

Online Committee Meeting 18th Dec 2023, 5:00 PM CET

Present:

Chair: Gregory Claeys, **Secretary:** Zsolt Czigányik, **Treasurer:** Kenneth Hanshew, **EDI/ECR Officer:** Marta Komsta, **Committee Members:** Artur Blaim, Barnita Bagchi, Burcu Kayışcı Akkoyun, Corin Braga, Sorin Antohi, Susanna Layh.

Apologies from Alexandra Sippel, Nathaniel Coleman and Jose Eduardo Reis.

After Gregory Claeys welcomes all present, the committee accepts the agenda unanimously. The committee expresses their consternation for the situation that was caused by the academic job cuts at Oxford Brookes University and offers their solidarity with Nicole Pohl.

1, The treasurer, Kenneth Hanshew announces that a new account was opened for the society. The details (IBAN: LT91 3250 0131 3072 6635, BIC: REVOLT21) are announced at the 'Membership' part of the society's website. The old account will be kept for some while. The society has altogether 7191 EUR (5300 in Revolut, 1891 in Magnet Bank). The committee accepts the report unanimously.

2, The 2024 Budapest conference organisers co-opt Iva Dimovska as member of the committee. Her CV was circulated before the meeting. She will be a member of the committee until 2026.

3. It is agreed that a travel bursary of 150 EUR will be offered to 15 researchers in financial need who want to participate personally in the 2024 conference. As the bursary includes the participation fee (140 EUR), this will be an amount of 4350 EUR. The committee would also like to offer 50 EUR to those who travel to the conference by train. Artur Blaim opines that the pricing of train companies makes it difficult for many people to use the train, as low-budget airline companies often offer lower prices. Susanna Layh opines that it is an important message from the society to offer this subsidy. It is agreed that we can offer it to ca. 20 applicants.

4. Zsolt Czigányik raised the issue that it may be necessary to support the participation of the keynotes. As it is important not to deplete the society's financial resources, no decision was made about it.

5. The chair and the secretary are in correspondence with Andrea Burgos Mascarell of the University of Valencia, who offered to organise the 2025 conference (2-4 July). The proposal was greeted by the committee. GC mentioned that in the society's experience locations in Spain may attract a large number of participants. Such issues will be discussed with Dr Burgos. The final decision will be made at the AGM in July.

6. **AOB:** Corin Braga reports that the editing of the 2023 conference papers is in progress. They will be published in *Caietele Echinox* and they will be open access. The next committee meeting should be in February or March where the organisers of the 2025 conference will also be invited.