

Annual Report 2019



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This is the annual report of the International Humanitarian Studies Association for the year of 2019.

During the successful IHSA conference in the Hague in 2018, the general membership meeting elected a new Board for the Association. The membership meeting also concluded that the association needs to step up its effort to become more diverse and inclusive.

In 2019, the IHSA has set up several working groups to advance our objective to make the association more than an organiser of international conferences. The working groups of ethics of humanitarian studies and diversity and inclusion have developed several activities. In particular, and to advance the inclusivity of the Association, a global directory was set up of institutes relevant for education in humanitarian studies.

We also set out to organise the next international humanitarian studies conference, to be held in 2020. At the time of writing this annual report, it was already clear that this conference has to be postponed due to the Covid-19 crisis. In its stead, the association will organise a number of online activities in 2020.



Prof. Dorothea Hilhorst
IHSA President



About the International Humanitarian Studies Association

The International Humanitarian Studies Association is a network engaged with the study of humanitarian crises caused by disaster, conflict or political instability. Humanitarian studies concern how humanitarian crises evolve, how they affect people and their institutions, communities and societies, and the responses they trigger.

IHSA forms a platform for the different disciplines that address humanitarian studies. It offers a venue where these scholarly communities can meet and debate their different insights and understanding of humanitarian crises, in dialogue with policy actors and implementing agencies. IHSA equally welcomes academic scholars, consultants, policy researchers, and reflective practitioners among its membership.

Governance

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2019 Activities

Directory of Humanitarian Organisations

In 2019, IHSA developed a directory in order to connect and make visible all different institutions active in the humanitarian sector. Currently, the directory has more than 200 organisations and educational programmes active in the humanitarian field. With the input of our members and website visitors we hope to grow the list every year.

The directory is organized in different filters. Geographically you can search either by continent or country. You can also search by theme or type of institution. This directory classifies the organisation of the humanitarian sector in three large groups:

- Research & Publication organization
- Portals & Platforms,
- Educational Institutions (academic and non-academic).

Expertise Map for Members

There was a returning request from our members to find a better way to get in touch with other IHSA members. To answer to this question, we designed an extra feature in the member space on our website. When a member logs in on our website they can now add their expertise and in which countries they work. When a member logs their expertise(s), other members will be able to see who works on these topics, in which country and get in touch by sending them a message.

We will focus on improving and promoting the feature in 2020.



Preparation for the 6th Conference on Humanitarian Studies

In 2019, we created a new conference organizational team. The team consists of the IHSA president, 3 board members and an event manager. We are currently evaluating the bids from different organizations to host the next conference.



Privacy

We have added extra features to the website to assure the privacy of our members. Furthermore we added a Privacy Policy on the website that adhere to the updated privacy regulations and laws of the EU.

Roundtable - Vulnerability versus Resilience

The politics of language in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

21-03-2019, The Hague, NL - This roundtable discussed whether, and if so, how vulnerability still matters? Does resilience indeed help to focus disaster response on communities? What happens to social inequalities and the role of the state's duties to protect their citizens? This workshop was a joint initiative of the International Institute of Social Studies; the Netherlands platform for humanitarian knowledge exchange (KUNO) and the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA).

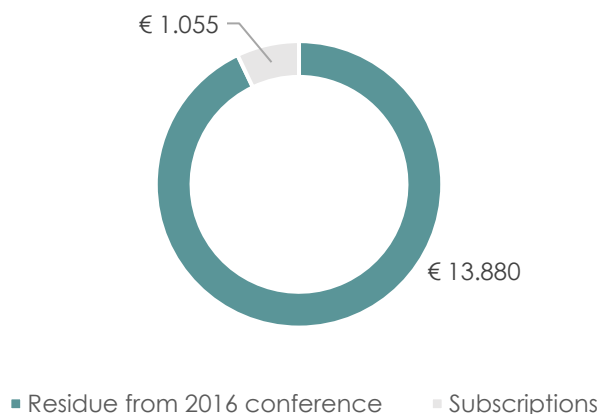
Financial Summary

IHSA's main source of income is generated through our conference. As the conference on average is held every other two years, it means that in our so-called off year when we do not organize a conference the source of income is significantly lower.

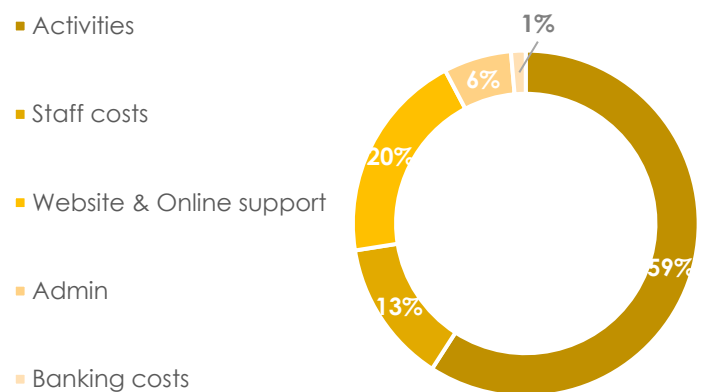
As of last year, IHSA is starting to focus on generating income through subscriptions. We sell different types of subscriptions. 25 euros for individuals and 100 to 250 euros for institutions depending on their size. In 2019, we generated 1055 euros through subscriptions. It is something we want to develop further in the years to come.

In 2016, the IHSA conference organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was organized and coordinated financially by the University of Groningen. The residue from this conference was transferred to IHSA in 2019, in order to pay for the conference publication that came out this year.

Origin of funds 2019
(+€14.935)



Use of funds 2019
(-€ 14.090)



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