

Meeting minutes

International Association for Cognitive Semiotics
Governing Board

Thursday, 17 May, beginning at 08-09:00 (EST)

Participants: Todd Oakley, Jordan Zlatev, Peter Coppin, Piotr Konderak, Jamin Pelkey, Kristian Tylén, Hannah Little, Esther Pasqual (Monica Tamaris joined the meeting late due to technical problems)

Minutes drafted by Esther Pascual, checked and approved by Jordan Zlatev and Todd Oakley.

1. Update on IACS 3 (Jamin Pelky & Peter Coppin)

Jamin: all is going smoothly and according to plan, all almost ready for the conference:

- Outcome of abstract review: 124 paper submissions not including the panel sessions, 77 accepted, 10 rejected, 30 accepted after suggestion for revisions, totaling in 101 accepted. 13 cancellations so far due to various reasons.
- Registrations: 64 have registered (about half of authors), 22 non-author registrations out of 86 registrations, so we're comfortably reaching our goal.
- Late registration: Suggestion to extend the late registration until June to get a chance for more registrations. We'll probably overshoot our registration target and we'd still be able to fit in the auditorium as long as not everybody is in there at the same time. All agree.
- Student travel grants: 4 internal grants and 2 external grants (from CWRU and IACS): we should be fine financially and have already allocated 17 student travel grants (7 through IACS and conference fund, 10 local students supported through separate grants), eventually it will probably be up to 20-22 students.
- Plenary speakers: flight tickets have been bought and hotel rooms reserved.

Peter: website and program are ready (<http://iacs-2018.org/iacs3/events/>):

- Thursday July 12th: registration desk opens, pre-conference movement improvisation workshop in the mid-afternoon, evening pre-conference welcome refreshments.
- Friday July 13th: first plenary, afternoon: parallel sessions, afternoon plenary by John Kennedy on picture perspective in blind drawing etc. at the impressive Art gallery of Ontario (the best museum in Canada); theme-sessions on the museum problem and at the gallery the multi-sensory aspect of things (maps, etc.); Tour of OCAD U Student Gallery, cocktail reception mixer (at Walker Court, Art Gallery of Ontario, a very special space), cocktail reception in the Art Gallery of Ontario complementary pass of the museum collection many of which are part of Canada's heritage; tour of town (different neighborhoods with different ethnicities and writing systems, maybe a guide could be found to give a semiotics talk, maybe Jamin could be that guide);

- Saturday July 14th: 3rd plenary, morning and afternoon parallel sessions, group photo and excursion, and evening conference banquet downtown at Chinese restaurant.

- Sunday July 15th: 5rd plenary, morning and afternoon parallel sessions, evening business meeting.

2. General Assembly: Meeting agenda & elections

- Kristian: the business meeting is on the last day of the conference, which may negatively affect attendance.
- Todd: suggests to move it to the Saturday, before the group photo and excursion. All agree.
- Jordan: it should be called 'General assembly' as opposed to 'business meeting', so all feel invited to attend. All agree.
- Todd: asks is someone would want that he as President says something at the General assembly. Before the assembly: make sure we know what we can expect in terms of who would like to stand for reelection as board members. All current board members should email Tod and let him know.
- Treasurer Kristian cannot attend IACS-3, but he'll record a video on the accounting of the association that can be played onsite.
- Jordan: make sure that non-members pay IACS membership.
- Kristian: after the conference, issue an invoice of the association on the specific amount. Jamin will send Kristian the information on the specific individuals who claim they paid the membership. Hannah: Non-payment may also be due to miscommunication, so it's important to check that all have paid.
- Jamin: no taxes extracted, only on general registrations. Amounts are in Canadian dollars. 35 student memberships, 43 general memberships; 10 people claim they already paid their membership fees and there still are quite a few first authors pending payment.
- Jordan: send a reminder email to those who haven't paid but are presenting

2. Sites for IACS 4

- Irene Mittelberg is considering hosting the next IACS meeting in Aachen, Germany, although as of this meeting she has expressed doubts that she will have the help and resources to organize it.
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- Jordan will talk to Irene to try and get her to hold IACS-4 in Aachen (we had agreed on a European location) in the summer (to ensure maximal attendance).
- Todd will become head of the Dept of Cognitive Science and could get financial support from his dept. at CWRU for the next IACS.

- Jordan: collaboration with people is fine, including gesture people of course, but we need the right kind of help from people we know are reliable and know what we're doing. Neither Lars Elleström (from Linnaeus) and Joao Queiroz (from Brazil), whom Irene had proposed, have been involved in the scientific committee of IACS-3 and they won't be at the Toronto 2018 conference either. So it'd be risky to work with them on IACS-4.
- Jamin: we as IACS can offer Irene some help with the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:05 (EST), 14:05 (GMT); 15:05 (CEST), & 21:05 (SH).

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