

CEACS/AECEC Executive Committee Meeting
(23rd EC meeting)
Online
12 April 2024

Minutes

Present

Katalin Kúrtosi, President – KK
Michelle Gadpaille, Vice-President – MG
Diana Popović, Secretary – DP
Don Sparling, Treasurer – DS

Jason Blake, *CEJCS* Editor-in-Chief – JB

1. Opening

The CEACS President opened the Zoom meeting at 16.33.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The following agenda was adopted.

- ICCS updates
- CEACS membership
- Maribor conference: keynotes, number of applications, accommodation ideas
- AGM at the conference in Maribor: nominations for new EC, including President
- nominations for CEACS Certificates (procedure, deadlines)
- CEJCS
- CEACS conference grant applications
- AOB

3. ICCS updates

- The most “acute” ICCS matter pertains to the call for applications for ICCS certificate of merit
- It is not required that CEACS propose a candidate
- ICCS leadership is attempting to open new slots for their Online summer school; at the time of the meeting we were unsure whether there are applicants from our region
- Annual general meeting: mid-June in Toronto (KK emphasised the need for transparency)
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4. CEACS membership

- KK mentioned that she had to provide ICCS with the number soon
- DS stated that 31.3.2024 is the deadline (though this is not a set-in-stone deadline)
- At the moment we are down two or three members (from 161 members last year)

- MG said she would ask a colleague about potential Ukraine contacts; KK urged that we follow up with an Ukraine contacts we may have

5. Maribor conference: keynotes, number of applications, accommodation ideas

- Tomaž Onič and Tjaša Mohor joined the Zoom meeting as co-organizers of the upcoming Maribor conference
- MG reminded us that the conference is 12-14 September of 2024
- It will start mid-afternoon on Thursday and end mid-afternoon on Saturday
- The time slots are 20 minutes for every presenter
- In keeping with tradition, the CEACS general meeting will take place over lunch
- C. 90 minutes have been allotted for the meeting and election
- KK asked JB to run the election; he agreed to
- There will be approx. 40 CEACS members in attendance (of the c. 80 applications)
- Keynotes: Martin Loeschnigg (Graz) + a Francophone keynote to be determined
- TO asked whether we should provide printed abstracts; JB argued that printed versions are desirable for reasons of documentation; MG agreed, underlined that she is “old fashioned”
- JB offered to help copyedit the abstracts because he forked out for copyediting software
- DS mentioned a Canadian Studies conference in Italy where French and English papers were mixed
- TO stated that there will be no attempt to “force themes” onto conference sections
- DS brought up the possibility of publishing papers – ELOPE (a Slovenian journal) and CEJCS are likely preferable to a book of proceedings
- TO was unsure about publication costs (though he estimates that he might be able to publish a book of papers for c. 1000 euros)

6. AGM at the conference in Maribor: nominations for new EC, including President

- DS suggested a deadline for nominations; KK said c. July 15 would be ideal
- KK pointed out that any changes to country representatives should be made public

7. Nominations for CEACS Certificates (procedure, deadlines)

- KK outlined the process (country reps. prepare a document in support of a candidate)
- KK proposed June 20 as an application deadline
- DS pointed out we should stagger the dates for a) nominations for new EC members and b) nominations for the Certificate of Merit

8. CEJCS

- JB said that the journal was about to be sent to the press (and thanked DS for his work in editing the pieces)

- DS pointed out that the range of articles was “good” and praised the interview with Tamas Dobozy

9. CEACS conference grant applications

- MG stated that there were three applications; one not eligible, and grants were awarded to the two other applicants.
- KK mentioned that we must remind people to apply
- MG suggested that the conference would be an ideal place for such reminding

10. AOB

- DS stated that the publication from the 2022 Budapest conference has been sent to the publisher
- DS outlined attempts to animate Canadian Studies in Brno, including the plan of having two online Canadian Studies lectures annually, one in English and the other in French
- DS also conveyed the sad news that Martin Kuster from the University of Marburg (a great friend of CEACS) had passed away recently

KK closed the meeting at 17.55