



**MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING
SLACK, 02 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT: Katalin Reszegi (KR, chair), Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (YGLF, Vice-President), Peter Jordan (PJ, Vice-President), Vladislav Alpatov (VA, Secretary), Alexandra Petrulevich (AP, Treasurer), Daniel Solling (DS, Vice-Treasurer), Eugen Schochenmaier (ES, Assistant Secretary and Web Officer), Brittnee Leysen (BL, Postgraduate Representative), Fatemeh Akbari (FA), Artur Gałkowski (AG), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Márcia Sipavicius Seide (MSS)

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

KR welcomed everyone present.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (KRAKÓW, 27 AUGUST 2021)

The Minutes of the previous meeting in Kraków were approved.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Four main items were confirmed on the agenda:

1. New working group of ICOS on names as open data
2. Online lecture series
3. Existing and possible cooperations.
4. Approval of the terminology group

4. NEW WORKING GROUP ON NAMES AS OPEN DATA

AP suggested establishing a new working group of ICOS on names as open data (all kinds of names, but the group will start with toponyms since there is much to build on there). The proposition for such a group comes from the Kraków Congress and the workshop on names as open data held there.

Proposed officers:

Chair: Peder Gammeltoft

Vice-chair: Peder Dam

Members: Keith Briggs, Christian Zschieschang, Barbara Aehnlich, Ola Svensson, Emily Lethbridge, Alexandra Petrulevich, Elin Pihl, Daniel Orongo.

The Board approved the establishment of such a group.

5. ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

5.1. Speakers

KR proposed these speakers: Serge Brédart (neuropsychology of proper names), Elwys de Stefani (names in discourse), Martin Thiering (place names and mental map), Richard Coates (pragmatic theory of proper names)

PJ proposed these speakers: Derek Alderman (USA), Maoz Azaryahu (Israel), Bill Watt (Australia)

YGLF proposed these speakers: Prof. Kremer (PatRom, Germany), Willy van Langendonck (Theory of Names, Belgium), Pierre-Henri Billy (Medieval Anthroponymy, France), Jean Germain (PatRom and Toponymy, Belgium), Maria Giovanna Arcamone (Literary Onomastics, Italy).

AP proposed these speakers: Peder Gammeltoft (name databases; names as open data; linked open data in onomastics)

KR sent out this text of invitation:

Dear XX,

At the end of 2021, the International Council of Onomastic Sciences launches a new initiative: an online lecture series, titled Onomastics Online. The purpose of the series is to provide students and researchers with state-of-the-art discussions on the topics related to the different aspects of proper names. With the first lectures, we would like to emphasize the interdisciplinarity of onomastics. All the lectures will be freely available on the ICOS YouTube channel; however, we can offer a 100 EUR honorarium for the speakers. On behalf of ICOS, I would like to cordially invite you to give a lecture at Onomastics Online on XXX. Could you find time, and would you like to present your research? It would be a great pleasure and honour to present your lecture at our channel.

Cher Monsieur / Chère Madame,

À la fin de l'année 2021, le Conseil International des Sciences Onomastiques (ICOS), a lancé une nouvelle initiative: une série de cours magistraux en ligne, appelée « Onomastics on Line » (Onomastique en ligne). Le but de la série est de fournir aux étudiants et aux chercheurs des discussions résumant l'état des questions en rapport avec des sujets liés aux différents aspects des noms propres. Avec les premiers cours nous voulons faire emphase sur l'interdisciplinarité de l'onomastique. Tous ces cours magistraux resteront gratuitement disponibles sur la chaîne YouTube de prochaine création. Nous pouvons proposer une compensation monétaire à hauteur de 100 euros aux conférenciers. Au nom de l'ICOS, j'aimerais vous inviter cordialement à faire un cours magistral en ligne le jour XXXXX. Auriez-vous la possibilité d'y présenter votre recherche ? Ce serait pour nous un grand plaisir et un honneur de présenter votre conférence sur notre chaîne. Le cours magistral serait enregistré via Zoom. YYY serait le modérateur / la modératrice qui vous présentera brièvement au début de la leçon et qui, à la fin, mènera une petite discussion. Lasse Hämäläinen, qui dirige le groupe des relations publiques de l'ICOS y sera aussi présent pour enregistrer la conférence. Votre temps de parole serait d'environ 45 minutes et la durée de toute la séance, d'une heure. Si vous acceptez l'invitation, nous pourrions discuter des détails et de la date choisie prochainement. En vous remerciant d'avance pour votre réponse, je vous prie d'agréer, cher Monsieur / chère Madame, l'expression de me sincères salutations.
ZZZ

KR informed the Board that some of the addressees have already replied. Richard Coates, Martin Thiering and Elwys De Stefani approved of the idea, and they can deliver a lecture at the beginning/in the first half of 2022; there is no answer from Serge Brédart and Jan Tent declined.

