

Minutes of the International Association for Dialogue Analysis –
General Assembly Meeting
March 28, 2007
Münster, Germany

The meeting was called to order at approximately 16:30. President Weigand began by asking members to observe a moment of silence for the passing of Dr. John Sinclair, University of Birmingham and Tuscan Word Centre, scholar and honorary member of IADA.

Upon review of the agenda (please see Appendix 1), the floor was opened for additional items to be added. There were no requests for adding to the agenda.

1. ACTIVITIES

a. Report on past IADA and IADA-related activities:

i. Liliana Ionescu-Ruxăndoiu reported on the last IADA Congress held in Bucharest, Romania in 2005 at the University of Bucharest. The theme for Dialogue Analysis X was “Cooperation and Conflict in Ingroup and Intergroup Communication”. Dr. Ionescu-Ruxăndoiu announced that there were approximately 100 participants.

ii. No one was available to report on the conference organized by Adriana Bolivar in helCaracas, Venezuela in 2005.

iii. Luisa Granato reported on “Il Colloquio Argentino de la IADA II” the second conference held in La Plata, Argentina in 2005 at the Universidad de La Plata. There were 6 plenary speakers, a number of panel presentations, and approximately 95 individual paper presentations.

iv. Marion Grein reported on an IADA Workshop organized in Mainz, Germany in September, 2006 at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz. The theme was “Dialogue in and between Different Cultures”. Dr. Grein announced that there had been approximately 60 participants from about 20 countries in attendance.

v. Lawrence Berlin reported on an IADA-related conference held in Chicago, USA in November, 2006 at Northeastern Illinois University. The title (and theme) was “Dialogue Under Occupation: The Discourse of Enactment, Transaction, Reaction and Resolution”. Focusing on political, media, and public discourse, the conference had 6 plenaries, the screening of the documentary “Occupied Minds” (with the producers present), 7 panels, and 22 individual paper presentations.

b. Report on upcoming IADA and IADA-related activities:

i. Luisa Granato announced the upcoming conference, “III Coloquio Argentino de la IADA”, to be held from May 28-30, 2007 at the Universidad de La Plata in La Plata, Argentina. Dr. Granato further informed members that Drs. Edda Weigand and Anita Fetzer of IADA would both be delivery plenary addresses.

ii. Lawrence Berlin announced the upcoming IADA-related conference, “Dialogue Under Occupation: DUO II”, to be held from November 14-16, 2007 at Al-Quds University in East Jerusalem. The deadline for abstract submissions has been extended to May 1, 2007 and the information about submissions can be found at <http://www.neiu.edu/~duo/call.htm>.

iii. Giovanni Gobber announced the upcoming IADA Workshop to be held in spring 2008 in Milan, Italy at the Catholic University of Milan. The theme will be “Word Meaning in Argumentative Dialogue” (approved at the meeting in Mainz); a call for papers and additional information regarding dates will be forthcoming.

iv. Christian Hudelot announced the upcoming IADA Workshop to be held in fall 2008 (tentatively September) in Paris, France at the University of Paris X. The proposed theme will be “Dialogue Analysis and Theory of Mind”; a call for papers and additional information regarding dates will be forthcoming (please see Appendix 2 for specific details about the conference theme).

v. Clara Ubaldina Lorda Mur has proposed to host the next IADA Congress in 2009 in Barcelona at the Universidad Pompeu Fabra. The proposed theme, “Polyphony and Intertextuality in Dialogue”, was presented to the membership for consideration (please see Appendix 3 for specific details about the conference theme). The General Assembly unanimously approved the theme and suggested that September 2009—one of the proposed timeframes for the conference—would be preferred.

