

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2015

Present: Severine Deneulin, Barbara Ky, Caroline Hart, Hiro Kuribayashi, Zina Nimeh, Henry Richardson, Sophie Mitra, Graciela Tonon, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Melanie Walker, Gareth Wall, Randy Spence (through agenda item #1)

Chair: Henry Richardson

1. Investment Proposal

- a. Gareth and Randy Spence (HDCA Finance Committee member) presented an investment proposal prepared by First Republic Bank to invest HDCA cash reserves and the Nussbaum Lecture Fund. There will be an emphasis on selecting socially responsible funds. There was unanimous agreement in favor of the investment proposal.

2. 2016 Conference Call for Papers

- a. There were comments offered on the text of the 2016 Call for Papers (CfP.) The Tokyo organizers will revise the CfP according to the changes suggested and distribute a final version before the end of the year.

3. 2017 Conference Host Bids

- a. The HDCA received three bids to host the 2017 conference, from: 1. University of Cape Town, South Africa; 2. Massey University, New Zealand; 3. Dhaka School of Economics, Bangladesh. All were strong bids, supported by active HDCA members. South Africa was selected by majority vote, based on the quality of the application and because it will be the first time that the HDCA conference is held on the African continent.

4. Fellows Renewal Recommendations

- a. Melanie prepared letters of invitation to HDCA Fellows to renew their terms. Terms of renewal are 5 years. A second step will be to identify those who should be nominated for election as Fellows. Those recommendations will be presented to the EC at a future meeting.

5. Thematic Group coordinators proposal

- a. Due to time constraints, discussion – was deferred to the next meeting.

6. HDCA Summer School

- a. Sridhar presented a proposal to re-launch the HDCA summer school, starting at the 2016 conference in Tokyo. Sridhar, Caroline and Graciela will take responsibility for organizing the summer school, which will be held 1-2 days in advance of the conference. The summer school will provide an opportunity for graduate students to learn from senior

scholars about the Capability Approach, including theory, measurement, application, and frontier issues in multiple areas of research.

- b. There was unanimous support for the proposal. Sridhar, Caroline and Graciela will continue to work on the details, and coordinate logistics with the Tokyo conference organizers.

7. Maitreyee Survey Proposal

- a. Caroline distributed a proposed survey regarding HDCA members' use of the Maitreyee e-bulletin. The survey will help with the decision about whether to continue to publish Maitreyee, and what topics, focus and format members would be most interested in. It also asks members to comment on other educational resources they would find valuable. There was unanimous support to conduct the survey.

8. AOB

- a. None.

9. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held in January 2016.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum