

# Minutes IALHI General Assembly

13 September 2018, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, viale Pasubio 5, Milano, Italy

1. Opening words by IALHI President and Chair of the General Assembly, Geert Van Goethem.
2. Minutes previous General Assembly (07-09-2017)

The minutes of the previous General Assembly, held at the Krook Library in Ghent, Belgium, on 7 September 2017, are accepted.

3. Announcement new President

Geert Van Goethem, current president of IALHI, has terminated his 5-years mandate in 2018, and is not candidating for the next term. A call for candidates to the IALHI presidency has been launched. Two candidates came forward. The IALHI members have been invited to cast their votes.

Anja Kruke (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Germany) has been elected with 85% of the votes, with 34 votes and 6 votes for candidate Roberto Campo (UIL-Unione Italiana del Lavoro, Italy).

Therefore, Anja Kruke is the new IALHI President for the period 2018-2023.

4. Nomination new Board members

Alfredo Caldeira and Cheryl Beredo have stepped down from the Board. Two candidates have applied for the vacancies: Andrew H. Lee, who is a former Board member, and Geert Van Goethem, who would like to stay in the Board after termination of his presidency. Given the fact that there are no more candidates than vacancies, an election has not been necessary. The General Assembly is asked to approve the new (renewed) Board members.

Andrew H. Lee and Geert Van Goethem are accepted to the IALHI Board.

There is another position open for the Board, which should preferably be filled with someone from Latin America or a Spanish speaking country. Candidates are asked to apply with the Board.

5. Next conferences

The 50th IALHI conference will take place on 11-14 September 2019 in Alcala de Henares, close to Madrid, hosted by the Fundacion Pablo Iglesias. The Fundacion has sent in a proposal for a conference theme "The Archives of the Spanish Civil War, Exile and Repression of the Franco's Regime". The Board has also discussed a note with a wider thematic scope. The Board will talk to

Fundacion Pablo Iglesias and try to convince them to combine the proposals. Then maybe the Board can set up a small working group to assist the Fundacion in organizing the themes.

2020 and later: no yet applications for hosting the IALHI Conference. This could be a conference on another continent, e.g. Latin America given the number of new members there recently. Call for institutions hosting.

## 6. General Report 2017

Social History Portal: SHP2 project. A new search interface has been created based on the open source software package VuFind. This will replace the old Social History Portal search service. The 2 million records of the portal have been transferred to the new search engine. Also, for the first time the eight new data sets acquired through the DSI project have been added and are now consultable online, bringing the total of records in the new search engine to 2,288,279 records. A new tool has been made available to potential new data providers to the Social History Portal based on the open source software package MINT. This is online available, users can get an account on simple request. A number of institutes have already offered new data sets to be uploaded. Both tools, VuFind and MINT are presently hosted for free by IALHI members (resp. Amsab-ISH and IISH). In the future a paying solution will be unavoidable, e.g. cloud hosting. IALHI should look for means to get this work done in the future.

*After a presentation near the end of the meeting of the SHP2 project by Eric de Ruijter, Donald Weber and Afelonne Doek, the General Assembly agrees to put the new search engine into production.*

Membership. After years of decline, with a low in 2015 of 46 members, we have steadily been gaining new members, largely due to the efforts of the Executive Assistant, leading to 88 registered members in 2017 and almost a hundred reached in 2018 after accepting the new membership applications.

Website statistics. There was a spam attack in 2017 on the membership list on the website. Individual email addresses have been removed, there is only an institutional address left. The IALHI members are asked to go to the website and check their data. The News Service is still growing, both in news items and subscriptions. The IALHI members are invited to send news to the service at [info@socialhistoryportal.org](mailto:info@socialhistoryportal.org) and get it posted on a large scale.

## 7. Finances 2017

Marien is being excused this year, Geert goes through the details (see Annexe 1). Some members have not paid their contribution yet. Who wants to pay in cash can do so at the conference. The main expense was the contribution to the host organizers of the IALHI annual conference, which is 75% of membership fee income (appr. 6000 euro in 2017). Another expense is the salary for the Executive Assistant. Until now this was covered by contributions from IALHI (2500€), Amsab and IISH. Proposal to raise the contribution from IALHI to 5000€ for the next two years, as there is some money left (10.000€) from a previous project. Amsab and IISG are confirming their contribution, as well as ARBARK (Norway) and probably also FES (Germany). This leaves 57.557€ on the bank. This is enough as a reserve.

