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Hello ISHA! To keep you up-to-date with what is going on in our association, here is your primary source of information.

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1. Past events

a) IFISO meeting, 7-11 October, Istanbul

IFISO, the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations, meets twice a year (in spring and autumn). During these gatherings, officials of international student organisations share their knowledge and learn from each other's good practices. Although ISHA was actively involved in preparing the meeting, the IB did not send a representative to the autumn meeting in Istanbul (other matters got priority). But we will still benefit from the results of the meeting, and the minutes will appear on the ISHA website. As soon as the minutes of the IFISO event are ready, we will communicate to you the most important accomplishments of the event.

b) "ESTIEM Grants CoM", 15-17 October, Eindhoven

As some of you know, on October 15th ISHA applied for an operating grant of the European Commission. The framework in which this grant is offered is the 'Youth in Action' programme and the grant itself has the aim to provide 'support for bodies active at the European level in the field of youth'. However, next to this grant, the European Commission and other institutions offer a lot more funding possibilities. ESTIEM, the European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management, set up a 'Grant Committee' about a year ago that solely focuses on attracting money through grant applications. Sarah was invited to attend ESTIEM's 'Grant Commission' Weekend in Eindhoven to experience how they deal with these issues.

c) European Students' Union conference

As you are reading this, Sarah is attending the ESU Board Meeting 59 and Seminar in Israel. ISHA became an associate member of ESU a year ago, making it possible to take part in their meetings of international student bodies' representatives.

2. Upcoming events

a) The next ISHA event will be the New Year's Seminar 2010-11 in Germany's capital, Berlin, taking place from December 27th to January 2nd. The organisers chose "Utopia and Dystopia" as the academic topic. The application period is over, a list of participants has been published online. Please check the ISHA Berlin website: <http://berlin.isha-international.org/> for updates.

b) Today, the application period for the Weekend Seminar "History Used as Propaganda" (February 23rd – 27th, 2011) in Leuven has started. You can enroll for the event until November 7th at <http://ishaseminarleuven.wordpress.com/>. This is your chance to experience the ISHA spirit together with the atmosphere of the famous Flemish student town!

c) "Connecting Europe Through History": The next event in the joint project of ISHA, EUROCLIO, and the

EUROPAEUM will be held in Vienna on November 19th-20th. Teachers and students will discuss how to “Challenge Migration” and share “Experiences and Perceptions of Migrations in Europe”. If you are interested in these topics and would like to join the event, please contact the IB.

3. Grant Application

As already mentioned above, ISHA applied for a grant of the European Commission to cover ISHA’s ‘operational costs’ such as the travel expenses of GA participants, costs for printing Carnival, telephone costs of ISHA officials, etc. Applying for it does not ensure that the EU will actually grant ISHA the money, but it is certainly a step in the right direction. The IB was able to compile the application dossier, counting over 100 pages, due to the help of some committed ISHA people. Thank you very much Aureliana, Fabian, Frerik, John , Lia, Marko, Robert, Simon, and Thomas!

4. In the spotlight: Founding of ISHA Cauen (Kaunas, Lithuania)

After great efforts of history students in Kaunas (special thanks go to Rytis and Augustinas), ISHA Cauen was founded again on October 12th. And in which manner! The establishment of ISHA Cauen was made a ceremony which took place in the Historical Presidential Palace of Kaunas, which today is functioning as a memorial educational institution of Lithuanian modern statehood. During the ceremony, ISHA as well as the new ISHA Cauen section were presented to a public of history students and professors, an invitation was given to the participants to become an ISHA Cauen member and the gathering was closed with a glass of champagne and a tour of the Palace. What a fantastic way to start up a new ISHA section! Great thanks to the initiators of this event, congratulations to the new ISHA Cauen and a big warm welcome within the ISHA community!

So far for this newsletter. As always, we appreciate your questions and comments. Please contact us via contact [at] isha-international [dot] org, or on Facebook!

Yours historically,
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