**CEACS/AECEC 21st Executive Committee**

**(Online)**

20 June 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

1. **Opening**

The meeting was opened at 4:02

1. **Short report on the latest activities of the ICCS (KK)**

* The ICCS General Meeting was held in Toronto on June 9, 2023, in a hybrid from (present were 6 association presidents + ICCS President Prof. Kerstin Knopf, President-Elect Prof. Jane Koustas, Treasurer Prof. John Maher, administrative help Eileen Wong in person; c 10 online)
* some attendees complained about the length of meeting: the formal meeting was between 9.00 and 13.00, the award ceremony from 17.00 to 21.00 Toronto time – meaning that, e.g., Prof. Józef Kwaterko received the ICCS Governor General’s Award for International Canadian Studies at 3.00 European time
  + CEACS’s award winner was Jana Maresova (Czech Rep.) for the best doctoral thesis internationally
* in light of the above, attendees proposed different timing for next year (June 14, 2024, at York University, Toronto)
* there was only one candidate for the position of Treasurer (John Maher)
* ICCS financial position is stable. DS asked about expenditures, more directly, is ICCS still running an annual deficit? KK responded that we are not financially “on the decline”
* DS asked about ICCS getting gov. support from Canada; KK- no good prospects they want access to our digitally available publications for the ICCS website
* KK mentioned the discussions about reinvigorating CanStud activities
  + KK shared CEACS project info.
* student grant winners should share their research in short pieces to be forwarded to ICCS and for posting on the ICCS website
* ICCS has asked us to help our Ukrainian colleagues in fostering Canadian Studies (much as the European Network and the German Association for Canadian Studies (GKS) did in the early days of CEACS)
  + KK: before, it was too far to reasonably expect people to meet, but much is possible via Zoom
  + DS asked about expectations
* KK asked for information on Ukrainian activities in CanStud. DS mentioned that at present we only have one Ukrainian member in the CEACS. We could perhaps survey the lay of the land; Denise could do a quick search of Ukrainian universities
* JB: will check with Ukrainian university centres in Canada
* DS explained the background of the origin of the CEACS as an outreach project of Western European CS associations (and particularly the GKS); we could carry out an outreach as GKS had done in our case, though it makes more sense for them (ultimately) to have their own assoc. on the long run –
* DS pointed out that we shouldn’t look like we’re interested in them in order to fill our coffers; we could perhaps include them in our mailing list

1. **11th CEACS conference, Maribor 2024**

* KK: suggested CFP mid-September; we can put it in the ICCS newsletter
* MG: “Can we release the call in October?” (to avoid it overlapping with another conference MG is involved with); agreed
* DS: the CEACS ExCom people should see it beforehand

1. **Publication of papers from the Budapest conference**

* DS: they want to print 250 copies plus allow open access (which is an obvious plus). This will cost c. 3000 euros; Karoli Gaspar University would pay 1500 euros. We could pay 800 euros - 500 would come from the 2023 Hungarian CEACS membership fees, 300 is all CEACS has; therefore c. 700 still missing). (CEACS budget possibilities are limited because our membership is down this year (158 from 180)
* MG queried about the possibility of Hungarian members adding financially to the publication; DS expressed scepticism (given that even collecting collecting membership fees is a hard job)
* Judit Molnar will be asked about the costs of a smaller number of printed copies and about other possible funding sources

1. **CEACS Secretariat in Brno**

* DS: Denisa is moving on, having almost completed her PhD so we’ll have to find another person to help with circulars, ideally someone, like Denisa, who is fluently bilingual.

1. The meeting closed at 17.22