

MINUTES OF THE IASA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Katowice, Poland, 9-10 September, 2023

11th IASA WORLD CONGRESS

DATE

Saturday and Sunday, September 9-10th, 2023
Time: 17:30-18:30 CET, extended to 16:00 of September 10th, 2023.

CHAired BY:

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IASA Executive Director: **Gabriela Vargas-Cetina (online)**
IASA Secretary: **S. Bilge Mutluay Çetintaş**
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AGENDA:

1. General Assembly Opening

Acting on behalf of the IASA Board and the Executives, prof. Paweł Jędrzejko, the IASA President, officially opened the General Assembly. Having greeted all those present both on site and online, he has passed on to the Introductory Remarks.

2. Introductory Remarks

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3. The Summary of the 11th IASA World Congress

a) On behalf of the International American Studies Association, Professor Jędrzejko expressed our gratitude to the 11th IASA World Congress Organizing Team, whose commitment and hard work made the Congress an internationally acclaimed success. In particular, he thanked prof. Beata Gontarz, who allotted the funds of the Institute of Cultural Studies of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Silesia in Katowice to the organization of the Congress and who managed the superbly dedicated on-site team, consisting of: Dr. Kamila Gęsikowska, Dr. Adam Pisarek, Dr. Anna Maj, Dr. Barbara Orzeł, Dr. Małgorzata Poks, Dr. Sabina Sweta Sen-Podstawska, prof. Eugenia Sojka, and prof. Monika Wiszniowska, who were supported by the International Team, consisting of Dr. Justin Michael Battin, Dr. Avani Bhatnagar, Dr. Nathaniel R. Racine, Mr. Ahmad Ishtiaque Tapadar, and prof. Pradeep Trikha. Acknowledging the importance of the work of the

Organizers and the IT professionals supporting the Congress, prof. Jędrzejko passed our thanks to all of the Session Chairs, both on-site and online.

- b) Jędrzejko emphasized our gratitude to the excellent Congress Keynote Speakers – prof. Wyn Kelley, prof. Marek Paryż and Dr. Anjali Singh – whose addresses both set the tone for the debates in Katowice and inspired plans for international collaboration.
- c) The President stressed that one of the breakthroughs that the Congress brought was the Emerging Scholars Forum took place. As a result, Emerging Scholars' Candidates for IASA Officers were selected and conditions of transgenerational collaborations were defined. Instrumental in the process was Dr. György “George” Tóth, whose collaboration with Dr. Jessica Syers and Mr. Emilio Giannotti allowed the project to flourish. On behalf of the IASA, President Jędrzejko expressed our profound thanks for their efforts and declared the Organization's constant support to the efforts of the Emerging Scholars.
- d) Last but not least, Jędrzejko expressed our thanks to the 2023 Emory Elliott Award Committee Chair, prof. Manju Jaidka, and the Committee Members, and passed our congratulations to Dr. Sara Villamarin-Freire from the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, whose paper titled: “A Transmodern Travelogue? The Case Of Teju Cole's *Every Day Is For The Thief*” won her the Award.

4. **Review of International American Studies**

Professor Jędrzejko explained in detail the effects of the professionalization of the IASA flagship journal, the *Review of International American Studies*. He explained that the running of the periodical under the auspices of the University of Silesia Press required professional preparation and a skillset that renders the electability of the positions of Co-Editors-in-Chief counterproductive; furthermore, by Polish Law, at least one Editor-in-Chief must be a Polish national. Therefore, Dr. Nathaniel R. Racine and Prof. Paweł Jędrzejko himself (appointed and ratified by IASA and by the University of Silesia Press) will continue to serve as Co-Editors-in-Chief of the *Review of International American Studies* until a set of bylaws, concordant with the requirements of the Polish Law and the bylaws of the University of Silesia Press is worked out and ratified. Having explained the transformations of the *RIAS*, Jędrzejko emphasized the debt of gratitude that the International American Studies Association owes to the former Editors-in-Chief, Guest Editors, and other Officers of the journal.

