

AICT-IATC
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
Date: 04 September 2022
Time: 07:00 CT; 14:00 CET
Venue: Online

1. Meeting called to order at 07:12 Central USA Time; 14:12 Central European Time on 10 September 2022
2. **Present:**
President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), Former General Secretary (Michel VAÏS)
Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA, arrived 07.46), Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Slovakia (Zuzana ULIČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)
Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*: Savas PATSALIDIS
Absent:
General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE), General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART)
Members of the Executive Committee: China (ZHU Ning), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA)
3. Agenda adopted without objection.
4. Minutes for 04 June 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee adopted without objection. No matters arose from these minutes.
5. Cabinet Matters:
 - a) The Treasurer's report was shared on the Zoom screen and read to the ExCom by the President. It related to reminding countries to pay their dues and that we needed live meetings to enhance the payment of dues.
 - b) The General Secretary's report was likewise delivered by the President. The proposal for Individual Membership of Maria HAMALI, a colleague in Cyprus, which has no national section, was accepted without objection.
 - c) The President reported that Romania is considering a proposal to host a World Congress at the Craiova Shakespeare Festival in 2024. There is also some discussion of the potential for the two Romanian groups unifying into one. The Czech section of AICT-IATC has mentioned its willingness to host a World Congress in spring 2023. It was suggested that the spring of 2023 might be the right time to begin holding ExCom meetings in-person again. Consensus built around asking the Czech section to host an ExCom with potential conference. There was also discussion of a conversation with the Ireland Tourism board about hosting a World Congress. It is not believed that this proposal will be successful, but conversation will continue.
6. ExCom Meeting Update:
It was confirmed that there will be online meetings of the ExCom on 22 October 2022 and 19 November 2022, at the usual time of 07.00 Central USA time.

There was further discussion of the possibility of a spring meeting in Prague. For fall, it was mentioned that Japan has made a firm offer to host an ExCom meeting in conjunction with a conference on Theatre and Ecology to be held 6–13 September 2023. The ExCom accepted the generous offer from the Japan section.

In discussing the potential for a World Congress in 2023 or 2024, it was generally expressed that it would be better to test the logistics of international meetings by starting with ExCom meetings in 2023. If all progresses well, we should be on track for a World Congress in 2024. Former General Secretary Michel VAÏS reminded the group that it was not uncommon to hold General Assemblies three years apart, as opposed to the usual two-year gap. There was a discussion of the importance of creating hybrid options for those who may not wish to attend in-person meetings. It was generally agreed that hybridity can help us move forward in ways that enhance the evolving mission of expanding access to the AICT-IATC membership.

7. Statutes Process Discussion

The Statutes have completed a year-long open, transparent process of reconsidering the structures of AICT-IATC. The process included a diverse group of leaders from around the world with a Working Group chaired by Honorary President Margareta SÖRENSON (Sweden) and populated by Honorary President Yun-Cheol KIM (Korea), Don RUBIN (Canada) and members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA, and Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND). All members of the Executive Committee, especially Japan (Manabu NODA), and the Cabinet were also involved in writing and translating the document.

The discussion of next steps led to a decision to send the French and English versions to all sections for consideration and discussion at least two months prior to an extraordinary General Assembly, which would be held immediately before convening the regular General Assembly. It was the decision of the Executive Committee that this would be the final document upon which the extraordinary General Assembly would vote. The document may not be further amended in the course of its presentation and discussion due to the notification requirements for passage of Statutes changes. The revised Statutes will require a two thirds vote in the affirmative to be accepted. They will go into effect following the close of the regular General Assembly after they are adopted.

8. Conferences Report:

No conferences were reported by the Director of Conferences, who was absent. Manabu NODA reported that Jean-Pierre HAN will be the featured speaker at the next Japan TRANS-FORUM conference on 8 October 2022. Following consultation with the ExCom, the President charged Adjunct Director of Conferences Zuzana ULIČIANSKA and *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques* Editor-in-Chief Savas PATSALIDIS with creating online conference possibilities to be potentially hosted by CS/Sc in the early part of 2023 (late January/early February).

9. Young Critics' Report:

The Director of Young Critics' Workshops, Jean-Pierre Han, announced that both French and English sections of a workshop, scheduled in Brussels 19–24 September 2022, were completely full. Caroline CHÂTELET (France) will lead the Francophone group and Lucia van HETEREN (Netherlands) will lead the Anglophone group. This will be held in conjunction with the FAME festival (Festival where Arts Meets Empowerment).

10. Thalia Prize Process:

Member of the committee present reported that there had been just one meeting and there was nothing further to report. The committee chair was not present at the meeting. The President noted that a call for potential nominations had gone to members throughout the globe.

11. New Business:

There was an offer of a conference speaker position in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, on the topic of modern film and television. No action was taken.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 CTUSA; 16:05 CET on 10 September 2022.

Jeffrey Eric JENKINS

President

Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE

General Secretary