

IALHI GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Trade Union for the Public and Welfare Sector, Sörnäisten rantatie 23, Helsinki, FI.
September 18, 2016, 10:30 - 12:00.

1. Opening

IALHI Secretary Geert Van Goethem chairs the meeting. After thanking the organizers of the 2016 conference and welcoming participants, he makes a tribute to Irene Wagner.

2. Minutes previous General Assembly, September 17, 2015

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting of IALHI, held in Edinburgh, UK, on September 17, 2015, are approved.

3. Next conferences

3.1. Gent 2017

The dates of the 2017 IALHI conference will be 6 to 9 September 2017. It will be hosted by Amsab-ISH and jointly organized by IALHI and Worklab, the International Association of Labour Museums, and with the cooperation of ITH and ELHN. Topic of the conference will be: how much are the digital humanities changing the profession of archivists and librarians, and to what extent is it creating new possibilities. Representatives of libraries, archives and museums as well as researchers are expected to participate.

3.2. Milan 2018

Massimiliano Tarantino, General Secretary of the Feltrinelli Foundation and candidate to the IALHI Board, conditionally agreed that Milano will be the venue of the 2018 IALHI conference. It will have an open format: in the context of this conference, some side-activities such as exhibitions or film festivals will be organized. It will take place in their new building. The theme of the conference is still to be decided.

The General Assembly approves.

4. General Report

In Edinburgh, the document *Shaping the Future of IALHI* was discussed. According to the decisions taken, the procedure of conferences has been changed: beside short poster-kind presentations as usual, where members of IALHI introduce their activities, there will be training workshops. In Gent, there will be a workshop on the Social History Portal and digital collections, addressed not so much to IT specialists as to librarians and archivists. Future conferences, therefore, will offer more practical insights. Additionally, the draft Constitution has been updated as decided in Edinburgh (see: point 8). During the Coordination Committee meeting held in Lisbon in February 2016, it has been decided to hire someone on a part time basis as administrative secretary to support Board members, because of their many ambitions but lack of time to pursue the objectives of the association. Since July 2016, IALHI has an executive assistant, Adriano José Habed, who also works in support and promotion of membership. To acquire new members is one of the main goals of the association. With this

goal in mind, it has been decided to make a flyer in five different languages and create the banners that are displayed at the present conference. IALHI will make a targeted promotion campaign, and Adriano, together with local partners, will scan the landscape and look at potential prospective members.

The General Assembly approves the report.

5. Financial Report 2015

Marien van der Heijden, treasurer of IALHI, presents the 2015 financial report (see annex 1).

Among the costs, Marien highlights the investment of 8.727,00 EUR in hiring someone to write a research proposal for the *Horizon 2020* project: "Migration and the Making of European Cultural Heritage." Unfortunately, the proposal did not score enough to get the grant, but scored very high (13 out of 15 points). Therefore, Donald Weber and others are considering to resubmit the proposal to other calls. Additionally, it is worth mentioning that the 2015 IALHI conference in Edinburgh did not cost anything.

Concerning incomes: the net income from membership in 2015 is 4.961,00 EUR, which is less than in 2014. One reason for this was that only digital invoices were sent out. But this year invoices have been sent both digitally and on paper. In 2016, the income from membership fees is expected to increase to the level of 2014, or higher. Also the Europeana DSI project results as an income in the report, but this amount is neutral to IALHI, for this money has to be spent on the project. Afelonne Doek from IISG will take care of this budget.

The 2015 financial report is approved.

Marien reminds the General Assembly to visit the IALHI websites. The Social History Portal is not only a repository of collections, but includes also a very active News Service. People are invited to subscribe and send in their announcements concerning social history events.

6. Membership

The General Assembly has to decide on three new applications for membership:

1) Tüstav, Turkey. Social History Research Foundation of Turkey, founded in 1992 by the General Board of Directors of the United Communist Party of Turkey (TBKP). They have been working with IISG, and currently they are a well-established organization with an important collection and working on digitization.

2) Historical Documentation Center (NDH), founded in 1990 as an academic center permanently connected to the Institute of Human Sciences (ICH), the Post Graduate and Graduate Programs of History of Federal University of Pelotas (UFPel) – a public university located in South Brazil. They integrate in the Brazilian Association of History (ANPUH) as a member of the working groups Worlds of Labor. They have a large collection and promote research in the field of labor history.

3) Cité des Mémoires Etudiantes. Franck Veyron presents it. Created on International Students' day on November 17, 2008, it aims at preserving and promoting documentary and

archival sources of the French Students' Movement. They collect digital archives of students' movements and unions.

