

**DEMHIST Extraordinary General Assembly
Virtual – February 14th, 2023**

Minutes approved at the **Hybrid General Assembly (Belgrade/Zoom) –
October 26th, 2023.**

Participants:

DEMIST board: Amilcar Vargas (Treasurer), Antonio Ponte (Vice Chair), Cecilia Casas Desantes, Dalia Gallico, Denis Verdier-Magneau, Maria Szadowska, Remko Jansonius (Secretary), Timna Seligman (Vice Chair), Yoshihiro Nakatani, Yvonne Ploum (Chair)

DEMIST members: Anita Portanje, Carl Nold, Carmen Jiménez Sanz, Daniel Hupko, Gianluca Kannès, Jadwiga Rodowicz Czechowska, Laura Luse, Luisa Fernandes, Matias Nocedal, Milja Stijovic (Jelenic), Museo Cerralbo, Rosanna Pavoni, Tzon-Wei Huang, Vicky Kruckeberg, Walaa Eldin Badawy, Ximena Jordán

Guests: Kate Seymour (ICOM-CC), Marine Walon (ICOM Secretariat), Monica Bietti (Italian National Group), Nikola Krstovic (ICOM Serbia)

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Minutes prepared by Cecilia Casas Desantes

The meeting took place online via ZOOM.

The minutes follow the order of the agenda.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Yvonne Ploum

Yvonne Ploum, DEMHIST Chair, opens the meeting at 14:00 CET and welcomes everyone to the 2023 Extraordinary General Assembly. Asks everybody to put their name and organization in the chat for quorum purposes. Joaquim shares the agenda on screen. According to quorum needs, meeting stops to wait for more people to connect. Welcomes and thanks everybody and colleagues from ICOM secretariat for being present. Yvonne gives a brief overview of what we can expect during the meeting. The big purpose of this meeting is to vote the new by-laws that we could't vote and approve in the previous general assembly. She asks those present if anyone wishes to add anything to the existing agenda; no comments.

2. Amendments to DEMHIST By-laws Remko Jansonius

He makes a brief presentation on screen. A draft was presented to members months ago, and comments were made, but ICOM secretariat had to make some legal amendments that made impossible to vote the by-laws in the previous GA. Former statutes, now by-laws (cause DEMHIST has no legal or financial independence, it belongs to ICOM, so statutes are the ones from ICOM), needed some changes to include virtual/hybrid meetings, allow virtual elections, update members rights and responsibilities of the board, and the ensure the necessary compliance with ICOM Statutes and Internal Rules.

Open mics for Q&A. No questions.

No sustancial addings from Marion or Marine.

So we proceed to vote.

There are some non voting members in the room and also some people sharing same screen (Carl and Vicky).

Anita shares the results of the poll.

The results are: 31 participants, including non voting.

100% of the votes wer positive.

So the by-laws are approved. Yvonne thanks the members.

3. Board Elections 2023 Preview Yvonne Ploum

This is the last year of the current board, we have elections on October. We need new and young members on the board. Ideal would be a combination of existing and new members.

Remko shares that we are discoordinated with other elections, that are during the triennial, so we are one year behind. Remko recommends to read the following information to members interested in being part of the board: new by-laws, DEMHIST website, ICOM members space, where you can find IC toolbox, and upcoming webinars: what means to be part of the board, and the meet the candidates.

Remko shares a drafty timeline for the elections. 15 May open the call for candidates. June 1 webinar to inform potential candidates. September 15 close the call for candidates. October 2 Meet the candidates webinar. October 2 polls open. October 15 polls close. October 15-24 vote count and verification. GA in Belgrade 25-26 October presentation of the results.

Q&A open mic.

Timna says that the virtual sessions are great for the work of the board. Asks if we will pass to the members the information of the candidates on pdf to share on the website etc. Will be the same this year?

Remko and Yvonne answer yes, by Mailchimp, sharing the link to the website updated document.

