

**Draft Minutes of the ICOS Board Meeting**

**Zoom, 9 February 2023, 4 pm CET**

<https://cuaieed-unam.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsduihqDIuHNHWqOE8ee3E70xfoadwqA4K>

**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), Lasse Hämäläinen (LH), Márcia Sipavicius Seide (MSS)

# Welcome and Apologies

KR welcomed everyone present.

Artur Gałkowski (AG), Oliviu Felecan (OF, Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma*)excused themselves for absence.

# Minutes of the previous meeting (Zoom, 30 May 2022)

The minutes were approved for publication by the Board.

# Confirmation of the agenda

The following agenda was confirmed:

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# ICOS Summer School

A poster for the ICOS 2023 Summer School was prepared and sent out by BL.

BL presented her updates about the arrangements. Registrations keep arriving from all over the world. There are potential volunteer speakers for the workshops, especially among Glasgow scholars. The organisers are welcoming applications to speak from a wide range of other countries. It would be advisable to look into the possibility of remunerating the speakers (LH). AP reminded that there is a section of the ICOS budget allocated for the Summer School this year and asked that BL might present a draft budget breakdown later. KR brought in a suggestion that some lectures during the Summer School might be made available online to those who do not attend in person, this suggestion will be looked into by the organisers. FA asked that a list of items of interest for the participants may be sent out to the Board, so they may consider contributions to the programme.

# Proceedings of the 27th ICOS Congress

A report on the Proceedings of the 27th ICOS Congress was submitted by Urszula Bijak, Justyna Walkowiak and Paweł Swoboda.

**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"*

As I wrote in my previous report sent on the 24th of January 2022, we received 104 articles. Each text was evaluated by 2 reviewers, sometimes by 3, due to the narrow specialization of the research. We used the single-blind review procedure, as it would be difficult to maintain the anonymity of the authors if all abstracts are openly available on the Congress website anyway. In the reviewing process, a dozen or so texts received negative evaluation.

The reviewers had a number of critical comments to many texts, and only few were accepted in the form in which they had been submitted. The peer review process was significantly prolonged because one of the reviewers died and another one was ill for several months.

Also, the authors’ corrections took longer than planned. They concerned both the content and language issues, since unfortunately not all the texts had been checked by native speakers before submission. A lot of work was also required to make the bibliographic data and the descriptions of the illustrations consistent, because not all the authors did it carefully. Ultimately, we accepted 90 articles for publication. All the authors have already received, or will soon receive (this applies to the contributors of vol. 1), their publishing contracts to sign.

All the articles have been divided into three volumes:

Volume 1: Keynote lectures. Toponomastics - 32 articles;

Volume 2: Anthroponomastics - 28 articles;

Volume 3: General and applied onomastics. Literary onomastics. Chrematonomastics. Reports - 30 articles (the full table of contents is attached).

The proceedings are published by Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego (Jagiellonian University Press, https://wuj.pl/en). The work on Volume 2 is the most advanced (the volume has already been submitted to the publishing house), with Volume 3 following (we will submit it this week). Editorial work on Volume 1 is still in progress, and even in January the authors were still asking for minor corrections to be introduced into their texts. By the end of February, the publishing house will have received all the materials, and, according to the agreement, it has 8 months to publish the proceedings. The proceedings will be published online in Open Access as planned, with each paper receiving a DOI number. A printed version will be available to the authors upon request. Depending on the efficiency of the final authors’ proofreading, the volumes will be successively published this year. We hope to have completed the entire publishing process by the end of this year.

The report was received by the Board.

# Arrangements for the 28th ICOS Congress

LH presented his updates about the arrangements.

The First Circular was sent out to the members in January.

**First circular letter**

The 28th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be organized on 19–23 August 2024 in Helsinki, Finland.

The congress is organized by the University of Helsinki, in collaboration with the University of Turku, City of Helsinki, and the International Council of Onomastic Sciences.

