

IASPM Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and time: **December 3, 2020, 12:00pm GMT time**

Location: multiple places via Skype

Participants: **Rupert Till (Chair), Kimi Kärki (Web/Publications), Bernhard Steinbrecher (Membership Secretary), Beatriz Goubert (General Secretary), Catherine Strong (Member-at-large), , Keewoong Lee (Daegu representative).**

Apologies for absence: Simone Krüger, Andrea Dankić

1. Rupert Till presents the calendar of the 2021 online research seminars organized by the branches. We will use the event management app Eventbrite. Local organizations will decide about the platforms to use.
2. Update on payments of the French branch. Simone will provide an update.
3. Conference details. Keewong Lee reports about the details of the conference.
 - Academic commitment finished the abstract review process. AC sent out acceptance letters to participants. 238 individual participants, 34 panels, 2 video sessions. The academic committee will organize individual papers into panels.
 - Rough draft of the calendar. Plenary sessions have been planned for 1.5hours, including a Q&A session. RT and KK mention that plenary sessions usually allot 45 minutes for the talk and 15 min for Q&A.
 - Rough draft of budget: Local committee will ask the Popular Music Journal for a budget for organizing the reception.
 - Plan B: entirely online conference. One of the difficulties is to deal with time differences. Members of the EC share the challenges of traveling to the conference this year, given the pandemic's implications. KL explains that the Local Committee can decide on the format of the conference by April. EC members share their experiences with different online-conference models.
 - Conference fees: no discount for online participants. EC suggests having a different price for online participants, as this might discourage participants. If the conference goes online, the cost would be 70% of the regular price. EC mentions that this price is probably too high for an online conference. RT notes different conference options given the critical situation. KL will discuss the EC opinions with the local committee. RT also explains that IASPM emergency funds can be used for the pandemic conference to help fund certain applicants.
4. Book prize: BS asks who to forward the books for reviews. EC will ask the chairs of the branches. RT suggests an email to the general list, and the members can volunteer to review.
5. 2023 Conference: RT invited Oslo and the Eastern European Branch to apply to host it.