

IASPM EC Minutes (Meeting VIII)

January 14, 2019

Meeting of the Executive Committee, January 14, 2019 (2pm ECT), held by videoconference (Skype)

Present: Kimi Kärki (KK), Marta Garcia Quiñones (MGQ), Silvia Martínez (SM), Antti-Ville Kärjä (AVK), Ann Werner (AW), Franco Fabbri (FF)

Apologies for absence: Jacopo Conti (JC)

1- Approval minutes 7th meeting

SM asked for approval of the 7th meeting minutes. Some EC members have not yet checked these. We approved the minutes, including possible comments and remarks that will be sent in the coming days.

2- Approval agreements meeting EC-LOC 13/12/2018

SM asked for approval of the minutes sent by FF after the EC-LOC meeting held on Skype on December 13, 2018 (see below). We approved these with some remarks added by AVK and MGQ by [e.mail](#).

13/12/2018 (8am ECT)

Skype meeting: Marta Garcia Quiñones, Antti-Ville Kärjä, Franco Fabbri, Samantha Bennett, and Catherine Strong.

AGENDA

1. Waiting list
2. List of accepted speakers
3. Travel grants
4. Website
5. Canberra Convention Bureau
6. Free registration for AC members?

Waiting list: we were reassured by Samantha that the proposal had finally been dropped by the LOC, and will not be discussed again.

List of accepted speakers: we asked the LOC to provide an editable copy of the file including details of accepted speakers; to date, we have had access to a read-only file, which would make Marta's and Jacopo's work on travel grants more difficult. Antti-Ville said that he had been given full access to that file, and will be able to circulate it to other EC members (Marta and Jacopo), in editable form.

Travel grants: Marta said that to date we have 24 requests; after the deadline a spreadsheet will be drafted and we shall be able to see the full amount of grants requested. Marta advanced that it might be difficult to give grants to all applicants, as the request average seems high. On the other hand, both Marta and Franco reassured the LOC that the EC will try to cover most requests, in accordance with the standing of IASPM finances.

Website: Samantha announced that our suggestions and amendments to the draft are being worked on, including a link to the relevant Australian website for visa applications. The website will be put online as soon as it is ready (no exact date was suggested). Marta insisted that the proposed date for early bird registration was too early, considering the timing for grant concession and visa applications. Samantha agreed to postpone the early bird registration deadline to March 31st.

Canberra Convention Bureau: at Franco's request, Samantha explained that the CCB is actually sponsoring the conference, offering a \$5,000 contribution (on top of its usual free services to promote events). More money (\$15,000, probably) will come from another official body, and all venues are being offered by the university for free. In answer to a question from Marta, Samantha confirmed that she is confident that the conference will break even. We talked about Marta's suggestions for

merchandising, and left the issue open to future decisions.

Free registration for AC members: Catherine and Samantha insisted that, given the lower budget of the conference (compared to conferences in Europe or North America), they cannot afford free registration for AC members; Catherine added that free registration wasn't offered to her in Kassel (she was an AC member then). Marta and Franco explained that the AC is a relatively new institutional body in IASPM (from Gijón onwards), so there is not a long tradition with regard to this issue. Everyone concurred that we are not in any condition to innovate that tradition. Marta and Franco suggested that if the LOC agrees, IASPM could pay registration fees centrally for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the AC, but Samantha reminded us that the Chair, Geoff Stahl, is also a member of the LOC, so he will get free registration anyway. Samantha and Catherine stressed that they prefer to offer free registration to students and others who will help in running the conference, and we all agreed (registration fees, however, will be offered to the Vice-Chair, Rosa Reitsamer, covered by international funds)

As an appendix to the free registration issue, Samantha confirmed rumours we had received about some members of the AC not complying to their mandate, and suggested we clarify this with Geoff Stahl. Franco confirmed he will write soon to Geoff Stahl, asking for a written report on the AC's proceedings.

It was agreed by all that the EC and the LOC are working together as a team towards the same objective; Franco asked if Skype meetings like this should be planned for the future, and both Samantha and Catherine said that: 1. Finding a proper time slot would most probably be difficult; 2. They are very pleased with Antti-Ville's work as liaison person. We all agreed and warmly thanked Antti-Ville. Franco said that the EC, anyway, is available in case of urgent issues, especially those of a financial nature.

