

**Minutes of the Outgoing Executive Committee of the IATC
October 15, 2014 (10:00-12:00), Beijing, China**

Part One: Administration Matters

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

2. Members present, apologies for absence

All present.

Don asks for the new information about Nigerian delegates. We decided to discuss it under the item 6.1.

3. Approval of minutes of the ExCom meeting in Caen, 18 March, 2014

Approved.

The question is raised whether we decided that the editor in chief of *Critical Stages* would be automatically the additional member of the ExCom. We decided to discuss this topic later.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes (other than items on the following agenda)

None.

5. Reports:

5.1 President (in relation to item 5.5)

The focus of Yun-Cheol activities was the IATC web journal *Critical Stages*. This project and the whole IATC experienced a great loss: the death of a famous Korean critic and *Critical Stages* financial supporter, Mr. Yoh Suk-kee. University of Illinois (Jeffrey's department i.e. Illinois theater) has donated again 5000\$. Jeffrey can promise donations for two more years (same annual amount of money). The issue number 10, which has just been posted, was fully covered by this donation: there is still some money left for the issue 11. Yun-Cheol asks us all to take part in the fund raising for CS.

Don proposes that each national section donates 100-150\$ per year (we all agree it can't be an obligation). He adds that Savas and himself will continue searching for financial support in Greece and that they will propose a project of sustainable financing for CS. There is an idea to divide the work of editor in chief from the work of general manager. The serious problem of the unpaid work of editors was raised again. China is willing to help but they have to know what kind of credits they would get out of this support. Don adds that we should check possibilities of collaboration with UNESCO which has financial sources.

5.2 Secretary General

Michel will give us his full report at the General Assembly, he thanks Ivan for his seven years long work as the Adjunct Secretary General (Ivan announced that because of all his work and responsibilities at the University of Belgrade he will have to withdraw from that position after the General Assembly). Michel says he will propose Romanian Octavian Saiu for this position. Supported by Yun-

Cheol, Ivan explains that this nomination is an issue only for the new ExCom (upon our Statute, the ExCom elects all the adjuncts – if needed).

We check the agenda for the General Assembly: we accept the idea to propose to the General Assembly Yun-Cheol for the honorary president and Irene for honorary treasurer. The procedure of electing auditors was also discussed (the auditor can only be an individual or associated member).

The question of Chinese candidature(s) for the ExCom was also raised: how many seats in the ExCom, theoretically speaking, they can have? Concerning the fact that there are three different national sections – China, Chinese Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei – they have rights to have three seats in the ExCom.

5.3 Treasurer

Stephan informs that the IATC actual budget is 20600e. 38 out of 44 national sections paid their membership fees. The ones that didn't pay are: Albania, Chinese Taipei, Morocco...

Regarding the fact how long the previous discussions were, we decided not to stick strictly to the agenda in the following part of the meeting.

5.4 Other excom members

Margareta stresses that Don, Ivan and herself shaped and scheduled the Beijing symposium upon the IATC conference guidelines in order to have more time for discussion. There was a selection procedure of the presentations (papers): some were put in an on-line section.

Jean-Pierre explains that there would be less young critics at the Beijing seminar than in general because of the travel costs. He stresses that it is becoming more and more difficult for young critics to travel to the IATC seminars, that's why he asks national sections to help them in covering their travel costs. Jean-Pierre is very grateful to Alice for animating a lot of young critics to come to the seminar which will be held in Cluj in November and says he would try to organize a seminar in Spain in July 2015. The collaboration with La Comédie de Caen is finished, but as Lambert-wild is now director of the theater in Limoges the project of critics' meetings will move there.

Tomasz was our representative at the ASSITEJ Congress in Warsaw: it was important for developing relations and collaborations with other international theater associations. There is a possibility to organize a project/conference with Grotowski institute in Wroclaw in 2016. As Barba is not coming to Beijing, we decided that the Thalia prize ceremony will have only two segments: Yun-Cheol will present the prize and then, after showing an interview he made with Barba, Tomasz will give the laudatio.

Don stresses that we were, due first of all to Yun-Cheol's work, successful in spreading the IATC in Asia. The new challenge is to do the same thing in Africa. He informs us that Nigerians had to postpone their invitation for the Congress from 2016 to 2018. They want to present the official invitation for 2018 in Beijing but until that moment they still didn't get Chinese visas although they have already bought airplane tickets.

Peng Tao explains that the problem with Nigerian delegates appeared in the very last moment. The Central Academy of Drama got on Friday the 10th of October in the afternoon a demand from the Chinese diplomatic authorities to confirm the invitation to Nigerian delegation. Although it was a weekend, CAD reacted immediately and confirmed the invitation. This document had to be transferred to the Chinese Ministry of education which replied they needed five days for the procedure. The Chinese national section and CAD did everything they could in this situation: official invitations to all the national sections were properly made and sent on time.

Don express gratitude to our hosts and asks that we send an official letter of protest to Chinese authorities and an apology letter to Nigerians. We agree, Yun-Cheol asks Don to write it. Yun-Cheol explains that we have a problem for the Congress 2016 because we still don't have any invitation. There is an informal invitation from India by Ravi. Yun-Cheol says that he thinks that Belgrade and Bitef festival would be a perfect place/context. Ivan replies that this could be an option and says he would check all the possibilities and inform the ExCom on time.

That is all I had in my notes. If I remember well, we didn't have time for all the items of the Agenda.

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Ivan Medenica