



## IKT General Assembly in Oslo, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Astrup Fearnley Museum

### Minutes

#### Agenda item 1: Review of Board Activities

IKT President Julia Draganovic gives a brief overview of the board activities between May 2016 and May 2017: The board has met four times in person and once via skype for **board meetings** during which it has reviewed 46 membership candidatures and the candidatures for the Harald Szeemann grant, discussed the congress and symposium program for the congress in Oslo and Tromsø in 2017, developed a concept for a new IKT website and reviewed offers and estimates by possible web-designers. Furthermore, the board has undertaken a **site visit and a meeting with the organizers of the congress 2017** in Oslo, which was preceded by a site visit of the IKT President and the IKT Assistant in September 2016 to establish and discuss a possible congress agenda. In occasion of the IKT board meeting and site visit in Oslo in October 2016, the board in collaboration with OCA and OSLO Pilot has organized an **informal gathering for IKT Members** and curators interested in an IKT membership at Oslo Pilot which was well attended by circa 20 curators from Oslo and its surroundings. IKT Board member Vanessa Joan Müller has accompanied Eva González-Sancho and Per Gunnar Eeg-Tverbakk in conceiving the symposium for the IKT Congress 2017.

The board **thanks the organizers of the IKT Congress 2017** for their work and efforts to raise funds for the congress organization as well as for grants for expense-free participation in the congress in Oslo respectively for grants covering the travel expenses for the post-congress in Tromsø. Never before was an IKT Congress attended by so many grantees (39 beside the 5 Harald Szeemann grantees selected and financed through IKT).

The biggest effort of 2016/17 has been made for realizing the **new IKT Website**, which is online since May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. The website promises to be more stable and accessible with a new and fresh design that, for the first time, includes images. The IKT Board has decided to renounce on the “active members” area, which was not used and, most of all, not maintained sufficiently by the members as they were asked to update this area with new contact information etc. IKT members are reminded to send their contact updates to the IKT Assistant as soon as there is a change in order to keep the members’ list up-to-date.

When reviewing the IKT Congress in Brussels 2016, the IKT Board also decided to establish a **registration fee** of 20 Euros for the IKT Congress 2017: The congress organizers undertake financial commitments regarding local transportations and catering according to the registration list. It seemed like, as long as registration and congress-participation are free of charge, the members sign in and are not aware of the financial consequences of their registration for the congress organizers. In Brussels the number of registrations for the pre-congress exceeded the capacity of one bus, so a second bus was rented and paid, although less than 50 members joined in the end the first day of the pre-congress. This is a number of people, which easily fit into one bus. The registration fee of 20 Euros is modest and at the same time is supposed to cover costs for those who un-describe in the last moment. The subscription “moral” for the congress 2017 seems to confirm that less people sign up without participating when asked to pay a registration fee.



## Agenda item 2: Income Statement 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The following income statement was presented by IKT Treasurer Vanessa Joan Müller and approved by the General Assembly.

Preliminary remark: The salary of the IKT Assistant is always paid by the institution the IKT President is working for, currently Kunsthalle Osnabrueck. IKT bears merely the travel expenses of the IKT Assistant.

<b>IKT balance (status 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016)</b>				26.301,00 €
<b>IKT balance (status 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017)</b>				24.736,24 €
bank account:			22.221,45 €	
PayPal account:			2.514,79 €	
<b>Income through membership, guest and registration fees</b>	bank account 2016:		7.344,34 €	
	bank account 2017:		9.511,22 €	
	cash		2.305,00 €	
	PayPal		931,57 €	
<b>Income through grants or sponsoring allocated in December 2016 for IKT Congress in May 2016</b>			5.000,00 €	
<b>Income total May 2016 – May 2017</b>			<b>25.092,13 €</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	administration (account costs, office material) 2016		5.692,48 €	
	administration (account costs, office material) 2017		2.637,52 €	
	<b>administration total:</b>		<b>8.330,00 €</b>	
	board meetings 2016		145,79 €	
	board meetings 2017		146,60 €	
	<b>board meetings total</b>		<b>292,39 €</b>	
	<b>travel expenses IKT Assistant total</b>		<b>4.991,65 €</b>	
	IKT Congress Brussels 2016		10.921,22 €	
	IKT Congress Oslo 2017		2.121,63 €	
<b>Expenses total May 2016 – May 2017</b>			<b>26.656,89 €</b>	

### Two questions arise from the General Assembly:

#### - Why doesn't IKT reimburse the travel expenses of board members?

The treasurer and the president explain, that giving only the example of the travel expenses of the IKT Assistant, which are the only ones covered by IKT and which amounted to € 4.991,65 in the last year, it is obvious, that IKT cannot cover the travel expenses of all seven board members. The financial commitment of the board members is remarkable, most of all of those who do not have an institution to back their expenses. Furthermore, not even all the board members working for an institution receive a reimbursement for their trips to



IKT Board meetings. Who presents a candidature for the IKT Board has to ponder these financial commitments beforehand.

