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26TH WELCOME (BUSINESS) MEETING OF THE ICTMD STUDY GROUP ON MUSIC AND MINORITIES

WELLINGTON/NEW ZEALAND, FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2025 AT 13:00 (GMT +13)

In attendance on-site: Adrienne Alton Gust, Gay Breyley, Charlotte D'Evelyn, Ebenazer Ekpo, Isabel Frey, Catherıne Ingram, Marko Kölbl, Lasanthi Manaranjanie Kalinga Dona, Peter Lell, Dan Lundberg, George Murer, Judy Olson, Minh Huong Pham, Christian Poske, Darshana Pramod, Hande Sağlam, Mayco Santaella,Grace Shaw, Carol Silverman, Manami Suziki, Kai Tang, Yuh Fen Tseng

Via Zoom: Dorit Klebe, Thuy Tien Nguyen, Ricardo Trimillos

Apologies for absence: Alma Bejtullahu

1. Introductory Remarks and Apologies
Welcome Meeting opened by Svanibor Pettan (hereafter SP) with welcome remarks.

2. Historical Overview of the Study Group
The Chairperson SP presented a chronological overview of the 26-year-old history of the Study Group, including the 13 symposia with the locations, themes, and respective publications, and welcomed interested members of ICTMD to join the Study Group.

3. Membership Data
The secretary of the Study Group Hande Sağlam reported on the membership status:
Total Members: 229 from 54 countries.
Countries with the highest number of members: United States 32, Austria 22, Germany 14, Japan 13, Turkey 12, Italy 8.

4. Introduction of Participants
All of the members who attended the 26th business meeting (in person or online) briefly introduced themselves.
The zoom-participants expressed their thanks to Mayco Santaella for coordinating the Zoom session.

5. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the Study Group's business meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka 04-09 December 2023, were approved with no amendments.

6. Report on 12th Symposium (Colombo)

A brief summary of the symposium, its outcomes, proceedings, and key presentations was presented by the Chairperson SP.
For more information, see: https://hu.kln.ac.lk/depts/visual_performing/index.php/ictmd-symposium

7. Report about the joint symposium with StG on IMD in Chiayi in 2024
SP reported on the joint symposium with the Study Group on Indigenous Music and Dance, held in Chiayi, Taiwan (22–25 November 2024).

8. Study Group Publications and Member Outputs
Marko Kölbl and Hande Sağlam reported on the proceedings of the joint symposium of the Study Groups on Music and Minorities and Music, Gender, and Sexuality. This double-blind peer reviewed publication is in final stages; book presentation will take place in Ljubljana, March 2025.
Members were encouraged to email references of their publications to the Study Group secretary for the Study Group bibliography on the ICTMD website (https://www.ictmusic.org/group/108/post/final-program-7th-symposium-ictm-study-group-music-and-minorities).

9. Website and Social Media Presence
https://www.ictmusic.org/studygroup/minorities
https://www.facebook.com/music.and.minorities

Study Group members were reminded that they can post about their publications and activities about music and minorities research on the FB page and the ICTMD Study Group website. For postings they should contact the Study Group's secretary.

10. Music and Minorities Research Centre (MMRC) Updates
Overview of ongoing projects, lectures, journal activities, and exhibitions.
New projects in 2024-2025 highlighted:

- "We Sing to Live" (https://www.mdw.ac.at/musicandminorities/projekte/we-sing-to-live/),
- "Sounds of Trauma" (https://www.mdw.ac.at/musicandminorities/projects/sounds-of-trauma/),
- Between Research and Activism (https://www.mdw.ac.at/musicandminorities/projekte/between-research-and-activism/
- History of Ethnomusicological Minority Research (https://www.mdw.ac.at/musicandminorities/projects/history-of-ethnomusicological-minority-research/)

Funding opportunity: Advancing Music and Minority Studies seed money (deadline 9 March 2025).
Upcoming events: Online exhibitions, lectures, and hybrid participation were presented.
The information are also avaible on the website of the MMRC:
https://www.mdw.ac.at/musicandminorities/.

11. Proposals on Hosting Future Symposia
Discussion held on potential venues for the next symposium:
Armenia – noted for strong institutional links; considered a promising option.
Malaysia (Sunway University) – viable alternative; previous experience in hosting symposiums.
Decision: The Executive will explore both options further and report back to the members.

12. Elections
SP and HS emphasized the importance of rotating leadership to incorporate the perspectives of new colleagues. Isabel Frey, George Murer, and Mayco Santaella were confirmed as members of the Nomination Committee. For the positions of Chair and Secretary, each should ideally have 2–3 candidates, with prior approval required; self-nominations are also allowed. The Nomination Committee will submit the nominees to the ICTMD Secretariat. The secretary of ICTMD will organize the election process. The current Vice-Chair Mayco Santaella, elected in 2021 therefore he continues to serve the four-year mandate.

13. Other business
There were no requests.
The chairperson thanked all those present and adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Hande Sağlam, August 2025