

# Report of the Executive Committee to the General Meeting of the IASPM

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## **Presentation**

Dear IASPM members,

On behalf of the IASPM's Executive Committee, I am glad to submit this report in preparation for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Due to the global pandemic, this year's meeting will be an online event and will happen separately from the customary biennial conference. The report summarizes the work carried out by the EC from 2019 to 2021 in areas such as the membership secretariat, treasury, website, online communications, Daegu 2022, future meetings, and proposed amendments and additions to the statutes and the rules of procedure. The minutes of the EC monthly meetings can be found on the association's website <http://www.iaspm.net/minutes-reports/>

These are the 2019-2021 EC members:

Andrea Dankić (Member-at-large Secretary)

Beatriz Goubert (General Secretary)

Kimi Kärki (Web/Publications)

Simone Krüger (Treasurer)

Keewoong Lee (Daegu Representative)

Kristal Spreadborough (Social Media Committee Chair)

Bernhard Steinbrecher (Membership Secretary)

Catherine Strong (Member-at-large Secretary)

Rupert Till (Chair)

We hope to see many of you in person in Daegu 2022,

**Beatriz Goubert**  
**General Secretary**

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## Rupert Till, Chair

IASPM has existed now for more than 40 years. I joined about halfway through its existence, in 1999. I became Chair in July 2019, with no idea that in January 2020 a global pandemic would sweep across the world, caught by 179 million people and killing so far 3.88 million people. The music industry has been devastated, as music performance has not been possible in many countries, and education has been in turmoil, with students and researchers unable to travel internationally, staff and students having to teach and learn online. I know for many IASPM members it has been a hugely difficult time. Certainly my own life has been turned upside down, even though I am one of the lucky ones who has not so far been infected. Our thoughts are of course with those who have lost loved ones, or whose life has been significantly disrupted by events.

IASPM's executive committee has met once a month, our monthly online meeting soon seeming routine rather than unusual. My thanks to all the executive committee, some have had to meet late at night or early in the morning, because time differences make it impossible for a committee with members from across the globe to find a good time to meet. Much of what I could say will be covered in more detail by others, but there are things to mention.

IASPM has an office at the Institute of Popular Music at Liverpool University in the UK, and we now have a formal agreement with them. They host the IASPM archive, if any scholars wish to access that archive, they should contact Professor Sara Cohen at the University. Our formal certificate of having an office at Liverpool University is important for being able to have a bank account and the like, and I'd like to record my thanks to Professor Cohen for her efforts sorting this out. This completes a mandate agreed at the IASPM Conference in Turku in 2001.

I was very pleased that Mary Fogarty Woehrel of York University in Canada was willing to become Chief Editor of the journal. She was on the editorial board already, and has done a great job since taking over as Chief Editor. I'd like to thank all those working on IASPM Journal for their efforts. Our association now has a Scopus Cited Journal with a Scimago Journal Ranking (SJR) of 0.12, in the 3rd Quartile, above journals like: Journal of the Royal Musical Association, Musica Hodie, Archiv fur Musikwissenschaft, Cambridge Opera Journal, Eighteenth Century Music, and Music and Letters.

The ranking of our journal depends on how many people cite IASPM Journal articles, and how many articles we publish. I would strongly encourage IASPM Members to think about IASPM Journal as an option for publication of their articles. Although at present our journal is behind Popular Music Journal and Journal of Popular Music Studies in SJR ranking, both these journals operate behind a professional publisher's paywall, and politically having your material published open access is

important. I would ask you to support IASPM Journal by reading its articles, citing those articles, and submitting your research to it.

I have been pleased to set up the IASPM Social Media sub-committee. It is doing great work, making our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and WeChat pages much more active. I would like to thank Dr Kristal Spreadborough and the rest of the committee for their hard work on this. If you have any popular music related news, please do send it to them at [news@IASPM.net](mailto:news@IASPM.net). This has led to new members joining and has helped develop proposals for new IASPM branches. Please do join our social media platforms, contribute to them, and please do subscribe to the YouTube page.

I attended a meeting in Poland of popular music scholars from Eastern Europe, and we hope that in the coming years we will formally establish an IASPM branch in this region. A branch will hopefully start soon in Portugal, with a keen group of scholars developing the details quickly. We also hope that IASPM China will soon exist, although that has a little further to go. There is again a group of IASPM members in China now as independent members.

It was a great pity that our South Korea hosts had to postpone the IASPM conference. The South Korean organisers of the next conference had a great event in preparation, now delayed, and have coped well with the issues we have faced. This has raised a large number of issues. Firstly the role of online conference provision. Overall the consensus seems to be that we will look at conferences having enlarged options for online presentation, but should maintain some in person activities. In person networking is hugely powerful, and the dynamic of an online event is very different. However the environmental cost of international travel is great, as is the financial cost of travel and accommodation, and it is likely that video presentations of one kind or another will increasingly feature at our conferences.

We had limited offers to host the next conference after South Korea. It seems to me a good way forward for the future would be to encourage branches to propose hosting the International Conference, if required merging their own branch conference and the international IASPM conference in that year, to be efficient. We would of course be open to other suggestions from individual institutions.

It is useful to point out that we are not required to choose the conference at the IASPM AGM by our statutes or procedures. I had hoped to discuss and select the 2025 conference at this 2021 IASPM AGM, but we have been instead working hard to encourage someone to host the 2023 conference. If any institution or researcher thinks that it would be good to host the conference, please do get in touch with myself or another member of the executive committee. If we don't get institutions offering to host the conference, we will increasingly need to invite hosts, rather than the AGM selecting them. It might be that it might in the future be necessary for the EC to select conference hosts.

The pandemic has moved many things online, including this AGM. It is quite efficient to circulate this report online, rather than have members sit listening to it in a conference room when they could be doing something more entertaining. Holding elections online is also probably more democratic and less time consuming than in person elections, as is auditing of our accounts. We have as an executive tried to open discussions online using the IASPM mailing list and social media accounts, as a way of having more debate, rather than waiting for the AGM to discuss matters.

One matter that has repeatedly been raised this year is that of language. IASPM has no official language or policy regarding language. Our tradition has been to use English, the main reason for this I suppose is that English is the most spoken language on the globe, and more than half of our members live in English-speaking countries. Individual IASPM branches use a range of languages. English language dominates the internet, and many researchers from other countries want their research published in English as it is more likely to be widely read and cited. However we are an international association, there are no rules about what language is used within IASPM at conferences or events, and there is nothing to stop any other language being used at any other point. Our executive committee uses English because it is the only language we all speak.

This is a complicated practical issue, translation for conferences and seminars is expensive, but for example IASPM Conference in Mexico was in English and Spanish. I remember however some presentations outside the largest venue that were in Spanish with no translator, and which therefore I could not understand. I guess there were others who could not understand the presentations in English. Microsoft Translate and other packages offer digital solutions with instant translation using QR codes and in advance custom dictionaries developed from powerpoint files, so perhaps there could be technological solutions in the future. IASPM Journal encourages papers in different languages, but few have ever been submitted. Our book prize rewards submissions in different languages, but it is complicated to compare and review books in a range of languages. I suggest that this is a subject we need a thorough discussion of over the next years, and is perhaps a matter to discuss in detail at the next AGM, following discussion on the email list and on our social media platforms, and we welcome the opinions of members on this subject, and welcome suggestions of different ways to address languages.

During the pandemic I instigated a series of online research seminars, with different branches hosting each monthly event. These have been excellent. Making these happen each month does take some organising and I appreciate the efforts of the branches in working to set them up. Recordings of the seminars have been uploaded to the IASPM YouTube page. If you have any video recordings of IASPM branch research events, please let us know and we can if you wish upload the results to the IASPM YouTube page. For these research seminars, we established an IASPM Zoom account and an Eventbrite account. These work very well for organising online meetings. If anyone wishes to use these for branch or other events please do ask.

Unlike some institutional accounts, you are free to stream them on YouTube as well, and to record the event.

We offered a formal statement of support on the subject of the use of sonic weapons in Chile, following a request from our Latin America and Spanish branches, and are always happy to support the campaigns of our branches. It is in our branches that more targeted actions can more readily happen, as well as political activity that is relevant to the regional context.

We now have about 1500 members, our largest branch IASPM AL (Latin America); a Scimago-ranked, Scival-indexed journal; a conference regularly attracting 300+ people; monthly online research seminars; an email list with an unsubscribe function; a legal office and archive; an improved website; active social media platforms; active branches organising their own events; an online fee payment system; a list of all members; a list of IASPM branch officers; a forward looking budget of all likely costs for IASPM 2019-2021; and now accounts for that period. This is due largely to the efficient hard work of the Executive Committee members, and of previous executives. I'd like to thank them all for their hard work, and Simone Krueger-Bridge in particular, who is leaving her post this year.

**Professor Rupert Till**

**Chair**

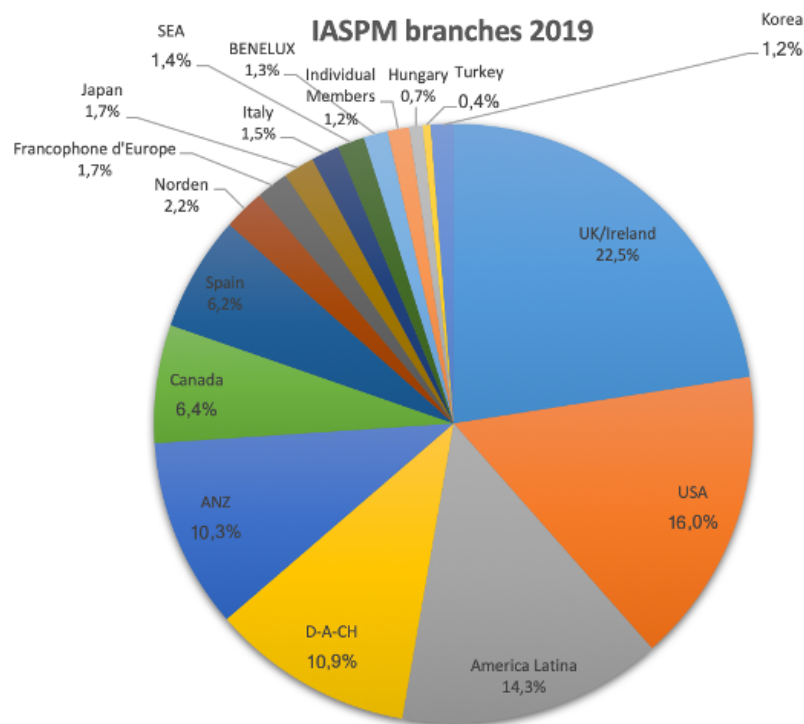
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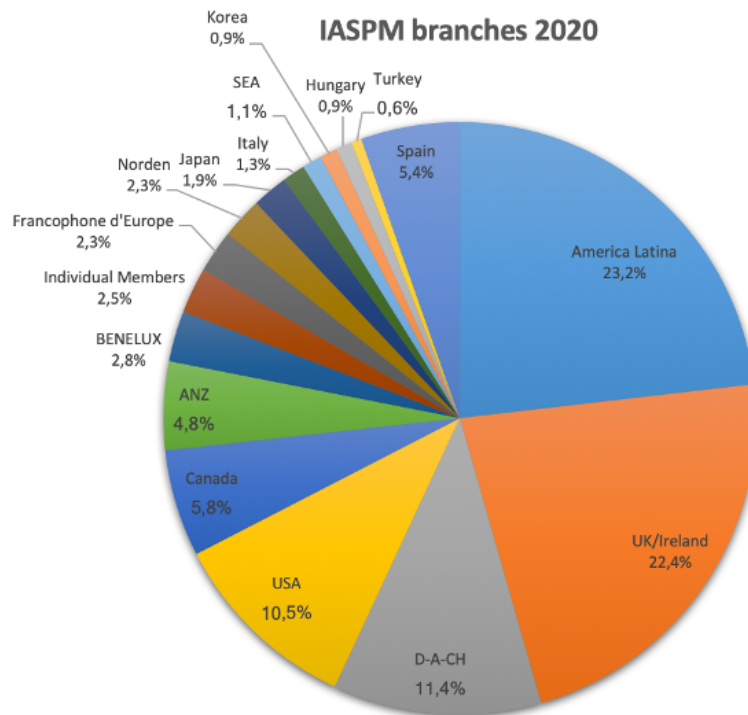
## Bernhard Steinbrecher, Membership Secretary

### 1. Membership

In my function as membership secretary, I have worked closely with IASPM treasurer Simone Krueger-Bridge in administrating the membership lists and fees of our 16 branches plus our individual international members, who are not affiliated to a particular branch.

On the basis of the branches' annual membership lists, I created a list of all IASPM members to provide a statistical overview of the number and distribution of IASPM members. For 2019, the total number of members was 1382, for 2020, the (predicted[1]) total number is 1593.





In early 2020, I reached out to the local branches' membership secretaries, to intensify the contact and cooperation between the branches and to establish a more collaborative approach regarding an across-branches timeline for the members' annual payment. There was a certain consensus in the replies that end of June is an appropriate point in time for a (soft) deadline. However, against the backdrop of local branches' activities such as conferences, it became also clear that there still needs to be some variability as to when the branches collect their members' fees. To reduce the workload of chasing up members' annual payment, some of the IASPM branches already work with auto-renew and direct debit systems.

To harmonise the annual transmission of membership information to the IASPM EC, I reworked the membership-list template and added a new column for members who have to be removed from the mailing list because they didn't renew their membership. This way, I connected to the efforts of my predecessor, Jacopo Conti, who did valuable work in intensifying the process of cleaning up the mailing list.

## 2. Mailing list

On 24 June 2021, the IASPMLIST mailing list, which is (still by far) the biggest international platform of communication and discussion for IASPM members, had 1390 subscribers. The fact that this number roughly corresponds with the total number of IASPM members reassures our efforts of keeping the mailing list up-to-date. In 2019, I implemented, with the help of the listserv support team, an unsubscribe link which is automatically included in every email that is sent to the mailing list. This makes it way easier for our members to leave the list, which they



can do now without contacting the administrator (i.e., the IASPM membership secretary).

Regarding the process of adding new members to the mailing list, which can be done exclusively by the IASPM membership secretary, there seems to be some potential confusion concerning how to get on and stay on the list, which is, actually, one of the main benefits of an IASPM membership.

First, it sometimes seems that members are not fully aware of the fact that a current membership is obligatory for staying on the list. Second, new members of a local branch are NOT added automatically to the international mailing list, but the local membership secretaries or treasures have to inform the international membership secretary, by writing a quick email with the name and email address of the new member(s). I will then add the new member(s) to the mailing list as soon as possible. In this context, I encouraged the local branches to do so, and some of the branches now give me regular updates. But there is still a relatively low number of emails from the branches' membership secretaries with such add-to-mailing-list requests. Usually, the new members write me an email individually and I have to forward these requests to the local branches, so that they can confirm to me that the person concerned is a current member; a form of communication which could be more effective.

In general, the international membership secretary is the first person of contact when someone wants to become an IASPM member through the [iaspm.net](http://iaspm.net) website. Branch-specific queries are forwarded to the responsible local EC members. Together with the IASPM EC member responsible for Web/Publications, Kimi Kärki, we updated and cleaned up the information on [iaspm.net](http://iaspm.net) regarding how to become a member. This also concerns becoming an "individual IASPM member," i.e., a member without affiliation to a specific branch.

### **3. Individual membership**

I implemented a new registration form for subscribing as an individual member which needs to be filled out for completing the registration process (together with transferring the membership fee). It can be found on the "How to Join" section on [iaspm.net](http://iaspm.net).

There is a strongly increasing number of persons who want to join IASPM as an individual member. Particularly in 2020, around the paper submission deadline for the (initial) Daegu conference, there were a lot of new registrations, especially from Asian countries. Overall, the number of individual members increased from 16 members in 2019 to 40 members in 2020 (more than 60 persons showed interest). This actually indicates the necessity of creating more local IASPM branches to cover local needs and requirements more specifically. However, I always recommend

prospective individual members to join IASPM as a member of a local branch, even when there is none in a region close to them, because then they are also part of the branch's activities and networks.

#### **4. Branch communication**

For ensuring a functioning communication between the board members of the 16 IASPM branches, I implemented and constantly maintain a list of contacts of the branches' current executive committee members.

#### **5. Grants**

Together with IASPM treasurer Simone-Krueger Bridge, we initiated the IASPM Branch Conference Fellowship. Its aim is to support students and unwaged members without financial support to attend conferences of their local IASPM branch. IASPM branches can apply for up to \$500 and decide independently to reimburse travel expenses and conference fees for selected student/unwaged members from their own branch. In 2020, 8 branches were granted the fellowship. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they could not immediately use the money because conferences had to be cancelled. However, the grants are still valid and can also be used for online or hybrid conferences, as some branches already did.

#### **Bernhard Steinbrecher**

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[1] Due to administrative difficulties, the Spain branch was unfortunately unable to provide in time the 2020 numbers. Therefore, the numbers for Spain are taken from 2019.

## **Simone Krüger Bridge, Treasurer**

The treasurer report of the IASPM Executive Committee covers the financial period from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2021, yet the actual figures presented are based on the period 1 July 2019 – 24 June 2021 (due to the auditing period prior to the AGM on 1 July 2021).

### **Accounts**

IASPM runs one business bank account in the United Kingdom's The Co-Operative Bank (Co Op), which is held in GBP only. This means that while branch fees are calculated in USD and many branches operate in EU, there is always the risk of probable fluctuations in currency value. The bank address is: Business Direct, The Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT. The bank account has two authorized signatories, the Treasurer and Chair of IASPM's Executive Committee. The change of account signatories and authorised users was undertaken on 22 July 2019, which posed no problems, since both EC members are citizens of the UK. The bank account can be accessed in-branch (UK only), and via telephone and online banking (a personalized customer ID and user ID, and a so-called "security token" is required). The bank account also provides two VISA Debit cards, issued in the name of INT ASSC S POP MUSIC and the respective names of the account holders. The bank account is used mainly for the collection of branch membership fees, and payments of fees and expenses. Banking was generally problem-free, with telephone support readily available. It may be noted that recipients must first be set up as beneficiaries in the system, which can be a bit fiddly, as the online banking system isn't the most intuitive. In one exceptional case, a payment to the D-A-C-H branch (on 5 Feb 2021) was not received, and upon telephoning the Co-Op bank, the customer advisor confirmed "bank error" and confirmed that the bank will fully reimburse the amount, including any undue fees/lost revenue. A personal visit to the local branch proved fruitless, since the branch doesn't deal with business customers. (NB: The incoming treasurer should note that the refund has not yet been processed on the date of finalizing this report.)

The previous Treasurer Report commented on the search for an alternative (ethical) bank account. The current EC didn't pursue the idea further, for various reasons, but most importantly since the Co-Op bank is regarded as an "ethical" bank and there were no banking issues during this period.

IASPM has a PayPal account in USD and GBP, which is mainly used to receive individual membership fees and branch membership fees. The name of the account is still under the previous treasurer, Marta García Quiñones, due to two unsuccessful attempts to change the account holder name to the current treasurer, requiring the upload of several ID documents, but in both instances was rejected by PayPal. This didn't prove to cause any access problems, yet the incoming treasurer will need to resolve the account holder name issue. The account is secured via two-step verification, requiring a security PIN number as well as a secure access number to be sent as a text message to the treasurer's personal mobile phone for the verification of her ID. It is important to note that payments of individual fees and branch fees via PayPal are subject to a fee, which has been covered by IASPM and noted in payment confirmation letters.

IASPM also holds a multicurrency TransferWise account, which is not exactly a banking account, but can be used for more inexpensive international finance transfers. However, the treasurer experienced access problems due to the account being set up by the previous treasurer and changes could not be made with her help. This account was therefore not used for any payment.

## Profit/Loss Overview

This report presents to the auditors and IASPM general membership four reports:

- Appendix 1: Account overview with income/expenses reports for the Co-Op bank account for the periods of 1 July 2019 until 24 June 2021
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IASPM's revenues come entirely from branch and individual fees of ca. \$25000 annually (including deducted PayPal and/or banking fees), while the level of expense overall is fairly low (see Appendix 1 and 2). Other modest income comes from interest originated in the GBP bank account. Moreover, the cancellation of the bi-annual conference 2021 has meant that no travel grants and expenses (ca. \$25000 USD) were paid out in 2021.

In 2019, the EC introduced a new IASPM Branch Fellowship Scheme in the value of \$500 per branch, with applications received from the Benelux, Spain, D-A-C-H, UK/Ireland, US, ANZ, Norden, and Canada branch. The scheme was impacted by the pandemic, with only three of these branches claiming their fellowship with a total value of \$1500.

It is for these reasons that the combined account balances have an exceptionally higher closing balance of **\$101509 USD** by closing date of 24 June 2021. As noted in Appendix 4, IASPM has made a profit of **\$47115 USD** during the two-year term 2019 – 2021.

## Calender of Regular Payments

January	annual payment to CrossRef (for digital indexing of IASPM@Journal)
April	annual collection of annual IASPM branch fees
July	annual payment to PKP at Simon Fraser University, which provides the OJS

October	annual payment to Dreamhost, which provides hosting for both the institutional website and IASPM@Journal, AND, payment to PostNord Sverige AG, the provider of our PO Box in Sweden
December	annual payment to IASPM@Journal Assistant and Layout editor
June/July	bi-annual payment of travel grants and EC member travel expenses for bi-annual conference attendance
Continuous	miscellaneous fees, incl. banking and PayPal fees, Zoom use, administration, etc.

### Branch and Individual Membership Fees

Annual fees coming from our 16 branches (AL, ANZ, Beneluz, Canada, DACH, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norden, SEA, Spain, Turkey, UK/Ireland, and US) and from a varying number of individual members, which are IASPM's only source of income. These are calculated and paid in USD: branch fees are calculated on the basis of \$25 per waged member (\$0 for non-waged); individual fees are set by individual branches and as per IASPM website.

The annual process of collecting fees is usually managed by the EC's Membership Secretary and the Treasurer, involving the collection of updated membership lists from each branch, and the payment of the fee, which relies on the branches' Membership Secretaries and Treasurers, who handle the collection of annual fees from their members. Upon payment of branch fees, the EC Treasurer issues a payment confirmation letter, including number of waged members, fees paid (in USD or GBR), and what account payment was made to (Co-Op or PayPal).

Payments of individual membership fees in 2020/2021 were significantly higher and meant high workload for the Membership Secretary when maintaining the overall membership list, particularly also when individual members requested invoices and/or payment confirmation letters. The EC noted that the creation of new branches would help capturing new memberships that don't have a match within existing branches.

During the term 2019 - 2021, membership lists and payments of fees have generally been timely, with some exceptions, and so occasional reminders needed to be sent out to few selected branches, who were delayed with their submissions and payments for different reasons. Importantly, regular email communication ensured that the EC was fully aware of financial or banking difficulties, and allowances were made further due to the pandemic. On the closing date of 24 June 2021, there are pending arrears for branch membership fees 2020 as follows, which, in the case of the latter three, were impacted by the ensuing pandemic:

- **D-A-C-H:** The full branch 2020 fee of \$2550 USD was transferred into our Co-Op account on 8 March 2021, however the amount was not received. I asked the new Branch Treasurer to open a request with the German bank,

given that the money was deducted from their account and should evidence at their end.

- **France:** This branch has an outstanding branch fee 2020 of ca. \$725 USD.
- **Italy:** This branch has an outstanding branch fee 2020 of ca. \$400 USD.
- **Spain:** This branch has an outstanding branch fee 2020 of ca. \$1400 USD.

## Recommendations

The incoming treasurer should ensure that all outstanding branch fee payments are received, and confirmation letters issued.

The combined working nature between the Treasurer and Membership Secretary proved fruitful and may be maintained.

The incoming EC may consider setting up an automated/integrated payment system on the IASPM website for the registration and payment of individual membership fees, and (importantly) automated written confirmation of membership. The Treasurer and Membership secretary would also receive a copy of the confirmation for their accounts and membership list.

The incoming EC may continue the provision of the IASPM Branch Fellowship scheme, which encouraged branches to organize and hold locally-specific academic and scholarly events, and thus contributed to the vibrancy of IASPM's work.

The incoming treasurer may consider funding the outgoing EC member's conference attendance in 2022, given that the bi-annual 2021 conference had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

The treasurer should note that the fee for the IASPM@Journal Assistant and Layout Editor shall be increased to £750 GBP per issue for 2 issues per year (total £1500 GBP annually).

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On a personal note, I would like to thank Marta García Quiñones, who served as Treasurer for the IASPM Executive Committee during 2017-2019, and provided invaluable fiscal advice, oversight and perspective to me when I took over the role in 2019. I would also like to thank Bernhard Steinbrecher, whose skill in handling the vast number of memberships and professional collaboration as IASPM Membership Secretary has been especially appreciated. My sincere thanks are also expressed to Rupert Till in his role as Chair, whose tireless patience, guidance and support throughout the last two years has been immeasurable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simone Krüger Bridge'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Simone' being the most prominent part.

Dr Simone Krüger Bridge  
Treasurer  
IASPM Executive Committee

## **Kimi Kärki, Web/Publications**

As this was my second term as web/publications member of the EC, everything was running relatively smoothly from the beginning, regarding my more repetitive/routine duties, such as posting the relevant popular music research related news. As always, these have and will be posted by me to the email list (if not done otherwise, and sometimes forwarded by request either by me or Membership Secretary) and the website main newsfeed. I also collect the interesting news posted by others, and include them to the website. This update takes place roughly every two weeks or so. Please note that the most important current issues are usually attached to the beginning of the blog style newsfeed, as virtual 'sticky notes', and the rest of the posts follow scrolling down, from the latest to oldest. You can also search with categories, which include Calls for articles, Calls for chapters, Calls for papers, Jobs, New publications, News, Studying popular music, Uncategorized, and Upcoming conferences.

IASPM Journal has been running successfully ever since Dr. Mary Fogarty and her team took over. Some revision on the visual look of the journal was completed, but the simple frame of the Open Journal System (for us hosted by PKP) does not allow very much tweaking. As the Journal operates independently, and with a large and seemingly dedicated team, I have simply followed their publishing from the sidelines. Congratulations for the job well done!

On 12th of October, 2020, our website's (iaspm.net) host company DreamHost security team reported phishing attempts from our domain. They took our website temporarily offline, and we contracted them to do the cleaning (with an additional cost of 200 dollars). This was successfully completed by 16th October. The case was relatively similar as in early 2018 – it looks like some kind of relatively light Malware that somehow finds security holes from the website structure. Our website has very old parts and historical layers, and this might be part of the problem. All of those elements are offline, unless they are needed for archival reasons (such as the pdf-files found at the Minutes and Reports section of the website). It also seems WordPress sites with a separate hosting are somewhat vulnerable for attacks, even if we update the versions of all website elements regularly. Since the first security breach in 2018, I have followed a strict protocol of only updating the website from a secure computer at my university. This has meant slower updates at times, especially during the pandemic lockdowns. After the 2020 incident, as I thought that some additional security was needed, I suggested to EC that we hired DreamHost's advanced Malware protection service (30 dollars per year). This was agreed, and since this service was activated 23rd October, 2020, there have been no further problems. They scan the site regularly now.

IASPM:s Data Policy (European data protection law) is to be found at <https://www.iaspm.net/iaspm-data-protection-policy/>. Furthermore, our Register of Systems can be found here: <https://www.iaspm.net/iaspm-register-of-systems/>. We strive to be up to date and totally ethical with our use of the membership data.

IASPM Branches are, as usual, requested to send me links to their most current newsletters. They can be accessed here: <https://www.iaspm.net/newsletters/>. This is done more frequently by some branches, and never by some. We respect both options.

In the Canberra conference, June 2019, it was suggested – most prominently by Professor Martha de Ulhôa, if my memory serves me right – that we should return to publishing more open and equal proceedings from our biennial conferences. I decided to take the task for the



Canberra conference, and this publication is now online as part of the International Institute for Popular Culture (IIPC) Online series (vol. 8) here: <https://iipcblog.wordpress.com/publications/>.

**Kimi Kärki**

## **Andrea Dankić, Member-at-Large report**

As Member-at-Large in the IASPM Executive Committee 2019-21 I have taken part in our monthly Skype meetings, which during the covid-19 pandemic changed to be held through Zoom.

Besides that I have co-chaired the Academic Committee together with colleagues Geoff Stahl and Pil Ho Kim for the IASPM Biennial Conference in Daegu, South Korea. The conference, as we all know, ended up being postponed for a year. Thank you for a great collaboration, Geoff and Pil Ho!

The task that has taken most of my time during this period has been chairing the IASPM Book Prize together with colleague Felipe Trotta. Between September 2020 until the end of June 2021 we have been in contact with more than 50 scholars from all over the world as well as numerous publishing houses. Almost all authors of the nominated books have sent in a 1 minute-long video where they present their book. These videos will be posted to the IASPM's YouTube channel before the AGM. For more detailed information about the book prize please see the official IASPM 2021 Book Prize report, which will be shared with the IASPM community shortly after the AGM when Felipe and I will announce the winners. To Felipe - thank you so much for the great teamwork during the past year! It has been a pleasure working with you.

Since I am located in Sweden, another duty of mine has been that of making sure to empty the PO-box which is IASPM's official address. The PO-box was obtained by previous Member-at-Large Ann Werner in October 2018.

**Andrea Dankić**

## Social Media Committee Report and Communication Plan

### 1 Progress

- Since establishing the social media accounts of WeChat and Instagram which targeted the regions of China and Portugal respectively, there has been interest in these regions to start local IASPM branches. Rupert Till was contacted about this for advice on 14 April, 2021. Credit to Sofia Sousa and Xiaodan Zhang who established these social media platforms and fostered these communities.
- There has been a significant increase in the engagement with the Twitter account, which has increased the engagement from people in the US, UK and the IASPM\_Official twitter account. Credit to Universo Pereira who has managed the Twitter account.
- The YouTube account has been redesigned to include IASPM branding and to connect it to other social media platforms. There are now double the number of followers since April, and there is more engagement with the video content. Credit to Tommaso Farina who redesigned and is maintaining the YouTube channel.
- An IASPM LinkedIn account has been established, and this has recently been made into an organization account. This is capturing a different audience to the other social media sites, and we are focusing on growing this. Credit to Hueyuen Choong who is managing and designing the promotion strategy for this site.

The Social Media committee aims to promote engagement through increasing **followers** and **activity**.

#### 1.1 Followers

See goals from the April [report here](#).

#### Update

Platform	April Numbers	June Numbers
Twitter	234 followers  For location of followers see figure 1.	358 followers  For location of followers see figure 1. Followers have significantly increased and region representation has remained consistent.
Facebook	2900	3005 Followers have not really increased and region representation has remained consistent. This was to be expected since the Facebook page was already a well established community.
Instagram	/	New Platform - 319 followers. Followers are from Portugal, Brazil, Latin America and the UK.

WeChat	/	New Platform - 283 followers. Followers from China
YouTube	52 Subscribers	100 Subscribers. Not enough geography data yet to show an analytic report. So far, the total views are mainly from the UK and Australia.
LinkedIn	/	New Platform - Started March 2021 as a <a href="#">personal account</a> , and currently with 15 connections. However, as of 26 May, we now have a business page ( <a href="#">Organization account</a> ) (called LinkedIn Page), and it is expected that it will invite greater engagements.

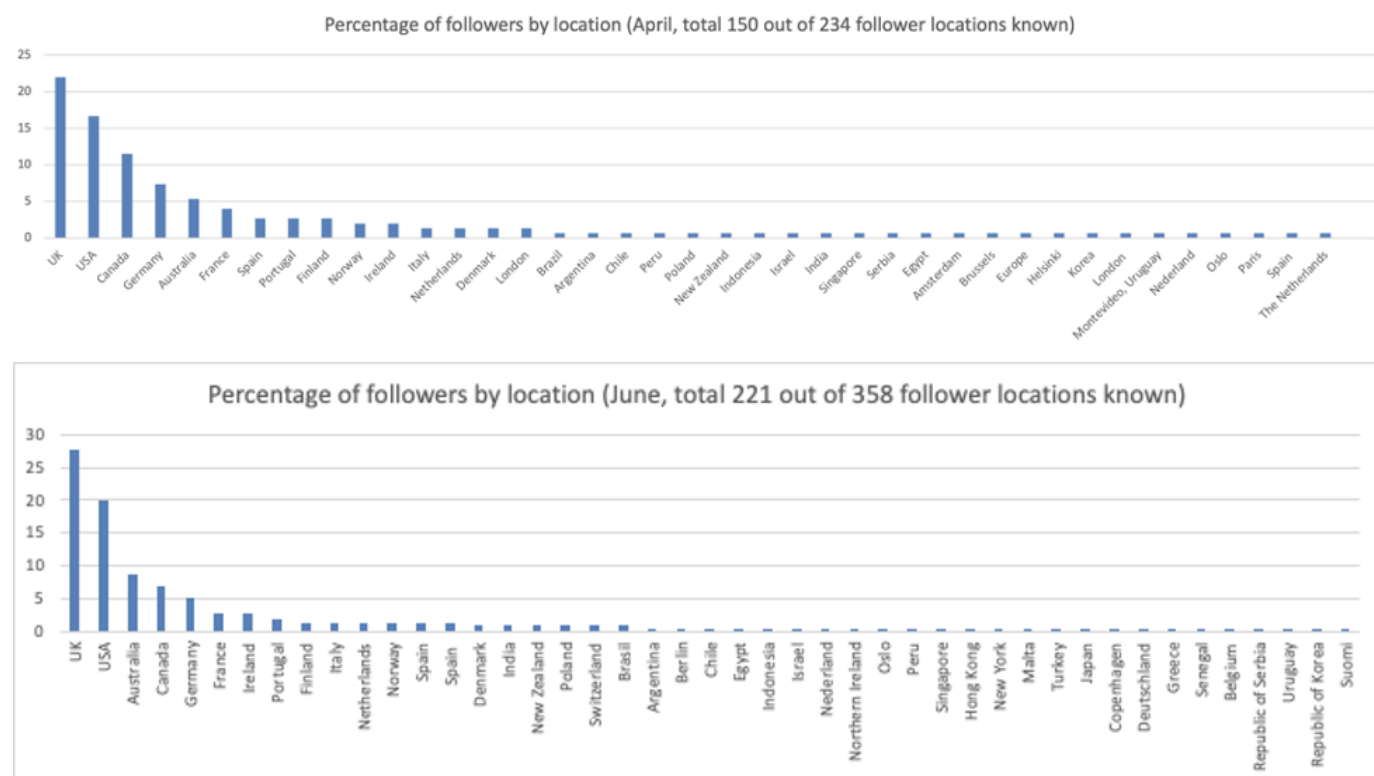


Figure 1. Percentage of followers on Twitter at each location in April (top) and June (bottom).



Figure 2. Percentage of followers on Facebook for each location in June.

## Next steps

Focus on promoting the YouTube and LinkedIn Channels.

## 1.2 Activity

See goals from the [April report here](#).

## Update

Platform	Notes
Twitter	37 tweets. Very active now with retweeting and liking other IASPM related posts. The success of this is evidenced by the increase in followers.
Facebook	This was already a strong community with good engagement - this has remained the case
Instagram	New Platform - 16 posts to date which receive between 9 - 20 likes, and the stories have around 50 views each.
WeChat	New Platform - about 16 posts which receive between 30-40 likes
YouTube	The main goal from March - June was to increase the number of views on the IASPM seminar recordings. We did this by promoting the recordings on the other social media accounts, and directing people to the YouTube video. The impact of this on views is shown in Figure 3.
LinkedIn	New Platform - The <a href="#">personal account</a> has made roughly 2 posts a week with a small amount of engagement. The <a href="#">Organization account</a> is new so there are no engagement stats on this yet.

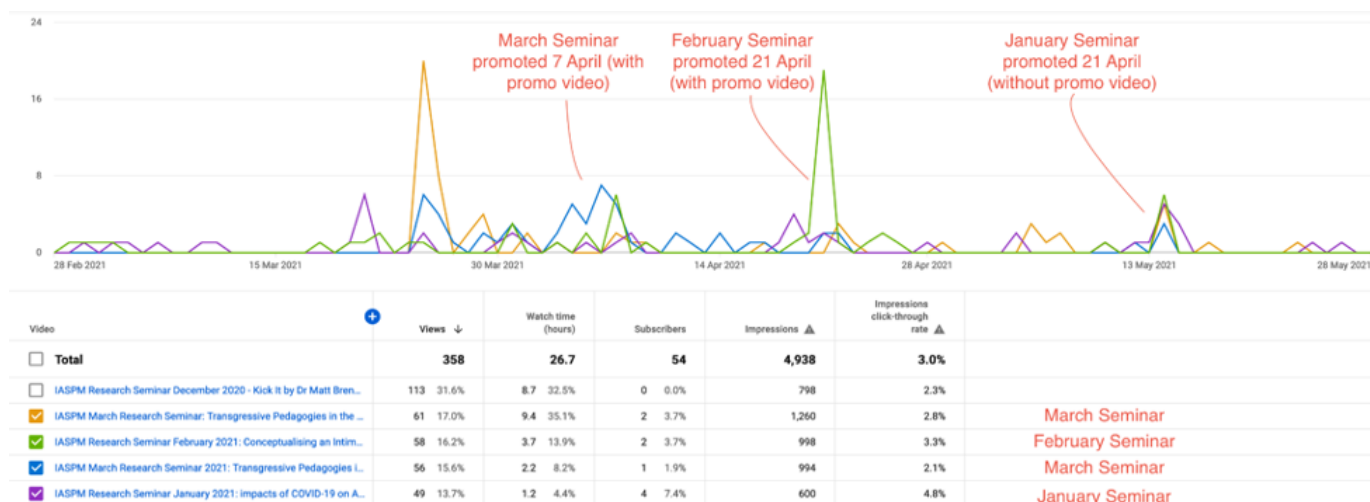


Figure 3. The number of views on the IASPM Youtube recordings of the January, February, and March seminars.

## Next steps

- YouTube: showcase youtube more and add a series of short videos to promote engagement (especially focusing on the seminar recordings). Posting a short recap about the February seminar seemed to impact views. This was not the case for the March seminar but this may be because most had already viewed it around the end of March. Posting the link to the January recording didn't seem to get much engagement, it may be because there was no short recap video for this seminar.
- LinkedIn: Promote the organizational account.

## 2 Timeline

Progress on March - May timeline:

Date	Activity	Progress
March 2021	Form the Social Media committee, undertake scoping, develop communication plan. Present plan to the executive committee.	Complete
April 2021	Send communications to the IASPM mailing list and IASPM branches advising that the committee has been established and that information can be sent to news@iaspm.net .  Launch new social media platforms and undertake the first round of posting (see section four below for	Complete

	posting strategy).	
May 2021	<p>Continue posting in the same way as for April and also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise the first round of posting and adjust posting strategy (section four) and platforms and languages (section three) as needed.</li> <li>• Assess whether we are getting enough content from the <a href="mailto:news@iaspm.net">news@iaspm.net</a> email address and revise accordingly</li> </ul>	<p>Complete.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are not receiving much from the <a href="mailto:news@iaspm.net">news@iaspm.net</a> email address. We've started reaching out to people who post events to the mailing list to ask if they would like their content shared and if they have any other content they'd like shared.</li> <li>- Pros: building personal relationships and encouraging more engagement with the Social Media Committee</li> <li>- Cons: could be duplicating the mailing list, items may be biased to what the Social Media Committee thinks is interesting and not representative of the wider IASPM community</li> <li>- Way forward: continue to contact people who share events on the mailing list and reassess next quarter to see if certain themes/regions/languages are over represented.</li> </ul>

#### Timeline for June - August

Date	Activity
June 2021	<p>Document the Social Media Committee procedures and protocols (Like a Standard operating procedure but not quite as formal)</p> <p>In April, we started to promote content from the IASPM book prize - continue to do this.</p>

	Showcase the IASPM YouTube Channel and leverage this more (how we do this is TBC)
July 2021	Continue posting as usual
August 2021	Continue posting in the same way as for April and also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise the second quarter of posting and adjust posting strategy and platforms and languages as needed</li> <li>• Assess whether the content we are picking up from the mailing list is broad enough</li> <li>• Consider bringing someone into the committee who can target Arabic, and Russian speaking communities</li> </ul>

### 3 Platforms

Platform	Link/username	Language
Facebook	<a href="#">IASPM: International Association for the Study of Popular Music</a>	English and Portuguese
Twitter	<a href="#">@IASPM_OFFICIAL</a>	English
YouTube	<a href="#">IASPM Official</a>	English
Instagram	<a href="#">iaspm official</a>	English and Portuguese
WeChat	Log into WeChat and search "IASPM"	Chinese
LinkedIn	Personal page: <a href="#">IASPM Global</a> Organization page: <a href="#">IASPM Official</a>	English

### 4 Additional information

#### 4.1 Account management

Keepass has been set up as the password manager.

To access the passwords:

1. Download the database [from this link](#) (Password to access file is: 1358!bagbaggggaaaabag)
2. Open the database



3. Enter the database password (Password will be emailed to the executive separately).

## 5 Next steps

The next steps the IASPM executive committee can expect from the Social Media committee are:

1. Continuation of the current activity.
2. A further **report** from the Social Media Committee in September updating the executive on the progress and activities.

Information from the IASPM executive committee that would be helpful to the Social Media Committee:

1. If you use LinkedIn and would be comfortable doing so, we'd really appreciate you adding the [LinkedIn organization](#) page to your connections. You can follow the page, and you can add it to your "experience" if you like ([example of adding the account to your experience here](#)).
2. Nil at this stage

Thank you,

## The IASPM Social Media Committee

Committee members in alphabetical order:

Hueyuen Choong, IASPM Social Media Committee Representative

Tommaso Farina, IASPM Social Media Committee Representative

Universo Pereira, IASPM Social Media Committee Representative

Sofia Sousa, IASPM Social Media Committee Representative

\*Kristal Spreadborough, IASPM Social Media Committee Chair

Xiaodan Zhang, IASPM Social Media Committee Representative

## **Keewoong Lee, Conference Secretary**

### **On postponement and rescheduling of IASPM XXI**

In January 2021, IASPM Executive Committee (hereafter ExComm) and Local Organizing Committee (hereafter LOC) jointly made a decision to postpone 21st IASPM conference to be held in Daegu, South Korea for a year from the scheduled date of 6-10 July, 2021. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, ExComm and LOC have closely monitored the situation with the hope of holding a face-to-face conference. However, we reached the point where we had to make a decision given that participants needed time to prepare for travel. At the time of the decision, there was new optimism in the air with regard to the impending vaccination. We thought there would be a good chance to hold a face-to-face conference in a year's time. The new date for the IASPM XXI conference is 5-9 July, 2022. The conference will be held in a hybrid format, a combination of face-to-face and virtual conference. The format will be maintained even in the case the COVID-19 crisis subsides. We are not expecting to hold a "normal," fully in-person conference so soon after the unprecedented disaster. There will be numerous difficulties those who wish to participate in person could face including funding, travel cost, and toughened immigration control. The heightened awareness of climate change was also taken into consideration in our decision about the conference format. Specificities and the extent to which hybrid conference is organized are to be decided.

### **On the New Round of Call for Proposals**

LOC is to announce another round of Call for Proposals for those who missed the first opportunity, and those who wish to submit a new proposal. We are currently working on reengineering the submission system to accommodate both already accepted and new proposals. For those participants whose proposals were already accepted, a few clicks on the submission system will suffice, if one wishes to take part with the same proposal. For those who submit a new proposal, regardless of whether previously having been accepted or not, a full submission procedure will apply. Either way, we are working hard to make the submission process as simple and trouble-free as possible. Instructions will be provided in the announcement for Call for Proposals.

### **A Note on Pandemic Control in Korea**

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic in early 2020, Korea has been known as a success story in COVID-19 control. As of 24 June 2021, daily cases are around 610, and daily deaths 1. Since the start of 2021, daily cases have been contained under 1,000, mostly between 400 and 600. The numbers show Korea is one of the safest countries to travel to. Vaccine rate is 29.5 percent and rapidly increasing. The Korean government announced easing of health protocols to allow outdoor activities without mask wearing for the vaccinated, pop concerts hosting crowds of fewer than 4,000, and face-to-face classes for primary and secondary education. The government is also in discussion whether to give foreign arrivals with vaccination an exemption from the obligatory two-week self-quarantine. The government expects the country to enter the stage of herd immunity by Autumn 2021.

**Keewoong Lee**  
**Conference Secretary**

## **Next International IASPM Conferences**

The United States branch has graciously offered to host the 2023 conference. The proposal will arrive in the next few days. The Francophone branch has offered to host the 2025 conference in Paris; further details are forthcoming.

## Nominations for the 2021-2023 IASPM Executive Committee

The General Secretary received one nomination for the treasurer position from professor Ali C. Gedik. This is his bio:

Ali C. Gedik is an associate professor of musicology at Dokuz Eylül University (DEU), İzmir. He received B.Sc. degree in electronics engineering from Hacettepe University, Ankara, M.Sc. degree in musicology from DEU and Ph.D. degree in electronics engineering from Izmir Institute of Technology. His MSc. thesis was based on a research project funded by DEU as a collaboration of ethnomusicology and neuroscience of music titled 'Differences of Taste in Popular Music: An fMRI Study'. His Ph.D. thesis was based on a research project funded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) as a collaboration of ethnomusicology and music signal processing, entitled 'Automatic Transcription of Traditional Turkish Art Music: A Computational Ethnomusicology Approach'.

He was the president of Society for Interdisciplinary Musicology (SIM), between 2016-2018. Gedik is the secretary of the *International Association for the Study of Popular Music* (IASPM) Turkey Branch since 2009.

He is one of the founders of [Journal of Interdisciplinary Music Studies](#) (JIMS) with Richard Parncutt published since 2007 and currently acts as sciences editor of the journal. He is the editor-in-chief of [yedi: Journal of Art, Design and Science](#) since 2019. He is editorial board-member of [Journal of World Popular Music](#) (JWPM) since 2018. He is the editor-in-chief of [Marxism & Sciences: A Journal of Nature, Culture, Human and Society](#), a new journal founded in 2021.

He has published in *Journal of New Music Research*, *Signal Processing*, *IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing*, *IASPM Journal* and *Journal of Interdisciplinary Music Studies*.

He is the editor of two books, *Marxist Inquiries on Science: Marxism and Two Cultures* (2015) in Turkish and *Made in Turkey: Studies in Popular Music* (Routledge Global Popular Music Series) (2017). He is the author of a forthcoming chapter, titled 'Popular Music in Times of Neo-Liberalism and Beyond: Marxist Perspectives on Turkish Popular Music' (Oxford Handbook of Global Popular Music) and a forthcoming book, titled 'The Musical World of Karl Marx' (Jenny Stanford Publishing).

He is married and has two cats. He plays trumpet and occasionally performs at clubs with various jazz groups in İzmir since 1999.

## APPENDIX

### Appendix 1: Account overview with income/expenses reports for the Co-Op bank account for the periods of 1 July 2019 until 24 June 2021

Income	British GBR £	Outgoings	British £
Closing Balance 1 July 2019	28,564.03	FEE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	20.00
[ind membership]	21.8	OVERSEAS PAYMENT	41.53
branch fee UK&Ireland 2019	3580	2394 NSTF GBP235.1	6.46
branch fee DACH 2019	1,546.50	2394 DreamHost dh	235.18
branch fee Turkey 2019	73.78	OVERSEAS PAYMENT POSTNORD SVERIGE A	255
branch fee Benelux 2019	368.02	OVERSEAS PAYMENT POSTNORD SVERIGE A	10
branch fee Benelux 2019	19.26	<a href="#">IASPM@Journal LAYOUT EDITOR IASP</a>	920
branch fee ANZ (payment of 4242AUD) 2019	684.78	2394 CCC GBP 212.1	5.83
branch fee ANZ 2019	684.87	2394 CROSSREF	212.19
branch fee ANZ 2019	561.1	2394 CCC GBP 14.62	0.4
branch fee SAE 2019	245	2394 CROSSREF	14.62
branch fee Hungary IGNACZ ADAM 2019	149.22	2394 DreamHost dh	13.39
branch fee Italy 2019	334.59	2394 CCC GBP 13.39	0.36
[ind membership]	19.32	2394 CCC GBP 154.7	4.25
[ind membership]	19.11	2394 DreamHost dh	154.73
[ind membership]	37.75	OVERSEAS PAYMENT POSTNORD SVERIGE A	300
[ind membership]	42.81	2394 CCC GBP 22.91	0.63
branch fee NORDEN (outstanding \$75) 2019	55.51	2394 DreamHost dh	22.91
branch fee France 2018 & 2019	769.59	<a href="#">IASPM@Journal LAYOUT EDITOR IASPM \$1200</a>	929.12
branch fee UK&Ireland 2020	3890.18	2394 CROSSREF \$297	219.41
branch fee Turkey 2020 \$240 [should be \$200]	164.25	2349 fees	6.03
branch fee AL 2020 \$2.850,00	1776.12	zoom subscription	143.88
branch fee Benelux 2020 \$700	481.33	LAYOUT EDITOR IASPM [reimburse charged fees]	48.28
branch fee NORDEN 2020	610.22	GENODEF1ETK (not received; bank error; to be re	389.45
[ind membership]	17.01		
branch fee ANZ 2020	283.59		
branch fee ANZ 2020	673.67		
FOREIGN PAYT RECD (partial refund?; queried)	294.18		
branch fee SAE 2020	200		
TOTAL income	46,167.59	TOTAL outgoings	3953.65
		FINAL BALANCE British GBR £ (24 June 2021)	42,213.94

## Appendix 2: Account overview with income/expenses reports for the PayPal account for the periods of 1 July 2019 until 24 June 2021

Income	USD	Outgoings	USD
Closing Balance 1 July 2019	19,996.10	PKP, Simon Fraser University 2019	787.50
[ind membership]		25 Treasurer expenses	96.15
[ind membership]		10 fees	8.11
branch fee US 2019	3,850.00	Fellowship IASPM Norden 500 + paypal fee	503.55
[ind membership]		25 Fellowship IASPM UK & Ireland 500	500
[ind membership]		10 Payment Review Hold	9.21
[ind membership]		25 PKP, Simon Fraser University 2020	787.5
[ind membership]		10	
[ind membership]		25	
[ind membership]	23.47		
branch fee AL 2019 1,575.00 -77.48 paypal fee	1,497.52		
[ind membership]	23.47		
branch fee Canada 2019	500		
branch fee Canada 2019	250		
branch fee Canada 2019	25		
[ind membership]	9.21		
[ind membership]	23.47		
[ind membership]	9.41		
branch fee Japan 2019 525.00 -26.03 paypal fee	498.97		
branch fee Korea 2019 250 - 12.55 paypal fee	237.45		
branch fee Norden 2019 800 - 27.50 paypal fee	772.5		
[ind membership]	23.47		
branch fee Spain 2019 [Sociedad de Etnomusicología - SIBE 1400 - 47.9]	1352.1		
[ind membership]	9.21		
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branch fee Latin America 2019 [2,850.00]	2,710.05		
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[ind membership]	23.47		
branch fee Korea 2020	308.77		
[ind membership]	9.21		
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[ind membership]	23.47		
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[ind membership]	9.21		
[ind membership]	23.97		
branch fee Hungary 2020	262.39		
branch fee : IASPM Canada	500		
branch fee : IASPM Canada	375		
branch fee US 2020	7,825.00		
[ind membership]	9.21		
[ind membership]	9.21		
[ind membership]	23.47		
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[ind membership]	9.21		
branch fee 伏木 香織 Japan	646.38		
TOTAL income	42,552.69	TOTAL outgoings	2692.02
		FINAL BALANCE USD (24 June 2021)	39,860.67
<b>Payments received in British GBR £</b>			
[ind membership]	6.78		
[ind membership]	17.24		
[ind membership]	6.99		
miscellaneous	0.5		
[ind membership]	12.8		
[ind membership]	2.97		
TOTAL Balance in GBR £ (21 June 2021)	47.28		

## Appendix 3: Projected Combined Account Statements in USD for the period 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2021

PROJECTED COMBINED ACCOUNT STATEMENTS in USD until 30 June 2021				
Actual balance 24 June 2021	Co-op account £42213.94	59,003.73		
actual balance 24 June 2021	Paypal	39,860.67		
Projected expenses until 30 June 2021	Branch Fellowship	-2500		
	Crossref [paid]			
	Deamhost [paid]			
	Postnord [paid]			
	Layout editor [paid]			
	S Korea Conference grants [postponed]			
	S Korea EC travel costs [postponed]			
	Miscellaneous fees (e.g. paypal fees)	200	Total projected expenses	-2300
Projected income until 30 June 2021	Individual membership fees	100		
	Branch fees	4845	Total projected income	4945
Projected balance in USD (both accounts) 30 June 2021		101509.4		



**Appendix 4:**  
**Projected profit/loss reports the period of 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2021**

<b>2-YEAR OVERVIEW 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2021 with PROFIT/LOSS PROJECTION in USD</b>			
Total actual income Co-op £17603.56	24,605.39	Total actual expenses Co-op £3953.65	5,495.95
Total actual income Paypal	22556.59	Total actual expenses Paypal	2692.02
Total projected income	4945	Total projected expenses	2300
<b>Total income 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2021</b>	<b>52106.98</b>	<b>Total expenses 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2021</b>	<b>4992.02</b>
		Profit	47114.96

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **Appendix 5:**

#### **Proposed Modification to IASPM Statutes** regarding IASPM Journal

##### 11. IASPM Journal

11.1 IASPM Journal is owned and published by IASPM.

11.2 The Chief Editor of the Journal is selected by the IASPM Executive Committee, with a decision ratified at the General Meeting.

11.3 Any IASPM member may put themselves forward for the Chief Editor position.

11.4 The Chief Editor is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

11.3 The Chief Editor of the Journal or their proxy presents a report to the General Meeting for approval.

11.4 IASPM Journal will operate in accordance with IASPM's aims and principles. Its operation will ordinarily be managed by the Chief Editor and Editorial Board.

## **Appendix 6:**

### **Diversity and inclusion statement**

#### **Draft statement of principle on inclusion**

The EC presents a revised draft of the Statement of Principle on Inclusion, which we hope to formally adopt at the upcoming AGM. Statements such as these sit parallel to our rules of procedure and statutes, and help to guide action in the organisation. Catherine Strong, on behalf of the EC, circulated in May 7, 2021, the first draft of the Statement in the listserve, and the comments of the members have been included in the current version.

*IASPM is dedicated to principles of inclusion and fairness and has a commitment to equality in representation and opportunity at events and within the structure of the association. This includes actively seeking the representation of and input from members of diverse backgrounds to develop greater inclusivity in the organisation. To this end, during the planning, implementation and constitution of events, and the conduct of business relating to IASPM, committees, working groups and individual members of the Association should consider and apply principles of equality and diversity to the fullest possible extent to ensure that no individual is disadvantaged as a result of factors or status such as:*

- *Academic or professional standing*
- *Age*
- *Area of specialization*
- *Disability*
- *Economic status*
- *Employment status, such as full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, type of institution, and academic and non-academic affiliation*
- *Gender identity*
- *Nationality*
- *Parental and care-giving status*
- *Race and ethnicity, including a consideration of the specific circumstances of First Nations/Indigenous peoples colonised and formerly colonised by white colonial empires*
- *Regional distribution or affiliations*
- *Religion and belief*
- *Sexual orientation*
- *Social class*

## **Minutes of the General Meeting in Canberra 2019**

### **General Meeting of the IASPM Canberra, Australia 27 June 2019**

**CS = Catherine Strong (GM Chair)**  
**FF = Franco Fabbri (IASPM Chair)**  
**SM = Silvia Martínez (IASPM General Secretary)**  
**MGQ = Marta Garcia Quiñones (IASPM Treasurer)**  
**JP = Jacopo Conti (IASPM Membership Secretary)**  
**AVK = Antti-Ville Kärjä (Member at Large)**  
**AW = Ann Werner (Member at Large)**  
**KK = Kimi Kärki (Publications Officer/Webmaster)**  
**LOC = Local Organising Committee**  
**EC = Executive Committee**

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to order**
  - Election of the General Meeting Chair
  - Approval of the Agenda
  - Election of the auditors
  - Election of volunteers for electoral counts
  - Approval of the 2017 Minutes
- 2. Executive Committee Report:**
  - Chair's report
  - Membership Secretary report
  - Treasurer Report
  - Web/Publications report
  - Member at Large Report
  - Member at Large Report on IASPM and the Swedish tax law
  - Approval of the EC Report
  - Approval of the Treasurer Report
- 3. IASPM@Journal Report**
- 4. Amendments to the Statutes and to the Rules of Procedure (see Appendices II & III of the EC Report)**
  - Amendments proposed by the EC
  - Amendments proposed by Eric Weisbard
- 5. Proposal to form a basic position statement or guideline for inclusivity, representation/diversity, and accessibility at IASPM events [by Tami Gadir and Catherine Strong]**
- 6. Next International Conference:**
  - Presentation of the Oslo proposal
  - Presentation of the Daegu proposal

## 7. Election of the 2019-2021 Executive Committee

## 8. AOB

### 1. Call to order

Franco Fabbri (FF): "We acknowledge and celebrate the first Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and pay our respect to the elders, past, present and emerging"

#### *Election of the General Meeting Chair*

FF opened the 2019 General Meeting at 8:10, invited Catherine Strong (CS) to act as Chair of the meeting. No objections from the floor.

#### *Approval of the Agenda*

CS asked for Agenda's approval. Geoff Stahl (GS) approved; Dave Shumway (DS) seconded it. The agenda was approved.

#### *Election of the auditors*

CS moved to the election of auditors. As no nominations were received in advance, CS called for auditors to check the treasury report and the accounts. Shelley Brunt (SB) and Catherine Hoad (CH) volunteered. CS called for a vote to approve the auditors. SB and CH are approved as auditors by the floor.

#### *Election of volunteers for electoral counts*

CS asked volunteers for electoral counts. Matt Brennan and Dave Shumway volunteered. Approved by the floor.

#### *Approval of the 2017 GM Minutes*

CS asked for the approval of the 2017 General Minutes, available on the IASPM website. She asked if there were any comments or amends. No comments by the floor.

CS had an amendment to make: she noted that throughout the document Ed Montano is only referred to by initials, his name doesn't actually appear in the document. She asked that to be changed. There were no objections: the changes and the minutes were approved.

### 2. Executive Committee Report 2017-2019

Silvia Martínez (SM) read the Introduction to the General Report by the Executive Committee (EC):

"This Executive Committee's period of office has gone through two very distinct

periods. From the previous General Meeting in Kassel to June, 2018, the Committee's activity went at a slow tempo. We met three times by Skype conference and began the tasks assigned within our Statutes: we began work on organising this congress; we worked jointly with other academic societies (participating in the joint ICTM conference in Beijing), etc. That first year also brought dizzying moments such as a hacker attack on our website, and the calvary involved in changing signatories to our bank account. However, after a period of uncertainty, in July 2018 Julio Mendívil, the Chair elected at the Kassel GM, announced his resignation because of personal and health problems. Following the procedure established in the Statutes, the EC looked for a new Chair. Franco Fabbri accepted our proposal and has led the Committee during this second year. The details of our activity can be found in documents accessible on the website: the minutes of the eleven Executive Committee meetings held over these last months, I believe, testify to the elevated pace of tasks carried out in the last year of the EC's term of office.

Below is a series of reports that summarise the main activities carried out by the current EC, which comprises the following persons: Franco Fabbri (Chair), Marta Garcia Quiñones (Treasurer), Jacopo Conti (Membership Secretary), Kimi Kärki (Web/Publication Officer), Antti-Ville Kärjä (Member-at-large), Ann Werner (Member-at-large), Sílvia Martínez (General Secretary).

### *Chair's report*

(FF) read the Chair's report:

"I was appointed as Chair of the Executive Committee on August 16th, 2018, according to article 9.4. of the Statutes, after Julio Mendívil's resignation. My report, therefore, is only partial, covering the period between my co-optation and the General Meeting in Canberra. It was only a ten months assignment, but a lot of work, for which I have to thank all other members of the Executive Committee.

I was Chair twice before, in 1985-1987 and 2005-2007, and – also as a member of the EC with different capacities – I took part in the organisation of some International Conferences: Reggio Emilia (1983), Montreal (1985), Accra (1987), Rome (2005), and Mexico City (2007). In all of those instances, the main task of the EC was to organise the next International Conference, including programming: in those years (even in 2007) IASPM was a smaller association than it is today, and much smaller in the 1980s. There were about fifty attendees in Reggio Emilia, and the total number of members was only slightly larger; attendees from outside Africa were less than twenty in 1987, and the total membership was in the range of few hundreds; even for Rome and Mexico the Executive Committee was able to handle conference programming, without the need of a specific committee.

In recent years this wouldn't have been possible, not just because of an increase in conference attendance (actually, both Rome and Mexico City were among the most attended in IASPM's history, with more than 300 participants each), but especially because other tasks of the Executive Committee, which is the association's governing body, grew considerably. We have now some 1300 members around the world, organised in 16 branches (plus a handful of individual members unrelated to existing branches); IASPM has a journal, whose economic and organisational survival has to be ensured; our web and mailing services – the well-known IASPM List, of recent 'please remove me' fame – have to be taken care of (for example, we were subject to a hacker attack, and had to pay for technical assistance in order to have the website online again); and we have to provide funds for travel grants and other subsidies, like funding provided to the newly established

South East Asian branch: an action we recommend to the incoming EC, as a form of support for new branches. And this doesn't just mean collect membership fees, but also ensure to have efficient and flexible payment methods, suitable for different parts of the world. My colleagues will deal about such details in their reports. But I have to add another point.

IASPM is now thirty-eight years old. During this time, it has been administered by many different Executive Committees, whose task was to put decisions or mandates issued by biennial General Meetings into practice. It can be imagined that at some point those decisions or mandates accumulated, forming geological strata of tasks that in some cases could not be brought to conclusion, for various reasons: 1) because they were impossible; 2) because they were unclear; 3) because they didn't comply with IASPM's Statutes or Rules of Procedure; 4) because they needed more than the two years of an Executive Committee's term, and needed to be re-started by the next one; 5) because legal or technological conditions had changed in the meanwhile; 6) because of any combination of the above.

This burden of sedimented tasks has been sometimes, during my ten months office, overwhelming. I will only mention a couple of examples, which will be dealt with by my colleagues with better details, if they wish so.

Almost immediately, when I was co-opted, I realised that we had an issue with our main office. It became visible because we had to change signatories for our bank account, and the relevant forms requested to indicate our office, and give proof of that information. We had none (in terms of a 'proper' certificate). Our website indicated that our main office was at the IPM in Liverpool, so we asked for a document that could certify an agreement between IASPM and the IPM for that purpose. We were told that it could be in one of the boxes of IASPM documents archived in Liverpool. To make the story short, we were able to discover, in the end, that a mandate to come to such an agreement between IASPM and IPM had been issued by the General Meeting in Turku, 2001, but the task had never been carried to an end by any of the Executive Committees from then to date. So, the current Executive Committee had to contact the IPM again, and in the end was able to propose a draft of that agreement, which is now being discussed by the two parties. The agreement, according to the original mandate, also includes reference to IASPM's Archives, to be located in Liverpool: as I said, a few cardboard boxes containing old material, like brochures, bulletins, posters, letters etc., have been sitting there, unopened, since 2001.

My warning is that mandates issued by General Meetings are dangerous, unless it is clearly specified which conditions apply, how much time is required to perform each task, and the task's feasibility has been thoroughly examined. It's so easy to give mandate to the Executive Committee to find another bank, outside the UK, and possibly an ethical bank (it happened at the GM in Kassel), without any knowledge of changes in fiscal and financial laws, and without even considering that ethical banks usually work with ethically-oriented institutions. Are we? Our Treasurer will comment about this. But also, we have to be aware that our Statutes and Rules of Procedure are rather complex documents, and that we have to check that decisions taken at General Meetings comply with our existing bylaws. Otherwise, any Executive Committee will have to face possible contradictions, and will sometimes be put in the condition of not being able to perform its tasks. As a final example, I am quoting a decision taken in 2017 to include a member of the Local Organising Committee into the Executive Committee, a decision which was in sharp contrast with the norm that Executive Committee members have to be elected by the General Meeting (unless in case of death or resignation of a former member): to be effective, that decision had to be accompanied by a change in the Statutes, which

then needed to be presented a month in advance, and approved by a qualified majority. As a consequence of this and other inconsistencies, one of the tasks we undertook during our mandate was to propose changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure, which will be presented for approval during the GM in Canberra.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the Local Organising Committee, the Academic Committee, and fellows in the Executive Committee, for making this event possible and, especially, for creating the conditions for prolonging IASPM's life. Someone, after twenty years from now, will be able to verify if decisions taken today were put into practice, finally. Thank you"

CS asked for any comments on the Chair report, and none were expressed. The Chair's Report was approved by the floor.

### *Membership Secretary Report*

Jacopo Conti (JC) read the Membership Secretary report in a video recording:

"This last year of the four I've worked as Membership Secretary has been the hardest one, for sure. And yes, I'm referring to the issue about the International Mailing list you are certainly aware of.

But first, let me thank all my colleagues in the EC, and particularly Marta García Quiñones for her help particularly with new subscribers and travel grants. I hope she will deal with them in her report, because I will focus mainly on the mailing list.

Anyway, if this year's travel grants represent – I think – the biggest amount of money ever given by IASPM for travel grants, we have to thank her for her competent and efficient management of our bank account.

Now, let me explain what happened with the mailing list for the last – I hope – time.

At the beginning of May I took advantage of a calm moment at work to do what I wanted to do since I was appointed as Membership Secretary in 2015: subscribe all IASPM members to the mailing list and remove all members who haven't renewed their membership since 2017 (included). You are probably not aware that when I was appointed as Membership Secretary there was NOT a full list of all members around the world, and nobody has ever explained to me how the mailing list works. Plus, I think that 2018 was the only year since I was in the EC that ALL branches updated us with lists of their members – and for that, I thank again Marta. So, I thought I had the opportunity to leave the mailing list in a better shape than I found it.

Managing the whole mailing without an updated list of current and old members isn't easy, as you might understand. In the second half of April I removed a couple of hundreds of old members (from many years back: some I contacted years ago and never answered, others I just found). Some of them asked me why I removed them: almost all of those who asked renewed their membership. Some of them were shocked to know that they had to be current members to be in the list. Then, in the first half of May, I added members from those branches that for whatever reason never asked me to add or remove anyone. In twenty days, I added around 700 people. Let me remind you that what I did is what every Membership Secretary has ever done since the mailing list was created: adding and removing members to the mailing list. Since this year, membership secretaries didn't ask permission for that, because being part of the international mailing list was considered one of the main advantages of being a member of IASPM. But I was wrong, because I didn't consider the fact that the sensibility about privacy and mailing lists had changed in the last years.

So, in a little less than a couple of weeks, one hundred and thirty members left the



mailing list. Unfortunately, the spam that filled the list led old members to ask me to be removed too.

In order to avoid that in the future, we of the EC – and I thank Marta again for her help – have prepared a form that all new members (just the new ones) from around the world will have to compile to be subscribed to the mailing list, giving us the permission to subscribe them. Local treasurers will give or send them those forms when they subscribe. In the future, no-one's privacy will be violated by being subscribed to the mailing list; and in order to avoid future spamming, I am trying now to place at the bottom of all the messages sent through the mailing list a link to the automatic un-subscription procedure. Anyway, if my mathematics is right,  $700 - 130 = 570$ , so the most of those I added, remained in the list. Plus, the most of those who didn't renew their membership in the last 24 months are not in the list anymore. Again, if my mathematics is right, now the international mailing list is a 35% more populated than it was before – and it is never been so populated. As of today, we have 1417 Mailing List subscribers.

I also have to thank Franco Fabbri for helping me creating a file with all subscribers from around the world that I will give to my successor (the famous missing list I mentioned at the beginning), and for the document he proposed to the IPM, which hosts our mailing list: now, one representative from the IPM has access to it, but only for technical purposes and not to add or remove members without informing the EC, as it happened in the past.

In these four years I've had the pleasure to get in touch with many competent people, and I'm grateful for that. I've also had the pleasure to get in touch with many incompetent people, but I guess that's life.

I am sure that with a bigger Mailing List and clearer rules, the IPM the next Membership Secretaries will do a better work than mine, so that I will be listed among the incompetent people I mentioned before (in case there were any doubts). Thank you very much. Enjoy the rest of the conference. Good luck"

CS asked for comments on the report.

Catherine Hoad (CH) said that Jacopo Conti is a wonderful human being and has dealt well with the shenanigans of the last couple of months.

Steve Waksman (SW) asked if the EC is going to revisit the policy of the mailing list. He didn't think half the people whose memberships have lapsed should be checked off the list. He considered that one of the values of the list is that it's almost like an archive of members past and present. He thought that there's some value in allowing people that aren't current members to still be part of that discourse.

Marta Ulhoa: seconded that. She said that in the Latin American branch it happens like that too and they are just not so strict taking out people.

Marta García Quiñones (MGQ) replied that as a treasure she considers that the list is for members. She doesn't consider to have been so strict: they have not taken so many people out immediately, and members had the opportunity to renew the subscription. She noted too that there is category for honorary members that allows elder IASPM members to remain on the list. The branches can have their honorary members. These honorary members should be counted on the membership list as a special category, but without making hundreds of them, just those who you want to honour and who deserves that.

Marta Ulhoa will ask for honorary members in the Latin American branch.

John Mullen (JM) said that it is fine to be not too strict, but that people have to know that the list is for members.

(SW) observed that in the US branch there is a lot of fluctuation of memberships, and that if they are going to be relatively strict about membership, there should be at least a one year grace period.

As no motion needs to be taken, (CS) asked for the approval of the Membership Secretary report. The report was approved by the floor.

### *Treasurer Report*

(MGQ) read the Treasurer report:

"One year ago, I contributed to the Executive Committee annual report a summary of the main activities and challenges that I had encountered during my first year as Treasurer. I reported then on the difficulties we faced with the change of signatories (actually, we had two changes of signatories, since Franco Fabbri had to replace Julio Mendivil on the account after his resignation in July 2018), the problems we had with the PayPal account, which were luckily solved in June 2018, and the search for banking alternatives to the Co-Operative Bank, following the mandate of the Kassel General Meeting in June 2017. The report can be read online, on our website, and so I am not going to repeat what I explained there. Instead, I will focus on three main topics: 1) the state of the collection of annual fees, 2) the details of the accounts for these last two years and the financial prospects for the rest of 2019, with a mention to travel grants, and 3) an update on the unsuccessful attempts to find some banking alternatives to the Co-Operative Bank.

#### *(1) Collection of fees*

As you all know, annual fees coming from our 16 branches, and to a much lesser extent from a changing number of individual members, are IASPM only source of income. The annual process of collecting fees is usually managed by the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer, since it is actually a double process involving the updating of membership, which is the base for calculating the fee, and the payment of the fee. However, it relies on the branches' Membership Secretaries and Treasurers, who handle the collection of annual fees from their members. It is in fact a key routine for guaranteeing the survival of our organization, and its success depends on good communication between the two levels that constitute IASPM between conferences (i.e., the branches, the Executive Committee). Thus, any effort put into making this communication as fluid and easy as possible will never be wasted.

In general, I must say, in my term responsibility has been the norm at all levels and through all branches, though occasionally office transitions may have caused interruptions in communication, or financial problems may have emerged for different reasons. When something like this happens, I think it is essential that no branch be left to fend for itself. Working always in that direction, and with the invaluable collaboration of the branches Treasurers and Membership Secretaries, I can say today that we currently have no pending arrears and that all branches (except the European Francophone branch, which at the moment has some banking

issues that are proving difficult to solve) have already contributed their 2018 annual fees. I would like to thank the Treasurers and Membership Secretaries of all the branches for their collaboration, and I would like to mention especially the outgoing Treasurer of the Japanese branch, Akitsugu Kawamoto, who has sorted out membership lists and paid arrears from 2015 on. Certainly, the process of updating membership and collecting fees could be improved and facilitated if a centralised membership system were implemented, as it was proposed and considered years ago, though this goes beyond my competences as Treasurer. But I would give a solid recommendation to consider that.

### *(2) Accounts*

As some of you may know, in December 2017 the Co-Operative Bank closed the USD account that was linked to our main GBP account, since the bank does not offer foreign currency accounts any more. This unexpected turn made the management of the accounts a bit more complicated, as our fees are calculated in USD and many branches operate in EU. More importantly, the closing of the USD account has left us exposed to the probable fluctuations of the GBP in the uncertain context of Brexit, which so far have been very limited, though. Obviously, this is closely related to the question of opening a new bank account, on which I will say more later. Our PayPal.co.uk account is currently in USD, though.

Here I am presenting to you and the auditors two types of reports: profit and loss reports for 2017, 2018, and 2019 (the last one only until 31 May), and statements of financial position for those three years (again, the last one only until 31 May); besides, a budget for the rest of this year, that is from June to December 2019, and a foreseeable statement of financial position at 31 December 2019. The concepts that are included are the usual ones: as I said before, our revenues come entirely from annual fees, and in the expenses section you will also find the usual concepts: the IASPM@Journal, the website, travel grants for attendance to this conference, a part of the Executive Committee travel expenses, though at least two members have got funding from their institutions, banking fees, and minor administrative expenses, like postage and translations.

The main difference from previous years is that for this conference we have spent more on travel grants, circa 25,000 USD, and also, as our Chair said before, on a grant for new branches, 1,500 USD. This level of expense is, however, very reasonable, since according to the budget I present, which takes into account the expenses to be made until the end of the year, at the end of 2019 we will probably still have more than 50,000 USD in cash, summing up the Co-Op Bank account and the PayPal account. It is fair to recognize that the more generous spending policy takes advantage of the conservative approach of previous Treasurers, which accumulated the financial cushion that we still have today. An economy based on the collection of annual fees is always fragile, and financial cushions are necessary, indeed. Nevertheless, I think that the current state of our finances should probably allow for the funding of new projects in line with our foundational aims. As IASPM officers we must be diligent in collecting annual fees, but it is also important that the whole organization sees that this money is used in a meaningful way, and all members have a sense of what that money is for.

### *(3) Banking alternatives*

As reported previously by the Chair, one of the main challenges faced by the Executive Committee has been trying to establish an address. For instance, the problem that we had with PayPal for years, and which led to the blocking of the account (functioning again since June 2018) had to do with our Swedish registration,

which they wouldn't accept, even if we have been registered in Sweden since the beginning. Also, the Co-Op Bank asked in 2018 for a clarification of our addresses, though in the end they just let the question fade away, and never explained if the documentation we provided was satisfactory or not. These episodes led us to the realization that, though this fact is only rarely mentioned, IASPM is not an international organization that happens to be registered in Sweden. Rather, we are a Swedish organization that happens to have the word "international" in its name, and which is international because and through its branch structure. On the other hand, we do not have an office in Sweden. We have tried to solve this, but Ann Werner will report later about the steps we have taken, since this was dealt with mainly by her.

Taking this into account, that is our Swedish legal status, and the mandate we had from the Kassel General Assembly to explore the possibility of opening a (preferably ethical) bank account outside the UK, it seemed reasonable to look for a Swedish bank, ideally a bank with high ethical standards that could offer accounts in USD or EU. In brief, this option wasn't fruitful, and I didn't even manage, not even with the help of our Swedish Member-at-Large, Ann Werner, to make an appointment with any bank. Later on, I have contacted a few ethical banks, like the Spanish branch of Triodos, and I have been in conversation with Spanish Banc de Sabadell, for which Ann Werner and I collected the required documentation to open a bank account for non-residents. Unfortunately, the legal advisors of the bank didn't want us as costumers. Other members of the Executive proposed other options in Finland, in Italy, to no avail. At this point my understanding is the: 1) IASPM is not an attractive customer for banks, since our credit turnover is quite low, 2) IASPM international structure may seem not clear enough and may raise suspicions of money laundering, which also damages our potential as banking customers, 3) it is becoming increasingly difficult to have access to banking services outside the country where an organization is registered, and even there it can be difficult, too, 4) European ethical banks do not generally offer accounts in USD, are very much oriented to serving their communities, and thus are not normally prepared to tend to the needs of an international organization as IASPM.

I am not suggesting that we should abandon the search for banking alternatives outside the UK, on the contrary, but it has been very difficult for me and the rest of the Executive Committee, and I can only hope that the next Treasurer be in a better position to solve this. Meanwhile, if Brexit happens without an agreement, the GBP goes down or wild, and we want to take our funds to a safer place, we have a multicurrency TransferWire account which could be used for this purpose. It is not exactly a banking account, but in principle we could move the money there.

As I wrote in the annual report, during my first year I received the constant support of the former treasurer, Emilia Barna, for what I cannot thank her enough. I am quitting the position today, and I intend to follow Emilia's example and give my successor all the support that he or she may need. I would like to say that it has been a real honour to serve on this board. It has also been occasionally an emotional rollercoaster; everything is solved by email or on Skype meetings nowadays, which of course saves a lot of time. Yet, working remotely is also sometimes confusing, and definitely much less interesting from a human point of view. Thank you.

CS opened this up for discussion.

Shelley Brunt (SB) asked how many travel grants have been issued. MGQ replied that 19.

SB asked about the acronym "AC" on the Statement 6. MGQ replied that "Academic

Committee", but that Rosa Reitsamer didn't come to Canberra in the end, so this amount was in the budget but not expended.

SB asked if the registration fees were included in the counting for the AC and EC expenses. MGQ replied that had been included only for travel and hotel, but not for everybody.

Dave Shumway (DS) asked if the EC has considered a US bank. MGQ replied that yes, that she considers some US banks rated very high on the list of ethical banks, but it was very difficult to manage it from Barcelona. DS proposed that the new EC explores this possibility.

The auditors, SB and CH, asked for some time to review the documents attached to the Treasurer's report, and then come up to the GM with any questions that they might have.

CS asked to postpone the approval of the Treasurer's Report. It will be voted later.

#### *Web/Publications Report*

Kimi Kärki read the Web/Publications Report:

"In autumn 2017, I gradually got hold of most of the passwords required to carry out my duties as the web publications officer, as they mainly focus on IASPM's online presence. Unfortunately, due to the passing of previous officer, Ed Montano, part of the information was never transmitted. To be specific about this, the access to the Journal files was previously restricted to me, and I don't mind, I'll come back to that later. But also, a whole sum of the previous conference proceedings was not accessible for me, and it remains that way. The next year, 2018, also started with a challenge, as the IASPM main website was hacked. After several unsuccessful attempts to clean up the infected parts of the Wordpress code personally by me, a company (WP Fix It) was hired to do it. After two weeks of additional measures, the site was backed up and the web activity has been running normally since the end of March 2018.

I have been in a not very frequent contact with the Chief editor of the IASPM@Journal, Koos Zwaan, and his team, to coordinate joint work between the EC and the editorial team, and to offer any help needed with the journal website. The journal has been running normally, luckily. In the early 2019 Zwaan contacted the EC to inform that he was stepping down as a chief editor by the Canberra conference in June 2019. Also, Bernard Stenbrecher (assistant editor) and Sarah Raine (reviews editor) are stepping down, so the Journal now needs those positions to be filled, as well as some Editorial board members. Professor Rupert Till has posted a call about this to IASPM email list in June 7, 2019, and about the journal meeting at Canberra, which took place earlier. Hopefully new capable people will be found to replace the resigning ones.

Under the new European data protection law, the IASPM is obliged to publicly declare through a data protection document how it manages its members' data. To fulfil this mandate, I drafted, with the help of the rest of the EC, the IASPM Data Protection Policy, asked for the comments and revisions from the EC, and subsequently published via the website and the Society's mailing list, in order to reach all its members. The DPP is now online, as well as the IASPM Register of Systems, which is another required document. Both are accessible via the IASPM

website at

<http://www.iaspm.net/iaspm-data-protection-policy/>

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I would like to thank the rest of the EC for their valuable comments on this document. The DPP will also be taken into account when new members register to IASPM email list — a form has been created to collect this data, and will be available to local branch membership secretaries.

Because the recent sure of removal messages was already explained, I will not go through this in detail. But the situation returned to normal after some days, and I think it is safe to conclude the list was not hacked.

The next task will be to ask the local branches to submit updated newsletters on the main site. The current newsletters, only available from some of the branches, date to 2016. So that's something I'm going to be contacting the branches about, if they are willing to submit new reports for the international website as well. It is not compulsory, but it will be very nice to have data from the local branches.

As always, popular music research related news will be posted by me (if requested) to the email list and the website main newsfeed. I will also collect the interesting news posted by others and include them to the website. This update takes place roughly every two weeks or so. Please note that the most important current issues are usually attached to the beginning of the blog style newsfeed, as virtual 'sticky notes' (for example the documents that have been provided today), and the rest of the posts follow scrolling down, from the latest to oldest. Basically, you can review my web publishing history by going to website and looking through that. Thank you"

CS asked for any comments on the Web/Publications report.

Antti-Ville Kärja (AVK) remarked an error in the spelling of the surname 'Stenbrecher'. It should be "Steinbrecher". KK fixed it.

### *Member at Large Report*

Antti-Ville Kärja read the one of the Members at Large report:

"My main duty as Member-at-Large in the IASPM Executive Committee 2017–19 involved acting as the liaison between the EC and the Local Organising Committee of the XX Biennial Conference in Canberra. This was executed mainly via electronic mail, and included also taking part in person in the LOC meeting during the IASPM-ANZ conference in December 2018 in Hamilton, Aotearoa New Zealand (with external funding). The task itself was straight-forward enough, even if occasional delays and misunderstandings caused minor inconvenience. In addition, the guidelines for conference organising adopted at the 2017 GM proved to be too rigid in my experience and created an unnecessary basis for further confusion instead of constructive dialogue. What I found more problematic nevertheless was the initial uncertainty over my duties, as none were defined at the 2017 General Meeting and it took almost four months within the EC to confirm them (due to reasons that became later apparent with the resignation of Chair Julio Mendivil). Personal crises are understandable, yet the situation revealed structural deficiencies within the EC as in the absence of sanctioned deputy leadership meetings were delayed and decision-making compromised. In my experience, this also affected the LOC undeservedly and reflected poorly upon my tasks. Therefore, I would urge the GM to make sure the duties of Members-at-Large are clearly defined as the people in question are elected.

Alongside liaising, as an EC member I assumed an active role in preparing the call for presentations for the XX Biennial Conference and in revising the association's statutes and rules of procedure. Regarding the latter activity, I expressed a dissenting opinion within the EC concerning the requirement to have a Swedish resident in the board, as it violates the principle of keeping academic positions of trust open to all members regardless of their nationality or place of residence, and as the requirements set by the Swedish Tax Agency can be met by appointing an authorised signatory for the purpose (as stipulated in the IASPM Statute 9.3.2). Thank you"

CS commented that, as one of the people of the Local Committee (LOC), AVK was invaluable and a very important point of contact and trust, and he performed that role incredibly well. CS asked for any other comments.

Samantha Bennett (SB) thanked AVK for all the time and effort that he has invested and also for meeting with the LOC in New Zealand. AVK appreciated that.

FF commented about the Swedish Member at Large issue that it was reported many years ago in the proceedings of the Grahamstown Conference. He thanked AVK for having searched through this problem. FF mentioned that there is a conflict between an oral tradition with the Swedish Tax Agency (a Company or Association registered in Sweden must have a Swedish resident as signatory for tax and this person must be a member of the board) and the written law (you couldn't find this requirement in any legal document).

CS asked to hold the discussion until Ann Werner's report.

#### *Member at Large Report (by Skype connexion)*

Ann Werner (AW) read another Member at Large report:

"When trying to find a way to give IASPM an official address in Sweden, in order to simplify banking and other official business, it was thought that a practical solution might be to at least have an official IASPM address in Sweden. Our official address there has always been the personal address of the Swedish Member-at-Large (when there has been one), which may not seem very professional to bankers. To this end, we contacted the Department of Cultural Studies at the University of Gothenburg and asked them to sign an agreement allowing us to hold our official address there, an agreement that did not come to fruition. In October 2018 the need for an official address was solved by obtaining a PO-box address in Sweden, managed by Member-at-Large Ann Werner. The PO-box allows the IASPM to be officially seated in Sweden and have an official address.

In respect to fiscal questions, it is to be noted that on September 15, 2017, the Swedish tax agency granted IASPM the right not to declare income or pay taxes until 2022. This means that before the end of 2021 the IASPM must apply again for exemption from declaring income and paying taxes in Sweden, the country where the IASPM is registered. Up to that date, the IASPM does not have to declare any income or pay any taxes. It was also during the spring of 2019 clarified that in the eyes of the Swedish Tax Agency IASPM is a Swedish organization with international collaborations. This requires the IASPM to have a board member living in Sweden, able to communicate in Swedish, and to have a Swedish "seat". This seat can be an address, and the person to communicate doesn't have to be Swedish, just have to

live in Sweden. If these requirements are not fulfilled the Swedish Tax Agency can void our status as an organization with an organizational number. These are required to do financial transactions in the IASPM name. Just a brief comment here: the fact that they can void our status doesn't mean that they necessarily will. First, they will have to discover it, and then they will have to act on it. Thank you.

CS thanked Ann for the report and opened the floor for discussion.

Matt Brennan (MB) and John Mullen asked if someone asked the Swedish Tax Agency to provide us with a written reference. FF and MGQ replied that this reference doesn't exist.

AW (by Skype) replied that they are not a law but the rules of the Swedish Tax Agency, the organisational numbers, and collecting taxes, etc. It is not a law, it is how they operate and if IASPM don't accomplish this requirement they can decide it is not a Swedish organisation anymore. Steve Waksman (SW) suggested that in USA, we would have hired a lawyer.

MGQ said that she didn't see any problem with having a Swedish Member at Large on board. AVK said that this is an issue about the basic principles of having academic positions of trust, which by definition cannot be tight to any personal qualities, including nationality, and that he continued to present his dissenting opinion on this matter. Rupert Till (RT) said that if Sweden is a country that is willing to allow us to do money transactions, tax free, then it is reasonable for the tax office to require a specific person, who speaks the language that they communicate in. He considered this just a practical function that is necessary and that it seems that it is a good idea to continue with this kind of route. AVK replied that he agreed but that it needs to be defined clearly what other responsibilities arrive on this person then and he suggested that it needs to be a further discussion about what it actually entails, if it will be a regular board member, or an ex-official member, or a technical aid, or any kind of authorised signatory. CS comment that these questions seemed very fundamental, but given we don't know the answers, she was asking if anybody had any sort of action that they would like to propose us to be taken.

SW came back to the early suggestion that we can consult a lawyer and get advice. AW (by Skype) replied that she did consult with a lawyer from the Swedish Tax Agency. She was not forward or against the Swedish Member at Large, but her opinion was that it would be a lot of work to try to change this because the Swedish Tax Agency could decide what they want about our taxes and our organisational number. Marta Ulhoa (MU) seconded the position of AW and explained that she would not risk the current requirement and end up paying taxes to the Swedish Tax Agency. Matt Brennan suggested that our resources as association are limited and we have to consider the most efficient option, and ask for a concrete motion.

CS suggested that until this actually becomes an issue, in terms of the person in that role, we put it on the back burner. Daniel Lehy seconded.

CS ask for the approval of the EC Report. Approved by Steve Waksman. Seconded by Robert Fry.



Ruper Till (RT) presented the IASPM@Journal Report on behalf of Koos Zwaan:

"My name is not Koos Zwaan, because he cannot be with us today, I am going to read his report and take the questions that you have. My name is Rupert Till, I am one of the board members of the IASPM Journal. The IASPM Journal (IJ) is now in its 9th year as an open-access online peer-reviewed publication and, apart from a gap year in 2012, has consistently published two issues per year. The IJ editorial board is celebrating its 10th anniversary since the first board meeting in Liverpool in 2009, and the journal will see its first decade of published issues in 2020.

The Editorial Board meets with the available Advisory Board members once every two years at the biennial IASPM conference. In between these meetings, several operational editorial team meetings have been conducted via Skype, most of the communication and decision processes with the editorial board members have been conducted through the auditable mailing list. All publication decisions and processes regarding submissions are recorded and logged within the PKP online journal system (OJS).

The current editorial team is listed here, it is available at the IASPM Journal website. Leaving the team during 2017-2019 have been Professor Hillegonda Rietveld (who left shortly after the Kassel Conference) and Dr Koos Zwaan (who will leave as soon as we can find a hand over). As Assistant editor Dr Bernhard Steinbrecher (who left in 2018) and me, Dr Rupert Till, and Dr Tobias C. van Veen (2019) are leaving this year after this conference. As Review Editor Dr Sarah Elizabeth Raine. So many thanks to all of those participate in the leaving.

The existence of the IASPM Journal relies heavily on the contributions by the editorial team. Hundreds of hours are voluntarily contributed by our colleagues in order to make a regular, free, open-access good quality peer-reviewed academic journal possible. The current editor therefore wants to extend his gratitude to everyone who made a contribution to the journal, and in particular those leaving or who have left the editorial team over the last couple of years.

At the time of writing of this report, a new Chief Editor, new members of the Editorial Board, an Editorial Assistant and a Review's editor are sought to provide the journal with new energy and to ensure its future.

During the last two years, a number of notable things have happened behind the scenes, first of all, the editorial team streamlined the work flow and created a general publication schedule. Together with the full editorial board, we have also streamlined and improved the style guide and article template as well as fine-tuned the copy-editing instructions. More recently, thanks to the effort of editorial board member Dr Rupert Till, the Journal has applied for indexing with Scopus, which, nowadays is indispensable for a serious academic journal. As part of this application, a "Journal Ethics" section was added to the website. Also, as requested and largely prepared by IASPM member Dr Jacopo Tomatis, the journal has applied for a rating in the Italian Agency for Research Evaluation (ANVUR). Both applications are still in process.

The published issues with the full editorial teams for each issue are listed, as well as future issues that are currently in preparation.

In 2017-2018, Pop Life: The Popular Music Biopic, volume 2: Practice-Led and Practice-Based Popular Music Studies, a volume on Gender Politics in the Music Industry, and an Open Issue. Issues on preparation for publication: "Pop Music Festivals and (Cultural) Policies" and another Open Issue.

Some ideas have been put forward by individual board members as possible future special issues, these will have to be decided upon during the editorial board/advisory board meeting during the upcoming IASPM biennial conference in Canberra,

Australia.

Thanks to Dr. Koos as he is leaving. Does anybody have any questions about the Journal? If you don't mind me editorializing a little, we had a good response to the call for editorial board members, but we still need a chief editor. We have not a single person applying for the chief editor of the Journal, and it's difficult to see how the Journal could continue without a chief editor. We can ask some of the people who applied for editorial board. If you know anybody who is interested and has the experience to be chief editor for the IASPM Journal, then please encourage them to apply. Please, spread that call, widely. Also, we invite all of you to submit your research to IASPM Journal at any time. There is a constant open call, so all of you are free to publish your work and to invite other members of your branches and people you know. We've also put a call out for reviewers. All IASPM members can become reviewers for the Journal, it is a good thing for your CVs, and you will only be asked to review on subjects that you are experienced in. So, please, go online and register for that"

Dave Shumway (DS) asked if the editor in chief have any support provided by the organisation. RT replied that there are 2 assistant editors who handle the more practical elements of the Journal and have been both worked very efficiently to support the Journal, and 6 to 7 members of the editorial board. At the meeting they had of the advice report, the international advice report, there are 20 of them, one from every branch, suggested that they could be involved in the process, which RT considered a great idea. DS asked if it would be possible for an organisation like IASPM to give financial support and RT replied that IASPM provided some support already financially (about 6% of the cost of what we spend in the IASPM that goes to support the Journal)

CS thanks the comments and ask to move to the next point.

#### 4. Amendments to the Statutes and to the Rules of Procedure

FF presented the amendments to the Statutes proposed by the EC:

1st- Point 3.2: 'The functions of the Association include organising regular conferences, at least biennial' (included 'at least biennial').

2nd- Article 4, point 4.2: "Institutional membership is open to all non-profit-making organizations, institutions and associations interested in any aspect of popular music. It is also open to international non-profit-making organisations whose purposes are connected with those of the Association, as well as to branch committees of such organizations" (before, 'international organisations').

3rd- Article 4, point 4.4: "Individuals who have made exceptionally distinguished contributions to the work of the Association may, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, be elected Honorary Members by the General Meeting" (added point)

4th- Point 5.1.: "A branch of the Association may be formed when at least five of the Association's members resident in the same country or, where cooperation between countries is more feasible, when five or more members in such a group of countries, agree to do so" ('nation' instead of 'countries').

5th- Point 8.1. "All members are entitled to attend the General Meeting". Added proposal: 'The General Meeting has a quorum when there are members of the Association present. In order to calculate the number needed for a majority the quorum will be equal to the number of members attending when the General Meeting is opened"

6th. Point 8.3: 'The General Meeting is presided by a nominee of the Executive Committee". Added proposal: "Two attendees of the General Meeting are elected to verify the minutes. The minutes shall be delivered by the secretary of the meeting within two weeks after the meeting, and the minutes shall be verified within two months after the meeting"

7th. Point 9.2: "The Executive Committee consists at least of a Chairperson, a General Secretary, a Treasurer/Membership Secretary, a Publication Officer". Added proposal: "and a representative, elected by the General Meeting, of the members in charge of the organisation of the next biennial conference" (recommendation from Kassel GM that was in contrast with the existing statutes)

8th. Point 9.6: "Members of the Executive Committee may belong to other academic organisations and even serve on their boards. However, they must declare their membership at the beginning of their term and will abstain from taking part in any discussions that may result in IASPM concluding agreements or co-operating with the academic organisations or institutions of which they are members" (added point)

9th. Point 10 deleted (on this point was a motion to delete it in Grahamstown, and for some reason the action wasn't approved)

CS asked for any comments on the amendments.

Dave Shumway said that the point 9.6 sounds draconian and suggested to change "abstain from taking part in any discussions" for it "abstain from taking part in voting". Martha Ulhoa asked for clarification in order to assure that this point referred just to members of the board. FF replied that this only applies for the EC and that it is and just for the sake of clarity and transparency. Votes for the new amendment ("abstain from taking part in voting"): 42. 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Kevin Holm-Hudson asked if the quorum mentioned in point 8.1 should satisfy a number of the members present. FF replied that it is very difficult to put a figure or percentage there and that we just to assure that the 2/3 quorum is calculated on the members attending when the General Meeting is opened. Jocelyne Guilbault noted that it is very difficult to guarantee the attendance of 2/3 of participants in the Conference. Sílvia Martínez clarified that the quorum refers to the attendance to the General Meeting, not to the whole conference.

CS asked for vote for the entirety of those changes to the statutes: 44. 4 abstentions. Amendments passed.

CS pointed out that the GM must finish in half an hour, and moved to the amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

FF presented the amendments to the Rules of Procedure proposed by the EC:

1st- Point 1.2: "...biannual conference". Actually is "biennial conference"

2nd- Point 2.1.2: "...Each member attending the General Meeting cannot represent more than one institutional member and two non-attending individual members". The change is that, in the previous text, "a member cannot represent more than one institutional member or two non-attending members". Now it's "and" for "or".

3rd.- Point 2.2.1: "The Executive Committee decides by a simple majority of expressed votes. Each member has one vote". Added sentence: The committee has a quorum when two thirds (rounded to the closest integer) or more of its members are present, including the Chair".

4th.- Point 2.2.2: "The Executive Committee may use telecommunications to hold meetings and consultations if such means are more feasible than meeting in person". We deleted the following sentence: "If voting proves necessary on such occasions, members of the Executive Committee shall confirm their votes in writing and send them, duly signed, to the General Secretary". If you have many Skype meetings, every time you take a decision and you vote, if you have to sign, write an email or even send a letter, it is totally impractical.

FF observed that there are more changes in points 3.2. and 4., but they are not in the document we circulated because this version ends at 2.3.7. CS said that the changes in point 3.2. and 4. will have to hold out until the next General Meeting.

CS asked for the approval of the amendments of the Rules of Procedure until point 2.3.7. No objections, no abstentions. Approved by the floor.

CS moved to the amendments proposed by Eric Weisbard, basically a proposal to change in the Statutes the EC election from the GM to an online electoral system. Doing the time constraint, CS asked to discuss and vote that general proposition before look at the details. FF agreed.

Steve Waksman said that it will be a positive change. Rupert Till said that in the UK/Ireland branch they have explored this, but there are risks on an online voting system. FF comment that probably nobody would be against voting online in the age of the social media but, on the other hand, we have to check if the people who vote are real members. At the moment it is very difficult to have a synchronised list of actual members, as Jacopo Conti told us. FF pointed out that putting that into the statutes is kind of suicidal, because becomes not optional and we are not sure that we will have the resources or find a suitable way for voting online. FF suggested to move this point to the next general meeting, and in the meanwhile to appoint a group of people who study it and come with a solution. And if we get it, at the next conference we can vote for a change to the statutes. Geoff Stahl seconded the suggestion of a working body taking this on board for the next general meeting.

MGQ said that we cannot consider that without considering before a centralised membership system because we have to verify every member and both two tools go together.

CS asked for voting a motion to establish a working body to look at the possibility of a centralised membership system and, as a result of that, online voting. Geoff Stahl:

second. No votes against, no abstentions. Motion approved by the floor.

5. Proposal to form a basic position statement or guideline for inclusivity, representation/diversity, and accessibility at IASPM events [by Tami Gadir and Catherine Strong]

Tami Gadir said that she had just noticed conversations going around in various academic organisations and institutions about representational issues, and she thinks that in a very international association like ours we have different understandings of what representation means, and at local branch events. She thought that IASPM needs some kind of formal position statement or a guideline that ensure our events to be accessible, and inclusive. She asked to create a working group with people from different branches and contexts that could write a basic position statement in the IASPM perhaps to be published on the website and perhaps also published on the local branches' websites.

FF opened the floor to discussion. Bernhard Steinbrecher suggested to explore similar statements by other organisations. CS explained that the proposal is simply asking that a small working body will be established to come back to the net general meeting with a formal coherent statement people can vote. Matt Brennan seconded it.

FF asked for the approval of this proposal. No votes against, no abstentions. Proposal approved by the floor.

CS moved to the next point of the Agenda, the next international conference, and invite both candidacies to present their proposals: Oslo and Daegu.

#### 6. Next International Conference

##### *Presentation of the Oslo proposal*

Kyle Devine and Hans T. Zeiner-Henriksen presented a proposal to host the XXI IASPM Biennial Conference in the Department of Musicology at the University of Oslo, fully supported by the IASPM Norden Branch. A document with all the details was sent to the EC and posted on the website on May 22.

##### *Presentation of the Daegu proposal*

Hyunjoon Shin (HS) presented the proposal for the XXI IASPM Biennial Conference in Daegu, South Korea, supported by various official institutions in Daegu and the IASPM Korean Branch. Also in this case, a full and detailed proposal was sent to the EC and posted on the website on May 22.

CS asked for any comments or questions.

Rupert Till asked to clarify whether the conference in Daegu would take place in June. Hyunjoon Shin replied that probably it would be in July. Dave Shumway noted that maybe most people would prefer June. HS said that the semester schedule ends in June, but that they will be very happy to negotiate the dates.

Phil Hayward pointed out that biennial conferences in Asia have been neglected in

the past with the exception of Japan in 1997.

Steve Waksman asked if it was possible to vote one as the next conference (2021) and the other be the next after the next one (2023). Kyle Devine replied that if Oslo were voted second, the proposal must return to their departmental board and basically re-propose things when the next call becomes available.

CS asked if the Daegu proposal had similar constraints. HS replied that they kept their proposal.

CS thanked for the reports and called a vote for each option for the 2021 Conference. The results are:

OSLO: 14 votes

DAEGU: 43 votes

Daegu was approved as the venue of the XX Biennial Conference in 2021.

## 7. Election of the 2019-2021 Executive Committee

CS declared all the EC positions opened. As we are running out of time and there were only enough people nominated to fill the positions, CS informed that all nominees are elected.

Following the precedent change in the point 9.2. of the Statutes, also a representative of Daegu Conference is needed to join the EC. Hyunjoon Shin informed that Keewoong Lee will be the member of the EC.

The Executive Committee for 2019-2021 is:

*Chair:* Dr Rupert Till

*Membership Secretary:* Bernhard Steinbrecher

*Treasurer:* Dr. Simone Krüger Bridge

*Publications Officer:* Kimi Karki

*Members at Large:* Andrea Dankic and Catherine Strong

*Daegu Conference Liason:* Keewoong Lee

## 8. AOB

Before the AOB, CS asked the auditors to comment the treasurer's report and move to the approval.

Catherine Hoad commented the issues discussed with MGQ:

- the costs for the Academic Committee versus the Executive Committee
- the costs of the EC travels
- the significant increase in travel grants associated with the Canberra conference versus the costs associated with grants in Kassel
- the money for the new South East Asia branch and other new branches
- the current right for grant allocation for future international conferences (if finances allow)

In terms of recommendations:

- some clarification around the cost of the web posting versus the maintenance
- they recommended that costs for the Academic Committee versus costs for EC be atomised separately
- they considered the high costs for EC travel, and noted that in future there might be a discussion around executive travels
- recommended that, if possible, the current rate of the cost of travel grants be maintained, if the finances allow and after recommendation of the treasurer

Catherine Hoad and Shelley Brunt approved the treasurer's report, and thanked Marta for all of her work.

CS asked the floor for any other business. No other businesses raised and CS declared the General Meeting concluded at 10:45am.

10:45am end of the GM

*END NOTE (by SM): Following the point 8.3 of the Statutes (approved in this GM), these Minutes shall be delivered before July 11th to two attendants, who should verify them. This time the Minutes will be verified by Geoff Stahl and Martha Ulhoa. The minutes shall be verified before 28th August 2019.*