

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017, 12 pm UK

Present: Mario Biggeri, Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Andrew Crabtree, Veronica Crosbie, Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Lori Keleher, Serene Khader, Ann Mitchell, Sophie Mitra, Sammia Poveda, Ingrid Robeyns, Graciela Tonon, Sridhar Venkatapuram

Chair: Ravi Kanbur

1. 2017 Conference Feedback/Report Highlights

- a. Thanks to Judy for sending a detailed report – very helpful for subsequent conference organizers.
- b. 209 accepted proposals, with 45% rejection rate. Full papers- 275 submitted, 51% rejected.
- c. Issues:
 - i. – at what level should papers be accepted.
 - ii. – finding qualified reviewers
 - iii. – for panels, only the coordinator is registered on ConfTools
- d. Suggestions:
 - i. – do not use ConfTools to create the program
 - ii. - individual authors on panels should each submit their own paper, as long as they can be identified as a panel member.
 - iii. – solicit JHDC reviewers to help with review of abstracts.
- e. Overall feedback from participants – most was very good.
- f. Critiques: 4 presentations in one session were too many.
- g. Summer school report was good. Came in under budget.
- h. Feedback from one particular conference participant – not enough representation from African speakers nor focus on African context. Disappointment at level of pre-conference events.

2. 2018 HDCA conference update/Call for Papers

- a. Making good progress on organization.
- b. Two documents to be approved by EC: 1. List of keynote speakers. Two goals – include Latin American speakers on themes of urbanization, cover diverse disciplines. 2. Call for Papers. Including same types of sessions as 2017, and registration fees are the same as 2017.
- c. Other than finalizing speakers, the Cfp has EC approval. EC members are welcome to send additional thoughts on speakers to Ann.

3. Funding and processes for named conference lectures

- a. Proposed changes to the Book of Regulations (BoR) regarding the Nussbaum Lecture and selection of named speakers attempts to align

BoR with current practice. Approved unanimously (with correction of typos.)

- b. Sen Lecture funding: proposal to use \$2000 of money provided by T&F for conference expenses. Approved unanimously.
- c. Ul Haq Lecture funding: verbal commitment from HDRO to provide \$8000 each year for 2019 and 2020. Request to approve, conditional on receiving the contract from UNDP. Approved unanimously.

4. Background on Nussbaum fund

- a. (Not discussed)

5. 2019/2020 conference host applications

- a. One proposal received for 2019, but deadline extensions were granted to two other applicants. One proposal received for 2020. Discussion/decisions will take place at the January EC meeting.

6. Finance Committee appointments

- a. Proposal: renew Randy Spence for a second term and appoint Henry Richardson. Approved unanimously.

7. AOB

- a. An update from the Strategic Planning Committee and committee to consider outside partnerships was deferred to the January meeting.
- b. Taylor & Francis contract negotiation update. We're getting close to a final version of the renewal contract for the Journal, which needs to be in place prior to Jan. 1, 2018.
- c. Website upgrade update. Discussion deferred to January meeting

8. Next meeting

- a. January, 2018

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Rosenblum