**Congress theme**: Sustainability of names, naming and onomastics

Sustainability has become a crucial topic in society and science. The world is facing numerous complex and urgent challenges – such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, poverty and inequality – that force us to re-evaluate our procedures and modes of action in all sectors in our lives. These challenges are broadly recognized, and actions to overcome them have been summarized for example in the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. There is a call for universities and research institutions to find solutions to these problems. The concept of sustainability has traditionally been considered to consist of three dimensions: environmental, economic, and social. However, an increasing number of scholars and experts include cultural sustainability as the fourth dimension, meaning for example the maintenance of cultural beliefs and practices, heritage conservation, understanding culture as its own entity, and the future of cultures (see e.g. Soini & Birkeland 2014). Proper names and onomastic research can be linked to all the four dimensions but especially cultural sustainability.

With the congress theme, Sustainability of names, naming and onomastics, we organizers encourage onomasticians to evaluate how their research can support building sustainable societies.

Examples of possible approaches to the congress theme are (but not limited to): ● People’s relation to their environment (both physical and digital) from the standpoint of toponyms and other place-related names ● Names and minorities, the power relationships conveyed by names ● Urban toponymy in smart and sustainable cities ● Commercial names as a part of sustainable economy ● Identity and naming, the rights to express identities via names ● Changing names (place names, personal names, commercial names etc.) ● Names in the digital world ● Names and law-making ● Names in traffic and tourism ● Onomastics as a sustainable science

In accordance with the theme of sustainability, it is possible to participate in the congress also online. Online participants will have access to the keynote lectures and several paper sessions. However, we hope that most participants can travel to Helsinki to celebrate the possibility of meeting each other in person again.

* Keynote speakers ● Helen Kelly-Holmes, University of Limerick, Ireland ● Jane Pilcher, Nottingham Trent University, UK ● Väinö Syrjälä, Södertörn University, Sweden
* Important dates ● 31/5/2023: Deadline for workshop proposals ● 6/2023: Acceptance announcement (workshops) ● 10/2023: Abstracts for workshop and general session papers ● 1/2024: Letters of acceptance ● 3/2024: Registration for the congress starts ● 19.–23.8.2024: Congress in Helsinki
* Conference fees ● Subsidised fee (Students, Doctoral students, Accompanying persons, online participation): 90 € ● Early bird ICOS member: 220 € ● Late fee ICOS member; early bird non-ICOS member: 340 € ● Late fee non-ICOS member: 400 €

Call for workshop proposals

We now invite proposals for workshops. Thematic workshops, either 90 or 180 min long, include several thematically connected presentations. A workshop can also have an introduction and/or a final discussion. The workshop convenors decide on the length of presentations in the workshop. The convenors are asked to submit a description (max 500 words) of the workshop theme. The convenors should also decide whether they want to invite the workshop presenters themselves, or whether any congress participant can offer their paper to the workshop during the call for individual abstracts. If the presenters are invited, the description should include a list of the invited contributors and the titles of their presentations in the order in which the presentations will be given. All workshop contributors are required to submit individual abstracts, following the timetable and guidelines for individual presentations. Workshop proposals should be submitted using an online form at the following link:

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/121642/lomake.html>

Proposal submission deadline: 31 May 2023

Notification of acceptance: by 30 June 2023.

The workshop proposals will be evaluated according to their quality, originality and impact.

More information

• Congress website: https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/28th-international-congress- onomastic-sciences

• Promotion video: <https://youtu.be/PvIY7UoEFaw>

• Contact email: icos2024@helsinki.fi

The report was received by the Board.

PJ asked if a Symposium on minority place-names in Europe (in various dimensions), same as during previous conferences, would be appropriate during the Congress and LH confirmed it would be welcome. YGLF added an update about her efforts to spread the information about the Congress among Francophone onomastic bodies and asked to post the French version of the Circular on the ICOS website.

# Venue of the 29th ICOS Congress

KR: In 2027, it might be a welcome move if the Congress could move outside Europe. One option would have been Korea, in Seoul there are ample opportunities for hosting the event, however PJ informed the Board that he had already inquired with the Korean side and unfortunately this option is off the table for a number of technical reasons. Another one is Bloemfontein in South Africa. PJ spoke in favour of this option and explained its advantages. He also mentioned Yogyakarta, Indonesia, as one more potential venue and said he would approach the relevant contacts in these countries’ academic communities. LH mentioned potential interest from Estonian onomasticians to host the event and promised to inquire.

# Treasurer’s report

Treasurer’s report was submitted by AP. See a separate document.

The report was received by the Board.

