
EC Meeting Minutes – November 2020

Call to order

A meeting of the MSA Executive Committee was held online on **November 6, 2020**.

Attendees included **Aline Sierp**, **Jenny Wüstenberg**, **Jeffrey Olick**, **Stef Craps**, **Paco Ferrándiz**, **Alicia Salomone**, **Tea Sindbæk**, **Hanna Teichler**, **Joanna Wawrzyniak**.

Assistants were **Laura Brouwers** and **Lorena Ortiz Cabrero** (minute taker).

Guests were **Carolina Aguilera** (Latin America Regional Group) and **Daria Khlevnyuk** (PoSoCoMeS Working Group).

Agenda Item	Presenter
1. New communication pathways between EC and Working & Regional Groups and National Networks (WG/RG/NN)	Carolina & Daria
2. Warsaw 2021	Joanna
3. dMSA	Hanna, Paco & Jeff
4. Wikipedia	Jenny
5. MSA Elections	Aline, Jenny & Jeff
6. Book Award	Stef
7. Internships & Administrative Assistants	Aline

Decisions

1. Communication pathways:

- The **agenda for EC meetings** will become available in advance on the website, to welcome comments and requests from the memberships (and particularly the WG/RG/NNs).
- The **minutes of EC meetings** will also be posted afterwards for greater awareness.
- There will be Open Members' Meeting twice a year: once at the Annual Meeting (Conference) and another halfway through the year.
- A formal **Working Groups Committee** will be created, as part of the MSA's administrative structure, to allow for better coordination and identification of issues

that are specific to the WG/RG/NNs. For the time being, the EC representative to head this Committee will be Tea Sindbæk.

- e. A **Website Committee** will also be prioritised, to facilitate the integration of WG/RG/NNs into the website and overall help in its maintenance.
2. **Warsaw 2021:**
 - a. Working assumption is that the Fifth Annual Conference in Warsaw will be mostly online, with a few offline events if circumstances allow. The Warsaw Local Team will continue to work on the **development of alternatives**, and the final decision will be taken in early 2021.
 - b. **Panels** that were submitted and accepted **for Charlottesville** (including Spanish-speaking papers) are accepted.
 - c. Methodology workshops, Masterclasses and MSAForward will continue to be developed as **Pre-Conference Events**.
 3. **dMSA:**
 - a. **dMSA is being launched** in November 2020!
 - b. Preliminary schedule runs until mid-2021; suggestions and submissions will be welcome and considered.
 4. **Wikipedia:**
 - a. Ongoing project that requires further editing and construction work.
 5. **MSA Elections:**
 - a. Nominations Committee & Presidents are working on a **call for nominations**.
 6. **Book Award:**
 - a. **Submission periods ends on December 10!**
 - b. Forecast is good, but it will still be announced in the next newsletter.
 7. **Internships & Administrative Assistants:**
 - a. Broad network, thanks to two new interns and two administrative assistants.
 - b. They will work, amongst other things, on increasing social media presence.