member of the local student union. Some co-op with students from Bergen. Application period for the autumn seminar will be in June.

10) Presentation of candidates for the term 2011-2012

The candidates who are not present may have a representative to speak for them.

Candidates 2011-2012:

Stephanie Bakker, a candidate for president (not present).

Frerik Kampman speaks on her behalf, reading out a letter by Stephanie.

Sven Mörsdorf, a candidate for president:

Sven has been a council member and the editor of Carnival in 2009-2010 and the vice-president for the term 2010-2011. Sven feels that ISHA is standing at a crossroads now, as it is growing quickly and becoming more professional, which needs experience and a certain level of continuity.

Jernej Kotar a candidate for vice-president.

Jernej is interested in ISHA and wants to contribute to the functioning of the organization. He is a council member for the current term 2010-2011.

Aureliana Popa, a candidate for secretary.

Aureliana says she enjoys being involved in ISHA activities. She has previous experience in project management, and already assisted the IB in writing the Commission grant application.

Sanna Hellstedt, a candidate for secretary.

Sanna has been participating in ISHA activities for a few years and wants to contribute to the organization. Sanna is highly motivated to work as a secretary, and already has some background experience in relevant fields.

Frerik Kampman, a candidate for treasurer

Frerik has been in ISHA since 2007, was President during the previous term (2009-10), and wants offer his services for ISHA once more.

Marjolein Vos, a candidate for a treasurer

As Marjolein cannot be present, Sarah speaks on her behalf. Marjolein has done a lot for the treasury committee and treasury system this year, and proved to be reliable and skilled.

Break

11) Elections

Bodil and Dario Prati are appointed as the vote counters.

Candidates for the Council 2011-2012

Valentina Caldari: Thinks the Council is an important part of ISHA, and wants to become active.

Nenad Markovic: Has been closely involved with ISHA Belgrade and ISHA for a few years.

Björn Reynir Halldorsson: Has been active in ISHA Reykjavik. He is eager to promote ISHA.

Lia Hamminga: Has been a council member before. She is experienced and wants to contribute to the functioning of ISHA in the future as well.

Anastasia Guzanova: Is absent, but wants to contribute to the council as well.

Marjolein Vos: Is also applying for a council term in case she is not elected as treasurer.

Candidates for the Treasury Committee 2011-2012

Tina Stele (Ljubljana)

Candidates for the Carnival Editor 2011-2012

No candidates. Will be put to the vote again during the next GA.

Candidates for the Webmaster 2011-2012

Fabian Würz (chosen without voting)

Board elections results

13 votes for Stephanie

5 votes for Sven

14 votes for Jernej

12 votes for Sanna

6 votes for Aureliana

10 votes for Frerik

8 votes for Marjolein

Council and other elections are held: Bodil and Dario count the votes.

Council, Treasury and Carnival election results:

All candidates were chosen.

12) Questions & Closing

None. Closing at 20:24.



State of Affairs Meeting

The SAM took place during the Summer Seminar 2011 in Bucharest on July 7th, 2011.

ISHA sections present:

1. Belgrade (Serbia)
2. Berlin (Germany)
3. Bucharest (Romania)
4. Galway (Ireland)
5. Helsinki (Finland)
6. Jena (Germany)
7. Ljubljana (Slovenia)
8. Leuven (Belgium)
9. Nijmegen (The Netherlands)
10. Osijek (Croatia)
11. Rome (Italy)
12. Sofia (Bulgaria)
13. Trieste-Koper (Italy/Slovenia)
14. Utrecht (The Netherlands)
15. Zagreb (Croatia)
16. Pisa (Italy)

Observer sections present:

1. Thessaloniki (Greece)
2. Iași (Romania)
3. Tblisi (Georgia)
4. Bremen (Germany)

Present members of the International Board:

Sven Mörsdorf (Vice-president)

Present members of the Council:

Marko Bagic, Lia Hamminga

Agenda

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- 10) Approval of the Pula minutes
- 11) Questions
- 12) Closing

1) **Opening** at 15.42.

2) **Appointment of speaker:** Sven is appointed.

3) **Appointment of minute-taker:** Lia is appointed.

4) **Taking down of attendance:** A list is passed around.

5) **Reading of the agenda:** The agenda is read and no alterations are requested.

6) **Review of the minutes of the General Assembly in Pula:** The minutes are being reviewed, but will only be passed at the next GA in Turku.

