

# Minutes of SPARC WA Meeting

Wednesday, 29 August 2012  
1.30-4:00 pm, EH Room 4.078  
Murdoch University

## In attendance:

Josko Petkovic	SPARC-WA coordinator
Linda Butcher	SPARC Project Manager
Mick Broderick	NASS, Murdoch
Sharon Delmage	MCC, Murdoch
John Freeman	Curtin University, Drama
John McMullan	NASS, Murdoch
Martin Mhando	NASS, Murdoch
Ken Miller	Curtin University, Screen
Tom O'Regan	Visiting scholar, University of Queensland
Jenny de Reuck	NASS, Murdoch
Audrey Satar	Public Art, Education, Murdoch
Chris Smyth	Dean, School of Media Communication and Culture
Keyan Tomaselli	Visiting scholar, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Durban
Howard Worth	Curtin University, Coordinator Screen Program
Linda Blagg	Curtin Uni. Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Institute

## Apologies:

George Karpathakis	ECU
Ken Kelso	Murdoch
Melissa Langdon	Notre Dame
Ingle Knight	NASS, Murdoch
Andrew Turk	NASS, Murdoch

## AGENDA

- 1:30 WA State Coordinator Report (Josko)
- SPARC Overview
  - Previous brainstorming of SPARC-WA Colloquium ideas including update on the NASS SPARC exemplar
  - SPARC national and international context
- 2:00 Discussion
- 3:30 Decision on expending seeding funds (\$4000) and future collaboration project planning at (i) state level (ii) national level (iii) international level.
- 4:00 End

## 1. **SPARC WA Coordinator's Report (Josko)**

Previous SPARC brainstorming sessions (state and national) were summarized. About 20 WA SPARC project ideas were identified as possible collaborative grant applications. Many of these were located in countries on the Indian Ocean rim and associated with NASS Research Centre activities, Murdoch's Asian Research Centre as well Curtin University research activities. It was also noted that:

- Zanzibar International Film Festival can be an important springboard for developing Indian Ocean collaboration especially as its director A/Prof. Martin Mhando is a NASS Research Fellow.
- Indian Ocean research activities in WA will dovetail well with the Asia-Pacific Awards activities in Queensland and the international (script-related) networks emanating from NSW.
- Research focus on the Indian Ocean will dovetail well with the existing Murdoch's Asia-Research Centre activities and the proposed ARC-McGill University research activities.
- ASPERA may be able to complement some of these developments through its ECR grants initiative.

After a short discussion the following resolutions were accepted:

RESOLUTION 1: \$2,000 of WA SPARC seeding funds to be expended on the creation of the WA SPARC-Indian Ocean platform at the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF). A likely outcome will be a SPARC panel at the Conference dealing with research and education and associated with ZIFF. The Conference panel will give SPARC-Indian Ocean an opportunity to announce its existence and to formally invite other Indian Ocean institutions to join it. A/Professor Martin Mhando to decide on the best way to achieve this end in consultation with WA SPARC members.

RESOLUTION 2: \$2000 of WA SPARC seeding funds to be expended on an OLT grant application that should ideally include all WA campuses and that will deal with international collaboration. A/Prof Jenny de Reuck, Dr Ken Miller and A/Prof John Freeman and Linda Butcher to consult with other two campuses on development of this application.

The above two resolution are to be put to the national SPARC committee for ratification by all state coordinators.

The meeting ended at 4:00 pm.