# Membership fee

DS and AP suggest there is a need to raise the membership fees or the Onoma fees from 2024, in view of the high inflation in the current global economy situation. A timely decision would be desired so that both members and subscribers are informed in advance.

OF’s suggestion is to raise the fee per volume of *Onoma* from 30 to 35 Euros/issue (see his report). AP suggests raising it to 40 Euros/issue. As for the membership fee, she suggests keeping the present fee, to avoid scaring off the existing and potential members, with the current instable economic situation, but advises that the next Board should look into increasing the fee in the future.

The Board therefore decided that the *Onoma* fee shall be increased from 30 to 40 Euros/volume from 2024 and that the membership fee shall remain the same, with the decision about the increase relegated to the next Board.

# *Onoma* report

OF submitted the Report of the Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma*.

**Report of the Editor-in-Chief of *Onoma***

*Onoma* 57/2022

Volume 57 is large: 12 themed papers, 4 non-themed articles, 9 book reviews, and 2 obituaries. Due to objective reasons (health problems, the war in Ukraine, lack of language accuracy in certain texts, professional/university issues), it has not been finished yet, but we hope to publish it online this month and in print perhaps in March. After that, we will send volumes 56-57 to ICOS members and journal subscribers.

 *Onoma* 58/2023

 Prof. Peter Jordan, the guest-editor, has written to me that the 12 themed papers (+ a report) are being edited and in spring we could have them all. In addition, as in the previous issues, there will be several non-themed articles and book reviews.

 *Onoma* 59/2024

 I have contacted Grant Smith, Yolanda López Franco, and Marcia Sipavicius Seide, who have accepted the proposal to be guest-editors for a themed issue related to **American Onomastics** (with 10-12 papers related to North, Central, and South America, if possible). Here is the call for papers:

**CFP – “American Onomastics”**

The editorial board of *Onoma*, journal of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences publishing in English, German, or French, seeks contributions to a themed volume (number 59 to appear in 2024) on the study of names in America (i.e., as they are used or applied in North, Central, or South America, or as they may be studied by scholars from those regions). The subject matter is open (i.e., place names, personal names, commercial names, or names in literature). Guidelines may be found on the *Onoma* website: [https://onomajournal.org](https://onomajournal.org/)

Please send abstracts of about 250 words to the principal guest-editor, Grant Smith (gsmith@ewu.edu), and to the co-guest-editors, Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (Yolalf1@yahoo.com.mx) and Márcia Sipavicius Seide (marciaseda4@hotmail.com). Abstracts must be received by July15, 2023, recommendations or acceptance will be sent by August 1, 2023, and final drafts must be completed by February 11, 2024.

**Appel à communications – « Onomastique américaine »**

Le comité d’édition d’*Onoma*, revue du Conseil International des Sciences Onomastiques (ICOS) qui publie en anglais, allemand et français, appelle à l’envoi d’articles pour un volume thématique (le numéro 59 à paraître en 2024) à propos de l’étude des noms propres en Amérique (c’est-à-dire, tels qu’ils sont employés ou attribués en Amérique du Nord, Centrale ou du Sud, ou sur la façon d’être étudiés par les chercheurs de ces régions). Les sujets sont ouverts : noms de lieux, noms de personnes, noms commerciaux, noms en littérature, etc. Les indications pour les auteurs se trouvent au site web d’*Onoma*: [https://onomajournal.org](https://onomajournal.org/)

Veuillez envoyer des propositions d’environ 250 mots au principal éditeur invité, Grant Smith (gsmith@ewu.edu), et aux coéditrices invitées, Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (yolalf1@yahoo.com.mx) et Márcia Sipavicius Seide (marciaseda4@hotmail.com). Les propositions seront reçues au plus tard le 15 juillet 2023 ; les recommandations ou les acceptations seront communiquées au plus tard, le 1er août 2023, et les manuscrits devront être envoyés avant le 11 février 2024.

