

Minutes of Executive meeting 14:00 (Vienna time) 20th October 2015 (by Skype)

Present: Claus Tieber (Chair), Ian W. Macdonald (Mins), Kirsi Rinne, Adam Ganz, Louise Lindbom (for item 1); Kerstin Stutterheim (until c.14:25); Virginia Pitts (from 15:00).

1. Stockholm conference

Louise Lindbom confirmed that the 2016 SRN conference will be held in Stockholm, and that she has contracted with her employer that she will be Organiser. Provisional dates were set for Thurs 8th to Saturday 10th September 2016, with an evening's informal welcome rendez-vous set for Wednesday 7th. Discussion took place around the need for a theme and title, potential institutional partners, keynotes and timeline. Louise will compose a brief announcement to be circulated to SRN members, and explain the Call for Papers will follow shortly. Advice from the executive was for her to form her Selection Committee as soon as possible, and to fix her timeline to announce CfP and deadline for papers early. She was also advised to contact members of the Executive for support and ideas, as four have previously organised SRN conferences (Ian, Kirsi, Kerstin and Adam). LL then left the meeting.

Action: LL, CT

2. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the meeting on 01/09/15 had been circulated and were approved. They can now be posted on the website.

Action: VP

Minutes of the AGM were discussed, and there were minor corrections before approval. Ian will amend and forward to Virginia for posting.

Action: IM, VP

3. Matters Arising (1)

The suggestion made at the AGM that conferences might be held in association with a film festival was discussed, and it was decided to make this one of a few suggestions to be included in the brief for conference bidders. Other suggestions included incorporating workshops.

Action: CT

4. Matters Arising (2)

A discussion on how to accommodate both international and regional/specialist conferences brought the information that CILECT now hold annual conferences every year, and accommodate regional conferences as appropriate. AG pointed out that our focus might be less on regions which are less well represented geographically, than on parts of the film and media fields which overlap with screenwriting studies, and which might include scholars of e.g. film in certain regions. We might therefore encourage different events in order to stimulate interest from these groups. CT suggested the Call for Conferences to go out shortly might include the possibility of some institutions holding smaller, one-day events, as well as a call for working groups to be formed around special interests within SRN, such as teaching resources.

5. Call for Conferences 2018-20

CT will draw together 2 or 3 paragraphs as a brief for those interested in hosting our annual conference, incorporating elements noted above. Once agreed CT will then announce the Call, around mid-November, probably with an end of January deadline for Expressions of Interest. The process of selection is expected to be completed around mid-April. It was noted that some interest had been shown from Milan (Sacro Cuore) and Dubai, and they will be contacted separately as well.

Action CT, plus KR & IM

6. Horizon 2020 call

The deadline has now been pushed back from 2016 to 2017. Discussion was postponed. Kirsi will circulate what information she has received, within the Exec.

Action: KR

7. Website

VP up-dated the Executive with recent additions and corrections, and appealed to Adam for an update of information around the London conference. The Facebook presence was discussed, including extending editorial rights to other members of the executive. IM will talk to Carmen Sofia Brenes about methods of updating the Bibliography.

Action: VP, IM

8. Bibliography

Item postponed.

9. Dates of next meetings were set for 14:00 Vienna time, 24/11/15, and 14:00 Vienna time, 22/12/15, both by Skype. It was recommended that members of the Exec ensure their Skype facilities are updated in good time.

The meeting closed at c. 15:20 Vienna time.