



**MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING
PRAGUE, 14-15 JUNE 2016**

PRESENT:

Milan Harvalík (MH, chair), Lidia Becker (LB), Richard Coates (RC), Emilia Aldrin (EA), Valéria Tóth (VT)

PRESENT ON SKYPE: Alina Bugheşiu (AB), Alice Crook (AC), Oliviu Felecan (OF), Antti Leino (AL, editor of *Onoma*), Guy Puzey (GP).

APOLOGIES:

Nobuhle Hlongwa (NH), Staffan Nyström (SN), Paula Sjöblom (PS).

1. WELCOME

The chair, Milan Harvalík, called the meeting to order on Tuesday 14 June 2016 and Wednesday 15 June 2016, at 9:00 local time (8:00 GMT). The President welcomed everybody present in person or via Skype.

2. APOLOGIES

The chair made several announcements under this section. SN, PS and NH apologised for not being able to take part in the meeting at all. AL stated he would be present on the first day of the meeting (14 June). GP said he would be present via Skype on the second day (15 June). Due to this situation, MH suggested that item 11 on the agenda would be discussed when AL joined the meeting, whereas item 12, when GP participated. All attending members agreed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

MH asked whether members wished to add other items to the agenda. As no new item was added, the agenda was adopted.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (BAIA MARE, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015)

The minutes of the previous board meeting were prepared by NH and AB. Helpful revisions were made by MH, LB and GP. The minutes were sent to the Board and approved.

5. ICOS NEWSLETTER 24

Thanks were issued to Carol Léonard, former secretary of ICOS, who prepared the first draft of the Newsletter, as well as to all the board members who helped with its revision. On this occasion, the Newsletter was exceptionally published and sent to ICOS members (in May 2016) only in English and French, to avoid further substantial delay.

6. MATTERS ARISING

MH informed the participants in the meeting that former President of ICOS and prominent onomastician Rob Rentenaar had died on May 9, 2016. It was decided that a short obituary would be included in Newsletter 25. No other matters were noted.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MH mentioned the scientific events in which he took part between October 2015 and May 2016, on the occasion of which the President met many colleagues and international members of ICOS: the German Congress for Geographers in Berlin (October 2015); the XVII^e Colloque d'Onomastique, organized by SFO (Société française d'onomastique, December 2015); the conference on personal names used in place and city names organized by the Historical Institute and the Institute of the Czech Language in Prague (December 2015); the Bratislava seminar concerning the formation of feminine forms of surnames (February 2016); the sociolinguistics conference in Slovakia, with a paper on socio-onomastics (April 2016); the conference in Zadar, Croatia, dedicated to polyonymy at the border between linguistics, history and language policy (April 2016); the conference in Belgrade on Slavic Terminology Today, with a presentation related to onomastic terminology (May 2016). Moreover, MH held a lecture at the University of Vienna in November 2015 and participated in a meeting of the Slovak Onomastic Commission in Bratislava in December 2015. The President was also involved in the preparation of the minutes of the ICOS Board meetings in Hannover and Baia Mare, ICOS Newsletter 24 and ICOS website. In addition, MH was approached by Dr. Sungjae Choo, a colleague from Korea and one of the guest editors of *Onoma* 52, about the editing of *Onoma* 52.

The issue of communicating news to ICOS members was raised in relation to two aspects: the periodicity of the ICOS Newsletter and the ICOS website. Thus, according to the ICOS Statutes, the Newsletter is published whenever there is the case of informing ICOS members about certain topics. The following Newsletter (25) was established to include data about the 2017 ICOS Congress in Debrecen, as well as bibliography and conference announcements. As regards the website, RC asked whether we should use it as the primary means of communicating news. EA pointed out that the problem with this would be the fact that the website is not visited very frequently. As a conclusion, MH noted that it is definitely necessary to publish all news items on the website to increase the visibility of ICOS and respect the tradition, but this information should also appear in full in the Newsletters.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

MH read the following e-mail message from SN about the report:

“2015 has been a very calm year for ICOS. Money coming in and going out is less than normal. The only costs we have had are costs for handling credit cards and bank affairs. Membership fees have been paid, but less than in a normal year. The bank interest in Sweden is negative at the moment, which means that money does not grow on the savings account (but it does not shrink either). The strength of the Swedish currency SEK varies from year to year, which has had a positive effect in 2015. In all this means:

1. The total amount of money in ICOS' account (in Euro) has increased quite a lot during 2015.
2. We have not spent enough money to avoid Swedish tax according to the tax rules. In principle we need to spend 80% of our incomes over a rolling five-year period. We did not do that during 2014 or 2015. I have reported this to the tax authorities and we will see what happens. Hopefully we will have some *Onoma* volume(s) to pay for soon.

I will get back to you all as soon as I can when I have checked the figures once again and finished the definite report.”

