Screenwriting Research Network Executive

Minutes of Executive meeting 14:00 (Vienna time) 21st March 2016 (by Skype)

Present: Claus Tieber (Chair and Minutes), Ian Macdonald (14:00-14:10 only), Adam Ganz, Kerstin Stutterheim, Virginia Pitts

Apologies: Kirsi Rinne

1. Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted (with minor corrections).

1. Proposals for conferences 2018-20

We received four bids, from a range of institutions in four cities: Milan, Porto, Oxford and Leeds. As Ian was one of the proposers (from Leeds) he dropped out of the meeting (and technical problems prevented him from re-joining the meeting).

The EC discussed the proposals and considered all of them as strong, proper bids. The EC also noticed minor faults and missing elements in the proposals and therefore decided to discuss these issues with the proposers. Nevertheless, they did not affect the substantive discussion. The executive decided that we preferred to explore new places this time, rather than re-visit previous locations; this meant that one proposal was ruled out (Leeds). Therefore the EC decided to hold the next SRN conferences as follows:

* 1. 2018: Milano
  2. 2019: Oxford
  3. 2020: Porto

We nevertheless encourage Leeds to apply at the next Call, when announced, for 2021 onwards.

After the deadline, AFTRS in Sydney contacted us enquiring about consideration for 2020. Given their late application and the decision explained above, we decided to invite them to bid for 2021 onwards also, at the next Call..

To forward preparation for the three conferences, the proposers from Milano will be invited to our next skype meeting, the others to a meeting at the Stockholm conference.

The EC expresses its grateful thanks to all proposers.

1. Stockholm conference

At the moment Louise has received about 100 abstracts.

1. Working Groups

Virginia will contact members who are interested in specific working groups (as discussed in our February meeting).

**Action: VP**

1. Archival research project

Ian sent a draft questionnaire for an archival survey. Virginia will ask Peter Edwards (Leeds website technician) about the technical possibilities of creating an online form. Adam mentions Survey Monkey as a tool that could be helpful. As Ian was not present at that point, the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

1. Any other business

The EC decided that Virginia would be our liaison person for the Otago conference in 2017. A first version of the website for the conference is online.

**Action: VP**

1. Next meeting

End of meeting: ca. 15:15 Vienna time. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 14:00 Vienna time, by Skype.