It was decided that KR will send out the invitations to all proposed speakers.

5.2. Frequency

It was decided to begin with 4 lectures a year and allow for more next year if the experience is positive.

5.3. Honorarium

100 Euros was decided as the amount of remuneration to the speaker for the lecture.

5.4. Technicalities: recording, duration, platform, subtitles, timezoning

LH suggested the lecture would be recorded via Zoom application. A member of the Board would serve as a session chair, shortly presenting the speaker in the beginning and having a small discussion afterwards. ICOS PR Group leader LH would also be present to record the lecture, to upload it on the ICOS YouTube channel later. The lecture could last approximately 45 minutes, and the whole session about an hour.

LH informed the Board about having created a YouTube channel for ICOS and uploaded a test video there.

PJ expressed an opinion that pre-recorded lectures should not be an option; the Board agreed.

Subtitles: BL volunteered to correct the YouTube auto subtitles and requested for transcripts of the lectures or spellings of non-English words or names.

Timezoning: evening time in Europe and early morning in the Americas was approved.

6. ICOS COOPERATIONS

6.1. Existing cooperations

6.1.1. Background information

An initiative of affiliation to ICOS was begun in April 2008. The following organisations are currently affiliated to ICOS:

1. Adriatic Onomastic Research Centre, University of Zadar (Croatia)
2. [American Name Society \(United States\)](#)
3. [Australian National Placenames Survey](#)
4. [Commission of Slavic Onomastics](#) (Poland)
5. Centre of Onomastics (Baia Mare, Romania); Contact: Oliviu Felecan olifelecan@yahoo.com
6. [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Namenforschung \(GfN\) e.V.](#) (Germany)
7. [English Place-Name Society](#)
8. [Forschungsstelle für Namenkunde \(University of Berne, Switzerland\)](#)
9. [Greek Onomastic Society](#) / Association Onomastique Grecque / Ελληνικη ονοματολογικη εταιρεια (Athens, Greece); Contact: Dr Xenophon Tzavaras, xtzimvros@yahoo.gr
10. [International Institute of Jewish Genealogy](#) (Israel); Contact: Lynn Tolmas-Karawan, info@iijg.org
11. Laboratorio Internazionale di Onomastica (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)
12. [Names Society of Southern Africa](#)
13. [NORNA](#) (Nordic region)
14. Onomastic Board of the Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences
15. Onomastic Commission of the Czech Republic
16. [Onomastica e Letteratura](#) (University of Pisa, Italy)
17. [Onomastika Elkartea](#) (Sociedad Vasca de Onomástica / Société Basque d'Onomastique (Basque country, Spain); Contact: Ander Ros (Secretary in 2018), onomastikaria@gmail.com
18. Polish Council of Onomastics
19. [Polish Onomastic Society \(Polskie Towarzystwo Onomastyczne\)](#) (Poland)
20. [Scottish Place-Name Society | Comann Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba](#)
21. [Slovak Onomastic Commission](#)
22. [Société française d'onomastique](#) (France)
23. Society for the Study of Names in Nigeria
24. [UNGEGN](#) (UN, USA); Contact: Staffan Nyström (University of Uppsala), staffan.nystrom@nordiska.uu.se; Director Stefan Schweinfest, statistics@un.org

6.1.2. Discussion paper on the existing and the possible cooperations.

Prior to the meeting, PJ contributed a Discussion paper on the existing and the possible cooperations. This was discussed in detail.

In detail:

Peter Jordan

Discussion paper on the existing and the possible cooperations: How to intensify and extend the ICOS cooperation network?

ICOS currently entertains two kinds of cooperation: (1) with other global organizations at the same level; (2) with affiliated organizations from the position of an umbrella organization.

