

**Minutes of the Excom meeting of the IATC
By Zoom -- January 23, 2021**

1. Presences and absences

Were present: Margareta Sörenson (President), Michel Vaïs (Secretary General), Octavian Saiu (Adjunct Secretary General), Stéphane Gilbert (treasurer), Peng Tao (China), Jean-Pierre Han (France), Irina Gogoberidze (Georgia), Deepa Punjani (India), Mariko Anazawa (Japan), Savas Patsalidis (*Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*), Zuzana Uličianska (Slovakia), Ivan Medenica (Serbia), Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (USA), Emmanuel Dandaura (Nigeria)
Absent: Ragip Ertugrul (Turkey)

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda is adopted unanimously.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2020.

Deepa presents the note for her abstention with regard to the online congress. Octavian, who is responsible for taking the minutes, argues that any such note can represent a potential distortion of the actual discussion, since its content is prepared after the meeting itself. A short debate follows, with Jeffrey saying that both arguments are valid, and Margareta suggesting including the note as an appendix to the minutes. This is agreed, so the note is hereby added as such:

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I repeat that my reasons must be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting on 12th December 2020 as stated below in italics:

Deepa Punjani in the discussions for the online Congress would have preferred to have had the views of the representatives/heads of the National Sections vis-a-vis the online congress versus the physical congress before the decision was put to vote in the Excom. This is because in Deepa's opinion, this is an extraordinary situation, of which the IATC statutes are silent about. She felt that a larger consultative process involving the national sections would have been better rather than putting the matter to a simple vote in the Excom. Hence, she has abstained from the vote.

In continuation therefore, the Minutes of the meeting on 23rd January 2021 should state as appearing below in italics:

Deepa Punjani while referring to her reservations for the vote on the online congress and for the reasons appearing in the Minutes of the Excom meeting on 12th December 2020, says that as the decision has been made for an online congress, she has accepted the majority vote, and extends her support for the online congress/general assembly meeting in May 2021.

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4. Matters arising from these minutes

None

5. Report of the Congress preparation group

It is agreed that the congress itself will be held on the 15th of May, 2021, and that all the official announcements should be made two months in advance.

Michel explains that the president, the secretary general, and the ExCom candidates will have to send to him their statements of candidacy (maximum 2 paragraphs), for distribution. Videos in French and/or English, of maximum 2 minutes, will also be necessary.

The discussion focuses on voting, following the remarks sent by Tasos.

Octavian promises that the website will be updated so that it can accommodate videos. The technical issues need to be addressed by the webmaster and budgeted accordingly.

Michel will engage the two professional interpreters from Canada, who were present at the Beijing Congress. The platform will be Zoom, and Tasos will be the host.

There will be no conference held in conjunction with the congress. The Thalia Prize ceremony will be a separate event.

6. Reports from the ExCom members (if any)

Ivan presents the project of a conference dedicated to Tadashi Suzuki, and a working group is designated to seek potential speakers and define the exact themes.

7. Website

Octavian announces the changes to be arranged and implemented.

Irina would like to see a more dynamic Corona Special section, which could nourish the Facebook page of the association.

8. Activities

Margareta presents an idea for a new workshop for young critics, which will involve a series of different invited experienced critics. The director of seminars is responsible for further development.

9. Statutes

Regarding the changes suggested by Michel, the question asked is: should they be presented during the general assembly, or postponed until the following congress? Michel reminds everyone that the votes require a majority of two thirds of the participants. After a discussion about the time and intricacies involved in the process of voting, Jeffrey favours the postponement of the revision of the statutes, which need a broader series of changes. Irina and Jean-Pierre are of the same opinion. It is agreed that the changes will be the responsibility of the new ExCom.

10. Other proposals

A new English language editor has been chosen for *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*: Linda Manney, American linguist.

11. Next meeting will be February 27th, 2021.

12. End of meeting

Octavian Saiu, Adjunct Secretary General

Michel Vaïs, Secretary General