



MINUTES OF THE ICOS BOARD MEETING

ZOOM, 26 JANUARY 2022, 4 PM CET

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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), Fatemeh Akbari (FA), Artur Gałkowski (AG), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Márcia Sipavicius Seide (MSS)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

KR welcomed everyone present.

BL excused herself due to a family emergency.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (SLACK, 2 NOVEMBER 2021)

The minutes were approved for publication by the Board.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

The following agenda was confirmed:

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4. REPORT OF *ONOMA*'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Alina Bugheșiu, *Onoma*'s Editorial Secretary, presented the report to the meeting.

Report of Onoma's Editor-in-Chief

1. News since the last ICOS (August 2021)

As we proposed at the last ICOS (Krakow, August 2021), volume 56/2021 (*Dynamics of the Anthroponymic System* – guest-editor: Anna Choleva-Dimitrova) was published in December on the journal's website: <https://onomajournal.org/vol-56-2021/>. On Friday, I received the printed version from Mega Publishing House, so we have started to send it to the subscribers and to the members of ICOS.

Since last autumn, as Richard Coates suggested and the Editorial Board agreed, *Onoma* has a new cover: <https://onomajournal.org> (very similar with the previous one).

At the end of the year 2021, I was contacted by the University of Newcastle (Australia) to see if we wished to collaborate with NOVA, an open-access book depository¹. For a safe future and to avoid the possible damages caused by hacker attacks, I agreed with this proposal.

2. Issues in preparation

-Vol. 57/2022: *West Slavic Onomastics* (guest-editors: Urszula Bijak, Milan Harvalík, Iveta Valentová, Christian Zschieschang). Submission deadline is March, so the volume should be published by the end of the year.

-Vol. 58/2023: *Place Names as Cultural Heritage* (guest-editor: Peter Jordan). Most authors have responded, reviewers have been approached (PJ).

3. Instructions for authors

We intend to update this part, because there are many problems that make the Editorial Board's work more difficult.

For the future volumes, guest-editors will need to assume greater responsibility and precision as regards the application of *Onoma* style guidelines in a uniform manner. Not only the content of the articles should be taken into consideration, but their formatting as well, so as not to lade the activity of the Editorial Board.

4. Indexation in prestigious databases

For as long as the publication of the journal has been delayed, the indexation of *Onoma* in the international databases in which we aim to register it (Web of Science, Scopus, ERIH Plus etc.) was impossible, although *Onoma* used to be indexed in Scopus. We hope to achieve this goal to be able to increase the visibility of the journal in the scientific world and, implicitly, that of the authors publishing in *Onoma*. Since the publication of the latest issue, our journal has been taken into account by Google Scholar: that is a good beginning.

5. The website of *Onoma*

The website of *Onoma* exceeded 30.600 visitors². It is updated periodically, so as to mirror the editorial work, to be user friendly, useful to potential collaborators to the journal, and transparent for international databases. At the same time, the website of the journal aims at keeping up with the competition of other journals on onomastics.

¹ <https://nova.newcastle.edu.au/vital/access/manager/Index>

² <https://icosweb.net/blog/2022/01/14/onoma-website-30-000-visits/>

6. Financial issue

I was notified on Saturday that, by February 19, we have to pay the domain name (onomajournal.org). The cheapest and most efficient way is to pay for 3 years: the first payment was made when the website was launched (February 2019).

We continue to send the latest volumes of *Onoma* (including issue 56) to subscribers and ICOS members.

At the end of the year, when volume 57/2022 is finished, we must consider the payment of the printed publication of that issue and of the registration of the corresponding DOIs on Crossref. The costs should be similar to those for volume 56/2021.

The report was received by the ICOS Board. Alina Bugheşiu answered questions of the members of the ICOS Board concerning the various points in the report.

The Editorial Board will report to the ICOS Board when it has all the arrangements for indexing ready, so the Board might advise and aid in indexing.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (KR)

KR

President's report

KR noted that the central issue of the meeting was to **prepare the strategy and the budget** of ICOS for 2021-2024. The budget was put together by AP & DS.