7) **Upcoming events:**

a) *Autumn Seminar* in Turku: "Shared Past – Conflicting Histories", 26.09.-2.10.2011: Sanna Supponen from Helsinki gives an update on the preparations. The application period will start this month.

b) *New Year's Seminar* in Belgrade: "Marginal Groups Through History", 26.12.2011-02.01.2012: The fee will be around 70-80 euros.

c) *Annual Conference 2012* in Jena: “Identities in Transition”, 01.04.-08.04.2012: In the past weeks, ISHA Jena has been working on the thematic and academic outline and on the programme. They have decided about the title and the date of the conference (see above). The broad topic “Identities” will be approached out of various, interdisciplinary perspectives, and with fresh ideas for activities and the academic programme. Jena is now applying for funding and hopes to be able to accommodate 130 participants.

d) *Summer Seminar 2012*: ISHA Rome is currently trying to get enough support to be able to organise the next summer seminar. They cannot really say if it is going to work yet, the main reason for this is the funding, which they are working on at this point. A form is passed around for every section to subscribe, making it clear for the grant application that this is an international event.

e) *European Association for Urban History conference* (29.08.-01.09.2012), Prague: Sven is coordinating the organising of a student session at this big (500 participants) academic conference. The session will be comparable to ISHA's contribution to the ICHS Amsterdam last year, and aims at bringing students and more advanced academics with an interest in urban history into contact. With the help of ISHA Prague, this might also evolve into a small informal ISHA event.

f) *Autumn Seminar 2012*: ISHA Zagreb is still willing to organise this event. But before that they are busy preparing a regional seminar for Balkan participants, titled “Culture and Power”, which is going to take place with 30 participants this October.

g) *New Year's Seminar 2012/13*: No news yet from Ljubljana.

h) *Other events*: Bucharest plans a local seminar in the autumn and will send information soon. Galway will host a conference in the first week of March 2012 and will send the information to be included in one of the next newsletters so that ISHA members will know about this and can join.

8) Cooperation with other organizations:

a) ISHA's joint project with Euroclio and The Europaeum, 'Connecting Europe Through History: Experiences and Perceptions of Migrations' has come to its end, and the follow-up has not been accepted by the EU yet. Also, CLIOHWORLD will cease to operate soon, and ISHA was present at their final conference in Lisbon on June 17th-18th (during which Sven met some enthusiastic students from Lisbon who want to found a section there). It has not been decided yet if there will be a follow-up. The cooperation with Euroclio helped ISHA with becoming academically more visible and credible, while the cooperation with the European History Networks was very good for promotion and networking, including the creation of many sections.

b) With IFISO and ESU, relations continue in the usual, good way. Bodil represented ISHA at the ESU Board Meeting and Seminar in Tallinn in the beginning of May.

c) We started working together with Study Portals, a website which wants to provide a database of European study programmes. ISHA will help them gathering data, e.g. through questionnaires about our home universities and study programmes, and be promoted in turn.

9) State of Affairs

a) *The International Board*

1. The membership fee can also be paid here in Bucharest, even though the treasurer is not present (*info*: Zagreb, Sofia, Berlin and St. Petersburg [via Helsinki] chose to do so).
2. Sarah wanted to go to London to promote ISHA there, but the meeting has been rescheduled to the upcoming months.
3. During the CLIOHWORLD conference in Lisbon, Sven was invited to promote ISHA by some professors. He already has a fixed date for Trabzon (Turkey) at the end of October, and will travel around more in the coming months. He was also presenting ISHA to students in Bamberg, and encourages everyone to organise such presentations themselves, or invite an IB member.
4. The term of the 2010-11 IB is coming to an end. To facilitate transition, a handover weekend with the next IB will take place in Brussels at the beginning of August.

b) *The Council*

Anita and **Jernej** (not present) had been working on a workshop manual and finished a draft already for the Annual Conference. The IB will ask them to complete it until the Autumn Seminar in Turku.

Marko's task is assisting with the foundation of a Board of Patrons for ISHA with personalities with backgrounds in history, international cooperation, etc. The patrons could help to promote ISHA and its activities. All sections are asked to think about candidates, be it professors from their universities or countries, or other personalities. For example, during this Summer Seminar, the IB approached Prof. Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu, ISHA founding member and now history professor and holder of high-ranking public offices.

Lia submitted a draft sponsorship brochure during the Annual Conference and is still inviting everyone to send feedback. She will work more of it in the following weeks.

Fabian (not present), in his role as webmaster, is a council member this year, but will leave the council and become an official with the new title – wait for it – “Webmaster” during the next term. He's been very busy developing the website from a more technical point of view, and Sven asks if anyone would like to help developing the layout and content too (Aureliana from Bucharest volunteers).

c) The *Treasury Committee* is not present, there are no news.

d) *Carnival*

It looks like the journal will be finished rather soon and Stephanie, the editor (not present), said that everything is going well. Konstantin from Sofia remarks that it would be good to print it in Eastern Europe again in order to save costs, and Marko informs that they will ask the Osijek printer again for prices (Sofia will also ask a printer to compare).

e) *Sections:*

Jena started preparing the next Annual Conference. To get the section started and people interested, they already had some local activities: a lecture series on cultural history, in which mainly doctoral students presented their work-in-progress, and a weekend visit by ISHA **Marburg** (who are not present, but are doing well, Sven tells).

Njmegen: Lia is the only active member at the moment. There are contacts with the local history department (GSV Excalibur). Lia hopes there will be more promotion of ISHA and its activities to attract new members in the following months.

Bucharest was (and is) busy with the Summer Seminar. They are planning a new event, a regional seminar in October, and are doing well for now.