2. PUBLICATIONS

a. Reports on forthcoming publications:

i. Lawrence Berlin announced the forthcoming publication of “Theoretical Approaches to Dialogue Analysis” (selected papers from IADA 2004 Chicago). The volume edited by Dr. Berlin in the *Beiträge zur Dialogforschung* series with Max Niemeyer Verlag is expected out in the latter half of May 2007.

ii. It was announced that the forthcoming publication from IADA 2004 Lyons, “Confidence: Le Devoilement de Soi” is also expected out in 2007 in the *Beiträge zur Dialogforschung* series with Max Niemeyer Verlag. The volume is edited by Drs. Catherine Kerbrat-Orecchioni and Véronique Traverso, both of the University of Lyons 2.

iii. Liliana Ionescu-Ruxăndoiu announced that the volume from Bucharest 2005 had been published by Bucharest University Press and was now available for purchase. The volume, titled “Cooperation and Conflict in Ingroup and Intergroup Communication” after the 2005 Congress theme, is organized in three sections: 1) theoretical aspects; 2) political and media discourse; and 3) other communicative forms. The volume may be obtained for the price of about 20 € by contacting the publisher directly. All interested parties should send an e-mail to editura_unibuc@yahoo.com, indicating the surface mail address where they would like to receive the book. They will then receive information about how to pay, including the bank and account information where deposits should be sent.

iv. Luisa Granato announced that the proceedings for the first two IADA conference held in La Plata, Argentina were available in CD-Rom. Interested parties should contact Dr. Granato regarding purchase at lgranato@isis.unlp.edu.ar.

b. Possibilities for publication of future IADA work

i. Edda Weigand announced that the series, *Beiträge zur Dialogforschung*, would end after the publications of the two volumes from IADA 2004 Chicago and IADA 2004 Lyons, explaining that changes in publishers' guidelines were making the possibility of publications from conferences increasingly problematic. First, publishers were no longer publishing conference proceedings for free, regardless of whether or not the collected volumes were reviewed. Thus, the rising cost for members, the requirement that the editors also complete all copy-editing, and the reluctance to publish in more than one language (i.e., other than English) have contributed to the impracticality of previous forms of publication. However, two opportunities have been proposed for future endeavors (see ii. and iii. below).

ii. Dr. Weigand announced the new series with John Benjamins Publishers (Amsterdam and Philadelphia) entitled "Dialogue Studies". While this series will not allow for the publication of proceedings, it presents a possibility for the publication of volumes by IADA with the caveats that submissions must follow a cohesive theme and will undergo the external peer review process required of top level publications. It is currently anticipated that some of the papers from IADA 2006 Mainz and IADA 2007 Münster will be chosen for submission to this series. However, as stated here and under point 2.b.i., the collection will have to revolve around a cohesive theme and will have to be submitted in English for consideration (N.B. the projected deadline for submissions from IADA 2007 Münster is May 31, 2007).

iii. The proposal was made for the creation of an IADA online journal or series with an ISSN number. This possibility has been proposed by Edda Weigand and Marion Grein as an alternative to the publication of other scholarly papers which do not readily fit with a conference theme and/or are presented in languages other than English. The requirements for this type of publication were presented by Dr. Grein and Oliver Richter—assistant to Dr. Weigand and follow:

- Any online publication must be published periodically (e.g., biannually or quarterly) to be considered for an ISSN number;
- There must be a recognized Editor-in-Chief who shall remain constant for at least an extended length of time.

The question was also posed about whether this type of publication would be recognized by international databases and whether it would be considered favorably for academic professionals' review. Christian Plantin stated that he would make inquiries at the University of Lyon to see whether it might sponsor this type of online publication to add a university affiliation to the publication for the benefit of academic recognition.

3. IADA STATUTES

a. English translation

The English translation of the IADA Statutes, completed by Anita Fetzner, was presented for review to the General Assembly (please see Appendix 4). While some discussion ensued regarding the translation from the German version and the possible revision of the original, it was determined that there were no provisions in the statutes which allowed for the spontaneous amendment of the procedures.

Suggestions for revisions proposed by Ernest Hess-Lüttich:

1. omit historical references
2. decide upon voting procedures re: proxy
3. omit reference to “most senior member” in lieu of Pres.
4. regulate term of service
5. revise Article 10 with change to quorum decision
6. revise Article 4 for clarity

b. Motion for subcommittee to revise statutes

In accordance with the procedures identified in the translation, therefore, Berlin made a motion that the newly elected IADA Board appoint a subcommittee to draft amendments to the IADA Statutes to be reviewed by the Board and then presented to the General Assembly via e-mail for the stated 20-day review and comment period, and at the end of the period to vote on the proposed (and revised) amendments. The motion was seconded and received a majority affirmative vote. It was also suggested that any amendments be completed before working on translations of the statutes into French (as well as revising Italian and German versions).