KR highlighted that a strong scientific association has the power to improve the academic status of onomastics all over the world, so the main goal was **gaining visibility of ICOS and onomastics**. She pointed out that **Onoma** was on its way to become a high-standard publication, and the **social media** is also in good hands.

KR emphasized the importance of the new initiative, **Onomastics Online**, the online lecture series that can demonstrate the multidisciplinary nature of onomastics.

The **program** for the first semester:

- 15 February 2022, 4 p.m. CET: Professor Derek Alderman (University of Tennessee): Race, Memory, and Campus Place Name Reform: Strategies for Transforming the Classroom into a Toponymic Workspace
- 24 March 2022, 4 p.m. CET: Dr. Martin Thiering (Aachen University): Toponyms and Landmarks as Cognitive Maps in Dene Chipewyan and Eipomek
- 11 April 2022, 10 / 11 / 12 a.m. CET: Kimberly Klassen (International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan): [title added later] - the load of proper names on second language reading (psycholinguistics, English as a second language)
- May 2022, 4 p.m. CET: Professor Richard Coates (University of the West of England): [title added later] – pragmatic theory of proper names

The details of the series were discussed:

- Main organizer: KR
- Platform: Zoom, recorded live event

- The structure of the lectures: KR shortly introduces the series, the chair shortly presents the speaker, the lecture (45 minutes), Q&A (the whole session lasts about an hour)
- Description on the webpage
- Advantages for ICOS members (maybe special lectures)
- Ideas for speakers and chairs
- How to gain larger audience
- Financial aspects (100 EUR for the speakers, in the future maybe voluntary speakers)
- The possible cooperation with Abralin was also discussed. An introducing video with 4 speakers was asked for. The structure of the lecture was partly discussed and then postponed for further discussion.

The importance of the **cooperation network of ICOS** and **supporting young scholars** were also emphasized.

6. PROCEEDINGS OF THE 27TH ICOS CONGRESS

Urszula Bijak

Report on the *Proceedings of the 27th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Kraków, 22-27 August 2021 "Onomastics in interaction with other branches of science"*.

Despite the extension of the deadline for submitting texts to December 15, 2021, many people, due to the accumulation of duties at the end of the year, asked for a further extension. We had cases of texts submitted as late as January 2022.

We received 104 articles: 87 of them in English, 5 in French, 6 in German and 6 in Russian. This gives a total of abt. 90 publisher's sheets (Polish unit of text length = 39,000 characters with spaces; henceforth PS).

Proceedings are edited by Urszula Bijak, Justyna Walkowiak and Paweł Swoboda. The editing work is in progress.

We suggest that the submitted texts, of course after positive reviews, be placed in 3 volumes:

Volume 1: Preface. Keynote lectures. Toponomastics - 35 articles (abt. 31 PS)

Volume 2: Anthroponomastics - 36 articles (abt. 32 PS)

Volume 3: General onomastics. Literary onomastics. Chrematonomastics - 33 articles (abt. 27 PS).

The proceedings will be published by *Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego* (the publishing house of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow). We are in talks with the publishing house and we are waiting for their quote.

As we were planning, the proceedings will be published online in Open Access, with each paper receiving a DOI number. A printed version will be available on request.

Our further deadlines are:

1. Reviewing process: April 2022
2. The deadline for authors to send us the corrected version of the papers: May 2022
3. Publication: December 2022/January 2023

However, we really want the proceedings to be released at the end of 2022.

The publishing house has not yet calculated the total cost of the publication but the €3000 offered by the ICOS Board would be very useful to us.

The Board needs to assess the whole cost before the Board consents to the publication. 2021 Congress participation fee was supposed to partly cover the publication of the proceedings (AP).

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 28TH ICOS CONGRESS (LH)

LH

Report of the Organising Committee

Arrangements for the 28th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (19–23 August 2024, Helsinki, Finland) are proceeding as planned. Since the online congress in August 2021, the organizing committee has had four online meetings. A couple of things to be mentioned:

- Two new members have been added to the organization committee: senior lecturer Minna Nevala and PhD student Milla Juhonen (both representing the University of Helsinki). Instead, Dr. Johanna Virkkula had to withdraw from the committee, as she is nowadays working outside academia. Currently, there are 8 members in the committee.
- Members of the scientific committee have been recruited. Chaired by Minna Nevala, the committee has 18 members from 13 different countries.
- Congress website can be viewed [here](#). There is not very much information yet but more will be added regularly.

