

ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology Business Meeting
Draft Minutes of the hybrid meeting 30 July and 3 August 2022

The meeting was divided into two sessions, the first brief session functioned to allow time to add any nominations from the floor for elections, to receive amendments to the proposed bylaw changes. Minutes of this first session are integrated into the main session descriptions.

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Chair Catherine Foley (online) welcomed everyone. The proposed Agenda for the meeting was accepted by Marie-Pierre Gibert and Tess Buckland.

2. Apologies Received

Elsie Dunin expressed regrets for not being able to attend.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Klaipeda Business Meeting

The Klaipeda 2021 Business Meeting had been posted online, with no revisions suggested by members since. Moved by Placida Staro, seconded by Maria Koutsouba. Passed as posted.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Minute of Silence for Deceased Colleagues

The participants observed a minute of silence for Study Group members who had passed away recently: Allegra Fuller Snyder, Anca Giurchescu, Adrienne Kaeppeler, Selena Rakočević. Catherine Foley spoke about each.

6. Chair's Report

Catherine Foley presented her Chair's report, which had also been posted online. Summary: She thanked the Organising Committee members who had made the Brežice symposium a great success so far Rebeka Kunej (Chair), Alenka Černelič Krošelj, Mojca Kovačič, Andreja Matijevc, Anja Serec Hodžar, and Andrej Tomazin. She also thanked the Programme Committee, Placida Staro (Co-Chair), Kendra Stepputat (Co-Chair), Ann R. David, Ronald Kibirige, Jeanette Mollenhauer, Mehmet Öcal Özbilgin, and Colin Quigley for their collaborative efforts and for meeting the different challenges of a hybrid symposium. She further thanked the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU) in cooperation with the Posavje Museum Brežice and the Slovene Ethnological Society for hosting the symposium. The ICTM Study Group webpage on the ICTM website has been updated, with relevant documents for this meeting. Memberships continue to increase. The Study Group hosted a webinar on 'Ukrainian Traditional Dance in its International Context', by Andriy Nahachewsky, in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Study Group currently has 291 members representing 58 regions/countries.

Congratulations to Dalia Urbanavičiene and Anne Von Bibra Wharton, co-editors, and their team for producing the Klaipeda Proceedings in a very fast timeframe. The ICTM 70th Anniversary book is now published and available. The potential name change for ICTM was a big issue during the recent vote, and 87% voted for the word "dance" to be in the name of the Council, though no change was passed. The upcoming Congress in Ghana will involve a new vote and needs a 2/3 majority to change the name. Catherine thanked the Executive Committee members for their work. She celebrated the ongoing strength of the Study Group.

7. Publications Committee Report

Siri Mæland read the report prepared by Chair Tvrtko Zebec. Summary: Great thanks to editors Anne von Bibra Wharton and Dalia Urbanavičienė, and copy editors Kristina Dolinina, Liz Melish, Andriy Nahachewsky and Tvrtko Zebec. The Proceedings are dedicated to the memory of our beloved colleague Selena Rakočević, Co-Chair of the Programme Committee for that 31st Symposium. Following some previous proceedings since 2010, we shall also ask for the Klaipeda proceedings to be referred in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index – Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH) as a part of the Web of Science Core Collection.

8. Vote on Proposed Revision of Bylaws

(first session). The Executive Committee had developed changes to the Study Group's bylaws and posted these proposals prior to 60 days before this meeting. Catherine Foley reviewed the history of the Study Group's bylaws, first proposed in 1988 and presented in 1990 in Budapest. They were revised in 2002, 2014, 2018, and now in 2022. The floor was opened for amendments to the proposals. Georgiana Gore proposed several editorial changes and 4 substantial changes, posted online, appended. The Executive Committee considered these to be friendly amendments. Judy Olson moved a second amendment to retain the possibility of nominations from the floor during Business Meetings (seconded Jorgen Torp). Discussion. The Executive Committee explained its understanding of the challenges with doing this in combination with online voting. This motion was voted on and was not supported by a majority of the members present. A question to accept or reject the Executive Committee's proposed revisions to the Bylaws, and a second question to accept or reject the proposed friendly amendments, were placed on a ballot for electronic voting (on Election Runner software) by all Active Members from about midnight 30 July to 11:00am 3 August.

(second session). 152 Active Members were sent ballots and 74 cast votes. The motion to accept the proposed Bylaw changes and the motion to accept the proposed amendments were both carried overwhelmingly.

9. Election of Chair and Secretary

(first session). Placida Staro had been nominated in advance for Chair of the Study Group. Catherine Foley opened the floor for additional nominations. None was announced. Andriy Nahachewsky had been nominated in advance for

Secretary of the Study Group. Catherine Foley opened the floor for additional nominations. None was announced. The existing nominees were placed on the ballot for electronic voting, to keep the process formal.