4. MEMBERSHIP

a. Establishment of membership procedures

Information regarding membership was presented by Lawrence Berlin. The General Assembly was informed of the intention to establish an annual due date for membership fees (April 1); thus, the fiscal year would run from April 1 through March 31; all members would be expected to pay renewal fees by April 1 each year in order to remain current and in good standing for full participation in IADA. The application and renewal form was also displayed and members were informed of the importance of completing a new form so that complete and accurate contact information would be available for dissemination of all relevant information about the organization.

b. Investigation of online banking

With the continuing growth of IADA membership to include participants from other continents, it was decided that the possibility of an online banking account might provide a good alternative to the current German bank account. In this manner, payment of membership fees might be facilitated for all members who would be able to pay via post giro, bank transfer, or credit card. The task of investigating this possibility was left to the incoming Board.

5. ELECTIONS

a. Nominations

Official ballots for the 2007-2009 IADA Board were presented to the members of the General Assembly in attendance. The nominees who had been previously nominated were as follows:

Lawrence N. BERLIN (Northeastern Illinois University – USA)
Světlá ČMEJRKOVÁ (Czech Language Institute – CZECH REPUBLIC)
François COOREN (Université de Montréal – CANADA)
Anita FETZER (University of Lüneburg – GERMANY)
Giovanni GOBBER (Catholic University of Milan – ITALY)
Luisa GRANATO (Universidad de La Plata – ARGENTINA)
Marion GREIN (University of Mainz – GERMANY)
Ernest HESS-LÜTTICH (University of Bern – SWITZERLAND)
Cornelia ILIE (University of Örebro – SWEDEN)
Christian PLANTIN (Université de Lyons – FRANCE)
Edda WEIGAND (University of Münster – GERMANY)
Elda WEIZMAN (Bar Ilan University – ISRAEL)

The floor was opened for additional nominations; nonetheless, Lawrence Berlin informed members that a number of proxy ballots had already been tendered and new nominations would unfortunately not have been available to those members who had already requested voting by proxy in advance of the General Assembly Meeting. New nominees included:

Christian HUDELOT (Université Paris X – FRANCE)
Liliana IONESCU-RUXĂNDOIU (University of Bucharest – ROMANIA)
Alain LÉTOURNEAU (University of Sherbrooke – CANADA)

b. Voting

Ballots were distributed to members and voting ensued. Completed ballots were collected and tallied (along with proxy ballots). The tallies of the votes of the General Assembly (and subsequent meetings of the newly elected Board) yielded the following results for the 2007-2009 IADA Board:

BERLIN (Secretary)
ČMEJRKOVÁ
FETZER (Vice-President)
GOBBER
GRANATO
ILIE
PLANTIN
WEIGAND (President)
WEIZMAN

Appendix 1

1. ACTIVITIES:

- a. Reports on conferences in Bucharest (2005), Caracas (2005), La Plata (2005), Mainz (2006), Chicago (2006)
- b. Announcements of Future Activities in La Plata (2007), Jerusalem (2007), Milano (2008), Paris (2008), Barcelona (2009)

2. PUBLICATIONS

- a. Reports on forthcoming publications from Chicago (2004), Lyon (2004), Bucharest (2005), Mainz (2006)
- b. Possibilities of Publication
 1. Max Niemeyer Verlag
 2. *Dialogue Studies* with John Benjamins
 3. IADA online

3. IADA STATUTE: Review of the English translation.

4. MEMBERSHIP: Discussion of membership, including annual enrolment and payment of fees; proposal for initial student inscription fee.

