Minutes from the IACS 4 General Assembly
Date and place: 2022.06.17, 7:00pm-8.50pm CET via Zoom
The meeting was recorded on Zoom.

Participants at the meeting: Esther Pascual, Jamin Pelkey, Göran Sonesson, Kristian Tylén, Jordan Zlatev,Irene Mittelberg, Todd Oakley, Alexandra Mouratidou, Alin Olteanu, Paul Sambre, Martin Thiering, Franziska Zimmermann, Donna West, Anna Bonifazi, Douglas Niño, Carlos A Péres

1. **Formalities for meeting procedures**
   - Jamin was elected chairman of the meeting
   - It was decided that Sara would take the minutes of the meeting
   - Jamin and Göran volunteered to check the minutes.
   - Alin and Martin had prepared a Google form survey for the election of a new board
   - Alin and Sara agreed to count and check the votes

2. **President's report: Esther Pascual**
Issues to be followed up by the next committee:
   a) *The Website:*
      There have been some problems lately with only one person having access to the website account, but now this issue may be resolved:
   - Hannah Little is the web master and has access to the presentation site
   - Since a year ago, Kristian Tylén has the code for accessing the web hotel account (URL) (sent from Göran). Thus Kristian can supply the website login credentials for updating the website.
   - We need to be careful in the future that more than one person in the board has access to manage the website.
   b) *The Bank accounts:*
   - Access to IACS's Bank account has depended on only one person, which can present problems.
   - Restrictions for bank security (control of money flow) can make it difficult for international associations like IACS.
   - Access to the current bank account is restrained by national residence. The current bank account is in Denmark, and in the future only Scandinavian account holders/ accredited users will be accepted.
   - The board has investigated the possibility of changing to a Canadian account, however the same problems with shared access across members from different countries remains.

3. **Treasurer's report:**
   a) Bank accounts for the period IACS3 -IACS4:

Accounts for the period IACS3 – IACS4
(22.06.2018 - 17.06.2022)

- **Incomes:**
  - Membership fees collected through IACS3 registration and website (Paypal) from 22.06.2018 – 17.06.2022
  - 58 Faculty   € 2030,-
  - 47 students   € 705,-
  - SUM: € 2735,-

- **Expenses:**
  - 7 travel grants for IACS3 (€175-500)   € 2475,-
  - Fee for plenary (Maxine Sheets-Johnstone)   € 1500,-
  - Bank transfer fees   € 75,-
  - Web site (4 years hotel + domain) =   € 220,-
  - SUM: € 4270,-

- Income – expenses   -€ 1535,-
- Account by 22.06.2018:   € 4305,-
- Account by 17.06.2022: € 4305 – € 1535   € 2760,-

b) Given the present situation with only one person having access to the bank account:
- the new European legislation on documentation for banks in Denmark don't offer the type of product that we would need in the associations. Kristian suggests two solutions for the board to consider:
- Establish an account outside the EU
- Make IACS a non-monetary association in the sense that IACS is not collecting membership fees and does not have its own account
- For the costs of the web site; host the web site at a university

Discussion follows:
Göran Sonesson suggests Pay Pal as a solution to replace the use of a traditional bank account, since this is already done by IAVS-AISV, of which he is the president. Kristian informs the board that IACS already has a Pay Pal account in addition to the regular bank account in the name of the treasurer (Kristian Tylén). He thinks that, in the end, it may not help the issue of having more than one person accredited. However, it is decided to investigate this option.

Alin suggests services like EuroWise or Revolut as possible options for IACS. EuroWise and Revolut are services for transnational money transferences.

Comments on IACS going moneyless (without bank account) to be further discussed by the new board;
- is it the right time to go moneyless now?
- Do we need the bank account for the registration of memberships fees. For IACS4 there were 160 registered for the conference, however no fee was charged for the conference.
- paid membership entitles to a discount for subscription to *Cognitive Semiotics*.

The new committee will investigate the options.

4. **Report of the journal: Cognitive Semiotics (CS)**
   As Peer Bundgaard is not present at the meeting, Todd Oakely and Göran Sonesson report:
   - The Journal is on track. The special issue on Per Aage Brandt is soon coming out.
   - The journal is open for suggestions for coming Special Issues. If you have an idea, please contact the editors (Peer Bundgaard, Todd Oakley; Göran Sonesson)
   - The journal is indexed in Scopus now
   - The design procedure has not changed. Attempts to change the design to resemble *Semiotica* have not yet been successful.
   - A paper version of the journal is not an option for De Gruyter. We have to investigate the threshold for including a printed version of the journal

   The discussions that followed from the report stated the following points:
   - The next board can check what the threshold (in number of subscriptions) is for including a printed version of the journal. Can the fact that *CS* is listed in Scopus make more libraries interested to subscribe?
   - Priority should be the quality of the papers and the layout rather than discussing print vs. digital versions of CS
   - *Cognitive Semiotics* publishes two issues per year How do we increase the number of publications in CS?
   - Call for papers from the IACS4 conference is decided to be announced by Jamin the closing day of the conference. Todd suggests two ways to manage the publication in CS either as smaller collections of Special Issue Dossiers or a full Special Issue.
   - Other suggestions for publications were also discussed, however the priority for the organization is *Cognitive Semiotics*.

5. **New Board**
   Jamin Pelkey was nominated and was uniformly appointed as president for IACS by the GA

   Esther Pascual is part of the incoming board according to the constitution as the former president.

   Other nominates: Martin Thiering, Göran Sonesson, Alin Oltenau, Alexandra Mouratidou, Sara Lenninger (steps down), Kristian Thylén (steps down), Todd Oakley, Donna West.

   The additional five new board members according to the voting at GA:
   Göran Sonesson, Alexandra Mouratidou, Alin Oltenau, Martin Thiering, Todd Oakley

6. **Next conference**
   There is one proposal for IACS-5 2024. The proposal is from the Division of Cognitive Semiotics at the Centre for Language and Literature, Lund University. Jordan Zlatev and Göran Sonesson will be directing the conference organization together with doctorate candidates and colleagues.

   The conference will be held as a physical meeting at the site in Lund (ideally not hybrid). The conference will have free access to the auditorium (150 people), 4 lecture rooms (40

people in each). There will be a poster session, 5-6 invited plenary speakers, reception, dinner etc.

7. Meeting adjourned by the new President

Notes by Sara Lenninger
August 8, Malmö

Minutes checked by Göran Sonesson and Jamin Pelkey