Screenwriting Research Network Executive

Minutes of Executive meeting 16:00 (Vienna time) 4th January 2017 (by Skype)

Present: Claus Tieber (Chair), Ian Macdonald (Minutes), Ronald Geerts, Virginia Pitts, Kerstin Stutterheim

Apologies: Carmen Sofia Brenes

1. Minutes of meeting 12 October 2016

These were accepted.

1. Minutes of meeting 24 November 2016

These were accepted.

1. New Zealand Conference

No further news to report, as the New Zealanders are on long holidays.

KS suggested we propose the conference set up a table for displaying delegates’ books/DVDs/articles, for the information and benefit of other delegates, as was presented at Potsdam 2014. The Executive (including Carmen, by email) agreed this was a good idea. Some discussion was had about the practicalities, and further suggestions were that this could work to encourage publishers to attend themselves (if several authors were asking for review copies for this purpose, for example). It was not, however, thought to be a fund-raising opportunity, yet. This table would need to be staffed by students/volunteers, which might yet be an obstacle. However, VP will contact Davinia with the suggestion, and CT will alert Armando also for the conference in 2018.

**Action: VP, CT**

1. Membership form

The redesigned form was approved, though there was a little confusion over which version will be on the website. VP suggested the exec check out what is on the website, and see if there are any objections. She does not wish to change it, if possible.

**Action: all**

Following further discussion, RG will compose a notice to members which includes the information that this is an exercise that will happen every 2 years, and that we are collecting information now that we have not asked for before. In future, existing members whose details have not changed will not need to complete the form again. Only those whose details are different will complete afresh, along with all new members. We also need to underline Data Protection, i.e. that this information is confidential to the members of the Executive, and will be destroyed when a member leaves the SRN. It is important that any information is stored in an encrypted form, under the management of the Membership Secretary.

**Action: RG**

1. Workshop

CT suggested trying to meet in Oxford, around a meeting he may have with Paulo Russo. This might be possible, but not for all. KS suggested meeting in Bournemouth, if funding can be got from the AHRC under their Research Meetings scheme. This could be £1k-£2k, and KS can apply through her Research Centre. This would cover all members of the Exec. VP offered to help with the English language in applying to this scheme.

**Action: KS, VP**

1. Jiscmail etiquette and membership

It was decided that any member who had been excluded by the Exec from membership of the SRN would be able to re-apply direct to the Exec for membership, after 12 months. The Executive will decide each such application on its merits, and with regard to the original reason for exclusion.

This policy should be notified to the member concerned in the recent exclusion case, by the Chair. It will also be incorporated into a statement of policy to be notified to the members. IM agreed to put this together, to go out from CT as Chair of the Exec.

**Action: CT, IM**

1. Dates and time of next meetings

1st February 2017 15:00 Vienna time, by Skype. **NOTE reversion to usual start time.**

**Action: all**