

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Permanent Council for the Organisation of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences
20th ICPHS, Prague 2023**

Dates: 7 August 2023, 12:10 – 14:50; 11 August 2023, 12:10 – 13:10.

Present, 7 August: Attendance was not recorded at this meeting.

Present, 11 August: Arvaniti (Outgoing President), M. Ashby, P. Ashby, Beddor, Bird, Cho, Docherty, Esling, Khattab, Keating, Nicolaidis, Setter (Incoming Secretary), Silva, Simpson, Tabain (Outgoing Vice-President).

Apologies, 11 August: Frota, Niebuhr (Outgoing Secretary).

Absent, 11 August: d'Imperio, Harrington, Kirby, Kingston, Mücke, Skarnizl

Minutes by: Jane Setter (Incoming PC Secretary)

Proposed agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
 2. Presentation of submission bid for the organization of the 21st Congress followed by discussion and decision on the next Congress site.
 3. Report by the President of the Permanent Council on activities since the 19th Congress in Melbourne.
 4. Appointments of President, Vice-President and Election of Secretary.
 5. Membership of the Permanent Council
 6. Any other business.
- 0. Opening.** Amalia Arvaniti (AA) opens the meeting as President of the PC and welcomed members.
- 1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.**

We did not formally approve the minutes of the last meeting. These had been made available on the IPA website under the ICPHS Permanent Council link and no amendments had been suggested.

https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/PCminutes/minutes_PC_meeting_2019_Melbourne.pdf

2. Presentation of submission bids for the organization of the 21st Congress followed by discussion and decision on the next Congress site

Guidelines for bids for the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS), which were approved in July 2014, are accessible on the website at

https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines_for_proposals_for_ICPhS_July_2014.doc

One bid was submitted by the end of May 2023 by Sonya Bird (SB) on behalf of Victoria, Canada. The text of the bid was sent to PC members on 31 July 2023 by AA.

SB was invited to present the bid from Victoria, Canada. Following the presentation, the bid was opened for discussion. The theme is “Shifting Currents” to represent the geographical orientation of Victoria and trends in the field to work with minority and indigenous communities. There were questions from the PC concerning whether registration fees could be lowered more for students, retired members and/or those from low-income countries, and also about child-friendliness and one-day registration. There was considerable discussion about how hybrid the congress could be; SB explained that, for the congress to be fully hybrid, current costs indicate it would be as expensive as running two parallel congresses, but that the cost of technology was coming down every year and it was something the organizers would continue to bear in mind. Questions were in general satisfactorily answered by SB.

The bid was unanimously approved by the attending members of the PC.

3. Report by the President of the Permanent Council, 2019 - 2023

The report by the President (AA) largely focused on the survey she had circulated to PC members on 31st July 2023 to gather information about attendance at ICPHS. Members had also been asked to circulate the link for the survey to any colleagues for whom ICPHS is relevant, whether they were attending or not. At the time of the meeting on 7th August, 54 responses had been received, with one in four not attending the congress. There was a good gender balance, although respondents are mostly from the Global North. Key matters affecting attendance include:

- Cost (this is the largest issue preventing attendance)
- Diversity and inclusion
- Changes after COVID 19
- Climate change considerations
- Personal reasons
- Mobility issues and costs associated with that (travel, etc.)

The main motivation for attending is to learn about others’ research, with networking and presenting the next most important respectively.

There had been some interesting discussions about organization of the congress, including whether there could be more thought given to theming on specific days and timing of the congress, which is right in the middle of many people’s vacation leave (this also necessitates organising childcare arrangements).

The matter of holding the conference in hybrid mode was raised. It was agreed that there would be further discussion of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:50 on 7 August to continue on Friday 11 August.

3. (continued) Report by the President of the Permanent Council, 2019 - 2023

Discussion continued on 11th August of the results of the survey circulated by AA in light of the accepted bid from Victoria, Canada, to host the 21st ICPHS in 2023.

The discussion mainly centered around the following issues:

- Visas, particularly for students travelling to ICPHS. Some need to know their paper has been accepted before they can apply. Confirmation of acceptance for the 20th ICPHS was sent out in April 2023 which was too short notice for some to obtain a visa. We heard that the wait for a US visa can take up to a year. While SB said the wait for visas into Canada was relatively short, there was a discussion about how much lead-in time was needed for visa applications and whether decisions on paper acceptances needed to be made sooner.
- We also discussed whether the 2031 ICPHS should be held somewhere in the Global South to make it more accessible/attractive to people from those regions, and/or whether we would be able to get Global South institutions to bid for it.
- We discussed in more depth the costs involved in running a completely hybrid congress (i.e., twice as much as it is basically two conferences, according to a quote from SB's conference organisers), whether those costs were likely to come down as the technology becomes more commonplace, and whether we should record keynotes and/or some of the other sessions and make them freely available to those not able to afford to attend the conference (in person or virtually).
- It was suggested that if people could prove they came from an economically disadvantaged country the congress organisers could possibly have a lower conference fee for those people. There followed discussion about how to prove that and where the costs would have to be moved to - i.e., on to the other delegates (similarly with reducing the costs further for students).
- It was also suggested that those from an economically disadvantaged country could be prioritised for remote (hybrid) presentations and/or attendance. SB said she would prefer not to be involved in setting up a system in which the congress organisers would have to make the decision about which delegates qualified.
- It was agreed that the PC would like the congress to be hybrid in principle and to leave the congress organisers to work out to what extent this was possible and how to manage it.
- The membership wondered whether the PC should set up a treasury (we don't have our own money currently) and seek corporate sponsorship for the Congress. It was agreed that AA would pass this on to Sonia Frota (SF).

4. Appointments of President, Vice President and Election of Secretary

Following the principle adopted in 2007 that the VP of the IPA is automatically appointed as the president of the PC, it was proposed that Sonia Frota, VP of the IPA, be the President of the PC for the period 2023-2027.

Following the same principle, the organizer of the previous congress is appointed as VP of the PC; Radek Skarnitzl (RS) needs to be appointed as VP (this point was clarified subsequent to the meeting).

A new Secretary of the PC has to be elected as Oliver Niebuhr (ON), who served for four years, is no longer a member of the PC.

While following the principle adopted in 2007, the President and Vice-President are automatically appointed, the Secretary needs to be elected. Marija Tabain proposed Jane Setter (JS) as the PC Secretary, who was taking notes at the meeting in the absence of ON. JS was elected by a unanimous show of hands. At this point the President and the PC thanked the outgoing secretary, ON, for his service to the PC for the last four years.

SB, organiser of the 2027 Congress, was additionally elected with a unanimous show of hands , in line with PC practice.

AA welcomed the appointment of Sonia Frota as new President (in SF's absence). RS, proposed new Vice-President of the PC, will be contacted after the meeting by AA; the membership of the PC will be asked to approve the appointment via email. The PC thanked the outgoing President, Amalia Arvaniti, and Vice-President, Marija Tabain, for their dedication to the PC executive in the last 4 years.

5. Membership of the Permanent Council

This was not discussed at the meeting. See Appendix 1 for the list of PC members elected to serve from 2023-2031 along with outgoing members, and Appendix 2 for the full list of PC members for the next period.

6. Other business

No further points are raised. AA thanked the attending PC members and closed the second meeting at 12:58 on 11th August 2023.

Jane Setter
Secretary of the PC for the organization of ICPHS
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Appendix 1

This is the list of new members elected to serve from 2023-2031 on the Permanent Council for the Organisation of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences.

