

IATC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
22 April 2023 — 07:00 Central USA Zone; 14:00 CET
Venue: Online

- 1) Meeting called to order at 07:13 Central USA Time; 14:13 Central European Time on 22 April 2023
- 2) **Present:**
President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), Former General Secretary (Michel VAÏS)
Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), China (ZHU Ning), Japan (Manabu NODA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA) arrived at 07:32, Slovakia (Zuzana ULÍČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)

Absent: General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE), General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART)
Members of the Executive Committee: France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Nigeria (Emmanuel S. DANDAURA)
Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*: Savas PATSALIDIS
- 3) Agenda adopted without objection.
- 4) Minutes for 12 February and 25 February 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee adopted without objection. No matters arose from these minutes.
- 5) 2024 World Congress Discussion: Members of the Executive Committee discussed proposals from the Craiova Shakespeare Festival in Romania and the Theatre World Brno Festival in the Czech Republic. Perspectives were raised that related to ease of travel to Craiova, though it remains to be seen if travel to Brno is more efficient. Other points mentioned included the wide range of theatre activities in Brno in comparison with Craiova's focus on Shakespeare. It was stated that the AICT-IATC Czech section appears to be well organized and united in its desire to host a World Congress while there remains conflict between the two groups that comprise the Romania section of AICT-IATC. It was noted that two of the absent members had expressed a preference for the Romanian proposal with a third member stating he had no preference. It was likewise noted by the president that the Statutes of the Association do not allow proxy voting. After a spirited discussion a vote was taken, and the result was four votes in favor of the Czech proposal with three votes in favor of the Romanian proposal. The president stated for the record that the Czech proposal was accepted and would be pursued following clarification of certain requirements that AICT-IATC needs for a World Congress, which should include a Young Critics' Workshop and hosting of the Thalia Prize honoree. (The 2024 Thalia Prize honoree will be notified and publicized in summer 2023.)

6) Conferences Report

Brno Panel on War and Free Expression: A range of ideas was discussed for the proposed panel 11 June in Brno. It may be possible to have Marina Davydova, now exiled from Russia, as a participant. Other names mentioned included members from Ukraine, Hungary, and Serbia. The Co-Directors of Conferences will work to create a conversation with appropriate representation, possibly moderated by the editor of *Critical Stages*.

7) Young Critics' Report

Varna, Bulgaria (4-9 June 2023): The Executive Committee was informed that Jean-Pierre HAN has reported receiving no applications for an English-speaking group for the planned workshop in Varna. The General Secretariat has sent an additional notice to national sections and the general membership via email and social media seeking applications from young critics who might be interested.

8) *Critical Stages* report

In the absence of the *Critical Stages* editor, there was no report given.

9) New Business

There was no new business.

10) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 09:15 Central USA time; 16:15 CET.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Eric JENKINS
President

Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE
General Secretary