(1) Cooperation with other global organizations at the same level

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)

A subunit of the United Nations affiliated to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and functioning according to UN rules of procedure; a multidisciplinary body (mainly linguists, geographers, cartographers, historians) with a focus on place-name standardization; prepares UN resolutions recommending standardization practices for UN member countries.

ICOS cooperation:

- since 2008 and formalized by an “ICOS Liaison Officer” (Staffan Nyström) who needs to be nominated by the national geographical names board and officially delegated by his/her government to UNGEGN sessions;
- consists in
 - o taking part in UNGEGN sessions and reporting there on ICOS activities,
 - o contributing to UNGEGN activities
 - o as well as in attempts of harmonizing toponymic terms between the UNGEGN Glossary of Toponymic Terms and the ICOS List of Key Onomastic Terms;
- decreasing cooperation intensity in the last few years (no report to the most recent UNGEGN session in 2021, no more recent attempts of harmonizing terms);

(2) Cooperation with affiliated organizations

- Adriatic Onomastic Research Centre, University of Zadar (Croatia)
- American Name Society (United States)
- Australian National Place-Name Survey (Australia)
- Centre of Onomastics in Baia Mare (Romania)
- Commission of Slavic Onomastics (Poland)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Namenforschung (GfN) e.V. (Germany)
- English Place-Name Society
- Forschungsstelle für Namenkunde (University of Berne, Switzerland)

- Greek Onomastic Society/Association Onomastique Grecque (Greece)
- International Institute of Jewish Genealogy (Israel)
- Laboratorio Internazionale di Onomastica, University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)
- Names Society of Southern Africa (South Africa)
- NORNA (Nordic region)
- Onomastic Board of the Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences (Croatia)
- Onomastic Commission of the Czech Republic (Czechia)
- Onomastica e Letteratura, University of Pisa (Italy)
- Onomastika Elkarte (Sociedad Vasca de Onomástica/Société Basque d'Onomastique) (Spain)
- Polish Council of Onomastics (Poland)
- Polish Onomastic Society [Polskie Towarzystwo Onomastyczne] (Poland)
- Scottish Place-Name Society/Comann Ainmean-Àite na h-Alba (United Kingdom)
- Slovak Onomastic Commission (Slovakia)
- Société française d'onomastique (France)
- Society for the Study of Names in Nigeria (Nigeria)

ICOS cooperation:

- affiliations initiated by a call in 2008 and augmented by later accessions;
- no information exists on fields of cooperation and cooperation results;
- exceptionally contact persons are defined.

ad 1) Cooperation with other global organizations at the same level

1.1 Criteria/principles to be observed

- (1) The partners have fields of common interest, and these can be promoted by cooperation resulting in mutual benefits.
- (2) A contact person being a member of both organizations is on ICOS side responsible for this cooperation and reports on it annually to the ICOS Board of Directors.
- (3) The cooperation is formalized by an agreement.

1.2 Potential fields of cooperation in which ICOS is interested and/or has something to offer

- (1) Mutual information on events and publications organized/published by ICOS and the partner organization;
- (2) Mutual invitation of speakers to events organized by ICOS and the partner organization;
- (3) Cooperation and harmonization in/of onomastic terminology;
- (4) Augmenting onomastic bibliographies;
- (5) Contributions to “Onoma” and publications of the partner organization, respectively;
- (6) Promoting the dispersion of “Onoma” and publications of the partner organization, respectively;
- (7) Developing common onomastic projects.

1.3 Evaluation of existing cooperation

- (1) Does ICOS enjoy the benefits expected?

- (2) Can the output be optimized by redirecting the focus of the cooperation or by a new contact person?

1.4 Potential new cooperation partners

Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy

The Commission is a joint venture of the two global umbrella organizations of cartography (International Cartographic Association, ICA) and geography (International Geographical Union, IGU) and reports to both of them. Cooperating with this Commission means in the field of toponomastics cooperating with both ICA and IGU. Potential fields of cooperation are primarily mutual information on events and publications organized/published by ICOS and the partner organization and mutual invitation of speakers to events organized by ICOS and the partner organization. The contact person reporting to ICOS can be the current Commission chair from ICA side (Peter Jordan).

Expected benefits for ICOS:

- Disseminating information on ICOS congresses and other ICOS activities among geographers and cartographers;
- Expanding ICOS membership in the fields of geography and cartography;
- Popularizing “Onoma” and ICOS projects among geographers and cartographers;
- Receiving geographical and cartographic contributions to “Onoma”.