Subsequently, the following updated report was sent by SN:

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ONOMASTIC SCIENCES (ICOS)

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Treasurer's report 2015

SEK account

For	paid	received
Bank costs	1,899 = 207 EUR	0
Credit card costs	4,853 = 528 EUR	0
Interest	0	0
ICOS organizational costs	0	0
Membership fees	0	8,137 = 885 EUR
Donations	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	6,752 = 735 EUR	8,137 = 885 EUR

Exchange rate valid 2015-12-31

EURO account

For	paid	received
Bank costs	35	0
Credit card costs	0	0
Interest	0	0
ICOS organizational costs (web)	0	0
ONOMA Peeters	0	526
ONOMA translation costs	14	0
Membership fees	0	2,370
Donations	0	102
Other	0	0
TOTAL	49 EUR	2,998 EUR

SEK savings account

	paid	received
Interest	0	0 = EUR

IN ALL:

OUT: 784 EUR

IN: 3,883 EUR

Status of the Swedish bank accounts 2015-12-31

Account no 497646-0 in SEK	11,951 SEK = 1,300 EUR
Account no 497646-0 in EUR (Euro-pocket)	11,693 EUR
Account no 1830 27 14593 (savings)	410,317 SEK = 44,644 EUR

TOTAL: 57,637 EUR

As SN was absent from the meeting, some concrete matters could not be discussed, but the following points were highlighted to be included in the minutes for SN to check:

- a) LB asked whether some kind of waiver exists to avoid penalties for not spending money.
- b) MH wondered if ICOS could financially support the Debrecen Congress to spend 80% of the income.
- c) Some kind of analysis was required for the low income input in the past year (2015).

SN was thanked for the report.

9. WEBMASTER'S REPORT, ICOS HOMEPAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

GP mentioned that the website had been transferred to a new content management system. This was necessary, because the web server in Finland went through some updates and the previous system was no longer compatible. AL kindly helped with redesign aspects, which became more advanced. Due to some problems, the website was lost and it had to be rebuilt several times. While significant updates have been carried out, the links section still needs to be reviewed, as many links are out of date. Thus, it was decided that the affiliated associations should be contacted to see if they still exist. Moreover, new affiliations should be added (e.g., the Slovak Onomastic Commission) and established (for instance, with the Onomastic Commission of the Czech Republic, Forschungsstelle für Namenkunde, the Basque Society of Onomastics and the Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland). Should the Board members have any information in this respect, they are kindly invited to submit it to GP.

Some updates still need to be made:

1. The names of MH, Maria Giovanna Arcamone and Pierre-Henri Billy should be added to the list of the editorial board of *Onoma*.
2. MH should appear as the head of the Terminology Group.
3. The information about the membership subscription fee should be modified on the ICOS website. In the section "About ICOS", the second sentence of the second paragraph should read "The annual membership subscription is €20 (€10 for students)."

RC suggested that a new section could be set up on the website, "Names in the News", a more general section of onomastic interest. GP appreciated this idea, but pointed out that it would be best for information of this kind to be posted on the ICOS Facebook page (which is connected with the website), as the section on the website would include too much content and its update would take up a significant amount of time. LB agreed and emphasised that we need to become more visible on social media, Facebook included. GP stated that he would give access to all Board members who wanted it to post on the ICOS Facebook page.

In a similar vein to RC's proposal, EA asked whether a new link section could be made for sites with onomastic resources such as statistics, dictionaries and databases. GP embraced this idea, indicating that not all are on the list of links, but they could be turned into a section if someone would like to start working on it. EA said she was willing to do this.

As regards ICOS activity on Twitter, AC mentioned it was not significant, but could be increased by putting on Twitter everything posted on Facebook. AC also predicted tweet frequency would rise once the website of the 2017 ICOS Congress opened (in July).

With respect to the sections on terminology and bibliography, LB noted that a discussion with specialists is desirable, so as to find the best digital tools to put these materials on a single website free of charge. The IBOS platform could, perhaps, follow the model of Wikispace in relation to transferring data from already existing platforms. EA said she would send OF the link for NORNA, a very user-friendly platform that could also be employed as a model.

As the workload for managing the ICOS website and social media is significant, LB suggested that the responsibilities of the Webmaster be divided. In this respect, AC was approached by GP and LB to take on the role of Assistant Webmaster. The Board approved and AC accepted the proposal. AL also said he is willing to help whenever necessary.

In this context, MH pointed out that the time has come to make small changes to the ICOS Statutes, as more members are needed on the Board. This issue should be discussed at the following General Assembly. RC noted that, in addition to the role of Webmaster, other positions could be updated or altered and we should consider this matter before the following Board meeting (in Debrecen). MH read the tasks associated with each office on the ICOS Board as presented in detail in Newsletter 22. MH underlined that a new sentence can be added in the Statutes about roles: the Board should have the freedom to assign various officer functions (Webmaster, Assistant Webmaster and PhD Representative) among its members, without these functions substituting extant ones on the Board. At the same time, the possibility of having two secretaries (a membership secretary and an administrative secretary) was tentatively examined.

