

IAMCR - HISTORY SECTION

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of the Business meeting on Saturday, 23.6.2018 at 2 p.m. -3.30 p.m. in Room 251 at Straub Hall, University of Oregon

Chair: Nelson Ribeiro

AGENDA

1. Brief report on the meeting of the International Council and Heads of Sections and Working Groups on 20.6.2018.
2. Report on the submission and reviewing process for the 2018 Conference
3. Feedback on the 2018 conference from section members and participants
4. Suggestions of topics for the Madrid Conference
5. Future Projects

1. Nelson Ribeiro presented a brief report about the meetings of the IC and the Heads of Sections and Working Groups.

The next IAMCR conferences will take place in Madrid (July 7 to 9, 2019) and Beijing (2019).

The Executive Board announced the creation of a New Historical Task Force dedicated to the history of IAMCR and to the preservation of its archives. The Task Force will be chaired by Jorg Becker and will also include Kaarle Nordenstreng and Cees Hamelink (members of the History Section) that have produced several texts on IAMCR's history. It was also announced the signature of a new contract with Wiley Blackwell for the IAMCR Handbook series.

The Executive Board mentioned that it will present a proposal to the General Assembly regarding a raise in membership fees.

2. Nelson Ribeiro reported that the Section received 54 submissions, which represented a decrease compared to the Cartagena conference. The most significant decrease was in panel submissions. All papers were reviewed by 2 reviewers. Whenever there was a lack of consensus abstracts were sent to a third reviewer. After the review process 40 abstracts were accepted (acceptance rate: 74%). After withdrawals (including one last minute withdrawal and two no-shows) 29 papers were presented in 8 sessions (7 in English and 1 in Spanish). Some of the early withdrawals were related with problems in getting a visa to enter the US.

3. The feedback on the sessions organized by the History Section was positive and members considered that the panels had been well organized. Members also referred to the section's social event that was organized in Oregon and showed interest in having a similar gathering in Madrid.

4. Members were encouraged to suggest topics for next year's call for papers. Dewesternization of media history, fake news, media archeology, biographical history,

and archives (including digital) were suggested as possible themes for next year's conference.

5. Members suggested that a visit to an archive may be organized for section members in Madrid during which a conversation with archivists could take place.

Nelson Ribeiro also informed members about the proposal that is being put together for a book on "Media and the Dissemination of Fear" after a panel that was organized in Cartagena on the same topic. Members intending to contribute were urged to send a brief abstract for a possible chapter.