**Call for Papers: „Amerikanische Onomastik“**

Die Redaktion von Onoma, der Zeitschrift des International Council of Onomastic Sciences, die auf Englisch, Deutsch oder Französisch erscheint, sucht Beiträge für einen Themenband (Nummer 59, der 2024 erscheinen soll) über das Studium der Namen in Amerika (d. h. so wie sie sind in Nord-, Mittel- oder Südamerika verwendet oder angewendet werden oder von Gelehrten aus diesen Regionen untersucht werden). Der Gegenstand ist offen (d. h. Ortsnamen, Personennamen, Handelsnamen oder Namen in der Literatur). Richtlinien finden Sie auf der Onoma-Website: <https://onomajournal.org>

Bitte senden Sie Abstracts von etwa 250 Wörtern an den Hauptgastherausgeber Grant Smith (gsmith@ewu.edu) und an die Mitherausgeberinnen Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (yolalf1@yahoo.com.mx) und Márcia Sipavicius Seide (marciaseda4@hotmail.com). Abstracts müssen bis zum 15. Juli 2023 eingehen, Empfehlungen oder Annahmen werden bis zum 1. August 2023 verschickt und die endgültigen Entwürfe müssen bis zum 11. Februar 2024 fertiggestellt sein.

 Other problems:

1. We are working on the journal’s website as well, to accomplish all the requirements for indexing *Onoma* in two important data bases: ISI Web of Science and Scopus.

2. Adrian Koopman sent us his resignation from the Editorial Board of *Onoma* (and ICOS altogether), due to health reasons. Thus, we aim to co-opt another scholar specialized in African onomastics.

3. Due to the increasing inflation and the increasing printing prices, we may have to modify the fee per volume of *Onoma* starting with 2024: 35 Euros/issue instead of 30 Euros. Would you please let me know if you consider it appropriate?

4. The visibility of the journal’s website is increasing every month. We are proud to have more than 41.000 pageviews.

The report was received by the ICOS Board.

KR and PJ discussed potential replacements for Adrian Koopman on the Editorial Board of Onoma. PJ will send to KR and OF a list of suggestions with names and e-mails.

# Completion of the Onoma archive

KR submitted her report on the completion of the Onoma archive.

**Completion of the *Onoma* archive**

As you know, not all issues of the ONOMA journal are available electronically. As Fatemeh Akbari put it: “It is essential that this problem be resolved as soon as possible so that 1) access to ONOMA is made available to all around the globe via the Internet, and 2) this invaluable source of reference in the field of onomastics is properly protected for current and next generations before the printed copies disappear.”

Richard Coates informed me that, when they had terminated the contract with Peeters, the question of vol. 49 had been left in limbo. They had left the matter with that volume accessible only through their password-protected web-site (or their office, for the paper version). 1-48 are of course still accessible to “subscribers” through Peeters’ website. (But even Richard Coates cannot get in as the site does not recognize him as a member.)

Peeters were extremely uncooperative in the past, and there was much bad feeling on both sides when the contract with them was terminated. Attempting to negotiate with them appears to be pointless. It is suggested by former ICOS dignitaries to write to them saying that ICOS proposes to enhance its members’ benefits by putting the entire back catalogue of Onoma, including vols 32-49, online on the ICOS website and telling them that, if they have any objection, they should let us know before the end of February 2023 (or whatever date suits us). A complication is that we do not have the publisher’s pdfs for the early online volumes (but check with Unni), so all the volumes may need to be re-scanned.

We do not know how Peeters will react, or even whether they will. We should leave the ball in their court and pursue the issue of cost and legal issues only when, or if, they do react. We could also say that a link to Peeters’ web-site could be maintained in addition, if Peeters wished for that to happen.

The report was received by the ICOS Board and the suggestion expressed in it, supported. However, several members pointed out that it would be prudent to make sure that a letter is written, sent to and received by Peeters first and only then the volumes are posted online. Also, MSS stressed the need for legal advice about this issue and that the question of copyright of each volume should be studied in detail. AP suggested that a hard copy of numbers published by Peeters should be consulted to verify the kind of licence used in article publication to discover the owners of copyright of the articles.

# ICOS collaborations

PJ spoke ongoing activity in this direction, in particular about a discussion with Christian Galinski, Director of Infoterm, and variants of collaboration with Infoterm that could be especially fruitful in proper names. There is a way for Infoterm to become an institutional member of ICOS and vice versa, which would be the first occasion of such a link. MSS suggested writing a detailed written description for formalizing such inter-institutional collaboration in accordance with PJ’s paper on international collaborations. PJ mentioned the possibility to publish it in one of the following issues of *Onoma*. PJ will also ask responsible members of organizations/institutions affiliated to ICOS to report on what actually occurs in our cooperation and which potentials they see for the future. He also highlighted that ICOS ought to exercise a pro-active attitude to approaching other onomastic organizations and forging new formal links.

