

EC Meeting Minutes – February 2021

Call to order

A meeting of the MSA Executive Committee was held online on **February 12, 2021**

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

Minute taker: **Lorena Ortiz Cabrero**

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Decisions

1. Polish Court Case Statement

- The social media posts have received limited engagement, but overall positive.
- Necessity for a stream-lined procedure for situations like this, both to make the process more efficient and to ensure a more equitable approach to worldwide issues.
 - Decision: involve the Ethics Committee in the selection of, and reaction to, sensitive cases.

2. Elections

- Status quo: very promising pool of nominees, compiled and managed by the Nominations & Regulations Committee (NRC).
- Election period will open on February 28th, and the announcement will take place the week before.

3. Newcastle 2023

- Officially booked for the first week of July.

4. Warsaw 2021

- [Conference website](#) is being adapted into its final form.
- Local Committee and Program Committee are on track and have schedules of organisational meetings to take place between February and May.
- Sponsorship options are being approached, both through partnerships with publishers and with educational institutions.

5. Interim President

- Co-presidents require additional support while Aline Sierp is on maternity leave.
 - Decision: Hanna Teichler will be interim president during this time.

6. Proposal RG India

- The EC has received the proposal for a Regional Group for India.
 - Decision: whilst interesting, the proposal must comply with the [guidelines](#) before being considered further.

7. European Commission Grant

- Overview: online events to revolve around four locations (Warsaw, Tallin, Bolzano, Madrid), in which interesting sites of memory will be the focus. Timeframe: approximately 1.5 years.
- Kick-off meeting to take place in the beginning of March, including the leaders and organisers of the project, both from the MSA and [EUROCLIO](#).

8. dMSA

- Preliminary timetable:
 - March 17th: [Careers in Memory Studies](#).
 - April 23rd: Roundtable *Mnemonic Solidarity-Global Interventions*.
 - May: Roundtable on Africa.
 - June: Roundtable *Recent-past memories and the growth of right-wing political forces in the Southern Cone of America: Chile, Argentina and Brazil*.

- Summer break, to return in September.
- Proposals continue to be welcome [through this application form](#).

9. Payments & Memberships

- Membership continues to grow thanks to the conference registration. Some issues of double payment have been found.

10. MSA First Book Award

- [Shortlist is now ready](#); out of 18 submissions, 6 have been selected.
- Winner will be announced in April.

11. *Memory Studies* Special Issue

- Many submissions, mostly of good quality.
- Timeline is first submission by May 1st, and final submission by September.
- There will not be a physical copy of the issue.

12. WG/RG/NNs

- Procedure for elections and new WG/RG/NN leadership is slowly being decided. For now, chairmanship will continue until summer, and then renew.
- Web designer's ideas for MSA websites for each WG/RG/NN have been met with enthusiasm and constructive feedback.

13. Advisory Board Nominations

- Four new proposals coming from the EC and NRC, to be invited to join the Advisory Board.

14. Ethics Committee

- Ongoing task: conference fee waivers for Warsaw. Applications closed on February 15th.

15. (Associated) Memory Centres

- Ongoing work to reach out to the [associated memory centres](#) and re-kindle the relation with them.