

EFACIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Saturday September 2nd 2017, 13.00h

Salón de Graos, Faculty of Philology, Campus da Zapateira, University of A Coruña.

1. President's Report

The President commented that there has been significant developments over the past year in publications, centres, the II and other matters. The president also explained that points 2 to 6 of the Agenda were in place because of the demands of the Belgian legal system under which we are bound. The President thanked David Clark and his team for the excellent organization of the conference in A Coruña.

2. Treasurer's Report

Malachy presented the accounts for 2016 and the budget proposal for the next year.

3. Approval of the accounts for the previous year

Approved by the members.

4. Approval of the budget for the current year

Approved by the members.

5. Election of two auditors

Joanna Kruczkowska and Thomas Korthals – external – to the board, nominated and duly reelected.

6. Honourable acquittal of the board

Board honourably acquitted.

7. Election of EFACIS Board

New Board elected

Seán Crosson (for president)

Ondřej Pilný (for vice-president)

Katharina Rennhak (for secretary)

Malachy Valley (for Treasurer)

David Clarke

Elke D'hoker

Anne Goarzin

Marianna Gula

Caroline Magennis

Clíona Ní Ríordáin

Asier Altuna Garcia de Salazar

Loredana Salis

Chiara Sciarrino

Carmen Zamorano Llena

(honorary members of the board are:
Shane Alcobia-Murphy;
Hedwig Schwall)

8. Amendment of Article 14 of EFACIS statutes

Members present agreed to amend article 14 of the EFACIS statutes to read as follows:

"Except in the cases described by these byelaws, the General Assembly can only validly deliberate when at least 8 of the effective members are present or represented. The decisions are made by simple majority of the votes cast. In case of a stalemate, the president's vote is decisive."

9. The Irish Itinerary

The president thanks Sarah Kerr for her contribution to the II, she has now left the position as EFACIS coordinator. New coordinator to begin on October 1st: Sven Kretzschmar. The president confirmed that Culture Ireland has renewed its support for the II with a grant of €8000 for this year. Professor Hedwig Schwall indicated that simpler rules and administration will be devised and circulated for the II in due course.

10. EFACIS summer school

Hedwig Schwall reported on the successful running of a pilot summer school this summer in Leuven. EFACIS and the Centre for Irish studies in Leuven are currently exploring continuing this in association with Queen's University Belfast next year.

11. EFACIS Student Representative

The president reported that further to an invitation for expressions of interest, the EFACIS Board selected Michael Lydon to act as Student Rep for the next two years. In total five expressions of interest were received. The president outlined the role as per the advertisement and indicated that the board will determine the nature of level of support for the student rep shortly.

12. The EFACIS website and teaching and research database

The president informed the meeting that the website continues to be redeveloped in response to issues raised by the membership. Members have been encouraged to update their information though we have included new centres on the map of Irish studies where possible. We welcome suggestions from members re updating the site. Chiara Sciarrino recommended making the Banville Project more prominent on the website.

13. Postgraduate Activities

President noted that the PH.D seminar at Leuven in 2016 was a great success and congratulated those involved. He wished those involved in delivering the

next seminar in Prague next week every success. As indicated under item 11, a new student rep has been appointed for EFACIS.

14. John Banville Project.

Hedwig Schwall updated the meeting on this project which now has a dedicated website [www.johnbanville.eu]. The final deadline for submissions has been changed to September 2018 with the deadline for the project extended to December 2018.

15. Publications

President informed the meeting of an forthcoming issue of Irish Studies in Europe to be dedicated to Professor Werner Huber, to be edited by Hedwig Schwall and due for publication in October. Hedwig will also be editing the next issue of RISE [Review of Irish Studies in Europe] on the theme of textiles and will be published in December. The following issue – to be led by Shane Alcobia-Murphy – will have as its theme ‘the house in Irish culture’. Seán Crosson will lead the subsequent issue on ‘Revolutions in Irish Culture’.

16. EFACIS 2019

The President announced that the next conference of EFACIS will be hosted by the Vienna centre for Irish Studies – the venue is likely to be University of Ljubljana

17. AOB

The President thanks everyone for attending.