

IACS Board Meeting 19.12.2023

Board members present: Jamin Pelkey (President), Esther Pascual (Former President), Jordan Zlatev (Conference Organizer), Alexandra Mouratidou (PR officer), Donna West (Board Member), Todd Oakley (Secretary), Alin Olteanu (Treasurer)

1. Minutes

Alin takes minutes

Todd and Jamin check.

Jamin will circulate.

2. Newsletter & rogue states policy/purview (Jamin)

The 2023 Newsletter went out in early December. Jamin used Adobe InDesign (and Adobe licensed images of Lund University) to better promote IACS5 (10th anniversary conference).

Mentions of unjust international conflicts omitted in the newsletter to prevent confusion.

How do we stand against Russia's aggression in Ukraine publicly without obstructing academics from Russia who are opposed to this aggression from participating in IACS5?

We should allow this to be the purview of the conference organizing committee since funding is contingent on relevant local and national policies.

Our message is that we stand with Ukraine and participating in IACS5 means subscribing to this. We need to "thread the needle carefully".

3. Treasurer update (Alin)

We now have a Revolut account in Alin's name, associated with the IACS gmail address.

Alin is asking some of the other board members to share the account with him.

Alin and Alexandra need to set up a *payment* button on the website as a matter of urgency.

Afterwards, Kristian will be asked to transfer the funds to the new account.

After that, Jamin and Todd will share the account with Alin.

Todd and Jamin will soon setup their own Revolut usernames, so that they can share the account with Alin.

[Update on post-board-meeting follow-through: Revolut turned out to be a non-viable option for reasons to be explained in the next board meeting. We have to retain the PayPal account until after IACS5; Jamin is looking into new options and will report on this to the board during the next meeting (late February 2024)]

4. PR Officer update (Alexandra)

Alexandra updated the social media channels and website to announce the latest CfP for IACS5, along with regular reminders.

Newsletter contains the new links and CfP for the conference.

5. Journal updates/DeGruyter S2O proposal (Todd/Jamin)

De Gruyter proposes to make *Cognitive Semiotics* **Open Access** for free via the DG20 (De Gruyter Subscribe to Open) initiative beginning in 2025.

The board agrees; so Jamin will recommend this transition to the Editor-in-Chief.

Journal submissions come in steadily.

Donna would like to join Jamin and Todd at the meeting with Meagan, to discuss the DG20 transition.

6. IACS5 2024 planning (Jordan)

Jordan and his team secured substantial funding for the conference.

Registered participants will receive lunch.

IACS membership is not obligatory for participating to this conference, but members will receive a discount. The website should also mention that paying IACS memberships helps support conference scholarships for students and early career researchers.

Conference fees (also on conference website):

- IACS members: PhD or MA students: 1500 SEK, Others: 2000 SEK
- Not IACS members: PhD or MA students: 1750 SEK, Others: 2500 SEK
- Later registration (from 3 June 2024): +1000 SEK on the above
- Conference dinner: 600 SEK (optional)

Plenary speaker abstracts are coming in.

Merlin Donald is intending to attend on site.

Call for themes is closed, several interesting proposals came in. A pre-conference workshop might be organized.

A session on Göran Sonesson has to be organized.

7. Date range for next board meeting

In the **second half of February**, after IACS CfP deadline.

Jamin will send Doodle poll link.