*The General Assembly accepts the financial report for 2017.*

## 8. New Project Proposals

Monitoring committee. The Board intends to restart the Monitoring Committee, which was successful already in 2010 with the Europeana HOPE project and in 2015 with the DSI project, although not successful with the MiMake proposal. The group will be revived and will start working again on potential calls and look out for opportunities for proposals on a European level.

People's houses. Last year on the conference a letter of Bernie Sanders was read out to support the Vermont workers hall. In 2017 the Danish Minister of Culture has put the workers' assembly hall in Copenhagen on the national tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage, with the intention of putting forward a transnational serial nomination. Several IALHI partners are interested in joining this campaign. The Board has set up a small working group for this, centred in Oslo, with Tampere and Ghent, but needs more partners from all over the world.

## 9. New applications for membership

Eight new applications have been received for IALHI membership:

- Fondazione Gramsci Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Italy
- Marx Memorial Library & Workers' School, London, UK
- Centro de Estudios Historicos de los Trabajadores y las Izquierdas (CEHTI), Buenos Aires, Argentina. A member of the institution presents the institution briefly to the assembly (a longer presentation follows later during the members' presentations)
- Instituto de Historia de Cuba (IHC), Havana, Cuba
- Acervo do Nucleo de Pesquisa em Historia (NPH) at Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- GP Koirala Labour Foundation (GPKLF), Kathmandu, Nepal
- Fondazione Argentina Altobelli, Rome, Italy
- The Social History Study Group (GEHS) at Circulo Alfa de Estudios Historicos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

It is not clear which of these have applied for a trial membership. The Board will look into this.

*The General Assembly accepts all applicants as new IALHI members.*

There are two cancellations of membership:

- Co-operative College CIO, Manchester, United Kingdom
- Arbeiterkammer Bibliothek (Sozialwissenschaftliche Studienbibliothek), Wien, Austria

## 10. Other

- Executive Assistant Adriano Habed is leaving us. The Board will put out a new profile for candidates with Afelonne, Marien and Anja in a jury selection committee. There will be a call for disseminating the vacancy and look for interested candidates. It is only a one day per week job, but very interesting for international contacts. The profile will be sent to all IALHI members.
- No list of participants was added to the conference papers this year due to the new and more rigid European privacy rules. The Board will make up such a list, if anybody objects to have their name and e-mail address on the list please let them know.
- Andrei Sorokin of the Russian State Archive of Socio-Political History (RGASPI) asks for support for a conference on the 100th anniversary of COMINTERN in 2019 in Moscow, Russia. IALHI will disseminate the news on the conference with the IALHI members and through the Social History Portal News Service.

## Annexe 1

### IALHI Financial Statement, December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Balance January 1, 2017	€ 57.508,00	€ 60.986,00
<b>Income</b>		
Membership fees 2017	€ 10.808,00	(Total invoices) € 11.256,00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>€ 10.808,00</b>	<b>€ 11.256,00</b>
<b>Costs</b>		
Representation costs	€ 437,11	€ -
Contribution Conference organizer	€ 6.342,00	€ 3.953,00
Other administrative expenses	€ 1.313,55	€ 791,00
Staff costs	€ 2.500,00	€ 3.323,00
Provision for outstanding membership invoices		€ 6.496,00
Bank charges and differences	€ 166,00	€ 171,00
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>€ 10.758,66</b>	<b>€ 14.734,00</b>
Income minus costs	€ 49,34	€ -3.478,00
Membership invoices written off	€ -	€ -
Mutation 2017	€ 49,34	€ -3.478,00
<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>€ 57.557,45</b>	<b>€ 57.508,00</b>

#### Overview receivables and payables

Outstanding membership invoices	€ 3.696,00	€ 9.417,00
Provision for outstanding membership invoices	€ 2.800,00	€ -6.496,00
Europeana Claim (Europeana DSI project)		€ 23.386,00
Costs to receive	€ -602,00 (Use Exact)	
Reserve portal project	€ -36.868,00	
Costs to receive (Europeana DSI project)		(Fes EU) € -15.693,00
Costs to receive (Europeana DSI project)		(Amsab EU) € -81.852,00
Costs to receive (Europeana DSI project)		(IISG EU) € -46.204,00
Costs to receive (Europeana DSI project)		(OSA EU) € -42.279,00
Bank balance 31 dec.2017	€ 88.531,45	€ 217.230,00
<b>Balance 31 december 2017</b>	<b>€ 57.557,45</b>	<b>€ 57.508,00</b>