

5th MASN Coordination Meeting

Vienna, 23rd and 24th of October 2010

MINUTES

Attended:

MASN Vienna: Alexandra, Anna H., Anna K., Gregor, Maia and Sabine.

MASN Croatia: Ana and Lada.

MASN Ireland: Amélie, Helen and Shannon.

Vienna, Saturday 23rd of October 2010

[1st Day]

11 o'clock am

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology (4th floor)

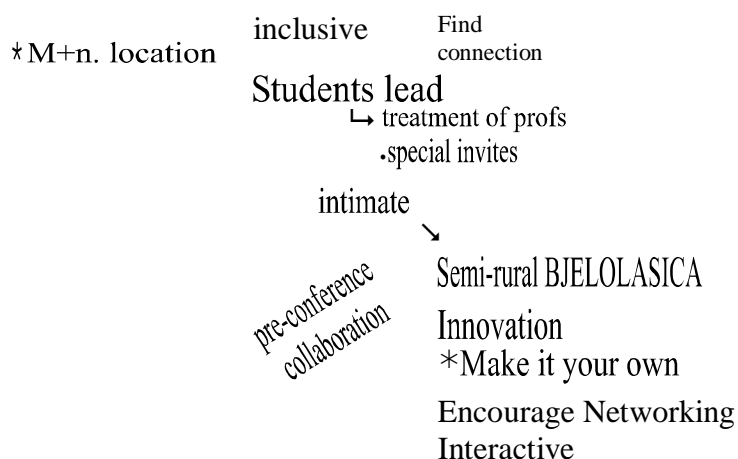
Universitaetsstrasse 7, 1010 Vienna

introduction round among participants with accounts about their departments

previously collected points

- funding (sources that MASN Croatia hasn't thought of, e.g. some international funds)
- theme (ideas for developing the theme, is it suitable for presenting fieldwork-type papers?)
- place (is MASN still in favor of half-remote areas?)
- drafts (suggestions on how to write a good project proposal that will help to get some funding)
- ideas for alternative program (workshops, non-standard program, fun activities...)
- letters of support
- MASN journal?
- contact collection of anthropological institutions and students of anthropology

9th MASN Conference Visions



Overview

- General MASN Structure
- Conference Structure
- Theme
- Funding

MASN Croatia – 9th MASN Conference

- Suggestion board
 - *Post Modernism? → suggestions From network
 - encourage participants to use new forms and ways of sharing knowledge
- Country context
 - ↳ trips
 - session on MASN as a post modern network
- Introduction Round among participants Ice Breaker
 - Mistakes in Anthropology
 - Open sessions / Freedom of mvmt.
 - bar camp
 - free session
 - *Post Modernism crisis of representation what is coming out of all doubts?

€12 000
✓
total €1000?→

Fees in advance?

Banks
charge:
40/80?

Fees=5 000?

Transport Co.

I.I.A.

Funding

Departments &
Institutes

MASN Ireland
↳ €1 500?

Tourist board

E.U. – Dead line?
^info center

Embassies

Local businesses

City/Region

Friendship agreement
between countries
French/German office

€7 000 ← to raise

↖
everything for 3 days

*Free website? → Personal

*Tell people to check locally
for travel funding

Dinner

18:30 o'clock

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Liechtensteinstrasse 10, 1090 Vienna

Vienna, Sunday 24th of October 2010

[2nd Day]

10:30 o'clock am

Breakfast at Tunnel

Florianigasse 39, 1080 Vienna

To be discussed:

1. **website**
2. **contacts list**
3. **travelling conference**
4. **local coordination**

1. website:

There is a real administration problem. We need new administrators: let's make a call for webmasters. Ana Petric (Croatia) volunteered to do the task of the webmaster. We need to get the passwords from Thomas or Yannik at least. Maia tried to call Thomas: without answer, but we should try again until we'll get the passwords at least. [Done on Monday 25th of October 2010]

When the webmaster problem will be solved, we'll have to edit on the homepage a text to introduce MASN, because at the moment, people cannot find any very useful information on the website.

After the call for administrators, a meeting has to be organized with the people concerned by the website in order to solve this issue for good, because most of the people involved in this coordination meeting don't have the skills to solve IT-problems.

A booklet with all the useful information about the IT-part of MASN should be done in order to make sure that anyone who would like to get involved in this will easily find all the information one needs (passwords etc...).

2. contacts list

We eventually decided that every one of us will have to establish a mailing list that will be posted as a link on the webpage. This list will serve to diffuse the calls for papers for example.

It seems that the website as it is at the moment missed the point of providing people with useful information contacts and references about the topics or areas that interest them. We should (after the IT problems solved) establish a category that would be more stable than the forum to do this.

3. travelling conference

Gregor came up with a new original idea for conference format: a moving conference where people will spend one day in one city and then move to another city during the night where the next part of

the conference will be hold and so on for a few days. In this context, topics concerning transportation, urban anthropology and movement could be approached.

This type of format could easily find sponsorship with the EU, the railways companies and the cities visited.

This conference would require some time to be organised and won't be taking place before winter 2011. But we also thought that it will be nice to organise this type of travelling conference during the summer. To be discussed in details.

Same way, we briefly thought that it would be easier to make the conference passes by the cities where a MASN group already exists, but this idea wasn't approved by all of us.

This type of conference could be a good means to bring the conference to places where the local MASN group would like organize it but doesn't have the resources to do it. The slogan could be something like “we bring the conference to you!!!”

4. local coordination

The concern of keeping MASN alive outside conferences is one of importance. Discussing about MASN Ireland, it appears that all activities stopped after the conference was over. However, a student life still exists among the students in anthropology, with the undergraduate association of anthropology, which is a good thing. But the problem is now: how to keep MASN alive? How do we get people involved, especially the newcomers, and how could we make sure that the information about the existence of MASN will be diffused?

We suggested setting up a MASN-day, that will be hold on the same day by all the local groups. The idea is to inform about MASN, to advertise about the forthcoming events and conferences, to show the pictures of the last conferences etc. ...

Concentrating all the information efforts on one day would also be more motivating for the local group.

March is a good period of year, because the second semester has started in most of the universities, who are currently connected with MASN activities. We suggested March 21st, day of spring.

Helen posted a message on the forum to discuss about this idea and get some feedbacks from the people.

Amélie and Lada are responsible for gathering all the presentations that have been done so far in the different local groups. A slide show of the pictures of the former conferences will have to be done and spread to all the groups. Shannon suggested composing a MASN anthem.

TO DO LIST

- Harassing Thomas and Yannik until we get at least the access codes for the webmaster. Those codes will have to be transmitted to Ana Petric.
- IT-booklet: who can do this?
- Call for administrators: who will do it?
- Organising an IT-meeting: who's in charge of this?
- Everyone has to add mailing lists as links on the webpage
- Travelling conference: to be continued, maybe a post should be open on the forum on this topic.
- MASN day: spread out the idea and gather material to produce some documents (virtual and on paper) to be diffused.
- MASN anthem: who want to do this?
- Anything else?
- ...



see you at the next MASN Conference in Croatia, keep on moving...