



**MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING
HELD ONLINE, VIA SLACK, ON 9 APRIL 2021**

Board members: Paula Sjöblom (PS, chair), Alina Bugheșiu (AB, secretary), Emilia Aldrin (EA), Urszula Bijak (UB), Alice Crook (AC), Artur Gałkowski (AG), Nobuhle Hlongwa (NH), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Adrian Koopman (AK), Alexandra Petrulevich (AP), Katalin Részegi (KR), Eugen Schochenmaier (ES).

Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma*: Oliviu Felecan (OF).

1. Opening of the meeting and apologies

The meeting was called to order on 9 April 2021 at 10:30 Helsinki summer time (8:30 GMT). AG and OF were unable to attend.

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. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meetings will be sent to the Board for approval via e-mail.

4. Matters arising

The transition to the new Treasurer, AP (see Minutes of the Board meeting, 25 May 2020) has been a very difficult process. It was decided that a suggestion would be passed on to the new Board to consider changing the Bank and/or make changes in the ICOS Statutes, so that these transitions could be easier.

5. Newsletter

AB confirmed that the Newsletter was ready and would be sent to the Board for approval via e-mail.

6. The 27th ICOS world congress in Krakow and the Covid-19 pandemic (UB)

Because of the uncertain situation of the pandemic and the vaccinations, UB suggests that the safest way is to hold the Congress fully online (via Zoom). She sent the Board members a new framework programme for the Congress to be held online, and information about new conference fees and publications. The updated information would be posted on the website of the Congress and will also be disseminated via the Newsletter. The Board agreed with all the aforementioned aspects.

7. Organizing the General Assembly (Sjöblom)

The Board has a duty to arrange the General Assembly (GA) of ICOS. Normally, assemblies coincide with World Congresses, but under current situation, the Board should decide how we would organize the assembly. A plan for online preparations should be made, because several matters need to be established: making sure that only ICOS participants have access to the meeting, arranging the voting etc. A small group (including PS, UB, AP, AB and anyone else who is willing to help) would be set up to deal with the preparations.

8. Next meeting

The following meeting will be held online, via Zoom, in June.

9. Any other business

No other business was noted during the meeting.

10. Closing

PS thanked the members of the Board for their comments and suggestions and closed the meeting at 12:35 Helsinki summer time (10:35 GMT).