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## ***SAR Executive Board Meeting # 19-01***

### ***MINUTES***

- Date & Time:*** 07.02.19 – 14:00-18:00  
08.02.19 – 10:00-16:00
- Location:*** Zurich University of the Arts – Room 6.C03  
Zurich
- Present:*** Henk Borgdorff, Geir Strøm, Giaco Schiesser, Ang Bartram,  
Alexander Damianisch, Leena Rouhiainen, Gabriele Schmid and  
Johan A Haarberg
- Excused:*** None
- Next meeting:***
- Location:*** Zurich University of the Arts  
Zurich
- Time:*** 24.03.19 – 15:00-17:00

## **1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda**

- Welcome  
The President welcomed everybody.
- Agenda  
The agenda was endorsed.

## **2. Minutes Last Meeting Endorsement**

- Meeting # 18.06  
The minutes from the last meeting was endorsed.

## **3. Information**

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

## **4. Action Plan**

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

## **5. Members**

### **a. Institutional Members**

- Status report  
One ordinary new member has been enlisted since the previous meeting and one institutional member has decided to ask for portal partnership.

- Recruiting Activities Ex.B Members
- Recruiting Activities Ex.O

Recruiting options was discussed based on a list of potential portal partners made by the Ex.O. An overview of the Ex.O recruitment activities was also distributed.

### **b. Individual Members**

- Status report  
There has been a high number of membership requests after the call for the Zurich conference where announced, and there is at this stage approx. 130 registered request.

- New members register

A new register for individual members have been developed by the Ex.O. This will substitute all former registers and will be co-ordinated with the Back Office client's list.

- Plans for Community Building

This will be presented in the next Ex.B meeting.

### **c. Back office**

- Status report

The Treasurer and the Ex.O have had a meeting with the Back Office during the ELIA Rotterdam Conference.

## 6. Finances

- Preliminary Financial Report 12/18
  - List of unpaid memberships

The Preliminary Financial Report was presented and endorsed.  
The list of unpaid membership is reduced as nearly all institutional members have paid their 2019 fee and all individual non-paid memberships from before 31.10.18 have been terminated.
- Funding Initiatives
  - Plan S Initiative
  - Swedish Infrastructure Funding –New Application
  - Norwegian Infrastructure Funding Application
  - Swiss Foundations

Several options for external funding was discussed.  
The Ex.B endorsed that SAR should participate in a renewed application towards prequalification for research infrastructure funding from the Swedish Research Council.
- Draft Working Budget 2019
  - The proposed Draft Working Budget 2019 was endorsed.

## 7. General Assembly Cycles/Election Periods

- Elections 2019 – Status Report
  - The Election Committee Chair gave a summary of the committees work to date.
  - The three members of the Ex.B running for elections were not present during this agenda point.
- General Assembly (GA) Cycles
  - The Ex.B decided to present to the coming GA a transfer to biennial GAs and four-year election periods in line with the presented proposal.

## 8. Next Meetings

- Zurich University of the Arts: 24.03.19 – 15:00-17:00
- 06.06.19/07.06.19 – Bergen
- xx.09.19 – To be decided in the March meeting

## 9. RC + Portal Partners

- RC Development Status
  - An overview of latest developments where presented.
  - The source code has been cleaned up and is now available
- Summary Portal Partners RMC Copenhagen 13/12 – 14/12
  - A summary of the last portal partner meeting was presented based on the agenda and the participation list.
  - Time and place for the spring meeting is not yet confirmed.
- Call for Consortium on further RC Development
  - The Ex.B endorsed the presented plan for a further major development step of the RC.
  - This plan is depended on financial support from a number of our portal partners, and will not be set in motion before sufficient support has been secured.
- RC Software Ownership – Update
  - The issue of the ownership has been clarified and will only need one formal transfer confirmation from the original consortium.

## **10. Funding Agency Seminar – Sept 2017/Sept 2018/Nov 2019**

- Documentation Sept 17

The printed documentation from the first agency seminar was distributed.

- Documentation Sept 18

A plan for documentation of the Oslo seminar has still to be developed, a draft to be presented in the June meeting.

