

IASPM Executive Committee

IASPM Executive Committee Skype Meeting

Saturday 7 March 2015

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

Absent: Sara Jansson, Alejandro Madrid

Chair: Goffredo Plastino

Minutes: Sue Miller

Agenda

1. Call for Nominations to the Executive Committee

MU said that at a Rome conference there were two candidates for the member at-large position and that although desirable it was not necessary that one of them was from the next organising committee.

GP said he would email the call for nominations on Monday and that all three links were working. GP to send SM and XL spreadsheet to fill-in the names of those nominated. GP stated there were three likely outcomes:

- lots of nominations
- no nominations
- a few nominations

In the case of only a few nominations put forward the executive would need to check that members were fit for the role in terms of competence and experience.

SM asked if there were any descriptions of each role and it was generally felt that the titles did describe the roles (e.g. treasurer, chair, secretary etc.). EM suggested adding to the email that further information from current executive members could be provided - e.g. contact current EC members for further details of these roles. GP said he would add this to the email.

MU enquired about the legal status of the IASPM in that there needs to be a member from Sweden on the executive regarding exemption from income tax according to Swedish laws. GP said that he would contact Sara Jansson for an update on these legal issues. He would also check on this requirement to have one member at-large from Sweden and that we can have two members at large on the executive.

2. 2017 conference Organiser Bids

GP confirmed that Germany (Kassel) had put forward a bid and that France had withdrawn theirs to host the 2017 IASPM conference. GP reminded the EC that there could be some problems with the venue at Kassel due to building work and the fact that it was still term time in June. The enquiry as to whether the conference could be shifted to July was discussed and MU stated that one conference was held in Italy at the end of July.

GP and MU said this could be discussed and decided upon at the GM meeting in Brazil. GP said that we would accept the proposal from Germany.

LJ reminded the executive that any proposal had to be supported by the local IASPM branch. EM reminded the committee that this 2017 conference has to be held in Europe.

3. Travel to Brazil – arrangements and finance for exec members and IASPM@Journal editor

GP said that Rafael Dos Santos would know the outcome of their funding bid for executive committee travel to the conference in April but wondered whether we had to wait for this outcome or whether we could buy around tickets and be reimbursed by IASPM (LJ) and then if they are successful Raphael to reimburse IASPM direct.

SM said it is better to buy tickets earlier to get the cheaper deals.

GP said he would ask Raphael if they can transfer money direct to IASPM or whether they buy our travel tickets themselves. An email will be sent this week and then we will know how to proceed. Executive Committee members and the IASPM@Journal editor will stay in a hotel on campus and GP said he would send the link for details soon that we can contact Raphael directly for information.

4. 2015 Conference News: draft programme

GP: a draft programme has been produced and proofread but there are still some details that will need changing.

EM: Raphael will send an email and a link to all delegates with the draft programme and all received so far have been implemented. Most draft programmes do usually need some amendment and delegates will be asked to raise any issues as soon as possible.

GP: a link to the draft programme to delegates will be accompanied by an email saying any issues to contact the organising committee.

EM: the deadline for payment of the conference fee is April 2, and delegates will need to be reminded of this in the email.

GP asked about whether there would be any concessions regarding the deadline and EM said there was no deadline last time and many problems of people dropping out last-minute. GP said in that case we will keep the deadline and get Raphael to emphasise payments by this date.

SM: do members of the EC presenting a paper need to pay a conference fee? LJ no payment was made last time but depends on the organising committee. GP said he would ask Raphael to confirm that this is the case.

5. Conference Travel Grants

LJ: has received six applications so far but will resend the call.

GP: had an enquiry about the travel grants from delegates Guillaume Dupetit: could LJ also send this call to him?

6. The book prize

MU: the call for the book prize was only made in English and also needs to be in Spanish and Portuguese. She can provide a Portuguese translation and LJ said she could provide the Spanish. GP said he would send the translations to Franco Fabbri and ask him to put out the call for the book prize again in all three languages. The panel will be established once the nominations are in and the deadline is 31st of March 2015 and needs to be early so that all books can be read in time for the conference.

7. Proceedings

LJ asked about whether the decision had been made about publishing proceedings as she had an email from Gijón's organiser Eduardo Viñuela.

MU: a call for proceedings papers in the format of extended abstracts was never made and although chairs of branches did discuss this there was no vote at the GM, so no obligation to publish the last conference's proceedings; however this issue should be discussed at the next GM. The related issue of free software and web space was discussed in previous Skype meetings.

EM: we do not have the working hours to do this and we should ask what the use of proceedings are: are they that necessary now for CV's?

GP: we could appoint someone to edit a special issue of the IASPM journal with the deadline for papers based on the conference theme and presented at the conference. Journals have ISBN and are accepted outputs academically. This could be easily implemented.

MU: we would need to ask the editor of the journal. MU said that proceedings were supposed to be a means of documenting what's going on in terms of research in progress (not mandatory), whereas a journal involves peer review. The whole issue needs to be discussed at the GM and she is in favour of having both as it is the duty of the executive to implement the best interests of the Association. In the past IASPM paid students to do the editing of the proceedings and paid for the maintenance of the website. The IASPM journal already has an editorial board.

GP: we are not deciding on whether to implement or not implement proceedings in this meeting as we have decided to discuss the issue at the GM meeting in Brazil. He has observed that individually and collectively we do not have the time to edit them. We therefore need to look at whether proceedings are relevant today, decide who is going to do it outside of the executive committee, and decide how it is to be done (e.g. online or in print?). The issue would be discussed in the conference plenary as some countries value proceedings whereas in others they have no status and are not counted as research outputs. If conference proceedings are to be edited and published, then a practical workable way for managing this outside of the executive committee needs to be developed.

SM: there are student representatives and local branches so perhaps there could be a way of engaging students to undertake this if it was felt to be valuable.

EM: the last ANZ branch meeting voted to produce a special issue journal rather than proceedings, co-edited by postgraduates, as proceedings are not really considered that valuable by institutions as official outputs. A conference programme is sufficient as proceedings.

GP: again, this is a point to be discussed at the GM.

8. A.O.B

GP: we will need to have a Skype meeting about the structure of the GM Plenary. It would also be good to see the previous report to base our own on. We will need to have a written statement of what has happened over the two years from the chair and the secretary will need to make sure that the full report is there. The treasurer and membership secretary also need to provide reports.

GP: will circulate a draft email regarding the conference bids for 2017 and will find out about travel costs and arrangements from Raphael next week.

SM to send previous minutes to Goffredo for filing.

EM: the travel directions on the conference site are still confusing and he will send improvements regarding stages (e.g. airport to campus) to Rafael Dos Santos.

GP: there are still some issues with the presentation technology at Universidade de Campinas in terms of Mac users, RDS is working on this and should have things sorted in two weeks' time.