

MINUTES

MEETING OF IASA MEMBERSHIP, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND BOARD (HYBRID DURING 10th IASA WORLD CONGRESS IN INDIA)

DATE

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Time: 17:30 -18:30 (IST)

ATTENDEES:

President: **Paweł Jędrzejko**

IASA Executive Director: **Gabriela Vargas-Cetina (online)**

IASA Secretary: **S. Bilge Mutluay Çetintaş**

IASA Media Officer: **György “George” Tóth (online)**

IASA Treasurer: **Jiaying Cai (online)**

Paul Giles

Manju Jaidka

Manpreet Kaur Kang

Roshan Lal Sharma

Nami Shin

Stephan Brandt

Alessandro Buffa

Virginia R Dominguez

Giorgio Mariani

John Matteson (invited by Paweł Jędrzejko)

AGENDA:

1. Introductory Remarks

IASA president, Paweł Jędrzejko thanked Manpreet Kaur Kang and the organizing team in India for the hard work in realizing the 10th IASA World Congress. IASA's presence in India serves as a statement for equality of opportunities and solidarity among colleagues. This is also noteworthy for the mission of IASA since decentralizing American studies is among our aims. This could be summed up as, “Whatever affects the Americas affect us, and whatever affects us affects the Americas.”

2. 11th IASA World Congress in 2023

The organization of the 11th IASA World Congress is proposed by Paweł Jędrzejko to be held at the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland, on June 15-18, 2023. The Congress CFP will be sent for acceptance/rejection/revisions soon. The tentative

suggested topic is: Journeying (the) Americas: The Paradoxes of Travel (and) Narratives

The 11th IASA World Congress at the University of Silesia will help to put the IASA World Congress schedule back in track. The details related to the venue and choices for accommodation (e.g. Ibis/Now Hotels) and choices of post conference extracurricular activities will be available in the near future. The banking account for the Katowice conference will also be set.

3. The Emerging Scholars Forum

George Tóth reported on a series of meetings with Dr. Jessica Syers (attended also by Bilge Mutluay Cetintas) aiming at establishing an Emerging Scholars Forum of the International American Studies Association. The Board Members feel that appealing to the young and emerging scholars is crucial for the future of IASA.

Potential members of the Emerging Scholars Forum had their preliminary meeting online, presided over by Dr. Jessica Syers. The founding group will be planning a session dedicated to the future of American Studies during the 2023 Congress in Poland. The Forum does not anticipate to generate papers; rather, the session will aim at engaging Emerging Scholars in productive discussions concerning their own future within the discipline, and thereby also the future of American Studies itself. Those interested in participating in this forum should be contacting Dr. Syers at jessica.syers@gmail.com

Paweł Jędrzejko mentioned the possibility for applying for funds to support the Emerging Scholar's Forum as well.

4. Financial Issues

The finances of IASA is given on the website: https://iasa-world.org/?page_id=475 (the password was sent by mail to the members). Paweł Jędrzejko has explained the importance of keeping our transactions and invoices transparent. For this end, invoices related to spending will be collected and posted on our website.

The board is still planning to set up an account in Spain and Paweł Jędrzejko will be going to Spain to set up the account. However, bearing in mind that the running cost of the account amounts to 100 Euros (every month), the President has decided to wait until the income generated by the Delhi Congress is assessed. Then, the decision will be made by the IASA Board as to whether to transfer these funds directly to the Katowice Congress account (which is costless, but only temporary) or whether to transfer it to the account to be set up between January and March (depending on the availability of Paweł Jędrzejko's university travel funds: the President does not want to use IASA money to cover his travel costs and is ready to wait until the IASA

coffers are replenished before he himself gets reimbursed for the running costs of the IASA online operations).

Manpreet Kaur Kang explained that the registration fees combined with donations made by local sponsors were enough for the budgeting the 10th IASA World Congress. Yet, unfortunately, there were no funds left other than the membership fees and funds for the complementary print copies of the *Review of International American Studies*.

5. RIAS

The reorganization of the financial structure of the *Review of International American Studies* (RIAS) was discussed. The offer of the University of Silesia in Katowice to add the journal to the list of the University of Silesia Press journals with full financing, but with the retention of the status of RIAS as the organ of IASA and with the Academic Board and Editorial Board composed of IASA members was explained. Paul Giles inquired the motivation behind such an offer, which was explained as University of Silesia's wish to expand its list of ranking journals for their academic credentials.

The next planned issue of *RIAS* will be on one of the subthemes of the conference and the CFP will be distributed soon.

6. Emory Elliot Prize (2023)

Anup Beniwal, J. D. Schnepf, and Manju Jaidka kindly served on the Emory Elliott committee (Roshan Lal Sharma was also consulted) and the prize was awarded to Mr. Giacomo Traina of the "Sapienza" University of Rome. The announcement will be made on the last day of the Congress in India.

7. Possible IASA Chapters

Paweł suggested new IASA Chapters in China, India, Europe, USA/Canada, Mexico, Latin America, Australia/Oceania. Expansion of the Board to accommodate the Chapter Presidents was also discussed.

8. Suggestions

Manju Jaidka added that the national chapters may cause problems and they need to be organized well. She also reminded the participants that the Conference of the MELOW (The Society for the Study of the Multi Ethnic Literatures of the World) would take place on the first weekend in October 2023 at Shoolini University, India. Paweł Jędrzejko suggested the possibility of the collaboration between IASA and MELOW, which would consist in the propagation of the information about the Conference via IASA channels in return for the propagation of the IASA logotype in the conference materials and reciprocal circulation of the information concerning the 11th IASA World Congress through the MELOW communication channels.

Bilge Mutluay etintaş, as IASA Secretary, will be working on an updated list of members. She will be contacting former Presidents and members for the addresses included in the previously existing list serve.

Bilge Mutluay

Signed by: S. Bilge Mutluay etintaş
IASA Secretary