

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2015 – Washington, DC.

Chair: Henry Richardson

Present: Séverine Deneulin, Reiko Gotoh, Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Hiro Kuribayashi, Barbara Ky, Sophie Mitra, Henry Richardson, , Sridhar Venakatapuram, Melanie Walker

Participating via Skype: Graciela Tonon, Gareth Wall, Zina Nimeh, Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva

Henry welcomed all members to the meeting, with special acknowledgment of the new EC members: Sophie Mitra, Caroline Hart, and Reiko Gotoh.

1. 2017 Conference bids

- a. Preliminary indication of bids to come from Dhaka School of Economics and University of Cape Town. EC members are following up. Applications are due November 1.
- b. A draft conference manual was circulated and EC members were asked to provide feedback.

2. Treasurer and 2016 budget

- a. The Finance Committee has received proposals from two banks regarding investment of cash reserves. Further discussions will take place and a recommendation will be made to the EC at a future meeting.
- b. The 2016 budget was approved unanimously.

3. Maitreyee Update

- a. Maitreyee includes condensed versions of larger articles and is intended to provide a summary of what's going on in a given field. There was discussion of reducing from two issues per year to one.

4. 2015 Conference update

- a. Over 450 participants in attendance - more than 40% from low/mid income countries. Higher amount of scholarships this year.

5. Nussbaum Lecture Fund

- a. Fundraising continues –the goal is \$60,000.

6. HDCA Summer School

- a. Proposal to reinstitute a 2-3 day HDCA summer school to take place just prior to the annual conference, that would include theory, history,

and measurement. A more detailed proposal will be presented at a future meeting.

7. Feedback from General Members Meeting

- a. Excellent feedback about the conference- people are impressed by the organization and quality of speakers.

8. 2016 Conference Update

- a. The 2016 conference in Tokyo was discussed. The theme is still being fine-tuned. Agreement to set an early deadline for submissions of proposals so decisions can be sent as soon as possible.

9. AOB

- a. Barbara working on setting up a francophone network and exploring the possibility of hosting an HDCA conference in Africa.

10. The next EC meeting will be scheduled in late November/early December.