



**MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING
HELD ONLINE, VIA SLACK, ON 15 JANUARY 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS: Paula Sjöblom (PS, chair), Alina Bugheșiu (AB, secretary), Urszula Bijak (UB), Alice Crook (AC), Artur Gałkowski (AG), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Adrian Koopman (AK).

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *ONOMA*: Unni-Päivä Leino (UPL).

APOLOGIES: Emilia Aldrin (EA), Nobuhle Hlongwa (NH), Alexandra Petrulevich (AP), Evgeny Shokhenmayer (ES), Valéria Tóth (VT).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, 15 January 2019, at 13:05 EET (11:05 GMT). Five members of the Board announced in advance that they would not be able to participate in the meeting: EA, NH, AP, ES and VT. Nevertheless, all the Board members had the opportunity to comment on the items on the agenda on Slack before the meeting (in 8–14 January 2019). All their suggestions are taken into consideration in the decisions taken during the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without the addition of new items to the plan of discussions originally disseminated via e-mail by PS before the meeting.

3. THE CURRENT STATUS OF *ONOMA* (EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT)

UPL drew the Board's attention to the following issues:

- 1) Volume 49 is still not published due to the fact that Peeters refused to change the copyright notice from “© *Onoma*” to “© *Onoma* and the authors” and to account for the publisher's decision not to make this change, despite numerous messages sent by UPL and Richard Coates (the Chair of the Editorial Board of *Onoma*).
- 2) Volume 50 is missing German translations and final typesetting. These aspects will be updated in the nearby future.

In the context of the poor communication with Peeters, UPL suggested that the best solution would be for ICOS to publish *Onoma* independently, as an open-access journal in electronic format (for the time being, only in this format), even if this means not being able to recover the volumes published by Peeters. Such work would be a task for the new editor-in-chief, but UPL expressed her willingness to help.

The Board of ICOS thanked UPL for her efforts and left the consideration of her proposal to the new editor-in-chief and the Editorial Board. The members of the Board support the publication of *Onoma* online and as an open-access journal to make up for the delay; whether this should be a temporary action or something to be done on a permanent basis can be decided at a later point (it all depends on how the type/medium of publication and the collaboration with a publisher affects the growth of *Onoma* into a high-impact journal). The members of the Board encourage the new Editorial Board of *Onoma* to include the journal in important international data bases. It was also emphasised that ICOS should try to obtain from Peeters the volumes they published in digital format to make them available on the ICOS/*Onoma* website. At the same time, the new editorial team of *Onoma* should clarify the copyright matters with Peeters and try to get from them information about the contract.

4. NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *ONOMA*

Richard Coates, the Chair of the Editorial Board of *Onoma*, was delegated with interviewing potential candidates for the position of editor-in-chief of the journal. Oliviu Felecan is willing to take on this role. He has replied to the questions of the Chair of the Editorial Board and the President of ICOS. He is ready to take the position right away and willing to work with UPL on volumes 51 and 52, and by himself after that. To eliminate the delay, he thinks to publish non-themed volumes. He is prepared to edit two volumes per year to get ahead. He also aims to create a webpage linked to the ICOS webpages and organised in such a way that it would increase the impact of *Onoma* and ensure its being indexed in the most important international data bases. He is willing to prepare the webpage soon and present it to the Board in the next meeting. Moreover, Oliviu Felecan suggests including AB as editorial secretary and ES as web officer. At the same, UPL stated that she would like to remain a regular member of the Editorial Board, if possible.

The members of the Board approved the aforementioned nominations and plans for improvement.

5. ICOS SUMMER SCHOOL

LH reported that the official invitation letter for the ICOS Summer School (26–30 August 2019, Helsinki, Finland) was sent to all ICOS members and shared on ICOS social media accounts. The application period ended on 14 December 2018. The organisers received 27 applications, which is a great number. There are applicants from 18 different countries: the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Latvia, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Course teachers Paula Sjöblom and Terhi Ainiala have read all the applications and found them acceptable. Therefore, all applicants have been accepted, although the announced maximum number of students was 25. A letter of acceptance with some practical information was sent to the participants on 14 January 2019.

The members of the Board congratulated LH for the success recorded by this project so far and thanked him for the efforts in organising the event.

6. ONLINE MEMBERSHIP AND THE QUESTION OF TRANSFERRING THE WEBSITE TO WORDPRESS

The Board have already discussed about the possibility of setting up an online membership service via the ICOS website. The problem is that nobody seems to know anyone who can do programming in Drupal, which is the present platform used for the ICOS website. EA, the treasurer, wishes to move forward with an easier and more secure method of payment for 2019. Thus, she proposes to transfer the ICOS website to Wordpress. If ES does not have knowledge about Wordpress, EA has some contacts that could probably help ICOS for free.

The Board approved the above-mentioned actions and thanked EA for her help in this matter.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held face-to-face in Uppsala in connection with the NITE6 conference which takes place in 3–5 June 2019. PS proposed that the meeting be held after the conference. After discussions, the Board decided that it would be best to start the meeting on 5 June (Wednesday) in the afternoon and continue on 6 June (Thursday) in the morning. The members of the Board agreed with the proposal, but some of them announced that they will not be able to participate in person (they will join the meeting via Skype).

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing was mentioned under this item.

9. CLOSING

PS thanked the members for the fruitful discussions and closed the meeting at 13:46 EET (11:46 GMT).

Alina Bugheşiu
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