3- Canberra conference update (incl. Conference webpage)

AVK comments that concessions fees are not offered after the Early bird registration period on the Conference website. MGQ and FF commented that "concession rates" is an unclear concept that should be clarified by the LOC. AVK explained that Samantha Bennet confirmed that the concession rates apply to unwaged, students and retired. FF noticed that at the end of the registration process, the total fees amount includes taxes (GST), but this final price is not evident anywhere earlier in the process. MGQ insisted on the need to ask the LOC to clarify: 1) the "GST" concept; 2) to show the total amount of registration at the beginning of the registration process; 3) to clarify that the currency of the fees is Australian dollars (a point that AVK asked about repeatedly in earlier mails). We agree that AVK will ask the LOC to clarify all this.

4- Dave Laing's Tribute

We summarise several options shared by email over the preceding days in order to pay tribute to Dave Laing, who recently passed away. FF supports the suggestion MGQ gave: to suggest to the LOC that a specific panel picking all papers presented on punk could be set up at the Canberra Conference. Given that many major figures, and also the founders of IASPM, died in the interim years, AVK commented that Samantha Bennet agrees to name some sessions after the names of scholars who have passed away. That could be firmly agreed upon once the sessions are organised thematically.

FF proposed putting to Koos Zwaan a suggestion that the IASPM@Journal publish an editorial or article about deceased founders and other late IASPM personnel as part of a memorial issue. KK will write to Koos to comment on the EC's idea and let the journal board work on it.

5 - EC and AC expenses Canberra

MGQ brought up the question as to whether the IASPM has to cover expenses of AC Co-Chairs. FF made clear that the expenses of EC members are covered according to IASPM

statutes, but the expenses of the Editor or AC members are not laid down as mandatory in the statutes, and are only an option mentioned in the Guidelines for Conferences approved in Kassel. We decided that MGQ will contact [Koos Zwaan](#) and Rosa Reitsamer to learn their funding needs and offer the possibility of covering their travel, accommodation, and fees.

6 - Travel Grants

MGQ informs that 19 IASPM members got between 16 and 7 points and they will have the travel grant. The total quantity requested is US\$26,118. [Grantees come from Latin America, Germany, Hungary, UK, Italy, Portugal, South Korea, Netherlands, etc.](#) MGQ and JC will write to all of them to let them know they got the travel grant. [Those who would like to receive 50% of the grant in advance \(a possibility only available to unwaged members\) will have until April 30th to buy the ticket and be refunded.](#)

The 8 people that got 6 points are on a reserve waiting list, and if anybody renounces his or her grant, they will receive one. We discussed how to establish a priority to decide on priority for those on this waiting list, and resolved to do so through drawing lots. We agree not to make the information [about the waiting list](#) public to avoid creating false expectations.

We discussed how to make this information public [on the international mailing list](#) and we decided to publish the number of grants allocated, but not to publish the list of people receiving grants nor the scores reached by anyone. MGQ commented on the case of some branches that organised several conferences a year: in view of attendance to IASPM local branches conferences adding points for travel grants, [future ECs may want to consider if this criterion should be revisited.](#)

FF suggested passing this information to the next EC. [He also mentioned](#) the possibility of including more explicit information in the call for grants, asking for authorisation to publish the names [on the international mailing list in the case](#) of those who receive a grant.

7- Banking news

A new bank account is still needed. No response [from](#) Swedish banks has yet come forth. In the meantime, a new account in a Spanish bank is considered an option. AW and MGQ are now in contact in order to obtain the Swedish legal documents the bank in Spain needs for a new account to be opened. MGQ commented that the Spanish bank is still studying the legal [conditions](#) in order to approve the new account.

MGQ informs that international online transfers are working fine, and also that almost all EC members have already purchased their tickets for the Canberra Conference and have been reimbursed.

[On the other hand, only some local branches have sent their updated membership lists dated 31st December 2018, as required, but we expect that the rest will arrive in the following weeks. Fee payments are expected before April, according to the Rules of Procedure.](#)

8- IASPM-IPM agreement

FF asked SM to work together on a draft detailing the terms of an agreement between IASPM and IPM. The task is not completed yet. FF and SM will continue working on a document that could be discussed soon by the EC.

9- Upcoming conferences

No official request has been made yet, but the deadline for the call is February 1. FF informs that some general information has been requested from Oslo, and guidelines and a proposal will probably be prepared. We consider extending the deadline beyond February 1. FF proposes keeping this, but extending it if no proposals arrive before this date.

10- Next EC meeting

We agree to meet again in a Skype meeting on Friday February 8 at 2pm ECT.