

Minutes of the (3rd) EASA Media Anthropology Network Meeting
during 10th biennial EASA conference
August 27, 2008, 20.00-21.00
University of Ljubljana, Kongresny trg 12, Ivan Hribar Room

[notes and transcription by Anna Horolets]

Meeting was numerously attended mainly by new people (e-mails collected), although several long term members were also present.

Phillipp Budka circulated the plan of the meeting and proceeded according to it, by presenting the following points:

- 1) new network coordinator Sigurjon Hafsteinsson;
- 2) numbers of members;
- 3) working papers record
 - upcoming working papers
 - e-seminars as teaching tool for classes
 - professionalisation of working papers format etc.

With regard to the latter point a brief discussion took place:

- suggestion of setting rules of submission (formal outlook of the paper, number of words etc.) which will minimize editing efforts;
- quick mode of discussion is a value in itself; formalness can harness it to the detriment of the e-seminars quality; easiness of getting into a discussion is a value. It as been decided to transfer the discussion on the professionalisation of working papers/e-seminars to the mailing list.

4) annotated bibliography presentation and call for contributions (Anna Horolets);

5) new internet site; the reasons underlying introducing new CMS: possibility of co-editing the site by activists and self-editing (e.g. of profiles) by members; explanation how system works;

6) use of the site/listserv for syllabi exchange/development;

7) biographies of the participants [NB: in the course of this EASA the question of personal directory has been raised there will be an effort of creating all-EASA self-editing searchable personal directory];

8) call for developing wiki article on Media Anthropology (started by Daniel Taghioff);

9) the need of logo and the change of layout;

- 10) formal status of EASA network members; issues of membership in odd years; linked to biographic profiles: can non-EASA members be placed to bio-profiles directory of the network [considering network will have its own and not all-EASA directory]; suggestion to keep non-members bio out of site; Dorle Drackle has underlined the need to persuade mailing list members to become EASA members when possible; EASA needs new members for financial reasons (membership fees);
- 11) multilingual site prospects;
- 12) Summers School prospects (John Postill and Faye Ginsburg).

It was decided to continue discussion on all these questions via mailing list.