Group 2:

The call for Group 2 nominees for the period 2023-2031 was issued to the IPA Council members on 24th October 2022, and the results announced on 1st February 2023. Seven IPA-elected representatives to the Permanent Council for the Organization of ICPhS were elected. Their term begins at the present PC meeting. The seven members are:

Michael Ashby, UK
 Mariapaola d'Imperio, France
 Gerard Docherty, Australia
 John H. Esling, Canada
 Janet Fletcher, Australia
 Katerina Nicolaidis, Greece
 Marija Tabain, Australia

Didier Demolin replaces Katerina Nicolaidis during Nicolaidis's period of office as President of the IPA. Nicolaidis becomes ex-officio member of the PC.

Group 3:

The call for Group 3 nominees for the period 2023-2031 was issued to Permanent Council members on 13th February 2023, and the results announced on 6th June 2023. Nine new Group 3 members of the Permanent Council were elected. Their term begins at the present meeting. The new members are:

Taehong Cho, South Korea
 Thaís Christófaró Silva, Brazil
 Sónia Frota, Portugal
 Jonathan Harrington, Germany
 Ghada Khattab, UK
 John Kingston, USA
 James Kirby, Germany
 Doris Mücke, Germany
 Adrian Simpson, Germany

Lisa Davidson replaces Sónia Frota during Frota's period of office as Vice President of the IPA. Frota becomes ex-officio member of the PC.

The outgoing members of the Permanent Council are: Ian Maddieson; Daniel Hirst; Oliver Niebuhr; Masaki Taniguchi; Plinio Barbosa; Paul Boersma; Björn Granström; Haruo Kubozono; Justus Roux; Maria-Josep Solé. Outgoing member Anne Cutler had sadly passed away and was remembered at the Congress opening by IPA President Michael Ashby.

For the 2027 elections, five new Group 2 members need to be elected before the next Congress. No Group 3 members will be elected.

Appendix 2

The PC members for the next period are:

1. Amalia Arvaniti, Netherlands (Group 2, 2019 – 2027)
2. Michael Ashby, UK (Group 2, 2023-2031)
3. Patricia Ashby, UK (Group 2, 2019 – 2027)
4. Patrice Beddor, USA (Group 2, 2019 – 2027)
5. Sonya Bird, Canada (next Congress organiser by PC election at the Congress in Prague, 2023-2031)
6. Taehong Cho, South Korea (Group 3, 2023-2031)
7. Thaïs Christófaró Silva, Brazil (Group 3, 2023-2031)
8. Lisa Davidson, USA (Group 3, 2023-2027; replacement for Sónia Frota)
9. Didier Demolin, France (Group 2, 2023-2027; replacement for Katerina Nicolaidis)
10. Mariapaola d'Imperio, France (Group 2, 2023-2031)
11. Gerard Docherty, Australia (Group 2, 2023-2031)
12. John H. Esling, Canada (Group 2, 2023-2031)
13. Janet Fletcher, Australia (Group 2, 2023-2031)
14. Sónia Frota, Portugal (Group 1; IPA VP; President, PC)¹
15. Jonathan Harrington, Germany (Group 3, 2023-2031)
16. Ghada Khattab, UK (Group 3, 2023-2031)
17. John Kingston, USA (Group 3, 2023-2031)
18. James Kirby, Germany (Group 3, 2023-2031)
19. Doris Mücke, Germany (Group 3, 2023-2031)
20. Ailbhe Ní Chasaidhe, Ireland (Group 2, 2019 – 2027)
21. Katerina Nicolaidis, Greece (Group 1; IPA President)²
22. Jane Setter, UK (Group 2, 2019 – 2027; Secretary, PC)
23. Adrian Simpson, Germany (Group 3, 2023-2031)
24. Radek Skarnitzl, Czech Republic (2019-2027; Congress Organiser of ICPHS 2023, Vice President of the PC for the period 2023-2027)
25. Marija Tabain, Australia (Group 2, 2023-2031)

¹ Elected PC term, Group 3: 2023-2031

² Elected PC term, Group 2: 2023-2031