

ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee



Newsletter 2/2013

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1. Executive Committee Membership Transitions

Kirsty Gillespie (Secretary) and Dan Bendrups (Chair) have steered the ICTM-ANZ RC Executive Committee since its inception in 2009. Having now served two terms each in their respective roles, Kirsty and Dan have both decided to stand down from these positions, creating the space for new directions to be taken in the ICTM-ANZ RC Executive. Kirsty will move on to become chair (in conjunction with Brian Diettrich) of the ICTM Study Group for Music and Dance in Oceania, and Dan has taken on the position of Deputy Director (Research), Queensland Conservatorium. Both are pleased with the achievements of the Regional Committee, especially over the last two years, in generating a supportive environment for ethnomusicology in Australasia, and they leave the Regional Committee in good shape for the future. As the positions of Chair and Secretary are directly elected by the regional ICTM membership, a process will now be announced for the nomination of new candidates for these positions and their election. This process is detailed below.

The other three positions on the Regional Committee Executive were determined in November at the AGMs of each of IAPSM-ANZ, NZMS and MSA. The 2014-2016 representatives for each of these societies are as follows:

- MSA: Aaron Corn
- NZMS: Brian Diettrich
- IAPSM-ANZ: Shelley Brunt

We thank these members for their dedication and contribution to the continuing vitality of the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee.

2. ICTM Member News

On the 8th of August 2012, long-standing ICTM member Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan was appointed full Professor (Professor of Ethnomusicology, School of Social Sciences) at Universiti Malaysia Sabah. She was reappointed as Holder of the Kadazandusun Chair, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, on 1 January 2013.

3. Ecomusicology and Ecocriticism Report

A substantial cohort of ICTM members participated in the symposium *Ecosystems and Ecocriticism*, convened by Dan Bendrups, Donna Weston and Huib Schippers at Queensland Conservatorium in conjunction with the IMC World Forum on Music in November 2013. This symposium was the second international meeting of the Ecomusicologies group – a research cluster consisting mainly of AMS and SEM members with an interest in ecomusicology. ICTM representation at this symposium included Jennifer Post, Donna Weston, Dan Bendrups, Julie Rickwood and Kirsty Gillespie as presenters, and Robin Ryan, Victor Vicente and Anthony Seeger observing. The final planning meeting of the symposium included discussion amongst ICTM members about the possibility of developing ecomusicology as an area of special interest in ICTM. This meeting served as a useful precursor to any future development in this direction.

4. 2013 Business Meeting Minutes: 18 November 2013

Attendance: Dan Bendrups (chair), Kirsty Gillespie (secretary), Brian Diettrich (NZMS rep), Stephen Wild, Aaron Corn (MSA rep), Kirsten Zemke, Julie Rickwood, Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan, Svanibor Pettan (partial attendance)

Apologies: Henry Johnson, Shelley Brunt (IASPM rep), Kate Barney, Richard Moyle, Jonathan McIntosh

Opening 6.40pm

Welcome and general introduction

DB opened meeting, welcomed SP. As SP had limited time, order of agenda items changed.

ICTM-RC: future directions

Issue of national and regional representation overlap, which arose at ICTM World Conference in July 2013:

- SP explained the background, and the understanding that a regional committee encompasses/includes national representation
- DB voiced the request that both regional and national representatives be allowed (to attend the Assembly of ICTM National and Regional Representatives)
- SW reported that the issue had been discussed amongst the Executive and that the final decision will be made July 2014 (when Executive next meets)
- AC argued that two countries could mean two reps, and if one cannot attend, the other can represent them
- SW explained the background to regional committees, that they started with Taiwan, then Guam: there were different situations for different regions, now a need to cover all in one memorandum (important to note here that concepts of regions differ – Taiwan is a region of China, both reps can attend; whereas ANZ is a region encompassing more than one nation)
- All agreed that ICTM ANZ is a useful entity to strengthen activities in the region
- Message for SP to take to the ICTM Board:
 1. that the regional committee have no more than one rep for each country, but both be allowed to attend Board meetings;
 2. the ICTM World Network would have both the regional committee and a national committee for Australia listed;
 3. that iff NZ creates a liaison officer in the future, that could be listed under that section (SP supports the establishment of such a position). In the meantime, the NZMS rep for ICTM-ANZ can be the NZ rep (Action: BD to furnish SP with details).

