**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 2016**

**12 pm UK**

**Present:** Severine Deneulin, Caroline Hart, Hiro Kuribayashi, Barbara Ky, Sophie Mitra, Zina Nimeh, Henry Richardson, Graciela Tonon, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Melanie Walker, Gareth Wall

**Chair:** Henry Richardson

1. **Treasurer’s report**
   1. There was a meeting last week with First Republic. Investment accounts have not yet been invested, but investments will start soon (pending outcome of UK referendum.)
   2. Nussbaum lecture funding for 2017. Commitment of $2000 from HDCA general fund was approved.
2. **Executive Council and Fellows election reports**
   1. Fellows Nominating Committee: Jay, Frances, and Melanie. Five people were elected as Fellows: Mozaffar Qizilbash, Elaine Unterhalter, Sabina Alkire, Enrica Chiaperro-Martinetti, John Hammock.
   2. The terms of most elected Fellows were renewed; a few terms expired.
   3. Executive Council nominating period was extended. EC election results: Graciela- Secretary; Mario Biggeri – Officer at Large; Sammia Christina Poveda Villalba– Information Officer.
   4. Self-nominations: unless there are objections, we will continue to accept them. There were no objections.
3. **Conference manual – feedback on final draft**
   1. Consensus that abstracts should be between 500-1000 words.
   2. It’s important to match up well reviewers to papers based on reviewers’ expertise.
   3. Kuklys prize – needs to be included in ConfTools.
   4. Number of plenaries – should say HDCA determines 3 of 6.
   5. Program committee – 8 total is a good number.
   6. This manual will be made available to hosts, but not to others – it’s a proprietary document.
4. **2016 Conference update**
   1. Young scholar sessions – need at least one senior scholar who can respond to the presentation.
   2. It’s useful to have free rooms available on pre-conference day for use by members.
   3. Poster sessions –posters will be displayed for the entire conference..
   4. Plenary lectures – could open them to the public if there’s enough room to accommodate. Or could livestream from another room.
5. **Summer school**
   1. Spots were oversubscribed within a week of registration; the waiting list, with 13 people, is also closed. Would like to increase subsidy from HDCA to accommodate all on the waiting list.
   2. Program and logistics are proceeding well.
6. **2017 Conference update**
   1. Proposed Program Committee: South Africa- Murray Leibrandt (University of Cape Town), Melanie Walker (University of the Free State), Viv Bozalek (University of the Western Cape), Crain Soudien (Director Human Sciences Research Council, Cape Town); HDCA - Ravi Kanbur, Zina Nimeh, Julian Culp, Ingrid Robeyns. The appointment of proposed members was approved unanimously.
   2. Proposed dates for HDCA conference are 6-8 September. The dates are approved.
   3. Discussions of keynotes have begun – want speakers who have connection to Africa and/or global south.
7. **Maitreyee update**
   1. Human Rights issue in the pipeline – guest editors: Areli Valencia and Stacy Kosko. Target date is end of 2016/early 2017. Proposal for issue on Longevity and Capabilities.
8. **Report on Thematic Groups**
   1. Request to close the Faith & Religion thematic group. It’s been inactive for some time, and no one in a position to revitalize it. In the future the TG could be revived if there is interest. All approved the closing of the TG.
   2. Quantitative Research Methods group has 3 new coordinators: Graciela Tonon, Mihail Peleah and Elisabetta Aurino.
   3. Health & Disability group – there will be an election to choose 3 new coordinators from among 6 candidates.
9. **AOB**
   1. None
10. **Next meeting**
    1. August 31 at the conference in Tokyo