

AICT-IATC
 Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
 Date: 16 October 2021
 Time: 07:00 CT; 14:00 CET
 Venue: Online

Meeting called to order at 07:10 Central USA Time; 14:10 Central European Time on 16 October 2021.

1. Present:

President (Jeffrey Eric JENKINS), General Secretary (Michel VAÏS), Adjunct Secretary General (Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE)

Members of the Executive Committee: Argentina (Halima TAHAN FERREYRA), Georgia (Irina GOGOBERIDZE), Japan (Manabu NODA), Russia (Nikolai PESOCHINSKY), Slovakia (Zuzana ULÍČIANSKA), Thailand (Pawit MAHASARINAND)

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

Absent:

Treasurer (Stéphane GILBART) and Members of the Executive Committee: China (ZHU Ning), Serbia (Ivan MEDENICA), France (Jean-Pierre HAN), and Nigeria (Emmanuel DANDAURA)

2. Agenda adopted without objection

3. Minutes for 11 September 2021 meeting of the ExCom adopted without objection. No matters arose from these minutes.

4. Discussion on PicRights Matter:

The President updated that the IATC paid PicRights as discussed during the previous Executive Committee meeting. However, the Secretary General said that V-P Jean-Pierre Han received an email from a lawyer based in France claiming that a registered letter was mailed to the IATC in France demanding the amount of EURO 3100 for an unauthorized use of photos. Jean-Pierre HAN was unable to pick the letter from the post office, as he needed a procuration from the President that, according to the French Law, could only be given in-person. The Secretary General proposed to wait. Savas PATSALIDIS said that he believes after the IATC had paid PicRights they would keep coming back demanding money as they perceived the organization was easy to manipulate.

The Secretary General said that even though the new mail did not even mention PicRights, they were still associated with the last claim since the mail mentioned the Associated Press.

5. Discussion of Statutes Working Groups:

The President shared the news of the Statutes Working Group. The Chairperson Margareta SÖRENSEN had reported that the work on the changes was progressing. One addition to the Statutes should include *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*.

Pawit MAHASARINAND mentioned that the Working Group was about to set up a Zoom meeting and that there would be more to report during Executive Committee meeting in November.

6. News about the Website:

The President mentioned that the website should be updated and that outdated pages should be removed. He proposed to set up a meeting with the General Secretary and the Adjunct Secretary General to discuss the details further.

The President also asked the members if the letter that was prepared and sent to the National Sections should be done on a regular basis.

Halima TAHAN FERREYRA mentioned that the letter was very useful. However, it was not necessary to write it every month, only when there was something to say. Irina GOGOBERIDZE agreed. Pawit MAHASARINAND said that it is especially important to update people about the minutes of the meetings during the pandemic.

The President and the Secretary General said that it was possible to update the National Sections and paste the minutes into mails sent to them.

Nikolai PESOCHINSKY reminded that the agreement was reached to send the news for the website every month and asked if there was any concept on what kind of news should be prepared. The President said that the news for the website should be sent to the Adjunct Secretary General and include information about the activities of the National Sections. News about festivals, etc., should be proposed to *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*. The Adjunct Secretary General mentioned the importance of the discussion of the format of these news items with the webmaster. Manabu NODA also proposed to share news through Facebook.

The Secretary General mentioned receiving news about a Latvian Showcase to be distributed via the website. The decision was made to distribute this type of news through the Facebook and Twitter pages instead.

Savas PATSALIDIS updated about the importance of finding out the volume of visits on the website and in case it was low, of becoming more aggressive in reaching out to people.

Irina GOGOBERIDZE agreed that it was a good idea to post festival news on Facebook thus inviting the National Sections to pass to a direct contact with each other. It would be easy as the festivals could put a link with a direct contact.

Nikolai PESOCHINSKY agreed about the importance of direct contacts.

The President and the Secretary General reminded that all the addresses had been removed from the website in accordance with the GDPR regulations. Personal contact information would only go to the website if we received a signed GDPR consent form. The President then asked if there were any objections about the GDPR Consent Forms that were distributed to the Executive Committee members in summer. No objections followed.

Manabu NODA mentioned that the National Sections might want to set up email addresses that do not change when the leadership changes. A discussion on email addresses using aict-iatc.org domain followed. The President said that discussion on the matter should continue.

7. Future Executive Committee Meetings

Online meetings are scheduled on

➤ 13 November 2021

➤ 11 December 2021

The President mentioned the future course of the pandemic was to be observed before deciding on in-person meetings in 2022. He also mentioned that we would need a defined proposal on future meetings to be sent to the Cabinet.

8. Discussion on the Conferences:

The President mentioned that there was a conference on 15 October in Bratislava that he addressed online.

Zuzana ULIČIANSKA thanked the President for speaking to the conference despite the time difference. The conference participants were from Prague, Brno, and Warsaw. She also mentioned that Ivan MEDENICA decided to join the online conference in November and encouraged international colleagues to also apply for the participation in the international part. She said that the Zoom platform would be used for the conference and the discussion on the working languages of the conference was still ongoing.

Nikolai PESOCHINSKY updated that the situation with COVID in Russia was worsening. The hope is that the Golden Mask will be held in April 2022 with a better epidemiologic situation.

The President mentioned the importance of having the invitations to Russia at least six months in advance for the visa procedures.

The President mentioned that since the new topic for *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques* was ***Theatre and Ecology*** it might be a good idea to have a conference that would be related.

The President also updated that Young Critics Workshop was already announced.

9. Report on *Critical Stages/Scènes critiques*:

Savas PATSALIDIS mentioned that the work on the next issue was ongoing. Forty abstracts had already been received. The work on the topics for 2023 should start soon.

The President proposed to call an editorial board meeting online for discussion of the ideas and potential directions for the future of the journal.

10. Discussion on Future World Congresses

The President said that it was important to see how the progress of the pandemic for the decision. He also mentioned financial concerns of funding world congresses.

11. New Businesses

The President proposed to add time limits for each topic on future agendas. He also suggested this would help meet a two-hour time limit for monthly meetings.

12. Thalia Prize

The President mentioned the most of the Thalia Subcommittee are no members of the Executive Committee. Hence a need for a new subcommittee. He also underlined the importance of geographic and gender diversity when thinking whom to honour. Only one of Thalia Prize recipients has been a woman. The President also asked the Executive Committee members to contact him if they had an interest in serving in this subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 09:02 CTUSA; 16:02 CET on 16 October 2021.

Natalia TVALTCHRELIDZE
Adjunct Secretary General

Michel VAÏS
Secretary General