**Nordplus Executive Committee Meeting**

10th of June 2015, Copenhagen

**Participants:**

Knut Myhre, Keld Hosbond, Michael Strobelt, Hanneleen Pihlak, Eystein Sandstø Kvam, Rima Rimsaite, Mari Miettinen, Maria Larsson, Christofer Fredriksson, Katja Elkjaer, Marianne Jakobsen, (Katja and Marianne only present during agenda item 6)

**Agenda**

1. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING
2. FEEDBACK ON ANMA MEETING
3. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, REGULATIONS
4. ELECTION IN THE FALL, PREPARATIONS
5. FUTURE OF NOAS
6. IRC MEETING IN COPENHAGEN, Hotel, participation fee, program finalized
7. GRANT RESULTS
8. REDISTRIBUTION OF MOBILITY FUNDS
9. HOW TO ACTIVATE SLEEPING MEMBERS
10. OTHER SUGGESTIONS

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Michael Strobelt opened the meeting and agenda was accepted. Minutes from last meeting were also accepted.

**2. Feedback on ANMA meeting**

Knut Myhre clarified the purpose of joint meeting with ANMA and IRCs. Goal is to increase the commitment of managers to international activities. They are the key in activating teachers in the field of internationalization.

In this sense the meeting was successful and the discussions were fruitful. Future will show if these discussions will lead to actual development of international practices.

**3. Organizational chart and regulations**

Organisation presented in last minutes of meeting has not been commented so it can be assumed that it is accepted as it is. It will be presented at the IRC Forum in October.

In respect of connection between ANMA and Executive committee of Nordplus it is an advantage that Keld Hosbond is a secretary in ANMA and also a member of ExeCom. This kind of link between these two agents ensures the proficient transfer of information.

It was pointed out that coordinators of network should be members of the the network working/steering groups (if the network has such).

**4. Election in the fall, preparations**

Future election of ExeCom members in the IRC Forum was discussed and in respect of fulfilling the regulations it was decided that all four positions will be opened so that two places will be filled for 2 years and 2 places will be filled for one year. This way those positions which were filled last Fall in due to the drop outs will be filled by the regulations. Also the proper rotation cycle will be achieved by selecting members for two and one year periods. The Excom will constitute itself after the election.

IRCs will be informed about all this in advance. Hanneleen will send out the form where those who are interested can sign up for nomination. Candidates will be asked to make a maximum one A4 page presentation to be sent to IRC Forum delegates before the Forum.

Election will be secret ballot. In case there are no more candidates than seats, voting will take place as a hand-count.

**5. Future of NOAS**

Good news is that there will be an official agreement concerning NOAS. Agreement will be made between ANMA and the University of Bergen. An internal agreement will also be made between the Music andn the IT departments in Bergen. This is the first step of assuring the future funding also. It has been discussed that one way of collecting funds for the maintenance and development could be a small raise of ANMA fee. The connection to AEC was discussed and there was agreement that NOAS has to work well before it is taken to European level.

Eystein told about the staff situation in the IT-department. At the moment there is only one contact person who fully understands how NOAS is operating and what are the needs we have reported. That is a weak point and the system is fragile always when it’s resting on only one pair of shoulders. This is the reason why it would be important to get a little more funding to be able to hire someone for help.

Eystein presented the statistics of NOAS applications and they were really interesting and revealing. In total 363 applications were sent via NOAS and there were a 60 applications increase compared to last year’s result.

Some changes will be tried to carry out before next Nord+IRC Forum. In addition a short crash course or working clinic will be held during the next Forum to make sure everyone know all the possibilities NOAS is offering already and know how to use system efficiently. This will also be a great help to all newcomers.

**6. IRC Meeting in Copenhagen**

Forum 2015 will be held in Royal Danish Academy of Music in 19th-21st of October as planned. Katja presented the draft of the program for the next Nord+IRC Forum. It was made with a lot of thought and there were only minor things to be discussed. Comments from IRCs had been only positive so there was no need for changes from that point of view.

Moderators were named to all sessions so that the meeting would proceed in a given timetable. Some fine adjustments were done to the program. Katja had already done some upfront bookings to the hotels nearby. Katja and Hanneleen will take care of the invitations and registration.

Katja had done the budget for the Forum and as we are in Denmark costs are inevitable higher than last year which means that the fee will be a little higher too.

**7. Grant results**

Nordopera (coordinated by Rima Rimsaite) received 38 370 €. 26 400 € is for mobility and 11 970 € for the IP “Connecting Opera and Sound Arts”.

Nordpuls (coordinated by Keld Hosbond) received 124 390 €. For mobility there is 48 000 € and then two IPs and two DPs got funding: IP Composition, Arrangement, Band-leading; 12 670 EUR, IP Girl Power in Jazz 3; 18 210 EUR, DP Ensemble Teaching Development; 21 810 EUR and DP NewTime - New Technologies in Nordic/Baltic Higher Music Education; 23 700 EUR

Sibelius (coordinated by Hanneleen Pihlak) received 140 140 €. For mobility there is 76 000 € and also two IPs and one DP got funding: IP 4 to 24 Saxophones; 14 750 €, IP NORD+MIX: Creative Music Innovations in Spatial Sound Sphere; 29 470 € and DP Development of Classical Music Education; 19 920 €

Nordtrad (coordinated by Maria Larsson) received 19 200 € and it is all for mobility.

**8. Redistribution of mobility funds**

Situation at the moment is that all networks have used or will use all received money so there is no need for any redistribution for now.

**9. How to activate sleeping members?**

The list of all members was studied and the fact is that there are some members who are using mobility but are never active in any other way. Knut pointed out that there can be several reasons for that. For example there are some small institutions that really don’t have resources to be active participants. And the question raised up was if it is really necessary to do anything about this? Conclusion was that at least the members who are not members of ANMA will be contacted and membership will be highly recommended to them. Keld is taking this matter forward with ANMA.

**10. Other suggestions**

No other suggestions occurred.

Mari Miettinen