

AICT-IATC
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
Date: 12 February 2023,
and 25 February 2023
Time: 07:00 CT; 14:00 CET
Venue: Online

1. Meeting called to order at 07:06 Central USA Time; 14:06 Central European Time on 12 February 2023
2. **Present on 12 February 2023:**
President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE), Former General Secretary (Michel VAĪS), General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART)
Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), China (ZHU Ning), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Zuzana ULIČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)
Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*: Savas PATSALIDIS
Absent on 12 February 2023:
Member of the Executive Committee: Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA)

Present on 25 February 2023:
President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE), Former General Secretary (Michel VAĪS)
Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), China (ZHU Ning), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA), Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Zuzana ULIČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)
Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*: Savas PATSALIDIS
Absent on 25 February 2023:
General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART)
3. Agenda adopted without objection.
4. Minutes for 22 October 2022 meeting of the Executive Committee adopted without objection. No matters arose from these minutes.
5. Cabinet Matters:
 - a) The Treasurer's report stated that 16 member National Sections payed their dues. A message should be written to the National Sections that have not paid
 - b) The General Secretary's report was about the update of the website which needs to include a piece to be written by the Honorary President Margareta SORENSON
 - c) The President report included the information about passing of Honorary President Georges BANU, who was first the Secretary General and later President of AICT-IATC, prominent critic, author of many books that had a profound impact on theatre criticism in the world. The President proposed to rename Thalia Prize to Georges BANU Thalia Prize.
The President's report also included news from Rumania and Czech Republic who both proposed to organize 2024 World Congress.
6. ExCom Meeting Update:

The President spoke about the upcoming Executive Committee meeting during the Prague Quadrennial on 10-15 June 2023. The meeting also includes visit to Brno on June 11 where a panel discussion on War and Censorship is scheduled.

The need for official invitations for the Prague Meeting from the inviting party was underlined. Zuzana ULIČIANSKA underlined that there will be a difficulty in issuing official invitation to the representative of Russia for the event.

Nikolai PESOCHINSKY mentioned that Marina DAVYDOVA, a Russian critic who lives in exile in Austria could represent Russia on the meeting.

Ivan MEDENICA spoke about the delicacy of the situation and postponed to write a letter to the hosts in Czech Republic regarding the matter. A long discussion on the matter followed.

=====12 FEBRUARY MEETING SUSPENDED AT 10:33, CENTRAL USA TIME=====

7. Meeting continued on 25 February 2023:

The Meeting started with an information of Ivan MEDENICA's resignation as an Artistic Director of BITEF. Ivan MEDENICA spoke about the reasons behind this resignation.

The discussion on representing Russia during the Prague Quadrennial meeting followed. A compromise was reached and it was decided that Marina DAVYDOVA, a critic in exile would act as a proxy to Nikolai PESOCHINSKY who is unable to travel to Prague in June.

8. Thalia Prize:

Chairperson on the Thalia Prize Committee, Ivan MEDENICA and the members Irina GOGOBERIDZE and Pawit MAHASARINAND mentioned that a decision was reached and a candidate for the prize was proposed. After the voting procedure, it was decided that the nominee should be contacted before the decision becomes public.

The discussion of possible renaming of the Thalia Prize to Georges BANU Prize followed.

9. Young Critics' Report:

The Director of Young Critics' Workshops, Jean-Pierre Han, announced that Young Critics' Workshop would be held in Varna, Bulgaria on 4-9 June 2023. There would be two groups – French and English. Ivan MEDENICA proposed to supervise the English group.

10. Conferences:

Zuzana ULIČIANSKA spoke about a panel discussion on War and Censorship on 11 June 2023 in Brno. She also mentioned a possibility to do a Franz Kafka conference in 2024 for his 100th anniversary.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 CTUSA; 17:09 CET on 25 February 2023.

Jeffrey Eric JENKINS
President

Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE
General Secretary