International Standardization Organization (ISO)

The ISO 704 (Terminology work – Principles and methods) is partly devoted to onomastic terms, terminology thus being the potential field of cooperation.

ad 2) Cooperation with affiliated organizations

2.1 Criteria/principles to be observed

- (1) The affiliated organization is active in the field of onomastics and contributes to it in its sphere of activity according to the state of the art.
- (2) The ICOS Board of Directors discusses and confirms affiliation proposals, approvals are published in the ICOS Newsletter and the cooperation partner is listed on the ICOS website.
- (3) A contact person being a member of both organizations is on ICOS side responsible for this cooperation and reports on it annually to the ICOS Board of Directors.

2.2 Potential fields of cooperation in which ICOS is interested and/or has something to offer

- (1) Mutual information on events and publications organized/published by ICOS and the partner organization;
- (2) Mutual exchange of participants in events organized by ICOS and the partner organization;
- (3) Contributions to “Onoma”;
- (4) Promoting the dispersion of “Onoma”;
- (5) Soliciting for ICOS membership;
- (6) Contributions to running ICOS projects (Bibliography, List of Key Onomastic Terms);
- (7) Proposing new ICOS projects that would need international cooperation and be in the interest of the affiliated organization in question and other affiliated organizations;

- (8) ICOS advice in scientific and administrative matters;
- (9) ICOS support of applications for funding scientific projects submitted by the affiliated organization.

2.3 Evaluation of existing cooperation

- (1) Is the information flow satisfactory?
- (2) Did the cooperation result in tangible benefits at least on one side?

2.4 Potential new cooperation partners

Onomastics Observatory (Brazil)

Brazilian Linguistics Association (ABRALIN) (Brazil)

UNESCO Chair in Inclusive Toponymy "Naming the World", University of Geneva (Switzerland): They are currently submitting a project proposal “Naming in the Age of Metropolization – NAME” to COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) and would appreciate ICOS support.

The paper was gratefully received and approved by the Board. It was decided to (re-)intensify contacts with UNGEGN and approach Staffan Nyström or Leila Mattfolk and ask them whether they would wish to continue this liaison. It was mentioned that nominating liaison persons with all affiliated organizations would also be important to intensify information flows.

6.2. Potential international collaborations

From PJ’s discussion paper:

- A) Onomastics Observatory (Brazil)
- B) Brazilian Linguistics Association (ABRALIN) (Brazil)
- C) UNESCO Chair in Inclusive Toponymy "Naming the World", University of Geneva (Switzerland): They are currently submitting a project proposal “Naming in the Age of Metropolization – NAME” to COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) and would appreciate ICOS support.

FA:

- A) FA mentioned her plan to attend the second Iranian National Onomastic Conference (February 2022). It can be a valuable opportunity to introduce ICOS and expand the international collaboration with Iranian scientific and research institutes such as The Academy of Persian Language and Literature and The Iranian Society of Linguistics
- B) The ISO 704 (Terminology work— Principles and methods) is partly devoted to onomastic terms. It can be a basis for cooperation with ISO, especially Technical Committee 37.

MSS: ABRALIN

In detail:

MSS provided this background information on ABRALIN. The Brazilian Linguistics Association (abbreviated as “ABRALIN” from the Brazilian Portuguese Associação Brasileira de Lingüística) is an organization intended to bring together professionals in the field of linguistics in order to promote, develop, and disseminate information about theoretical and applied linguistics to students and interested community members in Brazil. The organization hosts scientific conferences, organises courses and promotes publications. The association was founded on January 9, 1969, in an assembly presided over by Professor Joaquim Mattoso Câmara Júnior, in São Paulo. From 2017 till December of 2021, Miguel Oliveira Jr is the president of ABRALIN. From 2021 to 2023 the president will be Adelaide H.P. Silva. The link to ABRALIN webpage in English is: [Home Page - Abralin : Abralin](#). ABRALIN has held successful lecture series on Facebook.