# Onomastics Online

**KR submitted a new agenda for the Spring OO Lectures.**

* **23 February 2023 (BRT: 10 am, CET: 2 pm, UTC: 1 pm, EET: 3 pm)**Marília Ferreira: [Onomastics in Parkatêjê language](https://icosweb.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Ferreira.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**(chair: Adelaide + KR)**
* 22 March, Wednesday, at 17.00 CET: Prof. Ángel Iglesias Ovejero. Titre: L’expérience onomastique: un dictionnaire des noms de personne dans la parémiologie
espagnole / Dictionary of Anthroponyms in Spanish Proverbs(chair: YGLF)
* 20 April, 1 pm CET. Sungjae Choo (Professor of Geography Kyung Hee University) (chair: PJ)
* 9 May, 3 pm, Swedish Summer Time. Emilia Aldrin: Names as resources for identity construction (chair: Terhi Ainiala ??)
* Christian Galinski, Director of Infoterm

KR raised the question of whether ICOS should pay for speakers of ICOS-Abralin joint events. AP proposed that ICOS should not.

MSS said that it was important to make OO lectures accessible to deaf people and proposed that an interpreter of sign language should be found.

The Board accepted the new OO agenda.

# IBOS report

MSS submitted the Report of the Chair of IBOS.

**Report of the Chair of IBOS**

During 2021 the Chair organized three meetings whose results are

**1.Creation of the following protocols of research**

1.1 Anthroponymic research in Russia from 2011 to 2021

Responsible: Anna Tsepkova

1.2 Bibliography of Modern Czech Onomastics (since 1945)

Responsible: Milan Harvalik

1.3 Place name research in Nordic countries since 2015

Responsible: Väinö Syrjälä

 **2.Creation of the following protocols and resulting selected lists**

2.1 Anthroponymic research in Mexico from 1970 to 2021

Responsible: Yolanda Guillermina López Franco

2.2 Romanian onomastic bibliography +international onomastic bibliography

Responsible: Oliviu Felecan

2.3 Anthroponomastic research in Spain on Spanish names in the last decades

Resposible Carmen Fernández Funcal

**3.Creation of full bibliographical products about Brazilian Anthroponomastics: protocol, select anthology and systematic literature review article**

Title Anthroponymic research in Brazil from 2011 to 2021

Responsible: Márcia Sipavicius Seide

Literature review article in English and in Portuguese:

Seide, M (2023) [First names and surnames in Brazil: a  systematic review of literature](https://icosweb.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MarciaSipaviciusSeide-E.pdf). Domínios de Lingu@gem v. 17. p. 1- 26.

Seide, M (2023) [Prenomes e sobrenomes no Brasil: uma revisão sistemática de literatura](https://icosweb.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MarciaSipaviciusSeide.pdf). Domínios de Lingu@gem v. 17. p. 1- 29.

**4.Design of Onomastic Bibliographic Anthology site by MS**

**5.Implementation and actualization of Onomastic Bibliographic Anthology by ES**

**5.1 Seven links to International on line resources were published**

**5.2 Fourteen links to National Bibliographies were published**

**6.Information about IBOS members to be updated at ICOS Website**

1. Anna Tsepkova (Russia)
2. Carmen Fernández Juncal (Spain)
3. Eugen Schochenmaier (Germany)
4. Joan Tort Donada (Spain)
5. Chair Marcia Sipavicius Seide (Brazil) (Chair)
6. Maria Giovanna Arcamone (Italy)
7. Milan Harvalík (Czech Republic)
8. Nobuhle Hlongwa (South Africa)
9. Oliviu Felecan (Romania)
10. Patricia Carvalhinhos (Brazil)
11. Peeter Päll (Estonia)
12. Tamás Farkas (Hungary)
13. Väinö Syrjälä (Sweden )
14. Yolanda Guillermina López Franco (Mexico)

The report was received by the ICOS Board.

