Screenwriting Research Network Executive

Minutes of Executive meeting 14:00 (Vienna time) 27th June 2016 (by Skype)

Present: Claus Tieber (Chair), Ian Macdonald (Minutes), Kirsi Rinne, Adam Ganz, Virginia Pitts; Armando Fumagalli (15 mins only, for item 5)

Apologies: Kerstin Stutterheim

1. Minutes

Minutes for the last 4 meetings were approved, subject to any correction by Louise Lindbom.

**Action: IM**

1. Leeds Conference

It was requested that IM send the timeline for the AGM to CT.

**Action: IM**

IM reported that three keynotes were confirmed, and a fourth had indicated consent. A fifth was being sought. All those who had re-registered had been contacted and some had registered for the first time. Around 80 delegates were expected. Facilities had been booked and travel and accommodation information had been sent out. A draft schedule had been drawn up today, and as soon as it was discussed and re-drafted, it would be made available to the exec.

**Action: IM**

It was agreed to allow one presentation on recorded video, with skype Q&A if possible, on health grounds. However, this should not set a precedent.

1. Jiscmail etiquette

A further discussion was held about taking this issue forward at the AGM. It will be placed on the agenda for general discussion. With regard to the specific case under discussion, CT will contact the individual concerned with details. Depending on the response the Exec will discuss this again, before or at the next meeting.

**Action: CT**

1. New Zealand Conference

VP reported that she was continuing to talk in detail with Davinia Thornley. ‘Despite recent changes at the University of Otago, Davinia Thornley’s advance planning for the 2017 SRN conference is on track: spaces for the conference are secured; the website is built and will go live when the travel deals with Air New Zealand are confirmed in mid-July; funding for one keynote speaker has been agreed on and a funding application for other keynote speakers is currently under consideration; budgets have been prepared and the executive has provided feedback on these.

There was some discussion about the level of fees and the budget, and VP agreed to check the work plan with DT.

**Action: VP**

1. Milan Conference 2018

The meeting was joined (audio only) by Armando Fumagalli from Sacre Cuore, Milan, who outlined briefly the thoughts about the conference to be held there in 2018. In Milan there are exams at the end of September, and so it was expected to hold the conference in the 2nd half of September. Armando was confident that finance was available, with fees set at around the level for the London conference (£125), and lower for PhD and Milan-based students. He expects to attract sponsors for some events. He agreed to make a short presentation at the Leeds conference, explaining his vision; in addition, because there were 3 Italians expected to attend Leeds, it wopuld be possible to meet the Exec informally and discuss the conference in an easier environment than skype. CT thanked Armando on behalf of the Exec.

1. Dates and time of next meetings

25th July 2016, skype (to be confirmed by CT)

5th September 2016, skype (to be confirmed by CT)

**Action: CT**