MSS reported starting negotiations with Alexandre de Sousa Mello, responsible for Onomastics and Lexicology studies, and with the ABRALIN president who proposed that ICOS should give a presentation on Abralin lecture series on Facebook (for which Alexandre and Renato Pereira are responsible) as a first step in the mutual engagement. Conversely, ICOS could give a lecture to ABRALIN in 2022 with a presentation of ICOS and current research in onomastics to ABRALIN Brazilian members, and could use this opportunity for the diffusion of forthcoming ICOS Lecture series. The Board approved of this plan and requested MSS to look further into the opportunities of organizing these lectures, as well as harmonising them with the forthcoming ICOS Online Lecture series.

FA volunteered to become the person on the Board who is responsible to harmonize and track all the ICOS international relations, and received support from the Board. PJ cooperates in this respect too.

7. APPROVAL OF THE TERMINOLOGY GROUP

AG updated the Board on the scenario of upcoming ICOS TG activities. The most important task of ICOS TG is to develop the project that started in Slovakia and presented in Krakow, the ONOMTERM international project. Iveta Valentova will soon inform all members of the Group about the next steps. They will be able to comment on the technical side of the project and join it in different languages.

AG sent this list of members of the TG for the term 2021-2024, and it was approved:

Members of the ICOS TG 2021-2024

- Head: Artur Gałkowski (Poland)
 - Terhi Ainiala (Finland)
 - Fatemeh Akbari (Austria)
 - Donatella Bremer (Italy)
 - Urszula Bijak (Poland)
 - Andrea Bölcskei (Hungary)

- Enzo Caffarelli (Italy)
- Joan Tort Donada (Spain)
- Tamás Farkas (Hungary)
- Halszka Górny (Poland)
- Milan Harvalík (Czech Republic)
- Peter Jordan (Austria)
- Aleh Kopach (Belarus)
- Julia Kuhn (Germany)
- Regina Kvašytė (Lithuania)
- Tiina Laansalu (Estonia)
- André Lapierre (Canada)
- Unni Leino (Finland)
- Sanda Rapa (Latvia)
- Yaroslav Redkva (Ukraine)
- Márcia Sipavicius Seide (Brazil)
- Iveta Valentová (Slovakia)
- Mats Wahlberg (Sweden)
- Natalia Vasileva (Russia)
- Christian Zschieschang (Germany)

8. NEXT MEETING

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Zoom in January and to settle the date with a Doodle poll.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Website additions

1) VA suggested posting lists of all the previous Boards with their terms on the website as tribute; this was approved by the Board. ES and VA are to compile the lists from 2004 when online archives become available. 2) VA suggested making links to the Board members' corporate accounts, which was approved by the Board. 3) YGLF proposed to discuss possibilities of multilingual versions of the ICOS website. It was decided to leave this option open for language volunteers who might want to translate and run the website versions. YGLF suggested that she would translate into French at least some pages in the ICOS website.

9.2. Board administration

VA suggested discussing the worth of having a shared storage space for ICOS documentation for internal use that cannot be posted on the website. It was decided to postpone this item for the January meeting.

9.3. Student Network Training Opportunities

BL notified the Board that there is interest in the Student Network for some virtual training over the summer of 2022, followed by an in-person summer school in summer 2023 (hosted in Glasgow). Additionally, there is interest in the

possibility of an essay prize for young onomastics scholars which might be worth discussing.

In detail: BL reported the results of her two drop-in meetings with the Student Network. Based on discussions at the Congress and since, there is great interest in a virtual summer school in Summer 2022, with ideally an in-person or at least hybrid summer school in Glasgow Summer 2023. The virtual summer school can potentially make good use of the recorded Onomastics Online lectures if the lecturers are open to it, and if they might consider a live Q&A session after their lectures for the summer school participants. This would help to A) increase viewings of the recorded lectures and B) give the participants an opportunity to engage with the lecturers in a way they otherwise might not be able to, and to network.

There is also interest in other workshop topics, such as how to teach onomastics methods and theories since many of our Network members are being asked to create lesson plans as a part of graduate teaching roles and for postdoctoral and job applications.

The Network is also interested in the establishment of an ICOS Student Essay Prize. BL volunteered to head any blind evaluation of entries/blind peer reviewing, as well as set up a slack channel for planning this activity, and the summer school.

Both ideas were supported by the Board, a number of suggestions were expressed as to how to organise the summer schools and where to publish the essays. BL was asked to take the lead and explore the situation further.

KR thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 19:30 local time (CEST) on Tuesday, 02 November 2021.



Vladislav Alpatov
Secretary
(02 November 2021)