- **Can't IKT apply for funds to cover these costs?**

Julia Draganovic explains that most funding is available for non-profit associations only. Given its nature as a nomadic association which moves its office with each election of another president, IKT has never gained the status of “non-profit”: In almost all European countries a certain number of years of activity is requested to achieve this status. In Germany, as in a series of other countries, a non-profit association has to assign its assets to another non-profit organization in its own country in case of a dissolution. This non-profit organization has to be mentioned in the association’s statute. Up to now, there is no European law that allows a non-profit association to move from one country to the other maintaining its statute. That means that up to now, IKT has been dissolved and founded again each time a new president in another country has been elected. The transfer of assets of IKT from one country to the next has been possible only by renouncing on the non-profit status. Therefore, participating in grant applications is hardly possible for IKT.

**Agenda item 3: New IKT Members**

The following curators have presented their candidature for IKT Membership between May 2016 and May 2017. Their applications were reviewed by the IKT Board and recommended for membership to the General Assembly via a presentation by IKT Vice president Kati Kivinen:

Regina Barunke	Temporary Gallery, Cologne (Germany)
Karima Boudou	independent curator, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Rose Bouthillier	Remai Modern, Saskatoon (Canada)
Heidi Brunnschweiler	Gallery of Contemporary Art, E-Werk, Freiburg (Germany)
Neringa Bumbliene	Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius (Lithuania)
Ros Carter	John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton (United Kingdom)
Antonio Cataldo	OCA, Oslo (Norway)
Ann Cesteleyne	Independent curator, Ghent (Belgium)
Biljana Ciric	Independent curator, Belgrade (Serbia)
Sarah Corona	Independent curator, Brooklyn (USA)
Per Gunnar Eeg-Tverbakk	OSLO PILOT, Oslo (Norway)
Regine Ehleiter	Independent curator, Mainz (Germany)
Taru Elfving	FRAME Contemporary Art Finland, Helsinki (Finland)
Eva Eriksdotter	Varbergs konsthall and Konsthallen/Hamnmagasinet (Sweden)
Alessandro Facente	Artists Alliance, New York (USA)
Thale Fastvold	Independent curator, Oslo (Norway)
Katya Garcia-Anton	OCA, Oslo (Norway)
Nahela Hechavarría Pouymiró	Casa de las Américas, Havana (Cuba)
Helena Holmberg	Kunsthall Trondheim (Norway)
Biung Ismahasan	Centre for Curatorial Studies, University of Essex (United Kingdom)
Nicholas John Jones	PRAKSIS, Oslo (Norway)
Richard Julin	Magasin 3 Stockholm Konsthall (Sweden)
Niekolaas Johannes Lekkerkerk	Independent curator, Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
Dermis P. León	Independent curator, Berlin (Germany)



Jan-Erik Lundström	Sámi Center for Contemporary Art, Luleå (Sweden)
Azar Mahmoudian	Independent curator, Tehran (Iran)
Gean Moreno	ICA, Miami (USA)
Dominique Moulon	independent curator, Paris (France)
Nora Ceciliedatter Nerdrum	KORO/Public Art Fund Norway, Oslo (Norway)
Rahraw Omarzad	Center for Contemporary Arts Afghanistan CCAA, Kabul (Afghanistan)
Silke Opitz	Kunsthalle Erfurt (Germany)
Matthieu Poirier	Independent curator, Paris (France)
Stefano Raimondi	GAMEC, Bergamo (Italy)
Farid Rakun	Jakarta Biennale (Indonesia)
Trude Schjelderup Iversen	KORO/Public Art Fund Norway, Oslo (Norway)
Olaf Stüber	independent curator, Berlin (Germany)
Leif Magne Tangen	Tromsø Kunstforening (Norway)
Nadia Monique Thondrayen	John Hansard Gallery, University of Southampton (United Kingdom)
Ángel Calvo Ulloa	Independent curator, Galicia (Spain)
Stephanie von Spreter	Fotogalleriet, Oslo (Norway)
Ibett Yanez	De la Cruz Collection, Miami (USA)
Joseph E. Yates	KMAC Museum, Louisville (USA)

All candidates are approved by the General Assembly.

