

IASPM Executive Committee

IASPM Executive Committee Skype Meeting

Saturday 12 October 2014

Present: Goffredo Plastino, Laura Jordán, Martha Ulhoa, Ed Montano, Sue Miller, Alejandro Madrid

Absent: Sara Jansson

Chair: Goffredo Plastino

Minutes: Sue Miller

Agenda

1. Conference costs for the executive committee for the 2015 conference in Brazil

GP asked about travel and accommodation costs for IASPM executive committee members.

EM asked for clarification on funding.

MU said that it is usually IASPM which pays these costs unless executive members are able to get funded from their own institutions or from the organising committee. In Gijón the organising committee raised funds to pay for executive committee members to attend but this is not guaranteed and in past years IASPM itself has stood these costs. The organising committee at Universidade de Campinas are seeking funding but it is not definite that they will get this.

LJ stated that there are enough funds to cover travel and accommodation for executive members' costs.

GP reminded the committee that they have also agreed to cover the costs for the editor of the IASPM Journal Hillegonde.

MU said she would be meeting Raphael and the organising committee at Campinas on 31 October so can also talk about this with them then.

GP said he would organise a further Skype meeting to include Raphael and members of the organising committee. He also stated that it would be wise to wait for the outcome of the organising committee's grant application before making arrangements to buy tickets and accommodation for the executive committee.

AM asked if we should buy tickets in advance and then get reimbursed.

MU stated that the organising committee would buy tickets for us if they got the funding. If not then we would need to buy our tickets and accommodation individually and then get reimbursed unless we found external funding ourselves.

GP summarised this by saying depending on the outcome the organising committee will buy travel tickets and accommodation and if unsuccessful in their bid then committee members book their travel and accommodation and then get reimbursed afterwards.

SM pointed out the difficulty of buying in advance as she did not have funding from her own institution or personal funds to do this.

2. ICTM request: invitation to GP to attend a roundtable discussion at their conference in Astana, Kazakhstan, two weeks after the Brazil conference.

GP stated that there is no ICTM funding for him to attend and that he won't be the chair of IASPM following the Brazil conference; he then asked if there are precedent for funding past executive members to attend conferences, following invitation?

MU said that usually there's a few hundred pounds available for these trips if they are conducive to IASPM. She suggested that perhaps a member of both IASPM and ICTM could represent IASPM and get part funded by IASPM.

LJ said she had no problem with the representation issue and that GP could talk about his experience with IASPM but that there is no precedent for paying executive members to attend academic events. She asked MU to confirm this was the case and MU suggested asking past Treasurer Violetta to confirm this.

3 Publishing proceedings

MU asked about whether the decision had been made about publishing proceedings as, although unimportant to establish scholarship, these can be helpful for students entering into the academic circle. She also mentioned the lack of status of popular music studies in some countries as a problem for new academics, due to the study of popular music not taking place in music departments (UK popular music studies / US ethnomusicology, sociology and media departments, etc.).

EM replied that publishing proceedings is very time-consuming and there are issues about their quality. It is hard to find people with the time to edit conference proceedings, and there were problems with this after the last conference in Gijón.

MU stated that perhaps the editing could be done by postgraduates or members of the organising committee, rather than those on the executive committee.

GP observed that editing proceedings is a practically impossible task, due to time constraints and resources, but that the issue could be discussed in the conference plenary, as some countries value proceedings whereas for others they have no status and are not counted as research outputs.

SM stated that in the UK in the arts and humanities proceedings are not counted and that conference attendance and papers given carry weight alongside published articles.

GP stated that if conference proceedings are to be published then a practical way for managing them outside of the executive committee needs to be developed and agreed at the AGM.

4 An annual report on the activity of the executive committee

GP observed that according to the Statutes a report on the activity of the executive committee is needed after one year, but he also observed that there does not seem to be a record of reports having been done in the past.

EM did not think one had been done previously.

MU stated that it would be in the records but there is nothing there. She did however write a letter which was published on the web page.

GP said he could write a letter and put it on the web page, summarising the minutes of all our meetings over the past year.

5 IASPM memberships

MU asked how memberships and payments were working.

LJ said that they were working well with the PayPal system, that the Canadian and Korean branches had used PayPal very successfully, and that some individual members have also used PayPal well.

MU said that there was no PayPal option in Brazil and asked if members could pay individually; LJ replied that this would be too complicated.

AM said that he had had some requests from individuals to join the international branch directly but that he told members to join their local branch instead. GP replied that if there was no local branch then direct membership was possible.

6. Paper acceptance and rejection letters

SM asked when these were going to be sent out.

EM replied that he would send all letters out on Monday 13 October within the two-week extension period.

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LJ informed the Executive Committee that she would be moving to Chile and that bank details would change for her.