

Report of the IASPM Executive Committee 1995-97

Introduction

At the last General Meeting held in Glasgow, Scotland on 5th July 1995, Helmi Järviluoma and Tony Mitchell were newly elected to sit on the 1995-97 Executive Committee. The present committee comprises the following positions:

- Chair (Toru Mitsui, Japan)
- Secretary (Ales Opekar, Czech Republic)
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary (Tony Mitchell, New Zealand)
- Publications Officer (Helmi Järviluoma, Finland)

According to the proposal of the General Meeting in Glasgow the newly elected Executive Committee established the Advisory Group consist of other candidates nominated to the Executive Committee and other representatives. The present Advisory Group comprises the following members:

1. Alenka Barber-Kersovan, Germany
2. Ute Bechdorf, Germany (the Board of Representatives Coordinator)
3. Johan Fornäs, Sweden (coordinator for activities concerning oppressed musicians)
4. Paul Friedlander, USA
5. Juan-Pablo Gonzales, Chile
6. Steve Jones, USA (the e-mail adviser)
7. Will Straw, Canada (member of the Program)

Committee of the 9th IASPM conference)

According to the proposal of the Board of Representatives in Glasgow the newly elected Executive Committee established the Economic Support Subcommittee in order to discuss possibilities of gaining additional funds to the IASPM treasury. The present Economic Support Subcommittee comprises the following members:

1. Heinz-Peter Katlewski, Germany, the coordinator
2. Hans Hjorth, Sweden
3. Chris Kemp, UK
4. Hiroshi Ogawa, Japan
5. Marko Prpic Slovenia
6. David Sanjek, USA

The Executive Committee would like to thank Sara Cohen, Steve Jones and Will Straw for all the work they have done for IASPM over the years. Since the 1995 General Meeting the Executive Committee has met twice. One meeting was held at Glasgow on July 6th 1995, the other took place in Prague on December 5th 1996. The Executive Committee has been in permanent contact through e-mail communication.

Board of Representatives

The Board comprises representatives from each branch of IASPM and two independent members. In 1991 Bill Barlow from USA was elected as a first B.O.R. coordinator. In 1993 Ales Opekar from Czech Republic was elected as a coordinator. At the last meeting of the B.O.R. held in Glasgow in July 1995 Ute Bechdorf from Germany was newly elected to the position of the coordinator.

IASPM Statutes

A doubt about the legal clarity of some formulations in IASPM Statutes emerged. Especially IASPM's membership should be defined newly. One of the reason is new plurality of branch statuses (some branches are connected with other national organizations, some are just lists of addresses, some branches consists of national and international members etc.). This time EC want to prepare new formulations together with a lawyer. EC is exploring the possibilities of legal advice.

Finance and Image

Economic Support Subcommittee provided consultations and produced articles in last two issues of rpm. The need of extra funding is every year more and more pressing. It's more and more difficult to attend conferences etc. In Order to gain money besides the membership fee IASPM should improve its Image first. For detailed suggestions see text by Heinz-Peter Katlewski. The essential ideal are: produce more professional rpm or other publications, make more clear some parts of statutes, make more attractive the status of Support member (delegate vote right?), aspire to new activities (academic awards, summer schools, scholarships). EC seeks people who are interested in organizing a summer school in the years when a conference is not held (for closer Information see Katlewski's article). EC would like to encourage branches to gain sponsors for their activities, including expenses for conference travelling, because it is easier to find Sponsors at a national level than at an international level. The EC is extremely grateful to Heinz-Peter Katlewski for his effort in coordinating consultations.

Publications

The RPM No. 22 was the last Number completed by Will Straw. The next two issues, No. 23 and this issue, were completed and produced by Helmi Järviluoma in Finland.

EC returned to the idea of IASPM house journal an a professional level. Several possibilities were explored. Since IASPM's membership is not large enough to secure a contract with professional publishing house like Sage or Routledge, the EC suggests to start with a "Yearbook " - produced every year in a different country under the supervision of a different branch.

Electronic Mail

IASPM-list, the e-mail network for IASPM members, was established in 1994 by Steve Jones at the University of Tulsa. The number of participants has increased to 165 subscribing members. IASPM-list plays a more and more important role in communications between members, as an information exchange about conferences, publications and other events, research interests etc. IASPM-list functions primarily as an information list and not as a discussion group. EC would like to encourage members to use the List more for discussion, but the stimulation cannot be artificial. If discussion does emerge, it might be considered to divide the IASPM list into separate information and discussion sections. The IASPM-EC list was established for quick communication among the EC members and the IASPM-AG list was established for consultations within the Advisory Group, both in 1996. There is an electronic archive available for IASPM members at the IASPM WWW site (<http://xpress.comm.utulsa.edu/iaspm>). Among the items there are the current version of IASPM Statutes, a list of addresses of IASPM-list subscribers, and Frequently Asked Questions file. The EC is extremely grateful to Steve Jones for his service.

Nominations for Next Executive Committee

The following nominations were suggested for the next EC: -in process, suggestions welcome - chair

- Tony Mitchell (Australia) general secretary
- Helmi Järviluoma (Finland) publication officer
- David Hesmondhalgh (UK) membership/treasurer secretary
- Heinz Peter-Katlewski (Germany) - member at large

Please send other nominations to the EC as soon as possible.

All nominations should ideally be received two months before the next General Meeting which will be held in Kanazawa an 30th July 1997.