

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the AE-Section of Literary and Theatrical Studies, Wednesday 6 July 2022, 19:00 to 19:45 CET, by Zoom.

Attendants:

Vladimir Biti, Françoise Lavocat, Vivian Liska, Martin Middeke, Catriona Seth

Excused: César Dominguez

1. Approval of 2021 Minutes

The Minutes of the 2021 Committee meeting are unanimously approved.

2. Nominations

V. Biti: 17 of 18 have been elected

This year we had 18 candidates from thirteen countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel (2), Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway (2), Poland, United Kingdom (4), United States.

Geographic distribution:

West Europe: 9

North Europe: 3

Central Europe: 1

East Europe: 1

“Dislocated Europe”: 2

Two nominations for foreign members: Canada, USA.

Five nominees from underrepresented countries: Canada, Israel (2), Luxembourg, Poland.

Gender

Ten out of eighteen nominees, nine out seventeen elected members are females.

Age

Five nominees and four elected members are under fifty.

Expertise

Five nominees (and elected members) from underrepresented fields: Scandinavian studies, Russian studies, medieval studies, early modernity, translation studies.

Conclusion

In comparison with 2021, we have got the same number of nominees from the same number of countries. However, their gender profile is much better: 55% instead of 22% female nominees. Their age and expert profile improved as well.

Discussion points:

*Gender balance:

We have a much better gender profile than previously and better than most other sections.

F. Lavocat: 32.2 women, a good rate – we can improve but we are among the top among the AE sections

*Level and criteria of acceptance

Only one rejection among all nominations

Catriona Seth: The level of the AE is not as high as in some National Academies. But our section has excellent nominations

We should find a day to discuss the candidates in detail – and possibly in person - next time.

V. Biti: The AE sections have different practices of assessment of their nominees.

*Necessity to discuss the nominations in detail in the committee.

Will be followed up next year either online or, if possible, in person

* Disproportionate number of members from the UK. Efforts will be made to increase the number of nominees from other, underrepresented countries

3. Election of the next Chairperson and a new Committee member

Françoise Lavocat has expressed her readiness to serve as the next chair. She is unanimously elected.

New Committee member will be elected at a later point through email communication.

4. Section webpage

V. Biti: Our new Section webpage has to be continuously filled with our members' publications, awards, conferences, workshop, panels, and so on. Committee members are encouraged to submit their data as well as update their posted activities. Jan Morrens will be asked to prepare a template and to regularly invite the Section members to update their profile.

5. Other business

Chair's report:

In 2021, M. Pittock, C. Seth and V. Biti have nominated section candidates for the 2021 Hypatia, Holberg, and Balzan prizes.

The conference "The Time of Ideas" (online) was organized at the Russian State University, June 18-19, by our member Sergey Zenkin.

Three section members participated in presence at the AE conference *Iconoclasm* in Wroclaw in October 2021. The results will be published this year in the special issue of *European Review*.

At the annual AE meeting in Barcelona in the second half of October 2022 our elected 2021 members will be introduced,