**SAR Executive Board Meeting # 18-06**

**MINUTES**

**Date & Time:** 20.11.18 – 10:00-18:00  
21.11.18 – Travel to ELIA Conference, Rotterdam

**Location:**  
Academy of Creative and Performing Arts  
Leiden University, Leiden

**Present:**  
Henk Borgdorff, Geir Strøm, Giaco Schiesser, Ang Bartram,  
Leena Rouhiainen, Gabriele Schmid and Johan A Haarberg

**Excused:**  
Alexander Damianisch

**Next meeting:**  
**Location:** Zurich University of the Arts  
Zurich  
**Time:**  
10.01.19 – 14:00-18:00  
11.01.19 – 10:00-17:00
1. **Welcome and Approval of Agenda, Endorsed Minutes**
   - Welcome
     The President welcomed everybody.
   - Agenda
     The agenda was endorsed.
   - Minutes from the meetings # 18-05 and # 18-05
     The Ex.B had already endorsed the minutes from these meetings by the established protocol.

2. **Information**
   There was a joint exchange of information and updates on issues regarding artistic research and organisational matters from all present.

3. **Action Plan**
   - Updates
   - Delivery
     The Action Plan was updated and checked for deliveries.

4. **Finances**
   - Financial Report 10/18
   - List of unpaid memberships
     The Financial Report and the lists of unpaid membership were taken into account.
   - Expected Outcome 2018
     The ExB discussed which actions could be taken to strengthen institutional membership recruitment, especially new Portal Partner memberships.

5. **Members**
   a. **Institutional Members**
      - Status report
        There is no new institutional members since the last meeting.
      - Activity for new recruitments
        This issue was handled under Point 4.
   b. **Individual Members**
      - Status report
        A few new members have asked for membership since the last meeting.

5. **RC + Portal Partners**
   - RC Development Status
   - RC Interest Groups
   - Next Meeting Portal Partners (RMC Copenhagen 13/12 – 14/12)
     The cleaning of the RC software has been finished and the source code is now available. In the last Portal Partner Meeting It was agreed to set up a number of interest groups among staff within the portal partners and the RC administration. These groups have now been established and started communication. The plans for the next Portal Partner meeting was outlined.
• RC Software Ownership
An issue regarding the ownership to the original RC source code has been raised, and will be further investigated.

• Plan S Initiative
• Swedish Infrastructure Funding – Update
• Norwegian Infrastructure Funding Application – Update
There was an update on these issues.

7. Funding Agency Seminar – September 2018
• Summary/Evaluation
• Documentation
The Oslo seminar was considered successful, although attended by a few less compared to the first one. There were a clear wish between the agencies representatives to continue with a new meeting in 2019, and the Swedish Research Council took on the role as local host. Documentation has still to be provided.

• Next Seminar Sweden
The next Funding Agency Seminar will take place from 20/11 to 21/11 2019.

• Documentation Funding Agency Seminar 2017
The documentation from the previous seminar is now in place.

8. SAR Conferences
• SAR Conference 2019 – Status Report
The call for contributions with the three main topics was launched on October 1 and will be closed by November 30. The selection of contributions will be done early January. The conference program will include sessions for both JAR and RC/SAR.

• SAR Conference 2020/2021/2022 – Status/Options
The Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design (KMD) at the University of Bergen has agreed to host the 2020 Conference. Initial planning will start before the next ExB meeting.

The interest from the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (MDW) to co-ordinate a joint hosting by the three art universities in Vienna for the conference in 2021 has been confirmed, but no negotiations on the agreement has yet taken place.

SAR has received a Letter of Intent for the conference in 2022 from Bauhaus University in Weimar. The ExB decided to ask Gabriel Schmid and the Ex.O to sign the letter on behalf of the Society, and ask the Ex.O to clarify the potential conditions for the conference with the university.

9. SAR General Assembly (GA) 2019
• Call GA and ExB Nominations
The ExB discussed the call and asked the Ex.O to finalize the text.

• Election Committee 2019
The EX.B appointed the following Election Committee for 2019: Gerhard Eckel, Emma Cocker and Giaco Schiesser (chair).

10. General Assembly Cycles/Election Periods
The ExB discussed three options for GA cycles and corresponding election periods based on the provided documents.
The ExB decided to propose to the next GA to move towards bi-annual GAs and transition to four-year election periods. The implications of implementing such changes to be looked further into in the next ExB meeting.
11. Further SAR Activities and Events
   • SAR Academy – Special Interest Group
     The text for announcing the opportunity to create specialist interest groups were discussed on
     basis of the draft document and slightly amended.

   • Annual Prize for Best RC Exposition
     The deadline for submitting to the prize for 2018 was set to 31.01.19.

12. Partnerships + Networks
   • German Society for Artistic Research – Status and Relationship
     There was a report on the new development in Germany with a national organisation for artistic
     research. There might be both benefits and challenges connected to such structures.
     This should be further discussed in the next meeting.

   • ELIA Conference – RC Presentation and Networking/Recruitment
     Plans for the RC presentation as well as other recruitment options during the ELIA Conference
     were discussed.

13. Newsletter and Communication
   • Next Newsletter – Content / Deadlines / Date of Publication
     Plans for next issue was discussed and settled.

   • Status Institutional Support for Website Updates/IT-Support
     This issue was moved to the next meeting.

14. Announcement Services and Correspondents
   • SARA Status report
     A summary document as well as an overview of the published announcements was distributed for
     the meeting. The SARA Announcement Service has been used 30 times plus until now this year.

   • Price Adjustment for 2019
     The ExB decided to adjust the fee for 2019 to € 100 for members and € 200 for non-members.

   • Additional correspondents
     From this meeting onwards, Giaco Schiesser will take over as contact person for SAR
     correspondents.

15. Next Meetings
   • Zurich,
     10.01.19 – 14:00-18:00
     11.01.19 – 10:00-17:00

16. Any other Business
   There were on issues under this point.

Endorsed 07.02.19.

Henk Borgdorff
President

Giacob Schiesser
Secretary