

**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26, 2024**  
**2:00 pm UK**

**Present:** Jay Drydyk, Petya Ilieva-Trichkova, Roni Kay O'Dell, Melis Cin, Oliver Mutanga, Jack Simpson, Nozomi Sakata, Meera Tiwari, Arunima Mukherjee, Paul Anand, Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Carlos Garzon, Giulia Greco, Sandra Boni

**Chair:** Melanie Walker, President

**1. JHDC contract renewal**

- a. The current contract with Taylor & Francis (T&F) to publish the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities expires at the end of 2024. Negotiations have been taking place with T&F since last summer regarding terms of a contract renewal. The new terms being recommended to the EC include an increase in royalty rate; increase in fixed payments; reduction in shipping charges to HDCA for members taking print subscriptions; and several open access (OA) fee waivers each year for authors who don't have access to OA funding. The contract renewal period would be 5 years, with review of financial terms after 3 years.
- b. A motion was made to approve the recommended contract renewal proposal, and the motion was seconded. All voted in favor.

**2. 2024 Conference**

- a. The Call for Papers has been distributed. This year a new conference management system is being used, offered by NomadIT (HDCA's tech support provider.) Their system integrates the functions of ConfTool and Whova so it's not necessary to use two systems.
- b. Visa information is being finalized and posted on the website.
- c. Preconference Day events are in the works – there will be two days of events.
- d. Summer School - venue and dinner is booked and other logistics are under discussion.
- e. Accommodation/hotels – they are working on rate discounts.
- f. In the process of confirming keynote speakers.
- g. There will be some recognition and celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HDCA.

**3. 2025 Conference host proposal**

- a. We have received some additional information to supplement the 2025 conference host application, but more detail will be needed especially with regard to the budget and sponsorships.
- b. The preferred date is end of August.
- c. A motion to accept the host proposal was approved unanimously.

**4. 2026 and 2027 conferences**

- a. With regard to the 2026 call for conference hosts, there was a request for an earlier application deadline, around June instead November, so that a decision can be made earlier with a longer lead-in time to organize. This conference will be held in a hybrid format. All were in favor of the accelerated schedule.
- b. In 2027 we could experiment with an entirely online conference, continue with hybrid format, or try a multi-site conference which would require three hosts. After an exchange of ideas, it was decided to put this on hold for now and pick up discussion at a future meeting.

**5. Changes to TG/RN coordinator election process**

- a. A proposal was put forward to allow the coordinators to hold elections during scheduled meetings of the group to select new coordinators, as long as they announce in advance that the election will take place. It will give more autonomy to TGs and provide more flexibility. They can also put out a call for nominees and hold elections online, which is the current process.
- b. As there were some requests for modifications to the specific wording of the proposal, a final version will be presented at the next meeting.

**6. 2023 Global Dialogue Week survey feedback**

- a. Timing - some people prefer that Global Dialogue not be held so close to the conference. There are differences in opinion, and it will be discussed further with coordinators.
- b. Promotion could be better, especially on social media.
- c. Clarity and purpose need to be well defined. Intent this year was to reflect on the conference.
- d. People liked the international and cross-functional engagement.

**7. AOB–**

- a. We expect to be able to offer ul Haq scholarships again this year. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

**8. Next meeting**

- a. Around mid-March

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum