Newsletter IASPM French-Speaking Europe

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This is an occasional newsletter to report on the activities of our small branch of forty odd members, since the last newsletter

In November 2018 we were able to organize at the University of Rouen a two-day conference « How does popular song communicate ? », with fourteen speakers. Most of the talks were filmed and are available on the website of the University of Rouen, here http://eriac.univ-rouen.fr/comment-la-chanson-populaire-communique-t-elle-2/

In 2019, our secretary was able to get to the international conference in Canberra and thus have a sense of the breadth of work being done by the IASPM around the world, as well as learning some Australian history and joining the trip to see koalas and wallabies.

In early 2020, we set up a new website as we had been planning for some time. It now includes a list of members with their key interests. It can be found here : https://iaspmbfe.wordpress.com/

In 2020, fresh elections renewed the steering committee. We thanked the departing Chairperson Elsa Grassy from the University of Strasbourg, and departing treasurer Stéphane Escoubet (Toulouse), and we welcomed our new Chairperson Emmanuel Parent and new treasurer Cécile Verschaeve. John Mullen (University of Rouen) stayed on as secretary. Our new treasurer set up a mechanism by which people could join (and pay subs) online, which is more practical for us and for newcomers.

Also in 2020, despite strict sanitary conditions, we were able to jointly organize « in real life » a conference with the Société française d’ethnomusicologie, an organization set up thirty years or so ago which has 200 members. The conference had 25 or so speakers. We hope there will be further collaboration in the future.
Every year, we organize a Junior researcher’s prize (Prix premières recherches) which involves a modest cash prize and publication of the winning article.

In 2021, we have a few new members joining us and plenty of ideas for future activities; We are also applying for some public funding from the Ministry of Culture.

**A selection of recent publications by our members [members were only allowed to send details of two publications each**


Guillaume Heuguet, « Verified hits, listening optional: the publicity value of music on YouTube », *Audimat* 14 [https://revue-audimat.fr/numero-14](https://revue-audimat.fr/numero-14)


Emmanuel Parent, « Recension de Agnès Gayraud, Dialectique de la Pop», Volume!, 16 (2)/17 (1), 2020, p. 221-223, https://journals.openedition.org/volume/8338
