**Agenda for General assembly 2017 for member institutions of Nordic Network for Research in Music Education**

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**Agenda**

1. Items about network activities
   1. Venue of next conference:
      1. 2018: Germany?? Oslo??

Jens Knigge has reported to be interested in hosting the conference in Lübeck 2018. Øivind will contact him and Cecilia will continue the discussions. If Germany will not be the place, the conference will be hosted by NMH week 10 2018.

* + 1. 2019: Copenhagen?? If the conference will be hold in Germany 2018, Oslo can host the conference in 2019. Otherwise Copenhagen will be asked again.
  1. Date for next conference. If Germany, it will be discussed. If Oslo; week 10.
  2. Theme of next conference? Suggestion: Methodological encounters in connection – multi-, trans-, and interdisciplinary research.
  3. Costs? The Academy “HSM” supported technical and administrative staff and rooms. The fee about 200€ covered the rest.
  4. Call for papers for the 2018 conference will be in the middle of November. Cecilia will upgrade the CfP-form. Round table discussion will be a new format tried out 2018.

1. Elections.

A new chair for 2017-2019 should was suggested and voted for. Cecilia Ferm Almqvist was chosen for the period.

1. Nordic Yearbook of Research in Music Education.
   1. Yearbook 18? Plan to be ready in the autumn. The journal is published virtually at the same time as it is printed.
   2. Yearbook 19? Deadline? 1st of September.
   3. The keynote speakers should be invited to publish in the yearbook. Could the articles be available electronically a year after original publication date? Should a professional publisher be engaged? What kind of journal do we want? Level, etc? Educational purposes? The editor group discus these issues further and report back at the meeting 2018.
   4. Discussion about open access. How to finance? Somebody to keep the website and so on. Grants? The journal should be more professional handled. Now the institutions have promised to buy an amount of copies. May be one solution is to use a publisher. A question of language? Could a publisher be interested if it were in English. Should it be a solution to choose one of the big ones? Level 1 or level 2. Open access. The questions were given to the editor group to discuss further.
   5. The editorial group is asked to investigate the possibilities for Open Access. Also the people running such ones. Even issues regarding the goal and aim for the yearbook, including the language were to be discussed in the edotor group.
   6. Old books as pdf-files? There is a plan.

1. Any other business?

Abstracts availability? All abstracts are published on the webpage despite the pre-conference ones. Monica send the abstracts to Ketil who makes them available at the webpage.

Commenting and 4000 words papers!? In other conferences abstracts are shorter, and maximum 4000 are too much. Comments to senior research is that necessary? The meeting decided that abstracts should be between 500 and 1000 words. Still there will be possibilities to develop the abstract to a short paper, not more than 4000 words including references. We will continue the tradition of having commentators to all presentations despite Completed PhDs.

The format instructions should be written out more clearly in the CfP. Cecilia takes care of that.

New discussion forms? How could we encourage more interaction? How can we develop? New forms in addition to Round Table will be elaborated upon for the conference 2019.

Stavanger was accepted as a member of the network member. Cecilia will inform Torill Vist.

This year the conference might have accepted too many papers, and included too many symposia. The conference could be extended with one day, and the demands for acceptations could be thought through once more. Cecilia will discuss that with the steering group.

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