Kate Simons from the chat: How many board members are allowed? Yvonne and Remko answer 10. 5 bureau and 5 regular board members.

Yvonne answers is there is any candidates already. No answers.

4. DEMHIST Conference 2023 Yvonne Ploum

Timna says that it was very difficult to select a host for next Conference, but finally "Remembrance of things lost" by Belgrade (Serbia) team was the elected. Call for papers will be out in early march, and also a special site for the conference with further information.

Presentation by Milja Stijović and Nikola Krstović about Belgrade Conference. They talk about their team, scientific and organizational team, plus volunteers from art history department, local touring managers, and licensed transport company.

Venue at Yugoslav film archive. Paper free conference. The catering is booked. Free time with public transport card, free museum entry, optional tours, informal

gatherings... The royal compound is booked, with local guides and refreshments at the venue. House visits at walking distance, with guided tours, and also a river cruise and gala dinner.

Open mics for Q&A

Timna thanks Milja. Very focused and exciting programm.

Call for papers is still not aproved by the board so no sneak peek.

But Milja shares a bit schedule for the following weeks to conference WG works. Hybrid format will be a possibility.

Gianluca asks if famous monasteries will be visitable in the post conference tour.

Milja says they are walking on it, with the Ministry of Culture. Gianluca ask for limit the posibility of people sending video presentation, because the precious thing is to meet. Timna says that would be a very secondary situation.

5. Funding Opportunities 2023 Amilcar Vargas

Amilcar Vargas, DEMHIST Treasurer, expones the funding opportunities for traveling, for young DEMHIST members.

- Special Project Grant 2023: for individual or institutional members, 500-1000 euros by project in need of extra support. February call for projects, march reception, april analisys and publication of winners. Budget for 2023: 3000 euros.
- Jeanne Watson Travel Grant 2023: young proffesionals under 40. Travel and accomodation expenses up to 1000 euros in total. Budget for 2023: 1000 euros. Amílcar explains all the details.
- ICOM young proffesional travel grant to support attendance to conferences and courses. Conditions and guidelines to follow to be confirmed soon by ICOM HQ. Budget for 2023: 1.200 euros.

Remko thanks Amílcar and encourages members to share this information with colleagues.

Open mic for Q&A.

Carl and Vicky: information doesnt't get to young proffesionals.

Remko: we will improve communication.

Monica Bieti shares her oppinion: a program should be pdf printed, in order members can share the information with younger members. Amilcar / Board

should send to members the detailed information. Yvonne says it will be on the website, as always.

Amilcar says grant WG will keep members properly updated via communication WG, and even whatsapp groups created after Prague conference.

6. 2023 Webinars – possible topics Yvonne Ploum &

Yvonne: Following webinars will be: march about conference and call for papers, june for elections, october meet the candidates.

We have place for other topics so we need suggestions.

Open mic for Q&A.

Timna: management and sustainability are basic topics, but we should think about conservation, digitization, and other topics also.

Dalia: the debate about the profitable use of public heritage, the relation between public and private.

Rosana Pavoni? She is very disappointed about Jeanne Watson is ending. Topics for webinars: purpose of Dalia is very interesting, but any new subject would be nice.

Daniel Hupko from Bratislava city museum and he is very happy to participate in the meeting.

Ximena Jordán from México shares her ideas: webinar with criteria to choose or filter cultural activities. Also communication strategies and criteria for house museums. Criteria for audience management: the problem of becoming too touristic or commercial.

Gianluca: following the Armersfort conference, he proposes to organize something very technical about the rise of the sea level and the risk for house-museums (green transition related).

Yvonne encourages members to reach us by email, social media etc to send any other webinar ideas.

7. Other Business and Q&A Open mic

Yvonne opens the space to any comments or questions.

No further business.

8. Closing Yvonne Ploum

Yvonne thanks her team at Erfgoed Academie for making this online conference possible, Milja for the presentation, board team and all members for attending. She closes the 2021 DEMHIST conference at 16:00 CET.