Screenwriting Research Network Executive

Minutes of Executive meeting 15:00 (Vienna time) 12th October 2016 (by Skype)

Present: Claus Tieber (Chair), Ian Macdonald (Minutes), Ronald Geerts, Virginia Pitts; Carmen Sofia Brenes, Kerstin Stutterheim (first 20 mins only).

1. Minutes

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted. Minutes of the AGM were taken by RG, and will be circulated for approval soon.

**Action: RG**

1. Website

The relevant pages need updating to reflect the new Executive. There may be other elements requiring updating, including changing info about the ‘upcoming’ conference.

**Action: VP**

1. Leeds Conference

Brief discussion took place, reflecting satisfaction that it had passed off so well, with congratulations and thanks to the Conference Director Rob Shail and his team for their sterling work in setting it up so quickly. Thanks were also expressed to Louise Lindbom and her team for getting so far with preparation before the disappointment of having to relinquish their role as host.

It was noted that delegates’ response appeared to be universally positive, and that the atmosphere during the conference was relaxed and hospitable. Some discussion took place about lessons to be learned if a similar situation arose again, including the best ways of providing additional support to the incoming team.

1. Jiscmail etiquette and membership

Following on from the AGM, which accepted the recommendations of the Executive regarding the method of interpreting the constitution in relation to sanctioning members who don’t stick to jiscmail and other communication etiquette policies, the case of one member remains to be resolved. The Executive asked the Chair to contact those who had expressed complaints, to explain the current situation and the new policy. This issue to be discussed again at the next meeting, including any opinions expressed by those contacted.

**Action: CT**

RG confirmed he had access to the membership records compiled by KR last year, and the methods of admitting new members, together with what information is compiled, will be discussed in more detail next meeting. This will include the possibility of an online facility. VP will check with Leeds Uni about what is technically feasible.

**Action: RG, VP**

1. New Zealand Conference

The call for papers has just gone out, but there was some confusion over who was posting it. IM and VP offered to send it to other jiscmail lists (MeCCSA, BaFTSS etc), urgently as the time to the deadline is necessarily very short. CT offered to circulate it to NECS. VP also agreed to talk with Davinia Thornley about attempting to reach those areas/territories where the SRN has little or no coverage, i.e. Asia, China etc. It may be that special calls will need to be set up here.

**Action: VP, IM, CT**

1. Milan Conference 2018

CT agreed to find out who the contact person will be, for the Milan conference, to ensure a smooth run-up.

**Action: CT**

1. Funding/Brexit/NZ

IM agreed to check with Rob Shail and Ann Tobin on developments since the discussion at the conference, on Brexit and funding implications for UK delegates to the NZ conference in particular.

**Action: IM**

1. Executive and real meetings

It was agreed to attempt to set up a one-day meeting of the Executive at least once this year, where opportunities allowed Exec members to attend the same conference or HE institution for teaching purposes. Pamplona or perhaps Madrid was suggested, before the end of February if possible. The possibility of using ERASMUS staff teaching exchanges, or setting up a workshop or panel at a particular conference, was discussed. This to be continued via email.

**Action: all**

1. Dates and time of next meetings

2nd November 15:00 Vienna time, by Skype.

**Action: all**