

IASPM EC Minutes (Meeting VII)

November 9, 2018

Meeting of the Executive Committee, November 9, 2018 (1pm ECT), held by videoconference (Skype)

Present: Jacopo Conti (JC), Kimi Kärki (KK), Marta Garcia Quiñones (MGQ), Sílvia Martínez (SM), Antti-Ville Kärjä (AVK), Ann Werner (AW), Franco Fabbri (FF)

1- Approval minutes 6th meeting

MGQ emailed some remarks on the minutes. FF asked for approval of the 6th meeting minutes, including these remarks. We approved this.

2- IASPM 2019-CANBERRA CONFERENCES UPDATES

Updates LOC and AC

AVK has kept up with LOC progress and informs the meeting about the acceptance letters having been sent. In order to avoid any miscommunication, the LOC asked the EC to send a message to mailing list addresses informing them that every participant should have received their letter. In the case of those not having received any letter, these people can contact the LOC directly. We all agreed and AVK will send this out immediately.

FF brings up the issue that the EC needs a complete list of accepted papers in order to manage the travel grants. AVK will ask both the LOC and the AC to send this list as soon as possible.

Travel Grants

MGQ informs the meeting that no applications have been received yet, only many queries about travel grants. JC adds that most of the members asking questions about travel grants are awaiting the relevant letters from their institutions confirming they are not receiving travel funds for the journey to Canberra. As the deadline for applications is December 21st, we are looking forward to receiving the applications throughout the next month.

EC travel costs and external financial support

It is quite possible that AVK will get funds from his institution to cover travel and accommodation; KK will be able to receive funding just for accommodation; FF, MGQ and SM have no chance of receiving funding from their institutions. JC and AW will not be able to attend the conference for professional reasons, but they will participate via Skype.

MGQ summarises the figures with expected costs (travel and accommodation) for all members of the EC: the initial estimate is around €10.000 (ca. \$11.000).

MGQ asks AVK to get some information from the LOC about hotels or accommodation. SM asks for care to be taken regarding this expenditure and for accommodation provided to EC members to be the cheapest possible.

FF suggests that all members of the EC who need to book tickets to do so as soon as possible, before prices rise. KK asks for details about how to book and buy the tickets. MGQ suggests the IASPM credit card, but FF suggests it could be a problem at airport check-in points. Perhaps an alternative method is for everyone to buy their own ticket and the amount will be reimbursed through a PayPal account. MGQ summarises other reimbursement options (e.g. TransferWise, bank transfer, etc.) but we all agree to do it now through PayPal.

Skype conference LOC & EC

We agree that a Skype conference with LOC & EC right now seems unnecessary, and that AVK will continue to be the liason between both committees and inform the EC if any item should be solved through a LOC-C meeting. It is possibly also very difficult to find a time slot that suits everyone.

3- Banking issues

Marta informs the meeting that she is still trying to find a solution for operating online with the current IASPM bank account for international payments and transfers. She is currently waiting for a reply from the Co-Op Bank.

Steps taken by MGQ and AW to open a new account in some Swedish banks are not proving successful. Nor have attempts by MGQ with some Spanish banks though negotiations are open with Banc de Sabadell, which offers a non-resident bank account that may suit our needs.

FF reminds the meeting of the importance of having a new bank account outside the UK as soon as possible. MGQ will follow up on this issue.

4- Official contact address

The official contact address of IASPM is now:

The International Association for the Study of Popular Music
PO Box 9003
12609 Hågersten
Sweden

*The official IASPM address of IAPM for the Swedish Tax Agency is not the P.O. Box address, but AW's personal address (which is connected to the P.O. Box address)

5- Listserv

JC sent all EC members Freya Jarman's document clarifying the position with Listserv. MGQ comments on some points (mail 6/11/2018). We agree that JC will include MGQ's remarks and questions and send the document back to Freya. JC will follow up on this issue.

6- Next Conference

No proposals have been received yet. We keep waiting for some proposals before the deadline, 1st February. Before or just after Christmas holidays a reminder will be sent to list addresses.

7- Protection Policy

KK will draft a Protect Policy document before the end of the year. All members of EC will discuss it by email, and then the document will be published on the website and be sent to the Listserv addresses.

8- IASPM 2019 Book Prize

SM informs the meeting that the deadline expires November 10th. Up to that moment 24 nominations had arrived:

- 13 in English
- 3 in German
- 1 in French
- 6 in Spanish
- 1 in Portuguese

SM and Felipe Trotta have to check the proposals and confirm availability for the prize. Before the end of November they will contact the authors/editors in order to confirm the nomination. An electronic copy of each book should be provided before 31st January. Meanwhile the members of the jury will be proposed to the EC and they will be contacted to start the evaluation process. Answering SM's request, AW offers to help and to be a jury member.

9- Annual Report

SM emailed a final version of the Annual Report 2017-2018 (v4), including the comments and remarks sent by MGQ, AVK, KK and FF. FF asks for feedback about this definitive version. We all read, check, and approve it. The Annual Report will be sent by SM to KK in order to be published on the website and sent to mailing list addresses.

10- Next meeting

We will try to set a meeting the week before Christmas. A Doodle will be started by SM, taking into account the availability of all EC members.