

13th Annual General Meeting

was held at 2pm on 28 June 2018 in Room TU201 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

The following business was transacted:

AGENDA

1. Welcome

There were 43 RaAM members plus 7 board members.

2. Apologies for absence

Ordinary member Albert Katz and Newsletter editor Tina Krennmayr were not present.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM12)

See the RaAM website for the previous minutes.

4. Annual Report, Officer Reports and accounts 2017-18

- a. The Chair (Andreas Musolff)
- b. The Treasurer (Alice Deignan)

The UK tax year is the financial period (April 5-April 4th). A UK charity. The only source of income is memberships. This year £3000 in bursaries, website hosting, insurance. We made a small profit of £242, although the aim is not to make a profit.

As of 04 April 2018, RaAM had 108 members. Around 50 people have joined because of the conference. There are number of membership benefits, including a reduced subscription to "Metaphor and the Social World"

- c. The Web Editor (Gudrun Reijnierse)

The number of visitors to the website is stable, They stay longer than before.

An overview of recent additions to the website:

- Published newsletter no. 20, and 21
- Updated RaAM endorsed events page
- Updated information about Hong Kong conference
- Made back-up of information about Odense seminar
- Prepared 2018 EC Elections. Third or fourth time the elections have been run online.

The post-conference survey will be put online. All attendees are encouraged to fill out the survey.

d. **The Conference Secretary (Lettie Dorst)**

A brief look behindus

- Seminar in Odense, Denmark: 56 submissions; final programme 30 papers
- 3 plenaries: Raymond W. Gibbs Jr., Ágnes Szokolzsky and Jordan Zlatan
- 4 presentations in pre-conference workshop “Enacting Metaphor in Everyday Life” (24 attendees)
- RaAM-sponsored PhD event (smørrebrød) and seminar dinner

2018: Hong Kong

- Approx. 200 participants from 40 countries/regions, 90 from Asia
- 4 plenary speakers, 4 workshops, 110 papers, 8 posters, 5 colloquia
- 14 applications for bursaries: 8 funded by RaAM + 3 fee waivers offered by LOC
- Sponsoring of a PhD event (dance!) with GBP 400
- PhD presentation prize sponsored by Benjamins
- Social programme: opening reception (sponsored by Benjamins), conference dinner, PhD party, post-conference trip

e. **The Postgraduate Liaison & Development Officer (David O’Reilly)**

A special welcome to all students. David informed us about the PhD party.

There is a RaAM Facebook group: calls for papers, positins advertised, events.

Metaphor Column. If you would like to be interviewed or interview, then get in touch with the new post-graduat liaison.

f. **Newsletter Editor (Gudrun Reijniere for Tina Krennmayr)**

The newlsetters are available on the website. There will be a new newsletter in the fall of 2018. Everyone can contribute at any time. There are more and more views—a good way of telling the RaAM community what you are doing. The Metaphor column.

Everyone who received a bursary should send us a report.

5. **Event updates and notifications**

a. **RaAM-endorsed events**

Metaphor Festival ‘18: University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), 30 August – 1 September 2018,

3rd workshop on "**Metaphors in Englishes around the world**" at Alpen-Adria University, Klagenfurt (Austria): 20 – 21 September, 2018.

V. International Conference on **Metaphor and Discourse**, Castelló de la Plana (Spain), 8-9 November 2018

The Body Politic Metaphor in Discourses, Past and Present, University of Otago (New Zealand), 11-12 October 2019

- b. RaAM7 specialised seminar in 2019 will be held at the University of Liege, Belgium, 16 - 17 May 2019.

Julian Perrez spoke about the seminar:

« **Metaphor Studies at the Intersection of Multiple Disciplines** »

- *Université of Liège*, Belgium, May 2019
- Focus on the **interdisciplinary** nature of metaphor studies
 - Variety of **disciplines**
 - Philosophy, psychology, social sciences, communication studies, health care, political science, education, second language pedagogy, translation studies,...
 - Variety of **methods**
 - Identification methods (MIP, MIPVU,...)
 - Experimental methods (processing, perception,...)
 - **Cross-fertilization** potential?
 - Added value for these disciplines? For metaphor studies?
- Format
 - 2 days
 - 3 plenary talks (speakers to be confirmed)
 - 3 methodological workshops
 - Parallel sessions (talks of 20')

- c. RaAM13 conference in 2020 will be held at Inland University of Applied Sciences, Norway, 18-21 June 2020.

Susan Nacey spoke about the conference. The theme will be “Metaphorical creativity in a multilingual world”.

6. 2018 Elections

- a. Chair. Kathleen Ahrens was elected.
- b. Secretary. Gill Philip was elected.
- c. Postgraduate liaison. Jevkatarina Sumanova was elected.
- d. 2 Ordinary members. David O’Reilly and Marianna Bolognesi was elected.

7. Any other business

RaAM member Elena Semino stated her support for the idea of having annual conferences, as the distinction between seminars and conferences was disappearing.

Andreas Musolff was thanked for his service as Chair.

By order of the Executive Committee of RaAM

Susan Nacey, Secretary

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