

## **ISPP Governing Council (GC) Meeting**

**January 19-20, 2018**

**Main Building, Vrije University (VU)**

**Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

### **Website Synopsis**

**Journal Report** – A new board is being created for the *Political Psychology* Journal. Sarah Scuzzarello will be resigning at the end of January and is being replaced by Pasko Kusic Merino as Editorial Assistant.

**Membership & Internationalization Committee Update** – The Membership & Internationalization Committee is working on connecting with other organizations as a way to increase visibility and internationalization. A list of organizations to connect to has been compiled. One incentive for connection is providing panels or roundtables for organizations at our conferences. The committee is focusing on contacts in Latin America to maximize the attendance in San Antonio this year.

Ideas were given by GC members to try and increase diversity at the annual conference such as personal invitations for organized symposia by GC members. It was pointed out that Early Career Scholars are a large part of our membership and in order to connect with them, it is recommended that we reach out to leading university departments in the areas where we are hoping to target instead of only contacting established organizations that Early Career Scholars may not be associated with yet. The committee was tasked to come up with a strategic plan for internationalizing to present to the GC at the July 2018 GC meeting.

**Conference Planning Update** – An update was given on the organization of the upcoming 2018 conference. Quite a few invited symposia were unable to attend the conference this year. The invited symposia who could not come this year should be passed along to be considered for next year's conference.

It was pointed out we need more instructions and guidelines for abstract submissions, as short abstracts can often make it difficult to judge quality. New guidelines and instructions will be presented to the GC at the 2018 July GC meeting. There was discussion regarding the creation of a poster award. It was decided that due to a lack of time for discussion a re-evaluation of our awards and the possibility of a poster award should be added to the agenda for the 2018 July GC meeting.

**2020 Venue Selection** – A motion was made and passed to direct Sev to pursue a contract with the Maritim as the 2020 conference venue.

In September 2017 the EC made a decision to have the Berlin conference follow the three-day conference pattern. This was brought up for reconsideration by the GC. A motion was made and passed to have a four-day conference in Berlin.

**2021 Meeting City Selection-** The destination options for the 2021 conference were reviewed. **The 2021 conference will be held in Montreal.** It was noted that we can revisit the existing guidelines for conference sites at the 2018 GC meeting in July.

**Nominating Committee Report/Nominee slate approval** - According to the Constitution, the Nominating Committee is supposed to form their slate and present the GC with the final candidates for approval. The top candidates for each category were disclosed. The Nominating Committee will now contact the final slate members, keeping in mind the guidelines given if certain GC nominees refuse to run. They will need to have the finalized list in early March. It was noted that the Nominating Committee Chairs need to provide guidance to the committee members in regards to not necessarily just voting for the names they recognize, but dig a bit deeper into gaining knowledge about those lesser-known, to maintain diversity.

**Allocations Committee Report and Review/approval 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget-** Melinda Jackson will be coming on as the new Treasurer after the July 2018 GC meeting. The 2018 proposed budget was reviewed. **Decisions:** Any event financially sponsored by ISPP where the majority of participants are from Tier A countries requires that at least 50% of the participants be ISPP members. If the proportion of attendees who are ISPP members is less than 50%, the CO will notify the proposer that s/he or he has 3 weeks to induce additional attendees to join ISPP. If after 3 weeks, the proportion of attendees still falls short of 50%, then the budgeted costs will be reimbursed in proportion to the required (50%) proportion of attendees who are ISPP members, rounding proportions of members to the nearest 5%. The same applies to sponsored events where the majority of attendees are from Tier B and Tier C countries, with the exception that the required proportion of ISPP members be 20%. Various line items to possibly be included in the budget were reviewed and discussed. Votes were taken to include or remove line items from the budget. Any surplus from the previous year's budget is generally added back into the endowment. This year, a vote was held to hold a certain amount back from the surplus to cover added costs to the budget. It was noted we are operating on a budget deficit with carryover. Due to this, the Treasurer asked not to vote on any monetary commitments at the 2018 July GC meeting.

**ECC Report** – The ECC has been working on gathering systematic survey data from those who attend ECC events at the ISPP conference. One simple way to do this is to add a question or two to the post-conference survey. We can keep an eye on trends by archiving historical ECC data with the CO. The ECC is now actively updating ISPP's Linked In account as well as Facebook and Twitter. They post weekly and retweet journal announcements and would like to engage with Wiley more in the future. The ECC will be starting monthly posts in mid-February so information on the blog is no longer just news. Tina Keil had to resign her position on the ECC and has been replaced by Sumedh Rao.

**Political Psychologists Under Threat Committee Update/Update on situation in Turkey** – ISPP now has a Political Psychologists Under Threat Committee. Last summer we voted to join Scholars at Risk in the 2018-19 fiscal year. ISPP is sponsoring Masi Noor to go and observe some of the Turkish scholar trials, specifically one of an ISPP member. Dave Redlawsk is considering attending as well.

There was discussion on the best means of supporting scholars at risk, in particular those in Turkey. **A motion was made to continue our efforts to support at-risk scholars by continuing the free one-year membership for Turkish scholars, Turkish scholar's donation fund, as well as the twinning and job matching programs. A new matching funds program by ISPP will be implemented up to \$40,000.00**

**USD through 30 June 2018.** Political Psychologists Under Threat committee is tasked to provide specific clarification of all of ISPP efforts to support scholars at risk at the July 2018 GC meeting.

**The budget was adopted.**

**Editorial Team/Publisher Search Committees**

A committee will be formed to begin the search for a new editorial team due to the current editorial team's term coming to an end. A proposal will hopefully be reviewed at the July 2018 GC meeting.

Additionally, a search committee is needed to begin the process of evaluating our publisher contract and the possibility of a new one.

**GC Restructuring Committee Report/Recommendations** – The magnitude of the changes proposed by this committee would require a rewritten ISPP Constitution, not simply an amendment. The various restructuring proposals were reviewed in blocks. Mock votes were taken to give the Restructuring Committee guidance for their next steps. The Restructuring Committee now has guidance and is able to move forward with creating a new Constitution and By-laws to present at the July 2018 GC meeting. It is substantial work so this may not be completed by that time. It was clarified that after the GC approves this new Constitution and By-laws it will be presented to the membership for a vote.