

**Minutes of ENCLS/REELC General Assembly
Helsinki 25/08/2017**

Attendees:

1. Bako, Alina (Lucian Blaga Uni Sibiu, Romania)
2. Beck, Ana Lucia (UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil)
3. Calvete, Ana (University of Helsinki, Finland)
4. DeTora, Lisa (Hofstra University, Hempstead, USA)
5. Duprat, Anne (Université de Picardie-Jules Verne, France)
6. Franco, Bernard (Paris IV Sorbonne, France)
7. García, Patricia (Nottingham Uni, UK)
8. Haquette, Jean-Louis (U de Reims Champagne- Ardenne, France)
9. Hermetet Anne-Rachel (Université d'Angers, France)
10. Hibbitt, Richard (University of Leeds, UK)
11. Itakura, Gen'ichiro (Kansai University, Japan)
12. Kriza, Elisa (University of Bamberg, Germany)
13. Krol, Tatiana (Dublin City University, Ireland)
14. Ksira, Gleya (Le Bardo, Tunisia)
15. La Vedrine, Sam (University of Nottingham, UK)
16. Le Juez, Brigitte (Dublin City University)
17. Lévêque, Laure (Laboratoire Babel, Université de Toulon)
18. Lombez, Christine (Université de Nantes, France)
19. López-Varela, Asunción (Universidad Complutense Madrid)
20. Martins, Serafina (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)
21. Mikkonen, Kai (University of Helsinki, Finland)
22. Milián, Orsolya (University of Szeged, Hungary)
23. Moll, Nora (Università Telematica Internazionale Uninettuno, Italy)
24. Moura, Jean-Marc (Université de Paris Nanterre, France)
25. Notaro, Anna (Uni of Dundee, Scotland, UK)
26. Nyquist, Sanna (University of Helsinki, Finland)
27. Reichardt, Dagmar (Latvian Academy of Culture, Riga, Latvia)
28. Rufat, Hélène (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain)
29. Pagliardini, Angelo (University of Innsbruck, Austria)
30. Popa, Catrinel Madalina (University of Bucharest, Romania)
31. Popescu, Carmen (Uni of Craiova, Romania)
32. Sharma, Pradeep (King Abdul Aziz Uni, Jeddah English Rabeigh, Saudi-Arabia)
33. Sinopoli, Franca (Sapienza Uni di Roma, Italy)
34. Vaupotič, Aleš (Uni of Nova Gorica, Slovenia)
35. Vranceanu, Alexandra (University of Bucharest, Romania)
36. Waligorska-Olejniczak, Beata (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland)
37. Weretiuk, Oksana (Rzeszów University, Poland)
38. Zieger, Karl (Université de Lille 3, France)
39. Zocco, Gianna (University of Vienna, Austria)
40. Zupancic, Metka (University of Alabama, USA)

Minutes

1. 2015 GA minutes were approved.
2. Agenda for this meeting was approved.
3. General Coordinator, Brigitte Le Juez, presented her biennial report:
 - a. As a result of discussions and approved motions at the Galway GA in 2015, new measures regarding the development of the Network were undertaken.
 - b. ENCLS/REELC acquired an official address: Bibliothèque Ascoli, Université Paris-IV Sorbonne. 1, rue Victor Cousin, 75230 Paris, France. This prestigious address was obtained thanks to Bernard Franco, Secretary of ENCLS/REELC.