10. REPORT OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE GROUP

The report of the chair of the bibliographical group was presented, as follows:

“The activity of the Bibliography Group in the past year has not lived up to our expectations. Due to the delay in updating the website, most members of the Group did not know whether they were in the right to add new titles to the platform.

On the other hand, although we added more than 20 new titles, in Romanian and international bibliography, we noticed that fundamental works are absent from the database, for instance, Willy Van Langendonck, *Theory and Typology of Proper Names* (2007)!

Taking into consideration these aspects, we decided to approach all the members of IBOS for suggestions, in order to improve the activity and visibility of both the Bibliography Group, and ICOS, in general.”

The most important suggestions and comments were as follows:

1. The visibility, activity and efficiency of IBOS must be increased.
2. The platform is not user-friendly and it is very difficult to add new titles, especially if they are from journals.

3. The IBOS platform should make it possible for entries to be imported from other (national or international) databases either in full detail or as links. An English translation of titles and keywords can be provided whenever necessary.
4. The bibliographical data recorded on IBOS should be available for everyone.
5. A list of onomastic journals should be made and displayed on the ICOS website.
6. Onomastic journals should be promoted for inclusion in international scientific databases.
7. A network of editors of onomastic journals should be established (their meetings could be held on the occasion of ICOS congresses).
8. Members should be encouraged to compile national bibliographical data.
9. Groups could be established to collect bibliography on certain topics (e.g., toponyms, anthroponyms, onomastic landscape, historical onomastics, brand names etc.).

RC pointed out that ICOS money could be used to adjust the IBOS platform to current needs. LB also noted that we should get in touch with IT specialists for technical support in this respect or for the development of new software. For the time being, however, RC suggested that the group should make up a list of priorities that are achievable soon and some that are to be dealt with in the future with or without financial support from ICOS. OF presented a provisional set of measures:

1. The IBOS website needs to be improved, to facilitate the addition of new titles and links to other websites (the main menu should include a list of links to national and international databases, such as NORNA, and specialised journals).
2. The members of IBOS were chosen according to criteria of linguistic geography. Each member has to record at least 30 entries per year consisting of national references or titles from certain language families.
3. ICOS members that are not members of IBOS should be able to post as well.
4. Keywords from the titles recorded in the IBOS database should be extracted and linked to the terminology website.

As no further comments or suggestions were made, the meeting moved on to the following item on the agenda.

11. REPORT OF THE TERMINOLOGY GROUP

MH and Iveta Valentová (IV, who attended the 2015 Board meeting in Baia Mare) are working on the list of terms in Czech and Slovak. This provides the chance to note similarities and differences between the two languages in the definitions, uses and characteristics of the terms, illustrating these with examples. The Czech and Slovak lists could serve as models for other languages.

The chair of the group (MH) also mentioned he participated in Belgrade in a conference on Slavic terminology, where he presented a paper about the terminology group. On this occasion, he had discussions with Slavicists who are not onomasticians but are willing to collaborate with us and create contacts with onomasticians in their countries. Thus, the network of collaborators is expanding.

MH reinforced the idea of using the database of Slovak onomastic terms as a model to develop a similar database for ICOS. A great advantage is that it functions like Wikipedia: you click on a term and it appears in several languages. MH and LB suggested work could be done thematically, in groups and in collaboration with IBOS (as it used to be some years ago, as the aim of the terminology and bibliography groups has always been to develop a system of terms, a network of onomastic terminology and bibliography). Nevertheless, for the time being, adding and editing terms should not be open to all ICOS members, so as to prevent errors from occurring. MH proposed access could be based on password-protected accounts, while RC underlined that the work in progress should be available to everyone who is interested. In the latter case, the group dealing with a specific field of terms will be responsible with reviewing and publishing the correct information on the website. These matters remain to be discussed in detail.

12. *ONOMA* EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT

Two reports were discussed in this section, one by the *Onoma* editor-in-chief, AL, and the other by the chair of the editorial board, RC.

Due to technical difficulties (AL participated via Skype), MH read the editor-in-chief's report:

"Evgeny Shokhenmayer agreed to take the post of deputy editor. There are currently five issues in the pipeline:

- *Onoma* 48 (Martina Pitz memorial issue), originally scheduled as 47: haven't been able to get in contact with Wolfgang Haubrichs.
- *Onoma* 49 (*Names and Religion*): Per Vikstrand is waiting for the remaining German abstracts; after that, he'll send the material to me for publication. I expect this to appear as *Onoma* 48 this year.
- *Onoma* 50 (*Medieval Multiculturalism: The Evidence from Names*): I got the material (six themed articles) from Sara Uckelman last week, already refereed but not formatted with the style sheet and without the guest editors' introduction, and will get to work with Dr. Shokhenmayer getting the articles into a print-ready format while we wait for the introduction. This might appear as either 49 or 50, likely this year.
- *Onoma* 51 (*Family Names*): Richard Coates, Patrick Hanks and Harry Parkin, as guest editors, have been approaching potential contributors. The issue is projected for publication in 2017.
- *Onoma* 52 (*Asian Onomastics*): The Call for Papers just went out, with Sungjae Choo as guest editor. Projected for publication in 2017."