- Next Seminar Sweden – 20/11-21/11 2019

Topic for the next seminar was discussed based on input from the representative of the Swedish Research Council. A draft topics agenda should be distributed before summer based on the discussions in the Ex.B June meeting.

## **11. JAR**

- Status report/Online consultation with EdinCh Michael Schwaab

A Skype consultation took place based on the presented report from the EdinCh.

The Ex.B understands the practical reasons for the delay for the third issue of 2018 and expect that the aim of three issues per year will be upheld with three more produced this year.

The Ex.B endorsed the plan of reaching out towards other language groups, given this can be done within existing budget frame.

- Endorsement of Editors

The Ex.B endorsed the following editors for a period of two years:

Annette Arlander, Barnaby Drabble, Mika Elo, Yara Guasque, Julian Klein and Mareli Stolp

The Ex.B needs to see some more specific information on the editorial board composition and the serving time span for the individual members.

## **12. SAR Conferences**

- SAR Conference 2019

- Status Report
- Task Distribution

The Conference Committee Chair presented status report for the conference.

The conference is close to being sold out, and there is a significant interest also from non-members.

Details on tasks and responsibilities were clarified.

- SAR Conference 2020

- Status Report
- Project Time Line

The time line for the conference has been clarified and conference agreement should be signed by mid-March. The aim is to distribute the call for submission in June 2019.

The Ex.B discussed some issues regarding task distributions within the Conference Committee.

- SAR Conference 2021

- Status Report/Draft Agreement

The hosting of the 2021 Conference in Vienna is in planning.

Agreement discussions with the potential host has yet to be arranged.

- SAR Conference 2022

- Status Report/Signed Letter of Intent

SAR has signed a Letter of Intent for the 2022 Conference.

First meeting to discuss the agreement will take place in April.

### **13. SAR General Assembly 2019**

- Call GA and Ex.B Nominations

The call for the GA and for Ex.B nominations has been distributed to all registered members and these documents are also available at the SAR homepage.

- GA Documents Preparation
- Task Distribution

The relevant GA documents were identified and tasks for preparation distributed.

### **14. Further SAR Activities and Events**

- SAR Academy – Special Interest Group
  - Status Call for Establishing SIGs

A first call for Special Interest Groups were done in the last Newsletter, but without any reactions probably due to lack of concrete information.

The Ex.B agreed a plan for boosting this activity before and during the Zurich Conference.

- Annual Prize for Best RC Exposition
  - Status – Prolonged Time

The time limit for submitting expositions to the Prize Jury has been prolonged to 15.02.19.

This has already increased the number of submissions.

- Action Plan for 2019

A plan for further development of the Prize and the consequences of widening the scope of eligible platforms should be prepared for discussion in the June meeting.

### **15. Partnerships + Networks**

- ELIA Conference – Summary RC Presentation and Networking/Recruitment

The ELIA Conference in Rotterdam offered good opportunity for recruitment and a short summary of the activities was presented.

- German Society for Artistic Research – Status and Relationship

For the time being no further information of planned activities of the German society could be reported, and consequently future relationship must be kept open.

- Information on the Erasmus Supervisor Project

A short summary of the start-up of this network was presented, and options for SAR involvement will be checked.

- Exchange with other membership organizations/Initiatives

The Ex.O reported from his SAR/RC presentation for the RAMI network in Brescia last December.

### **16. Documentation and Communication**

- Status Institutional Support for Website Updates/IT-Support

Our Portal partner, University of Applied Art Vienna, has taken on the responsibility of updating the SAR Website, and this will be re-hosted at this institution.

Internal SAR division of responsibilities were discussed and clarified.

### **17. Newsletter**

- Next Newsletter – Content / Deadlines / Date of Publication

The next Newsletter will be planned in the March meeting.

## **18. Announcement Services and Correspondents**

- SARA Status report 2018

Report from the first year of the SARA Announcement Service showed good development through the year. The increase in fee levels from 2019 onwards does not seem to have restricted activity.

- Additional correspondents

No new correspondents enlisted since last meeting.

## **19. Any other Business**

There were no issues under this point of the agenda.

Endorsed 24.03.19

Henk Borgdorff  
President

Giacco Schiesser  
Secretary