Addition by AG:

The Polish Bibliography of Onomastics from the 1950s onwards is very well compiled and made available online in a further 8 digitised volumes (RCIN repository). Since 2021, the Bibliography of Polish Onomastics has been collected in the electronic database BIBONOM: <https://bibonom.ijp.pan.pl/> The project website is in Polish. Its search engine functions very well and intuitively: <https://bibonom.ijp.pan.pl/przegladanie/> Authors of the BIBONOM project may be interested in cooperating directly with IBOS. Contact: Dr. Iwona Nobis, Insitute of Polish Language, Polish Academy of Sciences, Cracow; Pracownia Onomastyki Instytut Języka Polskiego PAN al. Mickiewicza 31; PL-31-120 Kraków **e-mail: iwona.nobis@ijp.pan.pl**

# ITOS report

AG submitted the Report of the Chair of ITOS.

**Report of the Chair of ITOS**

Work is in progress on an international onomastic terminology, which in a pilot version is being developed in Slovak along with equivalents of terms in other languages, in line with the ONOMTERM project (VEGA, Slovakia; project leader: Dr. Iveta Valentova, Institute of Linguistics, Slovak Academy of Sciences). Parallel terminological work on Italian and Polish onomastic terminology is in progress (IDUB project, Poland; project leader: Assoc.Prof. Dr. Hab. Artur Gałkowski, University of Lodz). The data produced in both projects will be uploaded to the server page of the Faculty of Philology, University of Lodz, which will host ONOMTERM/ITOS and has the potential to collect and easily share data.

In December 2022, Artur Gałkowski made a research visit related to the work on ONOMTERM/ITOS to the onomastic laboratory of the Institute of Linguistics of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava.

On 27 January 2023 Prof. Jordan Peter and Dr. Fatemeh Akbari met with the Director of Infoterm (Dr. Christian Galinski) in Vienna. Infoterm - International Information Centre for Terminology is an organisation founded by the UNESCO in 1971. Infoterm and ICOS presented a proposal for mutual institutional membership In addition, cooperation possibilities were discussed. [2] (ICOS) ÖAW ßà ASI/K 033 “Sprache und Terminologie”. [3] ICOS ßà ISO/TC 37 “Language and Terminology”

Addition 1:

Infoterm official invitation for membership to ICOS. Introduction of ICOS sent to the Infoterm community

Addition 2:

ÖAW is already ASI member, therefore it is easy to delegate Peter Jordan into K 033. From K 033 he could also be delegated as expert into ISO/TC 37 Objective: reinforce the aspect of names/proper names/appellations… in terminology standardization. Harmonization of Onomastic terminology (possibly combined with methodology provisions) Impact on ISO 704 (part 2 of the standard possible?) Impact on ÖNORM A2704 Standard of its own on metadata necessary for different types/kinds of names in relation to terminological data categories: which are same, or similar, or corresponding with the aim to facilitate content interoperability.

Addition 3:

Objective: Reinforcing the aspect of names/proper names/appellations… in ISO/TC 37. ICOS is not yet an organization in cooperation with ISO. Participation could be made possible through: ICOS as international liaison (by becoming an organization in cooperation with ISO); Delegation of K 033 experts being ICOS members to selected ISO/TC 37 standardizing activities; Delegation of ICOS experts to selected ISO/TC 37 standardizing activities through Infoterm

The report was received by the ICOS Board.

# Webpage maintenance

AP raised the question of the need for a person who can maintain the ICOS website and troubleshoot. Mostly, troubleshooting includes making necessary updates. We need a trusted person who can help ICOS out and get paid a symbolic some of money for their work. One possible way forward could be to ask the members and see if there is anyone who is capable to help ICOS out. Right now we have no solution – and we cannot wait a month or so until Emilia (previous Treasurer) and Viktor Aldrin have time to look into the matter. Emilia has indicated several times that they do not have time for this type of issues now that she is not on the Board anymore.

It was decided that this question about volunteers for this activity should be addressed to the members in a circular email, on the website and in the social media.

# Any other business

DS brought up the question of a potential hybrid Board meeting in 2023-24, the Board expressed a unanimous approval of the idea, but also hesitation as to firm plans for it in 2023, given the existing technical complexities. However, there is a stronger expectation of viability of a hybrid meeting ahead of the Congress in Helsinki in 2024.

KR thanked everyone for participation and adjourned the meeting at 6.10 pm.

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Vladislav Alpatov

Secretary

(09 February 2023)