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Dear Trustees/ Members of ISHMap,

Since this January members of the society were unable to pay their membership fee and journal subscription online, consequently, the Membership Secretary/Secretary can not produce a list of voting members, members who could vote, elect officers and/or be nominated/elected for a position. Until the technical problems are not solved and membership issues are not clarified ISHMap can not have its AGM, because we can not make legally acceptable decisions. In this unfortunate situation we can not have that meeting during the ICHC in Belo Horizonte. We apologise and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The cancellation of a formal meeting, the AGM, does not mean, of course, that Trustees and members as well as other persons interested should not come together to consult and/or discuss issues relating to society matters. Although the AGM has been cancelled, the organizers provide the same room at the announced time for a group meeting.

As to the important issues, one should consider dropping membership, the lack of interest in society matters on one side, the technical difficulties and the lack of benefits on the other to reply the fundamental question. As the Chair of the Founding Group and Chair of ISHMap I am personally not interested in maintaining a British charity organization - but I am ready to work for a more inclusive, international scholarly society for our interdisciplinary field. I suggest a public discussion on matters regarding the future of the society instead of decisive actions made by a single person or a few people. All members, regardless of their present membership status, should be invited to participate, and a decision should be made that reflects the opinion of the community and for the benefit of most people involved.

Best regards,

Zsolt Török, Chair
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