

# General Assembly

Friday, July 26, 2019

## Minutes – IADA 2019, Milwaukee

### 1. Call to Order 10:03

President presents meeting agenda and all the present members are called to order. All members are provided by the following documents/PPP: 1. General Assembly (GA) agenda; 2. the financial statement of IADA; 3. the minutes of the GA in Bologna in 2017 (Răzvan Săftoiu, IADA Secretary) – also distributed in paper; and the list of eleven candidates for the Board election.

The President asks whether further topics should be added to the current GA agenda. No further changes are called for. The present members accept the GA agenda unanimously.

### 2. Approval of minutes

The President asks the members to read through the minutes of the Bologna meeting (2017). The minutes are approved unanimously.

### 3. IADA Website and membership

The President shows and goes through the IADA website: <http://www.iada-web.org/>.

The website describes the history of the organization; description of the Board Members (9); IADA Honorary Board members, and more. Also on the website: Conferences, online publications, membership details (different fairs for regulars, students, etc.)

The President outlines the advantages of IADA membership, including getting free access to all issues of journal *Language and Dialogue*. New members get the first issue of the next year. Another type of publication is book series by John Benjamins, *Dialogue Studies*, edited by Edda Weigand.

\*The past two years, IADA also has a Facebook page, and there is a need to ask to become 'friends', which is of course automatic for IADA members.

### 4. Finances

The President indicates that the financial situation of the association is very good: **8,614.70 €**

A detail description of the income and expenses is presented.

The situation is healthy financially, and the Bologna conference helped it. Up from 1.625,70€ in 2017. The main expenses include paying subscription to John Benjamins Pub.– 3,000€, and other expenses as detailed in the document. For instance, 80€ to FILLM, which is an association of associations of language – world association related to UNESCO.

The President asks what can be done with some of the money? Maybe better webpage.

## 5. Publications

Theresa Castor updates: refers members to the paper submission guidelines that are enclosed in the conference booklet. Dr. Castor notes that the deadline is incorrect – technical mistake – and the correct deadline is aimed at January, 2020 (01/31/2020). A corrected announcement will be sent after the conference.

Theresa Castor elaborates that at stake is a special issue of *Language and Dialogue* and edited book in the series. In terms of specific themes, these will be decided or arrived at by the submissions and the ways the specific papers can then be grouped together. In any case, the suggestion is to first submit papers. On submission, we are requested to specify where we want to publish the work: in the book or the journal. Dr. Castor notes also that papers can be submitted to a regular issue of *Language and Dialogue*, and not necessarily to the special issue.

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Dr. Theresa Castor makes a few announcements regarding the current conference plans: i. evening dinner: it is free and sponsored by Dean of the College; ii. tomorrow after the conference Theresa's family, and everyone, are invited to Safe House restaurant for special lunch at 12:30.

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## 6. The new "Sorin Stati Best Student presentation/paper Award"

The President brings up the fact that the Award was decided in Bologna, and will be given this year. It is currently called accurately the Best Student presentation Award, because members were not asked to submit full papers or even extended abstracts. So the Award will be given based on the presentation. There were 6 candidates. The Award will be given during the closing ceremony.

The amount is 300€, plus free membership renewal for next year.

Discussion:

Gonen asks whether there will be a move towards Paper and not a Presentation Award?

The President opens this question for general discussion. There is also a question of the length of the paper and how much time will be offered to read and evaluate and judge it. The president suggests one month.

Letizia: we need more than one month – at least two months.

Alain: 25 pages is too long/much. We don't need more than 10 pages. These are students and they needn't submit more than 10 pages.

Letizia: I don't agree here: if they want to be eligible for the Award, which is a relatively large Award, it is worthwhile working for. Full paper is the basic for this and for allowing referees making judgment on good basis. When judging on the basis of extended abstracts or presentations – there is room for arbitrariness.

Another member: request to give feedback to the student, and point out if there is something wrong, etc. that is, not just judging but also supplying constructive comments.