In addition to the aforementioned aspect, AL mentioned that another issue concerns moving *Onoma* from Peeters to another journal publisher.

LB stated she was unable to contact Wolfgang Haubrichs to help with editing *Onoma* 48, so the volume would not appear in 2016. RC suggested removing this volume from the established sequence and publishing it as a special issue, out of sequence, when it is ready. All the members taking part in the meeting agreed. Unless Wolfgang Haubrichs is able to provide a deadline he can meet, the editor of this volume needs to be changed, as we need to move forward as soon as possible. LB is willing to help.

RC thanked LB and Pierre-Henri Billy for translating the abstracts for *Onoma* 49. As for the issue on family names, he noted that the project is quite ambitious. The call for papers has not gone out yet and, therefore, the information should be corrected.

AL indicated that *Onoma* 50 (*Medieval Multiculturalism: The Evidence from Names*) only needed typesetting and introductions, so it should be ready for publication in 2016. In practical terms, the issue dedicated to Asian onomastics could be the next in line.

Due to the significant delay existing in the publication of the *Onoma* issues, it was suggested that a volume could be produced faster if it were non-thematic. AL confirmed the likelihood of this action, as there already are non-thematic sections in *Onoma*. It was decided that a call for papers for a general, non-themed volume of *Onoma* would be sent to ICOS members.

In this context, MH emphasised it would be good to update the publication policy, so that whichever volume is ready for publication receives the number available in queue for the following issue. RC concurred and added that editors need to state whether they can meet certain deadlines. If not, it is probably up to the editorial board of *Onoma* to solve the matter.

The editing procedure was also discussed with respect to whether the guest editor does all the work or is helped by the editorial board. For the sake of clarity, RC and AL assumed the task of coming up

with a fixed set of instructions to send to the guest editors of the *Onoma* issues. This document would contain information regarding the peer-review process, the revision of the paper proposals, the rejection of papers, and others.

The second report presented was the one made by RC, as chair of the editorial board of *Onoma*. It referred to the future of *Onoma* as follows:

“1. Background

After being approached in 2014 by Maney (publishers), who have since been taken over by the Routledge, Taylor and Francis (RTF) group, I was tasked with pursuing alternative publishing arrangements for *Onoma*.

2. RTF’s view

RTF’s view (Kath Burton, by phone, 6 June 2016) is that they cannot negotiate while existing contractual arrangements with Peeters are unclear. They have tried to negotiate with Peeters on other matters recently, and found them not open to discussions, mainly on the basis of a presumption that Peeters have full legal copyright of the texts they publish. In 2004, according to Doreen Gerritzen, Peeters announced online access on their website (http://poj.peeters-leuven.be/content.php?url=journal&journal_code=ONO). You have to pay 14 euros for each article.

3. Prerequisite to any further negotiations

ICOS needs therefore to establish what our copyright arrangement concerning *Onoma* actually is, since it seems to have been set up many years ago by a “gentleman’s agreement” involving Willy Van Langendonck, and we have no record of its contents. We do not state clearly on *Onoma* physically who holds copyright. We only carry the legally and practically unclear information “© Onoma”. I have asked Antti Leino as General Editor to place an explicit statement “© The International Council of Onomastic Sciences and the individual contributors” on volume 49, now going through the publication process and well advanced. We do not know how Peeters will react to this (if at all), or whether their allowing it (if they do) will establish a legally enforceable right. (Doreen says that permission to republish has never been refused by Peeters, so there is no suggestion that Peeters are uncooperative.)

Alternatively, or in addition, I request the ICOS Board to empower me to write to Peeters asking them to clarify their understanding of the copyright situation.

4. After that

When we have certainty about the situation, i.e. either that Peeters or that ICOS is the ultimate copyright holder, we have three options:

- (i) To remain with Peeters and negotiate for improvements in service
- (ii) To open formal negotiations with RTF
- (iii) To publish *Onoma* ourselves

5. Publishing *Onoma* ourselves

If we choose option (iii), I propose, informally for the present, and subject to further enquiries about costs and practicalities, that we move to online-only publication (possibly asking a friendly university to host *Onoma*, rather than seeking a commercial host), or move to print-on-demand publication. This could have significant financial benefits. We can possibly reduce the subscription by a symbolic small amount, and use ICOS’s subscription income for other purposes, such as sponsoring more student attendance at conferences or enhancing our web presence still further – perhaps publishing monographs online? But these suggestions are illustrative only, and I welcome further discussion.”