Trieste-Koper is an active section with 27 members at the moment. They organized an excursion in May and had a book presentation. In October they will start to prepare a seminar for March 2012.

In **Ljubljana**, the number of active members is low.

Sofia has brought a new member to Bucharest, and two other younger students are interested. This is a positive development for the Sofia section because most members are already master or PhD students. The main goal is to keep everything going for the next generation. They are currently 9 members, 5 or 6 really active. They are planning a field trip. This autumn there is going to be an exchange to Budapest and they will try to inform people about ISHA there so that the Budapest section might be revived.

Belgrade is preparing the New Year's Seminar and plan to visit the regional seminar in Zagreb. They hope to attract new members and also support for the upcoming seminar.

Berlin has 4 or 5 active members, but Vincent expects the number to go up.

Zagreb is preparing the regional seminar, and they are also publishing the next edition of their local journal.

Utrecht does not really have an update, but Raoul thinks it is going rather well

Osijek has two new members at a total of thirty-six. The next issue of the local magazine *Essehist* will be published around the Turku seminar, and Osijek plans to participate in the Zagreb seminar as well.

Rome expects that the section will grow. They are working on the Summer Seminar for next year.

Pisa has three members at this point and will try to attract more members.

Tblisi joined ISHA as observer recently and they are getting organized. They will be in contact with the IB, who will help them with becoming an official section. They

already have fifteen members.

Galway is going strong. They hope to attract first year students and their main occupation is an Irish history student conference which is going to be held next March. More information will be included in one of ISHA's newsletters.

Leuven is still recovering from the Weekend Seminar and will continue to be active in the coming months.

Helsinki is doing well, they will have elections for a new president because Sanna is going to be in the next IB. They have local events and they attracted a couple of new members, also exchange students.

Thessaloniki had their first meeting on Monday and elected Charalampos for president. In October they'll have a second meeting. They are about 20 master students and 15 bachelor students. They brought some books for ISHA Bucharest as a present and for promotion.

In **Bremen**, there is no new development, they try to attract new members and get everything organized to become a full section.

Iasi is having some financial problems and wants to attract new members. There will be a local conference in the future.

10) **Approval of the Pula minutes:** The minutes will not be approved here (see point 6 above), which has nothing to do with their name.

11) Questions and Closing

a) Two questions concerning the **voting system** were raised.

In general, Turku hopes that there can be a new discussion about the procedure of elections, and helsinki agrees on this. The IB informs that they are already in contact with Saša from Pula who originally objected to the procedures during the Pula conference. A discussion group will be formed soon, and others invited to participate.

In particular, ISHA Bucharest asked to see the votes given for the vice-president during the Pula conference. They say they want to check the accuracy of the decision. Bucharest states that one needs a majority to be elected and they want this to be more clear in the future rules.

b) Francesco from Pisa has a comment on the **academic content** of ISHA events.

He wants to include smaller or Weekend Seminars in which, for example, theses could be presented, in order to raise the academic level of some events. Joe adds that this is exactly what the Galway conference is about, and that they have made good experiences with it. The IB remarks that this is an idea which has already been taking into consideration, and which sections are asked to think about for their seminars.

12) **Closing** at 16.50.

General Assembly
ISHA Autumn Seminar 2011, Turku

Establishment of a Board of Patrons
Proposition to Change the Statutes and the Standing Orders

Add to the Statutes:

Article 10a: Board of Patrons

The Organisation shall have a Board of Patrons, consisting of persons who wish to support the Organisation and its mission in a more intensive way. Details will be specified in the Standing Orders.

Add to the Standing Orders:

Article 11a: Board of Patrons

(1) The Board of Patrons shall consist of a small number of people who wish to support the Organisation and its mission with their expertise, good name, contacts, and by promoting the Organisation and its activities wherever appropriate. Patrons are not expected to support the Organisation financially; they may, however, decide to do so by becoming Friends of ISHA in addition to their patronship.

(2) The IB shall be responsible for the general coordination of the Board of Patrons, and for assuring its good communication with the Organisation. In this capacity, the IB shall call upon the Sections to make suggestions for candidates, evaluate them in order to provide recommendations to the GA, and duly inform the Patrons so that they may provide further counsel to the GA. The IB shall also be responsible for contacting the candidates after the GA decided about their invitation or dismissal.

(3) Candidates for patronship will be evaluated by the IB and selected by the GA with utmost care according to the following criteria. They should

- a) have a background in historical science or history education, preferably but not necessarily as trained historians;
- b) be well-respected in their fields of activities both nationally and internationally;
- c) promote international perspectives and cooperation or, ideally, have worked together with ISHA in the past.

(4) Candidates will be invited or dropped by vote of the GA. Upon acceptance, patronship is conferred by registration with the IB.

(5) Patrons have the same rights and responsibilities as specified for Friends of ISHA in Article 11 §§1-2 of these Standing Orders, with the exception of the compulsory donation. Patrons are expected to actively promote the Organisation and its mission and may choose to participate in all activities whenever appropriate.

(6) The status of Patron terminates at the request of the individual concerned or by vote of the GA.