2012 Business Meeting Minutes – matters arising

- DB confirmed that he pursued bid for co-hosting a World Conference with Kartomi et al but it was not fruitful; rescheduling/alternatives did not get traction amongst general membership
- Next regional committee may wish to explore opportunities (suggestions of Townsville, Sydney; with the recommended consideration of non-academic institutions/partnerships)

Regional Committee Executive position announcements

- KG stepping down to chair ICTM's SGMDO
- DB stepping down due to assume new duties as Deputy Director of Qld Conservatorium
- Therefore, from this moment in meeting, the two positions (secretary and chair) are open, but roles will continue to be fulfilled until election/ positions filled
- 2nd newsletter for 2013 will include a call for nominations (including self-nominations). Email vote, non-ICTM member to co-ordinate (AC suggests Stephanie Rocke to act as nominating officer). Action: AC to approach Rocke (or Leanne Proberts)
- DB formally thanked KG for her work; SW formally thanked DB for his

2013 World Conference – verbal report

- Good representation from Australia (30) and NZ (3); Anthea Skinner and Jonathan McIntosh as plenary speakers
- At the conference, the idea of Indigenous/Post-colonial study group was discussed (different from eg. Minorities study group). Proposal was drafted, with support from every continent; this now in front of ICTM Executive for consideration at their next meeting in Kazakhstan in July 2014. AC and DB taking proposal forward.
- Recommendation: that ICTM ANZ Regional Committee continue to endorse the formation of the proposed study group

Selection of committee members 2014-2016 - MSA/NZMS/IASPM-ANZ processes

DB has contacted all the above orgs for their nominations: MSA have nominated AC as their rep; NZMS and IASPM-ANZ are to be announced after their AGMs this week

- **Chair and Secretary election process as above**

Other Business

NZ liaison officer position: dissolved when this Committee was established in 2009.

- Request ICTM Executive re-establish this position and that person be the NZ representative on this Regional Committee
- Person could be from either IASPM-ANZ or NZMS; or can be an ICTM only member (though preference is for them to join one of the NZ orgs)
- Process: Committee nominates a person to the ICTM Executive
- Action: DB to place put this into next newsletter for comment
- SW raised the issue of reports for the ICTM Bulletin: how many reports would be submitted? Aust, NZ and Regional Committee? All agreed that one (submitted by Regional Committee) would be practical, incorporating info from each of the reps.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

5. Call for Nominations: ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee Chair and Secretary

Nominations are now invited from ICTM members in good standing for the positions of Chair and Secretary of the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee. The following conditions apply:

1. The nominated person must be an active financial member of the ICTM
2. The nominated person must be aware of and consent to the nomination
3. Self nominations are accepted
4. Nominations should include a 2-3 line statement describing the merits of the nominee
5. Nominations must be received by email no later than Friday 17 January 2014

Please email your nomination (and any questions you may have) to d.bendrups@griffith.edu.au.

6. Election of new Chair and Secretary

Once all nominations have been received, the outgoing chair will assemble these into a ballot for dissemination amongst the membership. The following process will then apply:"

1. In the event that a single individual is nominated for either position, that individual will be accepted into the position without any further ballot.
2. Where more than one nomination is presented, the names and details of each nominee will be circulated to the regional ICTM membership who will then be invited to vote for their preferred candidate, before the end of January 2014. A returning Officer independent to ICTM will be selected to receive the ballots by email and tally the votes. The new Chair and Secretary will then be announced to the membership.

The new Chair and Secretary will assume their responsibilities on 1 February 2014.