LB argued that we should ask other affiliate organisations how they deal with publishers and publishing rights. Publishing online is easier and cheaper but semi-professional. At the same time, RC noted that publishing *Onoma* ourselves is beyond our capacities and perhaps our financial possibilities. This aspect needs further discussion, as the current problem is not with Peeters as a publisher, but with

copyrights. However, RC also underlined that we need to find out whether other publishers offer better services than Peeters. AL mentioned that there have been some personnel changes with Peeters, which might be why information regarding editorial rights has been unclear. RC thanked everyone for the suggestions and said he would talk matters through with AL.

13. ICOS HOMEPAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

This item was discussed together with item 9, as GP was unable to attend the entire Board meeting.

14. VISIBILITY AND INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY OF ICOS

a. List of members' interests

It was proposed to run the survey about members' interests again. The questionnaire (to be completed in any of the three official languages of ICOS) will be sent together with important information about the Debrecen Congress. The information will be collected by the Secretary and will refer to the following aspects: member's full name, institution, affiliation to other organisations, e-mail address, research interests, list of the member's most important recent publications (in the past 5 years), willingness to review articles submitted for publication in *Onoma*. The questionnaire will also draw respondents' attention to the fact that it is our intention to publish the data provided (including e-mail addresses) on the ICOS website. Therefore, respondents will be asked to give their consent on this matter.

b. Affiliate organisations

Newsletter 25 will renew the invitation for organisations studying proper names to affiliate with ICOS. Information in this respect should be sent to the Secretary (secretary@icosweb.net) and Web Officer (webmaster@icosweb.net).

c. ICOS young scholars' network

On 19 February 2016, EA and AC organised a Skype meeting regarding the establishment of young scholars' network. Subsequently, the following report was sent to the Board by AC:

“General points

We agreed that members of the student network should be paid-up ICOS members. We would like to emphasise to potential members that the network is part of ICOS and is one of the benefits of joining the society. We suggest non-members should be able to attend the first network meeting at the Congress, with the hope that they may be persuaded to join the society during this meeting, but otherwise would not be able to take part.

As the Congress takes place once every three years, there is a problem that student members are often only students at one Congress and have graduated by the next. This would mean a network meeting at each Congress would consist almost entirely of new students every time. We therefore believe the network should be open not just to students but also to ECRs (early career researchers: those who recently graduated, and are now post-doctoral researchers or new researchers/lecturers). After graduating, network members would be able to attend the network meeting at one more Congress as an ECR. This would ensure an overlap at every Congress, with new students and those who were recently students, and allow for a smoother transition and the passing on of information from more experienced researchers.

Congress – first meeting

We agreed it was important to have an event early in the Congress. Ideally this meeting would be held on the first or second day; we will have to work with Valéria and her organising team to work out the best time within the schedule. We discussed whether to begin with a formal student session, or an

informal meeting (e.g. a social event). We agreed a more formalised approach would be better for several reasons: e.g. more productive; more professional; usually already several opportunities for social gatherings in evenings of the Congress; etc.

This meeting would begin with an introduction from the Postgraduate Representative on the Board, who would explain what students can gain from being members of the society and also outline the benefits and aims of the network. The remainder would be taken up with very short presentations of research (c. 2 mins) from each participant, either to the full group or in small groups if there are a large number of attendees. This would allow students to learn about other students' research, and begin paving the way for collaborations.

The Postgraduate Representative would report back to the Board on such matters as: number of attendees; number of first-time ICOS attendees; stages of research; institutions; etc. The Rep. would also ensure they had a full list of email addresses for attendees.

Congress – closing meeting

We also agreed we would like to have a short closing meeting if possible, on the final day of the Congress. This would focus on student feedback: how well did we cater to students; what would they like to see at future Congresses; what else could ICOS be doing to encourage students; etc. If coming after the General Assembly, this would also allow for the students to welcome their new Postgraduate Representative, and provide a handing-over point between the outgoing and incoming Reps.

Other events

It was suggested that we also have discussion groups throughout the Congress, potentially one per day, to allow for students to discuss the research they'd heard so far. We decided not to proceed with this idea, as we would like to encourage the students to meet/discuss with all members of ICOS, not just other students.

Online network

We discussed having some kind of online network for students to introduce themselves prior to the Congress, and to facilitate discussion afterwards/between Congresses. We discussed potentially having a forum on the ICOS website; there were doubts that it would be consistently used (Alice has had problems with members simply not using the discussion forums on her onomastics site), but some kind of feature like this would be worthwhile.

