

## **Business Meeting POP – 13 July 2023 \* 9.15 hrs - 10.00 hrs.**

### **Present:**

Tonny Krijnen (chair), Frederik Dhaenens (vice-chair), Florian Vanlee (newly elected vice-chair), Lothar Mikos, Sofie Van Bauwel, Debora Philips, Fang Wu, Esmeralda Valquez, Anuja Premika, Naznin Sultana

(Minutes by Tonny Krijnen)

### **Agenda**

Opening and welcome to all present.

#### **1. IAMCR 2023**

##### ***a. Selection of submissions***

There were 174 original submissions for this year's IAMCR conference. This was almost twice as much as POP usually receives. As this was valid for all sections and workgroups, this year's reviewing process was slightly different.

First the general review process was quite strict. Out of the 174 papers, 110 were accepted for presentation. Of these 110, 24 had submitted to the Online Conference Participation, 86 papers had submitted for Offline and Online Conference Participation.

POP had 57 papers allocated (spread over 10 to 12 slots). Of those 57, 27 could be chosen by the programme chair (this year, this role was fulfilled by Tonny Krijnen). All people who reviewed for the working group got selected and those papers who received the highest review scores. The remaining 26 were decided by lottery. The remaining 29 papers were converted to Online Conference Participation.

Of course, some people were not happy, or could not be present in Lyon after all. This leads to some shifting of presentations, resulting in 57 papers for the Offline conference, and 39 papers allocated to the Online conference. In total 96 papers were presented.

##### ***b. Overall experiences***

Besides the heat, the general atmosphere at POP's sessions is perceived very positive. The quality of the panels was perceived as exceptionally high. Discussions in panels are generally active and contribute to presenters' and audiences' experiences.

#### **2. Future of the working group**

POP's working group is now celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and over the years has grown into a mid-sized working group that draws more submissions every year. All present agree it is time to turn the working group in a section. There are some clear guidelines to do so, including requirements:

- \* support from IAMCR's International Council
- \* support from IAMCR's members across continents
- \* activities outside IAMCR's annual conference

- \* one publication every 6 years
- \* a number of panels every year

POP does not only meet but surpasses these requirements. The management team’s task for next year is to prepare the proposal and submit it in time to the IAMCR board for approval.

### **3. (New) Publications**

#### ***a. Special Issue***

In relation to the above, the management team feels it is time to edit a special issue for a journal. Ideas can be submitted over the summer via email.

Florian proposes to edit and issue on transnational popular culture and offers to write a general outline for this idea. Journals we might approach will be thought about when the outline is ready.

#### ***b. Handbook on Popular Culture***

Deborah and Garry have worked on a proposal for a volume in the IAMCR’s Handbook series on Popular Culture. The proposal was rejected due to its limited international diversity. As the request for the handbook is still current, POP would like to continue with the proposal.

The plan of action is that Deborah will send the proposal to POP’s management team. Based on conference participants in previous years, they will suggest an internationally diverse contributors list. Also, some suggestions for a larger editorial team will be done. Deborah will be involved in the Handbook.

### **4. Elections**

The entire POP Management Team - consisting out of one chair, and two vice-chairs, was up for elections this year. There were 4 candidates, the ballot was sent out to 238 members, of which 86 voted (36%):

Tonny Krijnen (running for chair)	74 votes (12 abstentions)
Niall Brennan (running for vice-chair)	38 votes
Florian Vanlee (running for vice-chair)	47 votes
Yongliang Gao (running for vice-chair).	39 votes

This means POPs Head will consist out of Tonny Krijnen (chair), Florian Vanlee (vice-chair) and Yongliang Gao (vice-chair).

We have to say goodbye to Frederik Dhaenens (former vice-chair) and Niall Brennan (former vice-chair). Both are thanked warmly for their exceptional work and contributions. They both have served as programme chair for IAMCR conferences, were active editors of POP’s special issue in Media & Communication, and devoted a lot of energy to maintaining the constructive and positive atmosphere that characterizes POP’s panels at conferences.

The new vice-chair, Yongliang Gao, is absent during the business meeting, and has not been present during any of POP's panels (neither did he submit to POP). This is surprising to all. Tonny and Florian will talk to Yongliang Gao.

## 5. Any Other Business

Both Anuja and Wang Fu enquire whether more online contact in between IAMCR conferences would be possible.

Anuja explains how another organisation that she is part of organizes this. There are some webinar shaped meetings, for example, which form a platform for connecting with each other and are inclusive.

This idea is enthusiastically embraced by other members present. We will enquire among our membership who would like to be actively involved in setting up 2 webinars (or another format) each year on topics that are important to POP. Additionally, we will also look for another platform than Facebook, as Facebook excludes people from certain countries.

<b>To Do List POP</b>		
<b>Task</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Who</b>
Proposal to become a section	1-12-2023	Tonny
Contact IC members	to be determined	to be determined
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Special Issue Outline	30-9-2023	Florian
Proposal Handbook	1-10-2023	Tonny/Debora
Seek inclusive platform to engage in online activity + contact Wang Fu to share ideas	1-11-2023	Yongliang
Contact Anuja for webinar idea		Florian/Tonny
Compile list of advisory board/steering committee for the webpage	15-12-2023	Tonny