

**CEACS/AECEC 22nd Executive Committee Meeting
(On-line)**

12 October 2023

Minutes

Present

Executive Committee

Katalin Kürtosi, President – KK

Michelle Gadpaille, Vice-President – MG

Diana Popović, Secretary – DP

Don Sparling, Treasurer – DS

Jason Blake, CEJCS Editor-in-Chief – JB

The meeting opened at 16:32

1. ICCS updates

- grant applications

- KK reminded us of the June ICCS meeting and provided updates
- KK noted that the call for grant applications has been sent out; the date for submission of applications to the CEACS, which must select/approve what to forward to Ottawa, is Nov. 20; the results will come in early 2024
- KK also remarked that CEACS has traditionally been successful
- this year the Governor General's award is for Canada-based scholars, so we cannot submit a candidate
- in mid-Sept. there was a major event: a one-hour interview with Jean Michel Montsion (Director, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, York University), who is directing a SSHRC project on Canadian Studies after the abolishment of the Understanding Canada programme
- JMM will be invited to our triannual conference in Maribor in 2024 (as he will be on sabbatical, he said he would happily participate)

ICCS survey

- DS asked about the ICCS survey, i.e., the response
- KK stated that ICCS is making a list of who is active and accessible in terms of area of interests and research
- DS applauded this, noting that Canada-based Canadianists' endeavours and fields must be more available to Canadianists not based in Canada

2. CEACS Finances

- Current state of finances

- DS stated that membership numbers are down by 10–12 per cent (c. 220 euros)

- income: c. 3000 euros (+ Hungarian fees, which will remain in Budapest for proceedings of CEACS's triennial conference last year in Budapest)
- few major expenditures (for, say, grants for conferences, not many Brno grants)
- **Support for an event in Belgrade**
- a small amount was, exceptionally, sent to the Serbian chapter to help fund a round table on David Albahari, who passed away recently
 - the round table has an international component
 - in the past two years the Serbian chapter had overpaid its CEACS membership by c. 100 euros
 - JB pointed out the Albahari's novel *Globetrotter* contains a fine literary discussion of multiculturalism
- KK: can we agree that the treasurer and president can send along some small sum of money if some unexpected appeal is made and the argument for support is strong? Agreed.

3. CEJCS – Vol 18

- JB announced that we have Tamas Dobozy lined up as our interviewee this year
- given the late call for papers and the overlap with other CEACS publications (e.g., the proceedings from Budapest), we will invite writers to contribute
- JB noted that CEACS is open, as always, for book reviews
- the possibility of contacting publishers to get books to be reviewed was floated, but we determined that for our journal, such might not be ideal (for reasons of shipping costs and expediency)
- the deadline for contributions will be the end of 15 January 2024.

4. Upcoming CEACS conference

- the 10th triennial CEACS conference on Canadian Studies in Central Europe will be held September 12 to 14, 2024, at the University of Maribor, Maribor, Slovenia
- MG suggested that we add topics to the Call, especially French-language and Indigenous topics
- KK: suggested that a session be devoted to Margaret Atwood in honour of her 85th birthday
- JB said he can translate the call
- plenary speakers have yet to be determined
- we discussed the possibility of a plenary via Zoom and DS summed up the general feeling by saying this would be "a last resource"
- DS: when to send out?

- MG: c. end of October; deadline: end of January or mid-Feb. for first call

5. AOB

- we will next meet in early March, so that the President can report about the GKS meeting in Grainau as well as to alert country reps (related to conference)

- DS: translation database not always updated. He said he would try to see to this, either via previous members of the project or new ones.

The meeting closed at 17.55