It was suggested that having a set day/time for discussions might solve this problem, and from this it was suggested that we could hold Twitter events (this could benefit all members, not just students). Every few months, Alina could include notification of a Twitter event in the ICOS newsletter, including day, time, and a set hashtag (e.g. #icoschat, #icosstudents) At that day/time, people can then tweet on Twitter with the hashtag; by clicking on the hashtag, it is then possible to view all tweets with that tag, so anyone can see the discussion and join in. This has the benefit of giving publicity to ICOS, as non-ICOS members can see and follow the discussion. It also would allow for the ICOS Twitter account to be used outside Congress time and allow us to be more active on social media. However, Twitter discussions would not be ideal for the overall online student network, as any person can take part (not just ICOS members); it would work as an occasional event, and an alternative online chat would be needed, closed to all but paid-up members. This requires further discussion.”

EA mentioned feedback was received via e-mail. For instance, VT suggested it would be useful and interesting to organise a congress for this group between two successive ICOS congresses, following the model of congresses on Finno-Ugric Studies.

RC appreciated that setting up a first meeting of the group at the beginning of the 2017 Congress would be a great opportunity to ask young scholars what they think ICOS can do for them. EA agreed and noted that was why a second meeting was considered. Along with AC, she also emphasised that

the name of the group should not include terms like *young* or *juvenile*, but rather *students* or *ECR* (*early career researchers*).

The President thanked everyone for their contribution to this item on the agenda.

15. ICOS CONGRESS IN DEBRECEN, 2017

The following report regarding the 2017 ICOS Congress in Debrecen was presented by VT:

“1. Proposed schedule of the congress

You can see that in the *1st table* — all the modifications are indicated by boldface type.

a) Monday evening: opening meeting of the ICOS student network (as Emilia, Alina, Paula and Alice have suggested) — it would be organised in parallel with the meeting of the ICOS Bibliography Group.

b) Thursday evening: we put the Meeting of editors of the onomastic journals in the programme in parallel with the presentation of the Society of Hungarian Linguistics (especially its Section of the Onomastic Sciences)

c) Friday afternoon: the Meeting of the combined ICOS Board has been inserted between the General Assembly and the Closing Session

	27 August (Sunday)	28 August (Monday)	29 August (Tuesday)	30 August (Wednesday)	31 August (Thursday)	1 September (Friday)					
8.00	Registration	Meeting of ICOS Board	Registration	Excursion	Lecture Sessions	Lecture Sessions					
9.00			Meeting of Ed. Board of <i>Onoma</i>				Lecture Sessions	Lecture Sessions			
10.00			Opening Session and Plenary Sessions				Break	Break			
11.00							Lecture Sessions	Lecture Sessions			
12.00			Opening Reception				Lunch	Lunch			
13.00									Lecture Sessions	Lecture Sessions	
14.00			Lecture Sessions				Lecture Sessions	Symposia	Lecture Sessions	Symposia	
15.00			Break				Break	Plenary Session	Break	ICOS General Meeting	
16.00			Lecture Sessions				Break				
17.00			Break				Break	Break	Break		
18.00			Meeting of ICOS Bibliography Group				Opening meeting of ICOS student network	Meeting of ICOS Terminology Group	Presentation of Books	paralelly: Presentation of the Society of Hungarian Linguistics, Section of Onomastic Sciences/ Meeting of editors of the onomastic journals	Meeting of ICOS Board
19.00											Closing Session and Banquet
20.00											

2. Financial resources

We have applied to different institutes for financial support: e.g. to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; its regional committee; city and county governments as well as to the rector of the University of Debrecen.

Our expectation is that we would receive 20,000 to 30,000 euros. The decisions concerning our bids will be made by the second half of this year.

3. Website of the congress

Since the website of the congress will open on 1 July we have taken important steps in this case. With the help of IT experts we have established the structure of the website. We are working on launching it. It will open on 1 July, when the call for papers will also be launched.

We think it would be important to inform the ICOS members about the launch of the website in an e-mail as well as on the website of ICOS as soon as it opens.

In parallel we are going to create a Facebook profile for the congress and we will regularly share relevant information through social media as well.

4. Symposia

As I have already indicated at our previous meetings we are going to organise symposia in addition to plenary sessions and lecture sessions. We have defined the topics of a few planned symposia and the experts who would organise and conduct them. According to our plans symposium leaders would invite speakers of the given symposia themselves, but naturally other speakers also have opportunities to take part in the work of the symposium. Presentations from each symposium may be even worth publishing as an independent collection of studies (e.g. some of them could be published as a thematic volume of *Onoma*).

We have prepared a proposal of the topics and the suggested conveners of 9 symposia. According to our ideas each symposium should have two organisers, and one of them (primarily for practical reasons) should be a Hungarian expert of the given field or a member of the Board.

