

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 12:00 pm UK

Present: Mario Biggeri, Andrew Crabtree, Judy Favish, Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Sophie Mitra, Zina Nimeh, Sammia Poveda, Sridhar Venkatapuram (until 1:10 pm UK), Melanie Walker

Chair: Ravi Kanbur

1. 2017 EC Election Results

- a. 28% of members voted. Candidates elected: President – Ingrid Robeyns; Vice-president – Serene Khader; Journal Editor – Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti; Conference Officer – Veronica Crosbie; Officer at Large – Lori Keleher.

2. 2017 Conference Update

- a. Submissions received: 260 academic papers, 31 Thematic Group panels, 3 roundtable submissions, 29 young scholar/senior scholar submissions, 6 author meets critics, and 12 posters.
- b. Westin Hotel has been selected as the new venue. Information will be made available on the conference website.
- c. A list of people requesting scholarships will be prepared by mid-May.

3. 2017 Summer School

- a. Dates were shifted to Sun. 3 -Mon. 4. Will be limited to 36 students. Various low-cost accommodation options are available.
- b. A subsidy of \$2400 from HDCA to help with summer school costs and lower registration fees was approved.

4. 2018 Conference Update

- a. Zina is working with the Buenos Aires organizers on potential appointees to the Program Committee.

5. Conference Officer position

- a. Suggestion for future Conference Officers is to make sure there is someone on the conference Program Committee who has experience with a prior conference.

6. Institutional Memberships

- a. Andrew and Sridhar sent exploratory emails to HDCA members in different parts of the world to ask their reactions to institutional memberships. Institutions could include university, department, NGO, UNDP, etc. The goal is to increase the number of institutional members, and revenues for HDCA.

- b. The EC welcomes the initiative, and a specific proposal including fees and benefits will be subsequently submitted to the EC for approval.

7. JHDC digital-only subscriptions

- a. Proposal to encourage members to take digital-only subscriptions in order to save on shipping costs. As a default, members will have access to articles online, and can 'opt-in' if they also want to receive print copies. All were in favor.

8. Thematic Group Matters

- a. Request for funding of \$500 for TG dinner at the conference was approved.
- b. Request for funding of a TG pre-conference event was not approved.
- c. Sophie will make edits to current TG guidelines, including ways to promote diversity within leadership. Revised guidelines will be presented for approval at next EC meeting.
- d. Sammia will lead a discussion at the next meeting about promoting diversity on the EC.

9. AOB

- a. UNDP/HDRO has committed to continued funding for the Ul Haq lecture for the next two years.

10. Next meeting

- a. June – Kathy will send Doodle poll

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum, HDCA Administrator