**HoMER Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Toronto, 24th June 2017**

1. *Update on the HoMER website (Maria Velez-Serna) and sharing of any collaborative projects (All)*

Maria posted news if there was any. She encourages Homerites to send in a description of their projects so that she can put them on the website and make them visible on the map. In that way we can reach out and inspire others. Also, Maria has mapped on Prospect all the abstracts from the Homer Conference in Toronto and is planning to do the same for the other Homer Conferences, in order to create a dataset of all Homer participants. Also, a Facebook group was created.

**Action: MVS to update the website.**

1. *General discussion and voting on the draft for the constitution (Richard Maltby)*

We agreed on the constitution as it was revised by Richard Maltby. And we agreed to add a sentence on the procedure to establish whether an activity could be presented as a HoMER event: In case a member wants to organise a HoMER event apart from the Annual Conference, a request should be send to the HoMER coordinators who will decide on the appropriateness. If in doubt, the coordinators might circulate the proposal onto the mailing list to all other members.

**Action: DTG and CPO to update the constitution and circulate the final version to all members. MVS to add the constitution on the website.**

1. *Update on HoMER presence at other conferences (Paris, Cork)*

There will be 2 panels at the NECS conference in Paris and 1 at the ECREA Film conference in Cork.

**Action: Panel members will report to the coordinators on the conferences.**

1. *Conference 2018 location and date*

The attendees of the Annual General Meeting voted for a collaboration with NECS in Amsterdam 2018. The conference is scheduled for the end of June (27-29 June to be confirmed). A panel in memory of Karel Dibbets will be organised and the remembrance journal for Karel will be presented at the conference.

**Action: The coordinators will circulate the exact dates and will start liaising with NECS. A small conference committee will be created. Lies Vanden Vijver has started the journey of the remembrance journal.**

1. *AOB*

DTG suggested a work group on sharing data, following Eric Hoyt’s suggestion in one of the panels. This shared archive should be a closed space where people can share their data and collaborate.  A workshop on data harmonization and creation of metadata will be organised. A working group has been created:

Thunnis Van Oort, Deb Verhoeven, Paul Moore and Jessica Whitehead. Deb and Paul will also provide training on Wiki hack.

Paul Moore has created a Wiki page for HoMER and one for New Cinema History.

Deb has suggested to create a “solidarity conference fees” scheme to support scholars who travel from far away (mainly PhD students and young scholars).