The proposed list of symposia can be seen separately in the **2nd table**:

1. Theoretical issues of the description of place names / Typological description of place names (conveners: István Hoffmann and Milan Harvalík)
2. Theoretical issues of the description of personal names / Typological description of personal names (conveners: XXX)
3. Systematical relations between place names and personal names (conveners: Valéria Tóth and XXX)
4. Status and tasks of socioonomastics (conveners: Erzsébet Györffy and Terhi Ainiala)
5. Language policy — Name policy (conveners: Staffan Nyström and Guy Puzey)
6. International onomastic cooperations and projects (conveners: Carole Hough and Tamás Farkas)
7. Contact between name systems in Central Europe (conveners: Oliviu Felecan and XXX)
8. Lexicography of onomastics / Names and lexicography (conveners: Richard Coates and XXX)
9. Applied onomastics in practice (tasks, institutions, forums, means etc.) (conveners: XXX)

Some of the proposed topics (e.g. 1., 2.) might be too broad for a symposium and they should rather be organised as standard presentation sessions.

I think we should discuss this issue and decide about the topics as well as the conveners of the symposia very soon. Of course, we welcome your suggestions in an e-mail later on, but before 1 July, so that we can ask the proposed symposium conveners whether they accept this task. We can discuss these suggestions via e-mail but – as you know – we have very little time.

Since this topic was debated at the meeting I can give you some further explanation and information about the content of the term *symposium*.

At these events, participants will deal with questions and specific themes in their presentations defined in advance. Therefore the presentations at each symposium will be more compact and thematically homogenous.

This form of discussion enables researchers to elaborate the issues of highest relevance to them in a highly focused manner. The process may lead to results that are less likely to evolve during presentations in the individual sessions.

5. Meeting of editors of the onomastic journals

We have also thought about which editors of onomastic journals should be invited to this meeting. Our list can be seen separately in the *3rd table*:

Journal	Editors	Contact
Acta Onomastica	Milan Harvalík	harvalik@ujc.cas.cz
Ainm, journal of the Ulster Place-Name Society	Gregory Toner	AINM, Celtic Studies, School of Languages Literature and Arts, Queen's University, Belfast BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland
Folia onomastica Croatica	Dunja Brozović-Rončević	Folia onomastica Croatica Zavod za lingvistička istraživanja HAZU Ulica Ante Kovačića 5 10000 Zagreb e-mail: onoma@hazu.hr
Helynévtörténeti Tanulmányok	Hoffmann István–Tóth Valéria	
Namkunde		Ceased in 2011?
Namenkundliche Informationen	Karlheinz Hengst–Dietlind Kremer	dkremer@rz.uni-leipzig.de
Names: A Journal of Onomastics	Frank Nuessel	fhnues01 (@) louisville.edu
Namn och bygd	Staffan Fridell, Eva Nyman, Per Vikstrand	staffan.fridell@nordiska.uu.se , Eva.Nyman@miun.se , per.vikstrand@sprakochfolkminnen.se
Namn og nemne	Ole-Jørgen Johannessen	Universitetet i Bergen, LLE Postboks 7805, N-5020 BERGEN
Névtani Értésítő	Farkas Tamás	farkas.tamas@btk.elte.hu
Nomina: Journal of the Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland	David Parsons	d.parsons@wales.ac.uk
Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique	Gérard Taverdet	http://www.onomastique.asso.fr/error.php?lng=fr&errorId=20160610_160540_404
Onoma – Journal of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences	Antti Leino	onoma@icosweb.net
Onomastica	Aleksandra Cieślíkowa	aleksandrac@ijp-pan.krakow.pl
Onomastica Uralica	Hoffmann István–Tóth Valéria	
Ortnamnssällskapet i Uppsala årskrift	Mats Wahlberg–Staffan Nyström	Ortnamnssällskapet i Uppsala Box 135 SE-751 04 Uppsala info (a) ortnamnsallskapet.se
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Rivista Italiana di Onomastica	Enzo Caffarelli	enzo.caffarelli@alice.it
Studia Anthroponymica Scandinavica	Katharina Leibring–Lennart Ryman	katharina.leibring@sprakochfolkminnen.se lennart.ryman@sprakochfolkminnen.se
The Journal of	Stefan Jurasinski	Journal of Literary Onomastics, Department of English, The

