



Minutes of the meeting of the ICOS Board of Directors Glasgow, 24 August 2014

Present:

Carole Hough (CH, chair), Terhi Ainiola (TA), Lidia Becker (LB), Milan Harvalík (MH), Antti Leino (AL), Staffan Nyström (SN), Guy Puzey (GP, secretary), Kaisa Rautio Helander (KRH).

Apologies:

Ian Clark (IC), Richard Coates (RC), Barbara Czopek-Kopciuch (BCK), Laura Kostanski (LK).

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair, Carole Hough, called the meeting to order on Sunday 24 August 2014 at 14:10 local time (BST).

2. Confirmation of the agenda

The agenda was agreed.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (Skype, 26 May 2014)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising

CH has received an official letter from Ester Franquesa i Bonet (General Director and President of the Committee on the Toponymy of Catalonia, Department of Culture, Generalitat de Catalunya) announcing that the Barcelona Congress proceedings have now been published online. All members of the Board expressed their gratitude to the editors and the team behind the publication for completing the proceedings before the Glasgow Congress.

The Board agreed at the previous meeting to transfer a proportion of ICOS funds to the ICOS savings account. SN reported that this has been done.

LK had offered to present a proposal to Board members on a competition for the best paper by ICOS members but has not been able to do so. The competition idea is to be brought to the attention of the next Board.

The list of affiliated organisations has been updated and will be passed on to the next Board.

CH contacted Valéria Tóth to request the extra details about the University of Debrecen's bid to host ICOS 2017, and these were duly received and circulated among Board members by e-mail. The entire bid document has now been published on the ICOS website for members' information ahead of the General Assembly later this week.

5. ICOS 2014

Approximately 250 delegates have formally registered for the Congress. Around 50 other individuals will be attending other parts of the week's events. There were unfortunately a number of late withdrawals, mainly due to challenges in obtaining funding to travel to Glasgow.

In the programme there are currently 168 papers (including 11 posters) in English, 20 papers in French and 25 in German. A very broad range of topics are covered, illustrating the wide scope of interests in the field of onomastics.

A voting form for the best poster prize is to be included in the conference packs.

The Board decided not to organise a group photograph of all Congress delegates.

5. (a) Organisation of the General Assembly

SN and GP will hand out ballot papers at the entrance to the GA, checking the membership status of voters. TA, AL and KRH will count the ballot papers.

RC will be asked if he could present the Report of the Bibliography Group, in the absence of BCK. **(Action: GP)**

6. Next meeting

The handover meeting together with the new Board members will be held in Glasgow on Friday 29 August 2014 (13:00-14:00 local time).

7. Any other business

SN reported that ICOS currently has 291 members, considerably more than three years ago.

MH mentioned that he had tried to download all the papers from the Barcelona proceedings, but that there were two papers that are not accessible. GP will contact Joan Tort i Donada about this. **(Action: GP)**

AL has paid the web hosting fees. SN will reimburse these. **(Action: SN)**

CH thanked the Board for the work done over the past three years. The other Board members thanked her for leading the Board's work with such effectiveness.

CH closed the meeting at 15:20 local time.

Guy Puzey
Secretary
24 August 2014