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11th Annual General Meeting

Held at 2pm on 03 July 2016 at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

The following business was transacted:

1. Welcome

The AGM had a quorum of 70 members, 20 being the required number.

2. Apologies for absence

Postgraduate liasion officer David O´Reilly was not present.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM10)

Agreed.

4. Matters arising
5. Annual Report, Officer Reports and accounts 2015-16
   a. The Chair (Andreas Musolff)

The chair reported a healthy development of membership numbers, especially with respect to the increase in student members and Early Career Researchers. The number Facebook followers has also increased. RaAM's finances are promising, leadig to possibilities for seed-corn funding and for support for prizes for papers at RaAM- endorsed events. The chair also noted an increase in number of proposals for workshops and conferences as well as of RaAM-endorsed events.

   b. The Treasurer (Alice Deignan)

The treasurer reported an income of £2993.90 in the period from 05 April 2015 – p4 April 2016. Expenditures during this same period of time amounted to £1859.39; expenses included website hosting and domain name, RaAM insurance, EC costs Leiden June 2015, EC costs Amsterdam February 2016, PhD party Leiden, Bursury fo Leiden seminar, and bank charges. The total amount in the RaAM bank accounts as of 04 April 2016 was £10582.77. Reserves amount to £5033.98. Alice explained that there is a peak income point in the a two-year cycle resulting from bienniel conferences/seminars. The EC will make a decision about seedcorn funding and publicize it through the webpage and emails to members.

   c. The Web Editor (Gudrun Reijnierse)

The web editor reported on the number of unique visitors who have accessed the RaAM website, showing a peak in May 2016. She also reported on the following additions to the website: creation (improvement) of the online voting system, updated Berlin conference information, the publishing of newsletter number 18, and an updated RaAM endorsed events page.

d.   The Conference Secretary (Lettie Dorst)

The conference secretary reported the following about the Leiden seminar in 2015: There wer 63 submissions, with 25 papers, 14 posters, and 3 plenary sessions. Nine workshops were held; 3 post-plenary workshops, 3 communicative domains workshops, and 3 toos and methods workshops. Two student bursuries were awarded, one by the LOC and one by RaAM. A Phd event was sponsored with €200, and a final profit of €1000 was transferred to RaAM.

Lettie reported the following about the Berlin 2016 confernce: There were 19 people at the pre-conference workshop (11 students). For the conference, there were 295 abstracts, with 129 paper, 4 posters, 4 themed session and 5 plenaries. 121 people attended the conference. There were 21 applications for student bursuries (20 funded) and 14 applications for non-student bursuries (all funded). A PhD event was sponsored by €250. In addition, there was an art exhibition (Lynne Cameron), film screening, opening recpetion, conference dinner, Cinepoetics reception, and a party.

The next RaAm seminar will be held in 2017 at the University of Southern Denmark (Thomas Wiben Jensen is responsible). The next conference will be held in 2018 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Dennis Tay responsible). The bid for the 2019 seminar will go out in 2019.

e.   The Postgraduate Liaison & Development Officer (Andreas Musolff for David O'Reilly)

The postgraduate liaison and development officer was not present at the AGM, buth had sent in information that was reported in his absence. The Facebook group has been active over the past year giving updates from the postgraduate liaison, information about conferences and PhD scholarships, Open Access articles, discussion, et.c. Daivid encourages all students to engage with RaAM throught the RaAM student directorym and the METAPHOR column (and RaAM newsletter).

f.   Newsletter Editor (Tina Krennmayr)

The newsletter editor reports that three newsletters have been published over the past year: No. 16 (May 2015; downloaded 137 times), No. 17 (October 2015; downloaded 250 times) and No. 18 (June 2016). There are all available online. A new feature of the newsletter is the Metaphor Column. Tina encourages everyone to contribute to the newsletter.

6.   Election results

Elections were held for the posts of Treasurer, Conference secretary, Postgraduate liaison, Newsletter editor, Web editor, and two Ordinary members.

The 2016 elections were electronic only, closing at midnight on July 2. All RaAM members were sent a link to the election page. An email reminder was sent out to all members on July 1. 64 RaAM members cast their vote (cp. 47 valid votes in 2014).

The results were as follows:

Treasurer: Alice Deignan re-elected (3 years) Univ of Leeds

Conference secretary: Lettie Dorst re-elected (3 years) Univ of Leiden

Newsletter editor: Tina Krennmayr re-elected (3 years) Vrije Univ

Web editor: Gudrun Reijnierse re-elected (3 years) Univ of Amsterdam

Postgraduate liaison: David O'Reilly re-elected (2 years) Univ of York

Two Ordinary members (2 years each):

Albert Katz re-elected with 48 votes Univ of Western Ontario

Allison Creed elected with 42 votes, Univ of Souther Queenslad

Marianna Bolognesi not elected, with 38 votes Univ of Amsterdam

7.   Event updates and notifications
        a.   RaAM 2017 seminar at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, Denmark. This event will be held from 17-19 May 2017. Theme: Ecological cognition and metaphor
        b.   RaAM12 conference at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong. The dates of this event are not yet confirmed, although it will be held in June.
        c.   RaAM-endorsed event: "Metaphor Festival" (Amsterdam, Netherlands), 31 August-03 September 2016). Marianne Bolognesi informed the members about the festival.
        d.   RaAM-endorsed event: "Metaphor as means of knowledge communication" (Perm, Russia), 10-14 October 2016

Please see the RaAM website for further information.

8.   Any other business

The Early Career Prize, PhD prize and Poster prize were annouced at closing statement of the conference.

The Early Career Research Paper Prize was awarded to Dr. Weiwei Zhang, for her paper Zhang, W., D. Geeraerts & D. Speelman (2015) Visualizing onomasiological change: Diachronic variation in metonymic patterns for WOMAN in Chinese. *Cognitive*

Linguistics 26:2, 289–330. The winner was chosen by a jury comprising Gill Philip (co-ordinator), Albert Katz, and Marc Alexander. This prize was sponsored by RaAM.

The PhD Presentation Prize was won by Mateo Fuoli for his work analyzing the pictorial and multimodal metaphors used by by participants in the 'Behind the logo' rebranding competition launched online by Greenpeace in the afterrmath of BP's Gulf of Mexico oil spill of 2010. This prize was sponsored by De Gruyter in the form of a EUR 300 book voucher.

The RaAM Poster Prize was won by Charlotte Hommerberg and Anna Gustafsson for their poster entitled "Metaphors in palliative cancer care (MEPAC)". This prize was sponsored by John Benjamins.

By order of the Executive Committee of RaAM

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Secretary

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