

IATC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Part 1:

24 May 2024

09:00 CET

Venue: Brno, Czech Republic

Part 2:

15 June 2024

14:00 CET

Venue: Online

1) **Call to order:** 09:13 on 24 May 2024

2) **Present:**

President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE)

Members of the Executive Committee: Canada (Sophie POUILLOT), Czechia (Hana STREJČKOVÁ), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Japan (Manabu NODA), Romania (Oana Cristea GRIGORESCU), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Dária FOJTÍKOVÁ FEHÉROVÁ), Sweden (Cecilia DJURBERG), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)

Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques* (Savas PATSALIDIS)

Absent:

Member of the Executive Committee: Greece (Eirini MOUNTRAKI)

3) **Agenda:** proposed changes introduced. A new point of appointing Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques* was added to the agenda. Agenda approved unanimously

4) **Minutes:** 21 May 2024 minutes were approved. No issues arose from these minutes.

5) **Officer Appointments:**

a) The President proposed to appoint Michel VAÏS as Special Advisor to the ExCom. The proposal was approved unanimously. Discussions followed about the potential necessity of additional special advisors.

b) Appointment of the Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques* – Savas PATSALIDIS appointed for 3 years – until 2027. The period commences on 24 May 2024.

c) Appointment of the General Treasurer – Stephane GILBART appointed as General Treasurer for 4 years with potential renewal for another 4 years.

General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART), Special Advisor to the ExCom (Michel VAÏS) and Editor-in-Chief of Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques (Savas PATSALIDIS) invited to the meeting room at 09:38.

- d) Appointment of Vice-Presidents – The ExCom voted unanimously for the Vice Presidents: Ivan MEDENICA with a portfolio of liaison for conferences and Jean-Pierre HAN with a portfolio of liaison for Young Critics’ Workshops
 - e) Appointment of the Chair of the Conferences – Oana Cristea GRIGORESCU was appointed. She will work with Ivan MEDENICA as a mentor as the AICT-IATC works to onboard new people for new positions.
 - f) Appointment of the Chair of Young Critics’ Workshops – Hana STREJČKOVÁ was appointed. She will work closely with Jean-Pierre HAN.
 - g) Manabu NODA was appointed to Chair the Thalia Prize Committee. Discussion followed on the importance of maintaining balance in the committee to make sure that it reflects global diversity.
 - h) A Task Force on Communication Technologies was created with Cecilia DJURBERG as Chair. The Task Force will report to the ExCom on ways to improve the AICT-IATC social networks and website in one year.
 - i) Halima TAHAN FERREYRA was appointed as a Liaison for Latin America. Discussion followed on the possibility of having liaison officers in the other parts of the world, in the regions that AICT-IATC would like to encourage to be more active.
- 6) Adjournment:** The meeting was suspended at 11:00 CET.

Meeting resumed online, 15 June 2024, 07:00 Central USA Zone; 14:00 CET

7) Present:

President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE), Special Advisor to the ExCom (Michel VAÏS)

Members of the Executive Committee: Canada (Sophie POUILLOT), Czechia (Hana STREJČKOVA), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), Greece (Eirini MOUNTRAKI), Japan (Manabu NODA), Romania (Oana Cristea GRIGORESCU), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), Slovakia (Dária FOJTÍKOVÁ FEHÉROVÁ), Sweden (Cecilia DJURBERG, *left the meeting at 16:33 CET due to unstable connection*), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)

Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques* (Savas PATSALIDIS)

Absent:

General Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART), Members of the Executive Committee: Romania

(Oana Cristea GRIGORESCU)

8) Future Executive Committee meetings:

- a) Next meeting – 20 July 2024, online
- b) The General Secretary spoke about the Georgia Section proposal to hold the ExCom meeting in Tbilisi during the Tbilisi International Theatre Festival in Fall 2024. She also spoke about the political situation in the country. The decision was taken to postpone the Georgia proposal for one year.
Discussion followed about the possibility of online meetings and about the usefulness of such meetings even after the Covid restrictions were lifted. The President proposed meetings once a month to start working on the World Congress 2026
- c) Thailand proposal – 12-17 March 2025. The Thailand section was still looking for additional funding for the series of the events that will ideally include a conference, a Young Critics' Workshop as well as an ExCom meeting. Thailand will consult with area chairs about possibilities.
- d) Greece Proposal – 4-7 April 2025 in National Theatre of Greece during the Annual Showcase in Athens
- e) World Congress 2026 – ExCom agreed to explore the possibility to hold the Congress in Romania during Shakespeare Festival in Craiova.

9) Young Critics' Workshops:

Chair of the Young Critics' Workshops (Hana STREJČKOVÁ) mentioned that she had found a possibility to host Vice President Jean-Pierre HAN in Prague in January 2025 to discuss possibilities of future workshops.

Dária FOJTÍKOVÁ FEHÉROVÁ (Slovakia) also mentioned a possibility of holding a workshop during the Festival in Bratislava in May 2025.

10) Conference Report:

Tabled for later discussion due to absence of the Chair of Conferences.

11) Critical Stages report:

Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Stages/Scènes Critiques* Savas PATSALIDIS mentioned that the leadership of the journal is working on a new structure to bring it into alignment with the statutory revisions. The ExCom will later need to approve the new board.

12) New Business:

The General Secretary asked the newly elected members of the ExCom to send her their postal and email addresses to be reflected on the AICT-IATC website.

ExCom member Pawit MAHASARINAND (Thailand) asked the ExCom to send him their CVs for organizational purposes of the planned meetings.

13) Adjournment: 18:23 CET