5. **Financial Issues**

The President reported on the success of the setting up of the IASA bank account in Spain (Santander Bank). Emphasizing the instrumental role of professor Manuel Broncano Rodriguez in making all the necessary arrangements, Jędrzejko reported that the heretofore membership fees have already been transferred to the IASA banking account. Henceforth, the membership fees as well as all donations will be

transferred to the new banking account, which will be facilitated by the new functionality, currently tested, that would allow to transfer funds using credit or debit cards.

6. Elections of the New IASA Board and for the IASA Executive Council

As per IASA bylaws, the term of office for the current IASA Officers and Executives ends after a two-year period. Professor Jędrzejko reminded all those present that by the power of the vote of the IASA Executives, the transition period was instituted between the General Assembly, responsible for the election of the new IASA Officers and Executive Board, and the takeover of duties by the Officers Elect and the Board Elect. Until new bylaws are ratified, the new Officers and Board will assume their full duties on January 1st of the year following the election.

During the General Assembly, the election was carried out electronically as an open ballot. The Members voted *en bloc* for or against the following Candidates, who had expressed their willingness to run before their names were presented to the General Assembly:

IASA BOARD (2024-2026)

Saniye Bilge Mutluay Çetintaş -- IASA President
Gabriela Vargas-Cetina -- IASA Vice-President
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Mariya Doğan -- IASA Secretary
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Ahmad Ishtiaque Tapadar -- IASA Media Officer
György “George” Tóth -- IASA Emerging Scholars Forum Coordinator

IASA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2024-2026)

Vincenzo Bavaro, Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Italy
Manuel Broncano Rodriguez, TAMIU, USA
Alessandro Buffa, University of Naples L’Orientale, Italy
Jiaying Cai, Shanghai International Studies University, China
Rocío Cobo Piñero, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain
Jane Desmond, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
Virginia R. Dominguez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
Jennifer Frost, University of Auckland, Australia
Paul Giles, University of Sydney, Australia
Theo D’haen, KU Leuven, Belgium
Martin Halliwell, University of Leicester, England
Manju Jaidka, SRM University, Delhi-NCR, Sonapat, India
Djelal Kadir, Penn State University, USA
Manpreet Kaur Kang, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India
Manlio Della Marca, University of Parma, Italy
Giorgio Mariani, Università “Sapienza” di Roma, Italy
Beata Gontarz, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
Kiwa Ojiri, Tokyo Woman’s Christian University, Japan
Nami Shin, Incheon National University, Korea

Regina Schober, Mannheim University, Germany

The General Assembly agreed that the transfer of duties will take place on January 1st, 2024. The term in office will last two years, ending on December 31st, 2026.

7. 12th IASA World Congress

The General Assembly resolved that the next IASA World Congress will take place at the Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkiye, in 2025. The theme and specific dates of the Congress will be discussed among the Executives and consulted with the IASA Members by January 1st 2024.

8. Open floor discussion

The President opened the floor for comments and discussion. Members expressed their support for the IASA Board Candidates. The issue of the establishment of the Continental IASA Chapters was introduced as one of the duties of the IASA Executive Director Elect, and the necessity to adjust the IASA bylaws was emphasized. The management of the work of the bylaws was stipulated as the duty of the IASA Vice-President Elect.

9. Final Remarks

The President then gave the floor to prof. Bilge Mutluay Çetintaş, who expressed her thanks for the support of her candidature and declared her readiness to serve together with the other members of the Board-to-be-elected.

10. The Closing of the General Assembly

The President thanked everyone present, and formally closed the IASA General Assembly, announcing that in order to accommodate time differences and not to exclude any eligible member, the online ballot would be open until Sept. 10th, 16:00 hours CET.

11. The Results of the Elections

On September 10th at 16:00 the ballot was closed. The outcome of the elections was the following:

- 39 votes were cast,
- 39 votes were valid
- 39 votes were univocally in favor of the proposed Candidates for the Board and Executive Council of IASA for years 2024-2026.
- 0 votes against the proposed Candidates
- 0 abstaining votes

As a result, as of January 1st 2024, the IASA Board and Executive Council will consist of the following Officers and Executive Council Members:

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Manlio Della Marca, University of Parma, Italy
Giorgio Mariani, Università “Sapienza” di Roma, Italy

The present minutes have been ratified and electronically signed by all the Members present using the Autenti system.



Signed by: S. Bilge Mutluay Çetintaş
IASA Secretary

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