

## **IASPM Executive Committee**

### **IASPM Executive Committee Skype Meeting**

**Saturday 11 July 2013**

**Present:** Goffredo Plastino, Sara Jansson, Laura Jordán, Ed Montano, Martha Ulhoa, Sue Miller

**Absent:** Alejandro Madrid (away on leave)

**Chair:** Goffredo Plastino

**Minutes:** Sue Miller

### **No fixed agenda**

#### **1. AGM minutes and reports 2013**

Carlo Nardi is in the process of preparing minutes of the last AGM, to be sent to the old EC for amendments before sending to the new EC who will then publish them. Violeta Mayer Lux has completed a Treasurer's report. SM has submitted the closing meeting minutes and has sent off all the bank forms from Violeta and Laura to the cooperative branch (one payment form and the rest regarding bank signatories). SM went into the Cambridge branch of the cooperative bank and gave proof of her identity which was photocopied in branch along with the forms signed by all the new EC (except GP). They may require further proof of identity from LJ and I gave her email address on the form. Form 4b has been sent to GP from LJ to complete and sort at the Newcastle end in September, when he's back in the UK.

#### **2. Conference Hosting Bids**

The 2015 conference will be in Brazil – the bid has been accepted. There is a bid from Germany for the 2017 conference and there were also expressions of interest from France and Australia too (France's bid could possibly be for 2021). There was an amicable discussion between France and Germany branch members at the AGM. The ANZ branch will be discussing a possible future bid (according to an informal discussion between the branch and Martha Ulhoa at a separate meeting in Gijón). This led to a discussion on how to involve IASPM branches in the bid process – we need better integration/communication between branches and the EC.

### **3. Setting deadlines for bids and conference registration**

GP asked if there was a formal deadline for conference hosting bids which led to a discussion on setting formal deadlines for bids and also for paper acceptance and conference registering. As there were some problems with last minute withdrawals (70 papers did not happen), SM suggested an earlier deadline be set for conference registration for those presenting, so that adjustments can be made to the conference schedule thus avoiding depleted panels. SJ also mentioned Anahid Kassabian's suggestion that past conference organisers share their experiences and alert the next conference team to pitfalls (or things to avoid). GP thought it would be important to set a deadline for the 2017 bid, to which MU added bids needed to ensure they had host support so a deadline would help focus bidders on these issues.

### **4. IASPM documents**

MU has bank papers and documents given to her by Jan Fairley and LJ said they needed to be forwarded to her as she is the treasurer now. As chair for the last EC, MU also has an official letter regarding the next conference which she will mail to GP. Other material needs to be sent to the IASPM archive at the IPM in Liverpool.

### **5. Proceedings of the 2013 Gijón conference**

They will be published and copy edited by Ed Montano plus a Spanish speaking editor. The EC discussed the idea of peer review but this would be too long a process and as Martha pointed out the proceedings are a record of the conference so selecting only some papers for peer review would not be fair. The proceedings include papers up to 2000 words and their accompanying abstracts and will be copy edited as before. For the 2015 conference Ed Montano stressed the need for a clear style guide to be adhered to. Any papers not adhering to the short style guide supplied will be returned to the author. This together with clear deadlines for submission should then make the publishing of proceedings more manageable time-wise. Sue Miller suggested that for future conferences presenters could be encouraged to submit their papers as journal articles to the IASPM journal and that these could then be peer reviewed. This would need to be discussed with the IASPM journal editor.

### **6. IASPM Websites**

The IASPM site and the conference site needs more webspace urgently as articles are taking too long to download – more space on the server is needed. It was agreed we need to do this as a matter of urgency and independent hosting was the most secure long-term than relying on any one particular host institution (also in order to ensure independence). EM said he

would email through some costed options to consider and LJ said that IASPM should be able to fund this particularly as we need a stronger online presence.

### **7. Language issues and inclusivity**

GP raised the issue of anglocentrism in conference panels and linked this to the need to have better integration and communication between branches and the EC. Martha mentioned that the Latin American branch worked well with a mix of Spanish, Portuguese and English. SM said that we could lead by example featuring EC multilingual panel meetings and by encouraging multilingual panels at the next conference, with the proviso that these were supplemented by translated materials on handouts/slides or in poster sessions. Strategic plenary panels which acknowledge linguistic diversity would raise awareness and be welcome.

### **8. Tax exemption**

SJ said she may need help with translation of legal English from time to time.

### **9. EC Election Procedure**

SM was reassured that the call for nominations went out and procedures were followed for the new EC elections (there was some confusion over this at the AGM in Gijón, due to a previous list being shown on the projector listing candidates who had turned down their nominations).

### **10. EC next meeting**

GF asked if a Skype meeting in August would be necessary (including Alejandro), and expressed an interest in getting a face to face exec meeting organised at some point in the future.