5. ELECTIONS: Election of a Board comprised of 9 individuals to serve for a two-year term (2007-2009).

Appendix 2

“Dialogue Analysis and Theory of Mind”
(Proposition d’un workshop à Paris en septembre 2008)

A la suite des travaux précurseurs de Premack et Woodruff (1978) se demandant si les primates présentaient la capacité de lire dans l’esprit de leurs congénères, puis de Wimmer et Permer (1983) qui ont cherché à préciser à quel âge les enfants étaient capables d’attribuer des émotions, des intentions ou des croyances à leurs interlocuteurs, ce qu’il est convenu de ranger sous l’appellation de Theorie of Mind occupe une place de plus la scène de l’étude des compétences socio-cognitives.

L’IADA, de par ses objectifs, ne peut ignorer ce champ de recherche, et les spécialistes de l’interaction dialogique ne peuvent pas ne pas se positionner vis-à-vis d’une domaine aujourd’hui en pleine expansion. Nous proposons donc d’organiser à l’automne 2008 un workshop qui aurait pour objectif de faire le point sur les relations qu’entretiennent ces deux champs d’investigation. Les questions posées seraient, sans prétendre à l’exhaustivité, les suivantes.

- - Quelles questions nouvelles les ToM posent-elles à l’analyse du dialogue ?
- - L’analyse du dialogue peut-elle fournir des indices des ToM mises en œuvre par les interlocuteurs ?
- En quoi les ToM sont-elle une nouvelle façon de poser la question du fait que les langues sont constitutivement dialogiques?
- And so forth.

Appendix 3

“Polyphony and Intertextuality in Dialogue”
(Proposed topic for IADA 2009, Barcelona)

As Mikhail Bakhtin had largely developed in his works, language is essentially dialogic and polyphonic. The exchange between at least two speakers is the normal manifestation of speech, but each discourse is crossed by several other historical, social and individual discourses. On the other hand, about forty years later, Oswald Ducrot has demonstrated that polyphony is inscribed in the very meaning of words.

Other voices and other texts can be heard in each discourse implicitly or explicitly. These voices and these texts can play a significant role in the argumentative orientation of the interaction. Scholars from several disciplines are invited to explore the various ways in which polyphony and intertextual phenomena are acting in dialogue: code-switching, register variations, indirect speech, quotation, allusion, irony, to name but a few. Such explorations will enable a better understanding of the meaning constructed in dialogues at multifarious levels and diverse situations. It will help develop a more precise description of numerous discourse genres, but it will also benefit the comprehension of complex forms of dialogue in the framework of the ongoing world globalization and in increasingly multicultural societies.

Appendix 4

I.A.D.A. STATUTES

Article 1: Foundation, Name, and Conditions of Admission

The society with the name “International Association for Dialogue Analysis” was founded in 1990 in Bologna.

Only persons who, in the view of the Board, share the aims and goals of the Association and commit themselves to these aims can join the Association and become members.

Article 2: Aims and Goals of the Association

The Association aims to initiate and promote research, to organize and promote national and international conferences, to supervise publications (periodicals and others) in the fields of linguistics, literary studies, philosophy, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, educational studies and computer science. Particular support is given to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary dialogue-centred research within the domains of spoken and written discourse. For this purpose, the Association establishes appropriate contacts with universities, research centres and research organizations whose goals are related to those of the Association, and with other public and private institutions in order to conclude joint agreements and cooperation contracts, organize research projects, workshops and conferences, hold seminars and other scientific meetings.

Article 3: Finances

The property of the Association, which is used to achieve its goals, consists of:

- a) The annual fees of the members, which are laid down by the Board in due course;
- b) Fees from public and private institutions; and
- c) Gifts and donations to the Association.

Article 4: Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of the Association is as follows:

- a) The President of the Association;

- b) The Vice President of the Association;
- c) The General Assembly of the members; and
- d) The Board.

All posts are honorary.

Article 5: Members

Members are distinguished into founding members and full members. All of them need to share the goals of the Association and commit themselves to these goals. Founding members are those who have founded the Association by signing the foundation documents. Every person, irrespective of their nationality, can join the Association after having submitted an application form in writing to the Board. The applicant will have joined the Association after having paid the annual fee. In case of not having paid a fee for two consecutive years, the defaulting member will be looked upon as having resigned and can only be readmitted after having submitted another application form and paid any outstanding balances.

Members have the right to participate in all of the Association's activities, to be informed about all of the approved decisions and initiatives, and to be elected to the Board.