The committee's main actions for spring 2022 are:

- Recruiting keynote speakers
- Planning the banquet and the excursions
- Applying for sponsors and funding to lower the participation fees

The report was received by the Board.

8. IBOS REPORT (MSS)

MSS

IBOS activities report

1. We had an on line meeting in November where the protocol to create selected bibliographical lists was presented.
2. We had another on line meeting in December where some protocols were presented and revised. Members were advised to keep the complete bibliographical list to further uses. Another deadline was proposed to all to send their protocols and list if any: second week of February.
3. Once lists are created, we will move on other agenda activities as shown in our agenda below.
4. Members' idea of creating a database to register lists was supported, ES had sent all the budget regarding software creation. It is under discussion if Unioeste is able to host and be responsible for database maintenance. Questions were made by Unioeste and sent to all in December and haven't been answered yet.
5. More ICOS member are to be invited to join IBOS in order to increase its scope.

WHAT	WHO	WHEN
1.a Protocol creation	IBOS members alone or in teams, possible collaboration with Terminology Group and Onomastic Journals editors and usage of database tools.	Deadline: 15 th of December 2021 Deadline for the members to send the protocols to IBOS 16 th and 17 th. Second Meeting: presentation and discussion of protocols
1.b Presentation of protocols, revised protocols and bibliographic lists.	IBOS members	Week 8 – 11 February 2022
2. Finding and selecting publications	IBOS members	2022
3. Finalization of selected bibliography lists	IBOS members	2022
4. Reading and evaluating the selected list	IBOS members	
5 Writing a review article.	IBOS members	
6. Submitting article to be published or send to IBOS members repository website	IBOS members	
7. Creating a space in ICOS website where to publish: selected bibliography lists with title, link to the review articles	Chair: having in hand the protocols and the selected list, she will ask for a meeting with the Directory Board to request enough space in ICOS website to	

	published production for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.	previewed
8. Publication of IBOS products on ICOS website	Eugeny	
9. New Meeting planning 2023- 2024	All IBOS members	

The report was received by the Board.

These issues were raised in connection with the report:

1. Where does sponsorship come from? MSS and AG have agreed to cooperate on devising ways to solicit sponsorship for the activities of ICOS working groups: TG and IBOS.
2. What is the main objective of compiling the new database? (KR) The interest is that the publications are open access in the new data base (YGLF).
3. Bibliography could become another strategically very important venture for ICOS to increase its visibility and usefulness. A comprehensive bibliography with rubrics, rather than one of selected works, would make ICOS an onomastic information hub (VA).
4. In NORNA, the bibliography project is discontinued because of competition from Google Scholar and the like networks (AP). However, researchers can still voluntarily send in their publications to NORNA list to be published online, this experience could be applied to ICOS (DS).

9. WEB OFFICER'S REPORT (ES)

ES

The social media angle reports on the large increase in posts put up on both Facebook and Twitter, and the increase in followers on both accounts (since the Debrecen congress in 2017 - about 260 followers, plus 22 followers since the Krakow Congress in 2021) on Facebook, taking us to **524**, and on Twitter (more than 200 followers after the Debrecen Congress plus about 30 followers after the Krakow Congress) actually reaching **331**.

Many of the posts are discussing important onomastic news and events, not just ICOS business, so we are providing valuable information to a much larger audience and, hopefully, will gain new members because of that.

Objective: Keep the pace of posting + ideas how to attract audience

ICOS Twitter Channel Coordinator (since October 2017)

Statistics: from 300 likes in October 2017 up to 6.295 likes in August 2021 (+ **6.000 likes during 4 y.**)

Since August 2014, our Twitter Channel has posted **2.876 tweets** up to the 1st September 2021 and additionally 484 tweets up to the 18th January 2022 (taking us to **3.360 tweets**).

