

Draft minutes of the meeting of the International Council of IAMCR Held Friday 16 July 2021

0. Attendance:

0.1/Voting IC members:

a/Elected IC members

Chika Anyanwu
Denize Araujo
Eno Akpabio
Fiona Martin
Sandra Ristovska
Claudia Lago
Helena Sousa

b/Section representatives

Ana Duarte Melo
Alina Bernstein
Steph Hill
Marie Grusell
Francesca Musiani
Sara Pereira
Steph Hill
Vinod Pavarala

c/EB members

Nico Carpentier
Gerard Goggin
Usha Raman
Andrea Medrado

0.2/Non-Voting IC members

Robin Mansell (past president)
Cees Hamelink (past president)
Janet Wasko (past president)

0.3/Ex officio

Bruce Girard (Exec. Director)
Valeria Zamisch (Secretariat)
Mazlum Kemal Dağdelen (President's Assistant)

0.4/By invitation / guests

Graham Murdock (chair of Environmental Impact Committee)
Philippe Maarek (chair Legal Committee)
Maria Michalis (chair Publications Committee)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks, and Approval of Agenda

Nico thanked the Nairobi organizers, Sections and Working Groups, Executive Secretariat, EB/IC, and all involved for a very successful IAMCR 2021 about to conclude. Nico gave particular thanks to Bruce Girard and his team, Valeria and Javier, for their unstinting efforts.

Nico noted the signing of the MoU for IAMCR 2022, to be held in Beijing, congratulating the LOC and EB on its efforts so far.

The IC approved the agenda as [circulated](#).

2. Apologies for Absence:

Anna Gladkova

Elske van de Fliert (she sent her video presentation beforehand and attended the last 10 minutes)

Wajiha Raza Rizvi (after the meeting)

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous IC Meeting

The IC approved the minutes from the previous IC meeting on 31 May 2022 as [circulated](#).

C/TF/C REMITS

4. Confirmation of the last two remits

4.1. Conference Committee: Nico explained the background for the drafting of the remit for the Conference Committee - namely, that this is a standing committee of the IC (as distinct from the Conference Organizing Committee, an EB commission which is formed each year to organize the annual conference).

4.2 Environmental Impact Committee: Nico noted the circulation of the updated remit of the Environmental Impact Committee (which was discussed at the previous IC meeting).

IC endorsed these two remits.

4.3. Clearinghouse for Public Statements: Robin Mansell noted that the majority of the members of the Clearinghouse had agreed to the change in point 4, which will now read: "Statements may be made proactively regarding important continuing issues, forthcoming events, or as responses to immediate events (reactive)".

IC agreed to the revision in the Clearinghouse remit.

Nico noted that this concludes the renewal of all remits. He asked all Chairs of C/TF/C to reflect upon their goals and objectives for the next 5 years - with his formal request to follow via email.

REPORTS

5. EB Reports

-President(s) Report:

Nico presented his President's report ([as circulated](#)).

Janet briefly noted that she has maintained her involvement as a past president. She added her thanks for the very good conference in IAMCR 2021. Janet noted that she served in the Publications Committee, and as Head of the Selection Committee for the Urban Communication Committee Award. She continued to serve as co-editor for Global Handbook Series.

-Vice President Reports:

Usha Raman presented her Vice-President report (as [circulated](#)).

Andrea Medrado presented her Vice-President report (as [circulated](#)).

-Secretary General Report

Gerard Goggin presented his Secretary-General report (as [circulated](#)).

-Treasurer Report

Elske van de Fliert presented her Treasurer's report via [video](#) (see circulated [2020//21 Treasurer's Report](#) and [2020 Financial Report](#)).

-Executive Director Report

Bruce Girard presented his Executive Director [report](#).

In particular, he noted the positive trend in membership - which will be a focus for the coming year, via a dedicated survey.

Bruce noted the IAMCR conferences, as a major area of his responsibility, continue to be a success - as per the evaluations.

6. Standing Committee Reports

Environmental Impact Committee: Graham Murdock presented the EIC report (as [circulated](#)).

Finance Committee: Included in the Treasurer report

Legal Committee: Philippe Maarek presented the LC report (as [circulated](#)).

Conference Committee: Included in the Secretary General report

Membership Committee: Helena Sousa presented the report of the Membership Committee (as [circulated](#)).

Publications Committee: Nico introduced Maria Michalis to present the report of the Publications Committee, congratulating her on her election to the position of Co-President of the Association of Public Media Researchers.

Maria presented the report of the Publication Committee (as [circulated](#)).

Maria thanked Denize Araujo, a long standing and much valued member of the committee, who recently resigned. Maria noted that the Publications Committee wishes to recruit a new member from the Latin American region.

Scholarly Review Committee: Robin Mansell spoke to the report of the SRC as [circulated](#) in lieu of SRC Chair Tom Jacobson.

7. Task Force Reports

Task Force on the Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMAG): Aimée Vega Montiel presented the report of GAMAG, as [circulated](#).

Committee for the Improvement of Academic Life (CIAL): Chika Anyanwu presented the [report](#) of CIAL. He noted the appointment of Karen Arriaza Ibarra as Vice-Chair, and also the appointment of Andrea Medrado as EB liaison (taking over from Gerard Goggin).

Task Force on Conference Modelling: Eno Akpabio presented the [report](#) on the Task Force on Conference Modelling.

Task Force on the Global Alliance for Social and Behaviour Change: In lieu of Task Force chair Tom Jacobson, Nico briefly noted the nature and [work](#) of the Taskforce, which is only relatively recently established.

INTER/ACTIONS: Multimodal Academic Communication: Denize Araujo presented the [report](#) of INTER/ACTIONS, explaining the nature and plan of this Taskforce. Nico noted the assistance of the Taskforce in organizing this year's Flow 34.

8. Commission Reports

Conference Organising Committee Nairobi 2021: This report forms part of the Secretary-General report.

Evaluation Committee for the Section/Working Group and Committee/Task Force funds: This report forms part of the Treasurer's report.

Clearinghouse for Public Statements: Robin Mansell presented the Clearinghouse [report](#).

She noted the need to consider ongoing issues, as well as responding to issues that emerge suddenly. She emphasized that the Clearinghouse is open and able to make more statements (having done 5 in the past year).

Commission on IAMCR History: There was no report provided - Nico will follow up with the Chair.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

9. First conference impressions: Bruce Girard provided some early data on the IAMCR 2021 conference. Among other things, he noted the need to provide effective alternatives for online technologies for IAMCR 2022 Beijing, given that many customarily used tools may not work as readily.

Ana Duarte Melo asked whether there was a way to measure the interactions of SWGs during the conference; Bruce responded that this would need to be done on a manual basis - perhaps most appropriately by each SWG.

Nico congratulated the VIC working group for their publication during the conference, which can be found at <https://periodicos.ufsm.br/animus/issue/view/2241>.

NEXT MEETING

10. Date/Topic to be Confirmed: This will likely be in the second half of September, with a focus on evaluating and discussing the 2021 Conference. These suggestions were supported by the IC.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at the 2 hour mark.