

REPORT OF THE IASPM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1992 -1993

INTRODUCTION

In 1991 a new structure for the Executive Committee came into being. The two previous Executive positions of Treasurer and Membership Secretary were combined, putting responsibility for the financial and administrative health of the organization in the hands of one person. This was partly to avoid the necessity of two international officers trying to co-ordinate their work in relation to some twenty to thirty branch officers.

The Executive Committee elected at the General Meeting in Berlin in 1991 was as follows:

- Chair (Simon Frith, UK)
- Secretary (Sara Cohen, UK)
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary (Steve Jones, US)
- Publications and Publicity Officer (Peter Wicke, Germany)
- Additional Member (John Shepherd, Canada)

In addition, Paul Friedlander was officially invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in his capacity as Chair of the Programme Committee for the 1993 IASPM Conference in California.

Since the 1993 General Meeting, the Executive Committee met on four separate occasions: - July 1993 at the IASPM conference in Berlin - February 28th, 1991 in Salford, UK - October 11th, 1991 in Chicago, US - November 1st, 1992 in Ottawa, Canada

Over these past two years the Committee has been concerned primarily with the organisation of the Stockton conference, and with efforts to improve the organisation and promotion of the Association.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

New IASPM publicity material was produced which included a new logo and a new publicity leaflet. The latter incorporates information on IASPM, details of its existing membership, and a contact name and address. It has been widely distributed.

Emphasis has also been placed on the importance of outreach work, such as making contacts with particular individuals or organisations (e.g., ICTM) who could help in the promotion of IASPM.

PUBLICATIONS

IASPM House Journal (Worldbeat):

All outstanding copies of the last issue of the journal were dispatched to individual IASPM members following the Berlin conference, and a fourteen-person Advisory Board was constituted for the next issue.

The possibility of linking up with a publisher have been explored, involving, for example, continuing discussions with the publisher Sage.

RPM:

Proceedings of the Berlin Conference:

Publication of these proceedings is behind schedule, partly due to the late arrival of many of the papers. However, the volume, entitled Popular Music Perspectives 3, should be available shortly. Papers will appear in their original languages with no translations.

Other:

The Executive Committee is currently working on establishing a network of existing publications on popular music in order that they might be translated and circulated to IASPM members. Efforts are being made to contact all relevant publications and compile a list of editors' names and addresses in order to set up an exchange of issues system.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

The transfer of duties, funds, information, etc., from the departed Executive Treasurer and Membership Secretary to the new combined Treasurer/Membership Secretary post has proved to be particularly complicated and time consuming. Steve Jones has been working hard to obtain an up-to-date, accurate list of IASPM membership. (This is, of course, vital if RPM, with its news and information an forthcoming conferences, etc., is to reach everyone.)

At the General Meeting in 1991, it was decided that by April 1st of each year, the total fees from each branch should be paid, based upon membership figures from the previous year. If, by that date, they have not been received, a memo will be sent to advise the branch that its members will no longer receive IASPM information or be eligible to submit papers for the biannual conference.

A full financial account appears at the end of this report.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEXT EXECUTIVE

Under the Association's Statutes and Rules of Procedure, the outgoing Executive is charged with nominating a slate of members for election: to its successor. Nominations are to be circulated with the Secretary's report, two months before the General Meeting. Members are reminded that the constitution of the Executive Committee is no longer governed by considerations of a fair and balanced representation of different continents, nations, cultures and specialisations, but by the necessity of having an Executive Committee whose membership can in practice meet and properly discharge their responsibilities of running the organisation on a day-to-day basis. Considerations of geo-cultural balance and representation now govern the constitution of the Board of Representatives, which oversees the work of the Executive Committee.

Steve Jones (US) has agreed to continue as Membership Secretary/Treasurer, and Sara Cohen has agreed to continue as Secretary. This leaves two posts to be filled following the departure of Simon Frith, Peter Wicke and John Shepherd (who acted as additional member over the past two years.)

After due deliberations and consultations, the Executive Committee is recommending that its successor have the following new members:

- Chair: Toru Mitsui (Japan)
- Secretary: Sara Cohen (UK)
- Publications Officer: Will Straw (Canada)
- Membership Sec./Treas. Steve Jones (US)
- Additional Member: Ales Opekar (Czechoslovakia)

FINANCIAL REPORT
Summery Report: 8/1/91 through 4/21/93

The following is a consolidated report of IASPM's financial status since the 1991 international meeting in Berlin. The figures are skewed as only two branches have paid dues for 1992 thus far. Also, \$5,000 is encumbered for expenses related to the 1993 international meeting in Stockton. All figures are in \$US.

INCOME

Branch Dues	5,393.50
Gross Sales	20.00
Individual Dues	144.00
Institutional Dues	50.00
Interest Income	101.20
Other Income	3,409.37
Income –other	13.81
TOTAL INCOME	9,131.88

EXPENSES

Bank Fees	19.33
Office Expenses	89.86
Printing Costs	229.36
RPM Expenses	
• Mailing RPM	480.00
• Printing RPM	1,022.97
Total RPM Expenses	1,502.97
Travel Expenses	402.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,244.51

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TOTAL INCOME/ EXPENSES	6,887.37
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Comments:

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