Objective: Keep the pace of tweeting

ICOS Website (<https://icosweb.net/>)

Since September 2017 - **165 news** have been posted (about 3 news a month).
 From August 25, 2021 to January 18, 2022, **16,419** unique visitors arrived to our Website (they realized **56,692** visits within our Website) = almost **380 visits from 110 persons per day!**

Top Referring Sites (where the public comes from)

1	icosweb.net	ICOS
2	spns.org.uk	Scottish Place-Name Society
3	baidu.com	China
4	google.com	Google
5	to.co	Twitter
6	facebook.com	Facebook
7	wikipedia.org	Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
8	onomastica.cat	Societat d'Onomàstica
9	ilg.usc.gal	Instituto da Lingua Galega
10	e-onomastics.blogspot.com	e-Onomastics

The most complete list of name-related periodicals has been compiled:

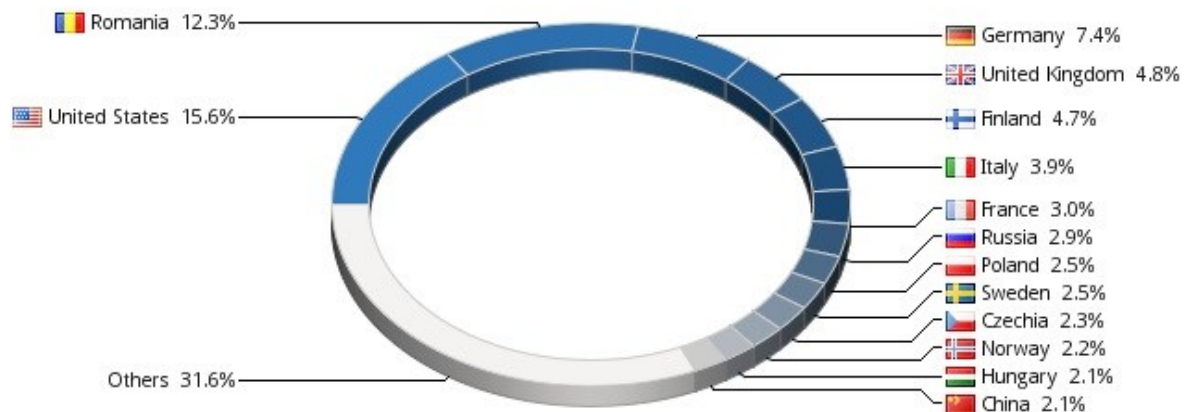
<https://icosweb.net/periodicals/>

The lists of previous Board of Directors from 1996 to 2021 have been completed and the first presidents (Secretary-Generals) of ICOS have been added from 1950 (with photos for those who passed away) : <https://icosweb.net/about-icos/icos-boards-and-statutes/board-of-directors/>

Onoma Website

February 2019 - December 2021 - **7 issues** published online (50-56): **86 articles** with more than **30.200 pageviews** from 111 countries:

111 different countries have visited this site. 160 flags collected. [View all details »](#)



TOP 10 of the referrers (the page where an Internet user originated from) for ONOMA Website are (after “Search Engines”):

1. ICOS
2. Facebook
3. American Name Society
4. e-Onomastics
5. Regensburg University
6. Helsinki University
7. Tallinn University
8. Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland

9. Twitter
 10. Academia.edu
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The report was received by the Board.

10. TREASURERS' REPORT (AP & DS)

AP & DS

Treasurers' Report

See separate paper (the new version was sent in on 27 May 2022 and discussed at the next meeting).

The report was received by the Board.

AP clarified that ICOS members receive a copy of Onoma for their ICOS fee, and the paid subscribers come on top of this number. DS suggested that more institutions should be encouraged to subscribe to Onoma.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Improvement of ICOS documentation flow

The issue of shared space for the activities of the working groups and the Board was raised again (MSS). These options were mentioned: 1) box.com 2) Dropbox.

VA and DS agreed to cooperate to explore the capabilities of these options.

KR thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 18:30 CET on Wednesday, 26 January, 2022.



Vladislav Alpatov
Secretary
(27 January 2022)