

IACS board meeting 5.10.2023

Board members present: Jamin Pelkey (president), Donna West (board member), Alexandra Mouratidou (PR officer), Jordan Zlatev (IACS5 organizer), Todd Oakley (secretary), Esther Pascual (past president), Alin Olteanu (treasurer).

Regrets: Martin Thiering (vice president).

Board appointed Alin to take minutes and Jamin and Donna to check the minutes.

1. Fall newsletter planning (Jamin)

For the Newsletter to be sent in November:

- Journal Tables of Contents
- IACS5: Review of News, Call, and Deadlines
- Sonesson memorial summaries
- Publications: we will each inform the board about relevant recent/upcoming publications.
- Conferences: everyone will check for relevant upcoming conferences

2. Journal updates (Todd)

The journal is proceeding well. De Gruyter is asking to switch to Open Access. Editors are concerned that this might mean introducing a publication fee. If that is the case, our answer is 'no'... until we cannot resist anymore. Jamin notes *Semiotica* and *Cognitive Linguistics* are also going open access with no author publication fees (based on agreements with university libraries who pledge to maintain subscriptions). The Board (via Jamin) will ask de Gruyter (Megan) to clarify the situation for *Cognitive Semiotics*.

3. Treasurer's update (Alin)

- After Jamin and Alin's sustained efforts, opening an account with Wise did not work, primarily because Alin has a personal Wise account.
 - o The solution is opening a Revolut account. Alin asked the board whether to do so.
- Donna noted concerns about taxes.
- Jamin noted two-factor authentication issues impacting accessibility using more than one account with a single provider when both are tied to a single phone number.
- Jordan pointed to the necessity to open an account soon, definitely before the end of the year, as conference fees need to be coming in.
 - o Jamin suggested that the account should be set up before the end of the month.
- At Todd's initiative, the board unanimously voted to empower Alin to open a Revolut account for IACS.

Current balance (still in PayPal account, now accessible only by Kristian Tylene due to two-factor authentication issues) is approximately 2700 euros.

4. PR Officer update (Alexandra)

- Regular activity on fb and Twitter.
- In mid-October the second CfP for IACS5 will be posted, with further regular reminders to come.
- The website is updated, regarding IACS5 and in all respects.
- Everyone is welcome to send Alexandra relevant material for posting on social media.

5. IACS5 2024 planning (Jordan)

- *EasyChair* account is set up. It is not free any longer.
The cost of every submission is currently ~5.50 euros. The organizing committee has secured a budget of about 1,000 euros to cover the cost.
- As long as the organizing team secures sufficient funding, conference fees will be relatively low (100-200 euros).
- **IACS5 deadlines:**
 - Dec 15 – theme proposals (by email)
 - 4-8 slot sessions, with abstracts to be reviewed together with all others
 - Jan 15 – individual abstracts (to be at most extended to Feb 15, but this is not to be broadcast for now)
 - Plenary speakers **have all confirmed** (see website).
 - Merlin Donald accepted the invitation and will do his best to come to Lund.
 - The conference will take place fully on-site.
 - o The conference organizing team will consider recording the keynote talks, which could then be made available to members on a new IACS YouTube channel linked to the IACS website.

6. IACS6 2026 venue discussion

- We do not have a volunteer, yet.
- Todd initiated a discussion with Renata Geld (Zagreb University) regarding her degree of interest in IACS.
- Some of the board members remember discussing with Martin that he would consider looking into hosting the conference in Berlin (European University of Applied Sciences).
- Jamin asked if the Board should have a process of applying to host the conference.
- Todd suggested that we take “*expressions of interest*”, rather than “*applications*”. The Board unanimously agrees.

7. Other business

- In the context of discussing IACS5 fees, Donna suggested setting up a donation-mechanism.
- Jordan suggested raising IACS membership fees.

- Donna made a motion that IACS raise 2-year membership fees to 25 euros for students and 50 euros for faculty staff. The motion was unanimously voted in.

8. Date range for next board meeting

- Will take place mid-December, after Dec 15th, in order to have received IACS5 theme session proposals. Jamin will send a Doodle poll to find a time that works for most.