

Reports of ISA Vice-Presidents EC meeting St Petersburg April 2017

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The Publications Committee meeting in St. Petersburg on 3 April 2017 was a productive one. All but three of the seven ISA Editors were present at the meeting together with 3 EC members. ISA editors present at the meeting shared highlights of their submitted annual reports of the respective publications. SAGE presented the Publisher's Report. All ISA publications continue to do well according to bibliometric and other measures for assessing journals and books, including the new digital and online initiatives. Members agreed that the SAGE report should be more comprehensive and include all ISA publications and not only report on the performance of *Current Sociology* and *International Sociology*. Further efforts to enhance the image of the ISA includes (i) strengthening ISA membership and subscriptions through ISA Publications and (ii) supporting work of Research Committees and National Associations by creating publication opportunities.

The meeting enabled the following important collective decisions:

- The Publications Committee sessions at the ISA World Congress were confirmed. The same template as Vienna would be observed for PC 4 sessions which had been organized by various ISA editors and will involve EC members on the PC.
- The sub-committee that reviewed applications for the Editor, *Current Sociology* presented its report to the PC that unanimously supported the recommendation of the subcommittee, which will now be presented, to the EC for their approval.
- Search for Editor, *Global Dialogue* be formed as Michael Burawoy's editorial term ends in December 2017. The advertisement for this has been posted online.
- The integrated portal that consolidates ISA digital publications should be launched at the soonest to register firmly ISA's presence online.
- Following an in-depth discussion the PC recommended that existing Sociopedia entries be archived in the portal and that Sociopedia in its current form be phased out. *Current Sociology Review* currently publishes select Sociopedia entries. Sage will be approached to allow such articles to move quickly to Open Access status where they will be placed in a separate Sociopedia section of the portal.

The ISA Editors must be appreciated for their hard work and commitment to producing publications of highest intellectual standards. The PC appreciates support from the ISA Secretariat – Lola Busuttil and Izabela Barlinska - and ISA President, Margaret Abraham.

Sari Hanafi, Vice President for National Associations

During the last year, NALC and myself worked on three fronts: finalizing the hosting and re-hosting of the Fourth ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations; contacting national associations and meeting some of them; and finally review of applications for 2017 grants for national sociological associations.

Fourth ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations

Replying to our call for papers they are 41 delegates have confirmed their participation to participants the Fourth ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations (CNA) in Almaty- Kazakhstan. However, with great surprise and dismay, we received an email on January 18, 2017 from Kazakhstani Sociological Association (KSA) requesting specific changes in the draft program of the CNA. After deliberation from the NALC and EC circular vote, we opted for accepting the generous offer of Taiwan to help the conference on 8-11 May 2017.

National Sociological Associations

There are two categories of collective members of the International Sociological Association: regular and affiliated. We have so far 69 associations' members of ISA: 56 in good standing and 13 have not paid their last year(s) fees. I have encouraged national sociological associations to become a member of the international sociological association. I am in contact with Uruguay, Algerian, Tunisian, Qatari, Saudi and Sudanese and hopefully some with have collective or affiliated membership soon.

Here are some new admissions. three as regular: Hellenic Sociological Association membership, the Syrian Association for the Social Sciences and The Association of Sociologists and Demographers of the Republic of Moldova. The University of Algiers 2 (Algeria), the University of Tunis El Manar (Tunisia) and Zayed University of UAE became affiliated members.

Review of Applications for 2017 Grants for National Associations

The NALC unanimously approved the following grants:

| National Association | Grant for website | Grant for regional conference | Total per national association |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Association for Sociology in Flanders | € 0 | € 1,300 | € 1,300 |
| Hungarian Sociological Association | € 380 | | € 380 |
| Philippine Sociological Society | € 380 | | € 380 |
| Polish Sociological Association | € 380 | | € 380 |
| Slovenian Social Science Association | € 380 | € 2,300 | € 2,680 |
| Tanzanian Association of Sociologists | | € 2,300 | € 2,300 |
| Lebanese Association of Sociology | € 380 | € 2,300 | € 2,680 |
| Total | € 1,900 | € 8,200 | € 10,100 |

Benjamin Tejerina, Vice President for Finance and Membership

The number of collective members has increased significantly in the last year as well as the number of individual members that has reached 5,698: 4,109 of category A, 917 of category B, and 672 of category C. The geographical distribution is led by the European Union (32%), followed by East Asia and Pacific (20%) and North America (18%), Latin America and Caribbean (9%), Saharan Africa (4%) and Middle East and North Africa (3%).

In the last 2 years (2014-2016), the order of the regions with the highest membership increase is, in order of numerical importance, USA, East Asia and Pacific, North America, South Asia, Non-EU and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa. The geographical region that experienced a profound decrease is Latin America and Caribbean.

ISA Audited Financial Statement for 2016 shows an important surplus thanks to the successful ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna. In the meeting of the EC in St. Petersburg the proposed 2017 Budget, which does not show any significant differences in relation to the items of the 2016 budget, was approved.