#### **Agenda item 4: Board Elections**

After a three years' term running from 2014 to 2017, the IKT Board is up for election again, as announced in the invite to the General Assembly 2017, sent to all IKT Members on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Members have been invited to send in their candidatures for the IKT President before April 30<sup>th</sup> in order to discuss their availability to host the IKT Office and provide it with an assistant. Potential candidatures for the IKT Board were asked to present their candidature as well until April 30<sup>th</sup>, leaving though the opportunity for spontaneous candidatures during the congress.

The IKT President asks if any of the present members is willing to supervise the election. Stephen Foster declares to be willing to supervise and is accepted by the General Assembly unanimously. Stephen Foster asks IKT Guests to leave the General Assembly.

The board reports that there has been no candidature for the President of IKT. Julia Draganovic, Director of Kunsthalle Osnabrueck (Germany), declares to be available to preside over IKT for another term of three years and confirms Kunsthalle Osnabrueck's willingness to provide IKT with an office and a paid part time assistant. Given the sole candidature, Stephen Foster asks the General Assembly if it agrees to renew the vote of confidence for Julia Draganovic. The General Assembly confirms Julia Draganovic unanimously as old and new President of IKT.

The IKT Board reports that three board members will run for IKT again and two further members have announced their candidature prior to the General Assembly:

- Ombretta Agró Andruff, USA (IKT Board member 2014-2017)
- Henriette Bretton-Meyer, Denmark (new candidate)
- Emmanuel Lambion, Brussels, (IKT Board member 2014-2017)
- Freek Lomme, The Netherlands (new candidate)
- Katalin Timar, Budapest, (IKT Board member 2014-2017)



Stephen Fosters explains the duties of an IKT Board member and asks if there are any spontaneous candidatures. The following IKT Members are added to the list of board candidates:

- Frank-Thorsten Moll, Belgium
- Deborah Smith, United Kingdom
- Andrea Rodriguez Novoa, Spain

All candidates present themselves and their motivation to run for the IKT Board 2017-2020 in a short speech.

Stephen Foster proposes to proceed with a secret ballot. Assisted by IKT Member Sabine Maria Schmidt, he collects and counts the votes.

Julia Draganovic thanks her IKT Board colleagues for their work and voluntary efforts, and bids a farewell to the parting members Kati Kivinen and Vanessa Joana Müller. Enrico Lunghi expresses his gratitude to the IKT Board of 2014-2017.

Stephen Foster announces the results of the board elections 2017:

New IKT Board consists of

- Emmanuel Lambion, Belgium
- Ombretta Agró Andruff, USA
- Deborah Smith, United Kingdom
- Katalin Timar, Hungary
- Henriette Bretton-Meyer, Denmark
- Freek Lomme, The Netherlands

All candidates accept their election and convene to hold their first board meeting the following day to discuss who will cover which board capacity.

#### **Agenda item 5: Future congress sites**

The organizers of next year's **IKT Congress in Gdansk with post-congress in Vilnius 2018** (which have been elected during the IKT Congress in Brussels 2016) present their program ideas. Jadwiga Charzynska and Zofia Ciełatkowska present the main art venues to be visited in Gdansk respectively the Tricity Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia. Neringa Bumbliene of Contemporary Art Centre Vilnius presents her ideas for the post congress in Vilnius/Lithuania.

Ombretta Agró Andruff, Susan Caraballo and Nahela Hechavarría Pouymiró present their bit for the **IKT Congress 2019 in Miami with post- congress in Havana**. Ombretta Agró Andruff gives an overview of the major art institutions, museums and private collections in Miami and Miami Beach and offers her ideas about a symposium on "Public Art". Her proposed time period for the congress in Miami is April 2019 (around April 19<sup>th</sup>) as climate promises to be good and flights and accommodations should be convenient. Ombretta Agró Andruff reports that in the last months an IKT Committee for the congress Miami /Havana has formed itself in Miami, including IKT Members working for various institutions as well as independent curators. Five members of the committee working for the IKT Congress 2019 are present at the General Assembly.



Former board member Miriam Westen remarks that the current immigration politics of the USA might present an enormous problem for a congress in Miami. Former IKT President Enrico Lunghi notes that nobody expects the future congress site bidders to present a schedule. On the one hand, organizers should not put themselves under the pressure to plan a congress by minute years ahead, on the other hand, IKT Congress participants want to join a contemporary program that responds to current developments and cannot be planned such a long time in advance.

The General Assembly votes for Miami as the IKT Congress site in 2019 with a post-congress in Havana with 15 abstinences and no dissentients.

The IKT Board