(second session). Catherine Foley announced the results, Placida Staro elected as Chair, Andriy Nahachewsky elected as Secretary. Placida Staro thanked Catherine Foley for an excellent 8 years as Chair. She noted that her goal is to privilege the human beings as members above all other values, to enlarge participation, and to promote discussions.

Catherine Foley thanked Dalia Urbanavičiene for her service on the Executive Committee, which ends now that the Klaipeda proceedings have been published.

10. Location of the 33rd Symposium, 2024

Öcal Özbilgin had proposed to host the 2024 Symposium in Borçka, Turkey. Dalia Urbanavičiene had proposed to host the 2024 Symposium in Druzkinkai, Lithuania. Öcal Özbilgin had proposed to host the 2024 Symposium in Izmir, Turkey. The three proposals were announced in advance and posted on the Study Group web page. Each proposal was presented orally during the meeting. Active Members voted (by paper ballot if physically present, by chat message to host if on Zoom). The proposals for Borçka and Izmir were tied for highest number of votes. Particularly because both winning proposals were made by Öcal Özbilgin, the Executive Committee took responsibility to discuss the choice further, to establish the specific location within Turkey, and confirm its viability. Catherine Foley thanked all the proposers for their generous and attractive offers.

In later discussion, it was noted that date preferences should be considered. A quick vote of hands suggested that the first weeks of July were good times for many, and slightly better than the latter weeks of July.

In later discussion, Elina Seye proposed that we actively look to host symposia outside Europe. Catherine supported this with the comment that special additional ICTM funds might be received if the host area is one that is underrepresented in ICTM.

11. Discussion and Selection of Theme 1 for the Next Symposium

(first session). Members were made aware that a whiteboard has been placed in the Symposium venue entry for them to submit theme proposals. They could also submit theme proposals in a special box, and online. (The whiteboard ended up most popular, and numerous proposals were made, amended, negotiated.)

(second session). Each theme proposal was listed on the screen during this discussion, and each proposer was offered a brief time to explain and promote their idea. Dancing Errors, Mistakes, Misdemeanors, and Misinterpretations; Dance Improvisation; Dance and Weddings; Dance as Art??; Dance on Film/Video; Intersectionality/Intersections + Sexuality; Dance and Health / Well-Being; Education and Responsibility; Colonizations in/through Dance/Dancing; Dance in Revival Movements; Relationships between Dancers and Musicians; Dance and Social Resilience; Dance as Non-Verbal Communication; Dance and Humour; Popularization of Dance Research.

A vote was held in which each person could vote three times. People physically present voted by raising their hands. People present online voted by raising their virtual hands. The physical and online votes were added for each proposal. The proposals "Dance on Film/Video" and "Intersectionality/Intersections + Sexuality" each had the largest number of votes, with 17. A second round of voting took place for just these two themes, with "Dance on Film/Video" winning.

12. Reports of Secretaries of Sub-Study Groups

Linnea Helmersson reported on the Sub-study Group Dance, Gender and Power Relations. The group has not met in person outside Symposia. Their priorities presently are to review the literature together, and present a round table for the Ghana Congress in 2023.

Egil Bakka reported for the Sub-Study Group on European Round Dances. In particular, their book *Waltzing Through Europe* has been published. They plan to get together in Prague in the fall.

Daniela Stavělová: reported for the Sub-Study Group on Field Research. The Sub-Study Group has not been very active during the pandemic.

Siri Mæland: reported for the Sub-Study Group on Movement Analysis. The Sub-Study group plans to meet via Zoom this September.

Chi Fang Chao: reported for the Sub-Study Group on Dance and Ritual. 16 people participated in the meeting during this symposium. Two panels were presented last year, and group members are planning to present one or more panels in Ghana in 2023.

Daniela Ivanova-Nyberg presented on the Sub-Study-Group-in-the-Making on "Dance and/in Diasporas". 20 people attended the first meeting during this symposium, and they hope that the sub-study group will be officially approved soon. The members plan to work on building a shared bibliography, to meet monthly via Zoom, and perhaps propose a panel for the Ghana Congress in 2023.

13. Discussion of the Guideline Documents for the Organising Committee, the Programme Committee, the Publications Committee, Proposals for Hosting a Symposium.

Catherine opened a discussion about the guideline documents that had been recently prepared or substantially revised for each of the Study Group's committees, and for people proposing to host a symposium.

Ann R. David raised the suggestion that it would be good to present more information on expectations for paper proposals.

Corina Iosif noted that some information is lost when attending online, especially audio in this case.

14. Other Business

Ann R. David congratulated Theresa Buckland for her appointment to the British Academy, for her outstanding contributions in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Ann R. David raised the desirability of having bursaries and other resources for people with financial challenges. Funds could be raised by individual donations, by extra symposium fees, by engaging ICTM funds, by promoting this idea on our webpage, by offering waivers of registration fees (for labour, perhaps).

Adjournment

(first session) Colin Quigley moved, Anne Von Bibra Wharton seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(second session) Placida Staro moved, Marie Pierre Gibert seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes by Andriy Nahachewsky