

GEECT Board Meeting

January 8 at 15-16.15 WET (Dublin and London), at 16 CET (Central European Time – Belgium, Slovakia and Germany) and at 17 EET (Eastern European Time – Finland).

Minutes

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Present: Barry Dignam Barry.Dignam@iadt.ie (chair), Guido Lukoschek guido.lukoschek@filmakademie.de-(treasurer), Patrick Geeraerts patrick.geeraerts@ehb.be; Jana Keeble jana.keeble@vsmu.sk; Jyoti Mistry jyoti.mistry@akademivaland.gu.se; Kirsi Rinne (secretary) kirsi.rinne@aalto.fi

1. Ludwigsburg Leadership symposium *Navigating film schools in the time of crises*, April 24-25, 2025

Lukoschek told about the arrangements. The meeting discussed Cilect's plans to organize the ECM and the gathering of regional councils at the same time in Ludwigsburg. It was agreed that this plan needs to be clarified as soon as possible. Dignam and Lukoschek will contact Manuel Damasio and Stanislav Semerdijiev.

The program will consist of four slots, two lunches and dinner. The symposium starts with lunch, the program with a keynote lecture and continues with three dimensions of the topic: political, economic and fast technological development. These three sessions include a short presentations and panel discussion. A call to membership will be published this week, dl. January 31.

Rinne will check the hotel capacity situation in Ludwigsburg and will assist in other arrangements.

2. Update on fees & invoicing

100 invoices have been written and sending them out will be completed during next week. The schools have been asked about student numbers via separate email. A sheet has been added to Fees excel, where invoice numbers and due dates are compiled. Rinne will track payments.

3. Conferences and thematic meetings, dl. Jan 31

The meeting discussed about two new conference ideas. Györgyi Faivai from MOME, Hungary has suggested a thematic meeting at the Annecy Animation Festival, 8-14, June 2025. Keeble will assist in submitting a formal conference proposal.

FAMU's David Cenek is planning to submit a proposal on the topic of "How to support graduating students".

These and possible other proposals will be evaluated at the next board meeting on February 12, 2025.

4. Informal festivals events

Dignam will participate in the Clermond-Ferrand Short Film Festival (Jan. 31- Feb. 8, 2025) and send out an e-mail to the participating schools.

5. Webinar for newcomers

Dignam, Keeble and Geeraerts volunteered to act as hosts the event which will be more of a coffee hour. Anna Heiskanen from Aalto will be one of the hosts. Setting a date was moved to the next meeting.

6. Statutes task force

It was agreed that Mistry and Geeraerts investigate Semerdjiev's remarks and report back to the board.

7. GEECT Microsoft Teams

Dignam informed that GEECT board has received a free license from Microsoft and a Teams is established as a working environment for the board. Proton.me remains as an archive at least for the time being.

8. Any other business

Mistry brought up Artistic research alliance and asked what it means in practice. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Next meeting

Wednesday, February 12 at 15.00 WET at Teams or Zoom.