

REPORT: IASA-AISNA COLLABORATION MEETING

October 4th, 2023 (20:00 UK, Mode: Online)

Present	Apologies
Dr Leonardo Buonomo (AISNA)	Dr Lorenzo Costaguta (AISNA)
Mr Stefano Morello (AISNA)	
Dr Gyorgy Toth (IASA)	
Mr Ahmad Ishtiaque (IASA)	

An online meeting was convened on the 4th of October 2023, regarding a potential collaboration of the International American Studies Association (IASA) and Associazione Italiana di Studi Nord-Americani (AISNA) to further integrate both organizations and promote academic activities between them. The Media Officers of both organizations were present in the same. The following are the significant minutes of the meeting.

- Dr Gyorgy Toth initiated the discussion and shared relevant details and links to the IASA website, including IASA's accounts on Facebook and X (Twitter). He further explained the general *modus operandi* and the nature of the content of each of the platforms that IASA handles.
- Mr Stefano Morello highlighted that AISNA has a network of early career researchers with active social media accounts. The inclusion of an active and interactive social media feed on the website for better engagement was also discussed. Stefano also highlighted that the AISNA website already mentions the perks of having the membership of both AISNA and IASA through a single fee. He further suggested promoting cross-membership benefits on both websites. Dr Toth also suggested the involvement of Mr Emilio Gianotti (University of Urbino) to connect with the Emerging Scholars Forum of AISA and facilitate networking with the early career researchers of AISNA via the available social media platforms.
- Dr Leonardo Buonomo mentioned that AISNA regularly sends out IASA-related information on their mailing list which includes members and early researchers.
- Mr Ahmad Ishtiaque emphasized on the importance of ease of mobility across the websites of IASA and AISNA. Ishtiaque suggested the inclusion of website and social media links to IASA and AISNA on their respective websites. He also proposed the inclusion of direct access links to the journals, namely, *RIAS*, *RSA*, and *jमित!* in both websites.
- The possibility of helping early career scholars through the use of social media where significant works can be referred to or tagged with senior scholars for the purpose of constructive academic networking, was also discussed.
- Notably, the possibility of a virtual conference organized jointly by IASA and AISNA, in the near future, was discussed and considered for further approval.
- Dr Leonardo Buonomo and Mr Stefano Morello to further propose the suggestions in the meeting to the AISNA Executive Board including Dr Lorenzo Costaguta for discussion, approval, and application.

- Dr Gyorgy Toth and Mr. Ahmad Ishtiaque to further consult with Prof. Paweł Jędrzejko and Prof. Bilge Mutluay Cetintas as well as Mr. Emilio Gianotti for discussion, approval, and application.
- A follow-up meeting regarding the same agenda was agreed upon by both parties after discussions with their respective Executive Boards.

Action Items for IASA Leadership:

- Permission to link to AISNA accounts and journal/s on the IASA website
- Permission to pass AISNA information on to Mr Emilio Gianotti so he can discuss IASA-AISNA networking of early career people
- Permission to work on a proposal of some remote scholarly gathering between IASA and AISNA – or rather hand this idea over to Prof Brandt in charge of IASA continental chapters and events

Important Links to Websites and Social Media Accounts

IASA

- Website: <https://iasa-world.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAmericanStudiesAssociation>
- X (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/IasaStudies>

AISNA

- Website: <https://www.aisna.net/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AISNAnet>
- X (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/aisnagraduates/>