- c. The Network created its new website, which comes at no cost to the Network. The website URL is: <http://esocl.eu/> There are currently 9 different pages (announcements, biennial congress, complit journals, complit studies in Europe, complit in the world, newsletter, etc.), some have already been substantially populated, others not but will, and new pages will be added to reflect the network's history (archives), resources (bibliography) and data bank of international research projects.
 - d. A bank account will be opened as soon as our charity organisation status is made official. Fees can then be collected and new activities organised. N.B.: after this process is completed only subscribing members will be informed of the network's activities and receive the newsletter.
 - e. Following from these changes, the Executive Committee, at its July 2016 meeting decided to propose the transformation of the network to a "society", which might be named EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE/SOCIÉTÉ EUROPÉENNE DE LITTÉRATURE COMPARÉE. This proposal was put to a vote to the assembly and the decision was approved unanimously. **The ESCL/SECL is therefore declared to henceforth replace the ENCLS/REELC.**
 - f. A logo for the new society was proposed and provoked discussions. One member, Ana Beck, kindly offered to look into it and come back with an improved version.
 - g. The members list has been updated and a page will be created to allow paid-up members to add their URLs to make themselves, their work and projects known to all. Brigitte Le Juez suggested to the audience that they might contribute to expand our members list by talking about the society to their colleagues in order to ensure wider knowledge of it, attract new members, and allow those whose details might have been lost in the transfer from the old website to contact us.
 - h. Publications plans: the EC has been talking to Brill, an international publisher, with a view to starting the ESCL/SECL's own biennial journal, available both in hard copy and online access (with a link on the website). A formal proposal is to be sent to them for consideration. When the final decision is known, members will be informed.
 - i. Congress proceedings are ongoing: regarding those of the Madeira congress, Teresa Nascimento will contact the authors; regarding the Dublin congress, two volumes have already appeared online with *Between* (Italy) and the Scopus-indexed *Wenshan review* (Taiwan), see esocl.eu website for links. Two book volumes are being peer-reviewed, one with Commonground publishing (US) and the other with Brill (NL-US). A further special issue will appear in the Scopus-indexed journal *Çédille* (Spain). Also, the ENCLS/REELC panel on Adaptation that took place at the ICLA congress in Vienna in 2016 will be published as part of the ICLA proceedings (De Gruyter – Germany).
 - j. Activities between congresses: apart from the ENCLS/REELC panel at the ICLA congress, Angeliki Spiropoulou organised a one-day symposium at the Senate House in London on "English and European Comparative Studies: Views from the Future", in May 2016 with ENCLS and BCCLA members together. It was co-organised by the Institute of English Studies and the Institute of Modern Languages of the School of Advanced Study, University of London, in collaboration with the ENCLS/REELC. It is planned that the papers will appear in a special journal issue in the future. Brigitte Le Juez encouraged members to organise ESCL/SECL panels at conferences, and to inform the EC of their initiatives.
2. Report on the Newsletter: Olga Springer sent her thanks to all who have sent her information in the last two years and asked members to continue to send information according to the newsletter categories.
 3. Report on our social networks activity: Fabio Camilletti recently began our Twitter account. Asun Lopez Varela presented statistics regarding the Facebook account. Facebook stats for 2017 (the page was opened in 2011) please enlarge image to see details:



4. Bibliography: Bernard Franco, Gianna Zocco and Zsuzsanna Varga have been compiling the document to be soon uploaded on the website.
5. Executive Committee elections: Brigitte Le Juez thanked the outgoing EC members (Emilia Di Rocco, Nina Shiel, Angeliki Spiropoulou, Gianna Zocco and Zsuzsanna Varga) for their sterling work in the last four years. The CVs of the six applicants to their positions were discussed and a vote took place with the following results:

The new elected EC members are:

- Robert Gafrik (Slovakia)
- Richard Hibbitt (UK)
- Chiara Lombardi (Italy)
- Benedikts Kanaks (Latvia)
- Mihaela Ursa (Roumania)

Dalia Cidzikaitė (Lithuania) missed out by a narrow margin.

Question from the audience: do the new members take the exact positions of those leaving the EC? Brigitte Le Juez replied that this was not necessarily the case and that would be discussed at the next EC meeting.

6. Plans for the next two years

- These include updating the website on a constant basis, in particular with members' details, Paypal membership services, links to other websites, and so on.
 - Encourage participation from pro-active members in organizing several committee listings as in MLA <https://www.mla.org/About-Us/Governance/Committees/Committee-Listings> This will allow more networking activities such as joint publications / common writing of research grant applications, additional international exchanges (i.e. Erasmus+ and mobility of students and professors), European doctorates, and so on, in order to ensure networking and team-building, and also the organisation of seminars or workshops in between bi-annual congresses, as we have been doing up to now.
 - Discuss with national Comparative Literature organizations the possibility of having joint membership packages as in AEDEAN https://aedean.org/?page_id=157 and <http://www.eaas.eu/>
7. Karl Zieger presented our 8th International Congress (and the first for the ESCL/SELC) to take place in Lille (France) in 2019. General Theme: "Literatures, cultural exchanges and knowledge transmission and creation: past, present and future". Topics for this conference include: the history of books, editorial and marketing processes, translations and adaptations, letter-exchanges, intermediaries (publishers, journalists, theatre directors, travellers and their tales, etc.), institutions (libraries, museums...), content and circulation (types of texts-scientific, religious, political, philosophical, etc.), genres, forms of transmission and media (print, digital, etc.) intermedial issues, social impact and new partnerships between academia and other social sectors, and so on. Deadline around 18 Oct. 2018.
 8. Proposed venues for the next congresses (2021 and 2023: Emilia Di Rocco, Turin or Rome, and Angeliki Spiropoulou, Athens or London).
 9. Questions from members: Only one question from Prof. Mikkonen regarding more information about the journal, in particular about the creation of the advisory board. The answer was that it is too early to have a firm decision on that point yet. As suggested by Brill, however, there ought to be an editorial board made of 12 members, and this board will rely on all members for peer-reviewing. When Brill has the online system ready, the EC will ask members to register in it; only members who have paid their subscription will have access to the journal. More information on this will be sent in the months to come.

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