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Вопросы ономастики	Elena Berezovich	Ural Federal University Faculty of Philology 51, Lenin av., Ekaterinburg, 620083, Russia Telephone: +7 (343) 350-75-97 E-mail: voprosy.onomastiki@gmail.com
Zunamen/Surnames	Silvio Brendler	silvio.brendler@univie.ac.at
Beiträge zur Namenforschung	Rolf Bergmann – Kirstin Casemir – Damaris Nübling – Ulrich Obst – Mirjam Schmuck – Karin Stüber – Heinrich Tiefenbach	Rolf.Bergmann@uni-bamberg.de
Il nome nel testo		http://riviste.edizioniets.com/innt/index.php/innt/index
Nomina Africana	Adrian Koopman	http://namesociety.za.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=29&Itemid=41
Onomastica Canadiana		onomastica.canadiana@gmail.com marcalexandrebeaulieu@rogers.com
Onomastica Lettica	Ojārs Bušs	http://www.lulavi.lv/onomastica-lettica ojaars@lycos.com
Onomastica Slavogermanica		Last volume in 2011? (ask Christian Zschieschang)
Studii și cercetări de onomastică și lexicologie	Silvia PITIRICIU	http://cis01.central.ucv.ro/revista_scol/index.html silvia.pitiriciu58@gmail.com scol.craiova@gmail.com
The Journal of Scottish Name Studies	Simon Taylor Richard A.V. Cox	m.r.scott@salford.ac.uk
	Grasilda Blažienė (Lithuania)	grasilda.blaziene@lki.lt

Naturally the list we compiled can be and must be broadened. It would be most practical if you could send me the further suggestions in an e-mail (with the title of the journal as well as the editor's e-mail address). Fortunately, we have some more time for this task.

There might be two conveners of this meeting: one of them from the Board and the other one should be Tamás Farkas (the editor of the Hungarian onomastic journal *Névtani Értésítő*).

6. Issues related to the student network of ICOS

We approve of almost all ideas that Emilia, Alina, Paula and Alice suggested about the student network. This network is really important and their ideas seem reasonable for us. A meeting for students on the first day of the congress would be really practical and we think it could be organised easily. The best time for this event within the schedule could be on Monday evening, as we indicated in the table.

However, it seems too complicated to organise another (even short) closing meeting for the students on the final day as it was suggested. Similarly, we are not sure if having discussion groups throughout the congress would be useful. Instead of that we support the idea that students should take part in the “main stream” of the sessions and symposia since we should encourage them to meet and discuss with other onomasticians and not only with students.

However, in my opinion – as I suggested in an e-mail a few weeks ago – between the two congresses of ICOS a congress for the student department of ICOS could be really interesting and useful. If I know well this system works exquisitely related to congresses of Finno-Ugric Studies.

7. Next ICOS Board meeting

It would also be practical to organise the next Board meeting in Debrecen close to the congress, that is e.g. in spring of 2017.

In that case the Board members could experience and evaluate all the possibilities and services we want to offer for the participants of the congress. And another practical reason: it is much easier to get even financial support for this meeting if it could be attached to the ICOS congress as its initiative act.”

VT noted that minor changes may occur in the schedule, but they will be posted on the congress website and ICOS Facebook page. The Secretary will keep in touch with VT to forward news by e-mail as well.

The issue of the symposia was also discussed in relation to their structure, schedule and finality. They are designed as more focused paper sessions, allowing for more in-depth conversations on specific matters. The discussions held during the symposia will be published. LB, RC and EA suggested that the symposia should not run in parallel with lecture sessions, as it would be a frustrating experience for participants in symposia and regular sessions alike. Moreover, MH suggested symposia should not only be held in English, but in French and German as well.

Other questions/comments referred to:

1. Poster presentations – there will be no poster presentations at ICOS 2017;
2. ICOS Board meeting – LB and EA suggested this should be scheduled earlier than Friday (e.g., on Thursday);
3. ICOS membership and participation in the congress – while it is not compulsory to be a member of ICOS to present a paper at ICOS congresses, it was highlighted that ICOS members have better access and better conditions in such circumstances.
4. ICONN 4 – the International Conference on Onomastics *Name and Naming*, organised by OF in Baia Mare, will start on Tuesday, 5 September 2017, after the three-day excursion scheduled by the organisers of the Debrecen Congress.

16. NEWSLETTERS

The President asked the participants in the meeting for ideas and suggestions. He stated that Newsletter 25 should appear towards the end of the year 2016. Members of the Board were invited to prepare materials that they consider important to include in the Newsletter, along with the short obituary for former President of ICOS Rob Rentenaar, information about the 2017 Congress, other conferences and publications on onomastics.

The issue of the frequency of the Newsletter, also discussed under item 7 on the agenda, was raised again by RC, who said it would be useful to have members receive news about ICOS activity at least twice a year. In this respect, LB noted that the translation of the Newsletter is a big problem, as it takes time, and agreed with RC that it would probably be a good idea to appoint a (new?) person only for translation matters. This aspect remains open to discussion.

17. NEXT MEETING

It was established that the Board should meet at least once before the Congress in Debrecen, sometime in the spring of 2017 (in March or April), but the exact date remains to be fixed via e-mail. VT offered to have the meeting in Debrecen and everyone agreed.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there were no matters falling under this item, MH thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 15:15 local time (14:15 GMT) on Tuesday, 14 June 2016, and at 11:00 local time (10:00 GMT) on Wednesday, 15 June 2016.

Alina Bugheşiu
Secretary
(June 2016)