Gonen: at ICA there is a committee for judging the Best Student Paper Award. So maybe not all the entire IADA Board should be working at it

President: what worries me is that sometimes there are large conference with 130+ people and many students. There will be then many student papers, and this can create a problem.

Letizia: that's why two months is a minimum. So we can share a system of criteria, in order to be as objective as possible. To prepare together shared criteria for judging the Award.

Alain: maybe 15 pages and not 10, but to ask to produce 24 pages is too much. We are small association and therefore need to be manageable for students.

Gonen: I started this discussion because the sum of the Award is a lot of money. This is a nice sum of money and you should publish it more and therefore need for real paper competition.

Letizia: maybe a combination: we can bring newcomers and do what Alain says, but split the money into two best papers, and then half the amount, and then we can ask for lower length. Less money and then less lengthy papers.

Alain: what will be the procedure now?

The President: The nine Board Members will discuss the procedures in the coming month. Tonight at dinner the Board members are going to meet and discuss and decide the Award winner.

Theresa Castor addresses the fact that tomorrow morning there will not be a student who is presenting who is eligible for the award – that is that a student who submitted the paper, but has since graduated, will not be considered for the Award.

The President: only papers that have been first or single-authored by students, and this year only students presenting their paper.

Theresa: Students were identified by their registration to the conference, so if the status is not indicated in registration, we couldn't have known that you are a student.

## 7. Future activities

2020: Warsaw, Poland (September 22-25), organized by Professor Urszula Okulska  
The President lay out future timetable and location for annual IADA conferences

2021: Montreal-Longueuil, Canada, organized by Professor Alain Létourneau (possibly in July). It is very close to downtown.

2022: Moscow, Russia

2023 – Paris, France(?) – unsure as of yet.

The President plays a video presentation about Warsaw University; they already have a website with all the details: submission dates and the rest is all on the website. Including all important dates. All on the IADA website. Also registration fees.

Ron: It is a gorgeous university. Also very economical. Food is outstanding!

Gonen: I note that the US universities are teaching at this time

The President: yes, we know this, but it was the only possible time. The President notes that fees include various things for the conference fees – 230€ – for the Warsaw conference

#### 8. Elections for Board Members

The President: there are 9 positions for 11 candidates. We sent the short list and biographies.

The President asks that the participants all please vote also for present treasurer, because this person is related to the bank account, and moving that might be demanding.

Letizia: one person one vote?

The President: yes. In fact, cross out two names from the 11 names' list. After vote candidates will decide on next IADA President.

Ballot are distributed with 11 candidates' names:

- Ronald C. Arnett (Duquesne University, USA)
- Letizia Caronia (University of Bologna, Italy)
- Theresa Castor (University of Wisconsin-Parkside, USA)
- François Cooren (Université de Montréal, Canada)
- Natalie Dollar (Oregon State University, Cascades, USA)
- Marinela Fatigante (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)
- **Marion Grein (University of Mainz, Germany)**
- Alain Létourneau (Université de Sherbrooke, Canada)
- Zohar Livnat (Bar Ilan University, Israel)
- Chaim Noy (Bar Ilan University, Israel)
- Răzvan Săftoiu (Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania)

Voting taking place

Announcements

The President announces who were voted: nine members:

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The President: Those members who've been voted will meet together for lunch and decide on the next President, Vice President, Treasurer

The President: are there any further announcements?

Letizia: whether the Best Student Paper Award has been notified to the Bologna Department?

Zohar: perhaps consult with Edda Weigand?

Gonen: I wish to announce that ICA next meeting is in Australia, in May 2020. Please submit to LSI.

The President: I am reminding that if you are a member of LSI ICA, then you have discount for registration for IADA Conference

Adjournment

The GA is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Milwaukee, 7/26/2019

Dr. Chaim Noy (on behalf of DR. Răzvan Săftoiu, IADA Secretary)

Thanks to Dr. Theresa Castor and Dr. Gonen Dori-Hacohen for assistance