Article 6: The General Assembly of the Membership

The General Assembly consists of members who are in good standing. Every member may request a proxy in writing. The member must then designate someone to present the proxy at the meeting of the General Assembly. No single participant may bear more than five proxy votes.

The General Assembly meets at least once a year to:

- a) Decide upon the general orientation of the activities of the Association;
- b) Elect the members of the Board (biannually);
- c) Decide upon the annual fee;
- d) Review the previous year's budget, close the financial year (from January 1 to December 31), and discuss and decide on the budget for the forthcoming year; and
- e) Decide on the issues put forward by the Board.

The convocation of the General Assembly is performed through written notice, which is to be sent out by the President to the members' addresses at least 20 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The notice needs to contain the following information: agenda, place, and proposed date and time of the General Assembly meeting.

A meeting of the General Assembly becomes official if a majority of the members are present or if at least 15 members are present.

The most senior member of the General Assembly is the chairperson. The decisions of the General Assembly need to be recorded and signed by the President and the Secretary.

Article 7: The Board

The Board consists of nine members who are elected directly in a secret ballot by the General Assembly. Board members hold their offices for two years and may be re-elected. From among those elected, the Board chooses the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. A Board meeting is valid if at least four of its members are present. Decisions are made through majority vote of the members present. In the event of a tie, the President casts the deciding vote.

The decisions of the Board, which is charged to meet at least twice a year, are recorded by the Secretary and are signed by the President and Secretary.

The Board has all of the authorities which are required for achieving the goals of the Association, especially the following:

- a) The organization of an international conference once every two years, the determination of its date, place and conference theme, and the decision about its keynote speakers;
- b) Finalization of agreements with public and private institutions, with the perspective of establishing an inter-university centre of dialogue analysis;
- c) Finalization of agreements with publishers to publish the proceedings of the international conferences and of an Association-related journal;
- d) The organization of research projects, workshops, and seminars;
- e) The convocation of the General Assembly at least once a year;
- f) The administration of all of its income;
- g) The review of the previous fiscal year budget and the preparation of the upcoming fiscal year budget;
- h) The formulation of proposed changes regarding the statutes for presentation at the General Assembly.

Additionally, the Board has the task of supervising the maintenance and adherence of the current statutes, and reviewing applications for membership in order to accept or reject them without further appeal. The Board has the function of mediating and resolving all disputes which may arise between members and the Association.

Article 8: The President and Vice President

The President of the Association:

- a) Supervises the performance of the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board;
- b) Leads and coordinates the activities and initiatives of the Association;
- c) Calls the Board, whenever she or he considers it appropriate (the written invitation is to be sent out to the Board members at least 15 days before a scheduled meeting);

The President has the obligation of representing the Association regarding internal matters and matters of third parties, but she or he may delegate certain tasks to other members of the Board or to other members of the Association.

The Vice President works together with the President to carry out the Association's duties. She or he may see to the organization of conferences, the publication of the proceedings, and the activities of the Association in the context of international cooperation. The Vice Presidents stands in for the President in the case of her / his absence and takes over her/his functions, whenever she/he cannot perform them.

Article 9: Modifications of the Statutes

At least two-thirds of the current members of the annual General Assembly in good standing need to accept modifications of the Statutes. The proposed amendments need to be presented to the Board in writing at least three months before a meeting of the General Assembly and they need to be signed by at least three members.

Article 10: Dissolution of the Association

The dissolution of the Association can be decided in an annual meeting of the General Assembly or in an extraordinary assembly which may be called for that purpose.

Article 11: Transitional regulations

The following person were designated members of the board by the founding members. They stay in office until the first general assembly, which is to take place before the end of 1990: Sorin Stati, president, Edda Weigand, vice president, Carlo Prevignano, secretary, Franz Hundsnurscher, Danielle Laroche-Bouvy, Heinrich Löffler, Jacques Moeschler, Franca Orletti, Vottorio Volteraa, members.

The norms of the present statute are to be accepted by the first general assembly, once article 11 has been declared as void.

All other points which are not accommodated in the present statute are dealt with by the norms of the Civil Code.