



**MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING
DEBRECEN, 27 AUGUST 2017**

PRESENT:

Milan Harvalík (MH, chair), Emilia Aldrin (EA), Alina Bugheşiu (AB), Oliviu Felecan (OF), Nobuhle Hlongwa (NH), Unni-Päivä Leino (UPL, Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma*), Staffan Nyström (SN), Paula Sjöblom (PS), Valéria Tóth (VT).

APOLOGIES: Lidia Becker (LB), Richard Coates (RC), Alice Crook (AC), Guy Puzey (GP).

1. WELCOME

The chair, Milan Harvalík, called the meeting to order on Sunday, 27 August 2017, at 17:57 local time (15:57 GMT). The President welcomed everybody present.

2. APOLOGIES

The chair made several announcements under this section. GP could not attend the meeting at all. LB, RC and AC had been delayed and would not be able to join the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda had been sent by MH. No changes were made and the agenda was adopted.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (DEBRECEN, 16 MAY 2017)

The minutes of the previous board meeting were prepared by AB. Helpful revisions were made by MH and AC. The draft minutes were sent to the Board and approved in part via e-mail. The approval was reinforced, so it was decided that the minutes could be published on the ICOS website.

5. MATTERS ARISING

No new matters were noted, so the meeting moved to the next point on the agenda.

6. ONOMA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT AND FUTURE PUBLISHING OF ONOMA

UPL provided the following update as regards the publishing process of *Onoma* issues:

- *Onoma* 48 (2013), *Names and Religion*, guest editor Per Vikstrand: in print. E-mails were exchanged between UPL and Peeters, the publisher of *Onoma*, as regards the copyright note that

should appear on the flipside of the front cover, with credit to be given to ICOS and the authors of the papers. However, nothing was settled yet in this respect, and the issue will have to be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

- *Onoma* 49 (2014), *Medieval Multiculturalism*, guest editors Sara Uckelman et al.: the introduction by the guest editors still needs to be added. UPL will talk to at least one of the editors during the Congress in Debrecen to see if the process can be sped up.

- *Onoma* 50 (2015), non-themed: pending, mainly because of UPL; there are 13 abstract submissions that will be sent to the editorial board after the Congress.

- *Onoma* 51 (2016), *Asian Onomastics*, guest editor Sungjae Choo: SN stated he had talked to Sungjae Choo, who had confessed to be in the need of some instructions about how to proceed. MH confirmed this news and asked UPL to be so kind as to contact Sungjae Choo on this matter.

- *Onoma* 52 (2017), *Family Names*, guest editors Richard Coates et al.: funding problems. RC will present the state of affairs during the meeting of the Editorial Board of *Onoma* (28 August 2017).

- Martina Pitz memorial issue of *Onoma*, guest editor Wolfgang Haubrichs: there was still no news about it.

As RC was not present, only a few words were mentioned by UPL about the future of publishing *Onoma*. In a nutshell, there is no written contract stipulating the nature of the relationship between ICOS and Peeters. While it seems the latter are willing to negotiate a contract, it is not sure whether ICOS wishes to continue working with Peeters. However, because there is no actual agreement to terminate, other publishers are reluctant to accept working with ICOS.

UPL pointed out that the importance of scientific journals in print form is diminishing. In this context, an option would be to transform *Onoma* into an electronic journal. Naturally, this could imply more administrative work for ICOS, but it might be an aspect that the new Board should consider.

PS asked whether it would not be a better idea to have a different publication, so we do not depend on the relationship with Peeters. NH supported UPL's idea, highlighting that online publishing ensures a bigger impact of the scientific material and adding that we could consider ending our relationship with Peeters if they refused to publish us online. UPL noted that *Onoma* is still listed in certain data bases and, if we decided to issue a new journal, we would have to start from scratch. At any case, some continuity must exist.

MH suggested the following:

- it would probably be wise to create guidelines (which could be made available online, on the ICOS website) and a timetable for the publishing of *Onoma*. UPL promised to tend to these aspects after the Congress.
- as RC wanted to discuss all important matters regarding the future of *Onoma*, the Board was invited to come the following day, on 28 August 2017, at 9:00 local time (7:00 GMT), for a joint meeting with the editorial board of *Onoma*. All the participating members agreed.

NH asked what the procedure was for submitting proposal for guest-editing issues of *Onoma*. UPL replied that call for themes were sent via e-mail last time, and a new one would be sent after the Congress.

7. ICOS CONGRESS IN DEBRECEN, 2017

VT announced that there are more than 230 participants at the Congress, coming from 49 countries and representing 120 different institutions all over the world. In total, about 210 presentations would be delivered during the Congress. An important event is the book exhibition, which includes more than 130 books and journals on display.

PS asked whether there had been many cancellations. According to VT, about 20-30 cancellations were recorded, some even after the programme was printed.

MH thanked VT and her team on behalf of the Board for all their efforts.

8. ORGANISATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (1 SEPTEMBER 2017)

The draft agenda of the General Assembly was approved, as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly (Glasgow 2014)
4. Matters arising
5. President's report
6. Secretary's report
7. Treasurer's report
8. Webmaster's report
9. Report of the Bibliographical Database Group
10. Report of the Terminology Group
11. Report on Onoma
12. Elections of the new ICOS Board (2017-2020)
13. Elections of the 2020 Congress venue
14. Any other business

Each of the items was briefly discussed to make sure the General Assembly unfolds smoothly. As GP cannot take part in the meeting, it was decided that AB would read the Webmaster's report. Some of the nominees for posts on the new Board of Directors will be absent as well; thus, their presentations would be read by other participants in the General Assembly (MH for Adrian Koopman, EA for Alexandra Petrulevich, and AB for NH).

The bid for the 2020 ICOS Congress will be presented by Urszula Bijak, Halszka Górny, MH, Jiří Martínek, and Iveta Valentová. MH stated that Jiří Martínek was not a member of ICOS and asked for the Board's approval for him to participate in the General Assembly. The Board agreed.

9. NEXT MEETING

The joint meeting of the current Board and the newly elected one will be on Friday, 1 September 2017.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there were no matters falling under this item, MH thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 19:20 local time (17:20 GMT) on Sunday, 27 August 2017.

Alina Bugheşiu
Secretary
(27 August 2017)