The General Assembly consents to let the above-mentioned organizations become members of IALHI.

Representatives at the conference are reminded that they can pay their annual IALHI membership fee in cash by approaching Marien van der Heijden or Adriano J. Hated.

7. New Board

Four members of the current Board are stepping down: David Bidussa, Gabriella Ivacs, Andrew H. Lee and Petri Tanskanen. The rest has decided to continue, and four new members are joining. These are the names of the candidates:

- standing for re-election: Richard Temple, Franck Veyron, Alfredo Caldeira, Marien van der Heijden, Anja Kruke;
- standing for election: Massimiliano Tarantino from Feltrinelli, Rosemary Webb from Australian Society for the Study of Labour History, Frank Meyer from ARBARK Oslo, Cheryl Beredo from Kheel Center, Ithaca USA.

This results in 9 candidates for a Board that can have up to 10 candidates. This means that there is no competition among candidates, and if the General Assembly agrees, they can all be elected.

The General Assembly approves. All nine candidates are elected.

8. New constitution

The draft of the new constitution has been circulated among IALHI members before the conference. Some highlights: the name IALHI will not change, as no good alternative has been found; individuals are not allowed to be members, as membership remains institutional (individual membership is only allowed on a honorary basis); objectives have changed - for instance, nowadays interlibrary loans are less important, so they are given less space in the constitution; the General Assembly remains the main deciding authority; the wording has changed in light of contemporary terminology, so the secretary of IALHI becomes "president", and the Coordination Committee becomes "Board" This is a light constitution for a light network.

The General Assembly approves the new constitution.

9. Social History Portal and other projects

The Europeana DSI project has finished in June 2016, and will not be prolonged. It has resulted in five new data providers participating in the Europeana portal and soon to come in the Social History Portal: ASKI (Greece), ARAB (Sweden), ETUI (Belgium), TUC Library and Modern Records Centre (UK). Also, IISH has updated the underlying database technology for these portals, now using the Open Source software MINT. This will greatly enhance the possibilities of the Social History Portal in the future.

As for new project proposals, the 2015 IALHI proposal MiMake for the EU Horizon 2020 fund has not been successful but will be resubmitted. Also IALHI members are strongly called upon

to participate in future project consortiums and proposals. A new call for participation will be sent out in the following months.

9. Closing of the GA

Thanks are given to longstanding former Board members Andrew H. Lee and Petri Tanskanen, who are leaving the Board.

Annex 1

Financial report 2015

IALHI Financial Statement, December 31, 2015

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
Balance January 1, 2015	64.573		67.709
Income			
Membership fees 2015	11.522	(Total invoices)	11.480
Total income	11.522		11.480
Costs			
Research project MiMakE	8.727		
Congress			4.011
Other administrative expenses	661		568
Staff costs	1.115		1.364
Provision for outstanding membership invoices	4.480		8.400
Bank charges and differences	127		273
Total costs	15.109		14.616
Income minus costs	-3.587		-3.136
Mutation 2015	-3.587		-3.136
Balance December 31, 2015	60.986		64.573
Overview receivables and payables at 31 dec. 2015			
Outstanding membership invoices	6.832		13.104
Provision for outstanding membership invoices			-8.400
Europeana Claim	120.623		
Costs to receive		(Use Exact)	-568
Revenue to be assigned		(cash)	-336
Costs to receive	-15.693	(Fes EU)	
Costs to receive	-81.852	(Amsab EU)	
Costs to receive	-74.807	(IISG EU)	
Costs to receive	-67.719	(OSA EU)	
Bank balance 31 dec.2015	173.602		60.773
Balance 31 december 2015	60.986		64.573

Membership statistics	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Official members *	81	81	72	67	46
Membership fees received (€)	8.456	9.306	7.680	7.112	4.691
* Paying, officially non-paying					
Other statistics	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Pageviews www.ialhi.org	48.079	57.050	9.994	8.671	10.191
Social History Portal					
News Service: items published *	162	259	367	153	223
News Service: subscriptions *	286	310	312	364	498
Pageviews www.socialhistoryportal.org			35.214	77.822	104.668
Nr. of content providers			15	15	15
Nr. of collections			183	183	183
Digital items			980.738	980.738	980.738
Non-digital items			1.258.181	1.258.181	1.258.181
Total nr. of items			2.238.919	2.238.919	2.238.919

* Before 2013 on labourhistory.net