

## **Governing Council (GC) Meeting June 28-29, 2017**

### **Edinburgh, Scotland**

#### **Website Executive Summary**

##### **June 28**

New wording was proposed and approved to clarify eligibility for both the Sigel & Best Dissertation Award.

The \$5,000 USD cap on the Small Grants has been lifted. Applicants may submit proposals for grants larger than \$5,000 to be considered for approval by the Allocations Committee.

ISPP will begin using a new software system, Events Air, in the fall of 2017. This system is to take the place of both All Academic and Abila. No membership information will be lost, but we do anticipate some adjustment will be necessary to get used to the new system. The 2018 conference registration will be available through the new software.

A new listserv has been created for the Summer Academy (SA) alumni. This listserv will operate as a general means of communication and a place for students to submit working papers for comments and suggestions.

Moving forward the CO will be taking on the responsibilities of the Program Assistant position to try and regulate the conference organizing process. The CO will also be responsible to create a block schedule for the Program Chairs each year that outlines the number of rooms available for sessions which will determine the number of acceptances they will be able to accommodate at the conference.

The GC is planning to meet in Amsterdam on 19-20 January 2018 with a publisher's strategy meeting a day before on January 18. Currently we have not had a confirmation from Wiley on the date of the publisher's meeting. The proposed location is VU (Vrije University).

Due to a lack of venue options the decision on the venue for the Berlin Conference in 2020 has been delayed until the January 2018 GC meeting where more options will be provided. The decision on the 2021 Conference destination has also been delayed until the January 2018 GC meeting.

A new membership and conference registration pricing structure has been proposed. The proposal is to have a single pricing model that places the fees on a sliding scale based on income. Currently we have our membership fees on a sliding scale based on income and our conference registration fees on a three-tier model based on the country of residence/study/work. Since we are switching to a new software program in the coming months, this would be an ideal time to revise and input the pricing model. This would help to regulate the conference prices and keep the price range more similar each year. The conference prices for this new pricing structure has been approved. The membership prices will need to be adjusted and approved by the Executive Committee before the next GC meeting.

A new communication strategy has been designed by the Communications Committee. The new strategy includes sending out regular email updates to our members, the format of these emails would be more like a newsletter such as ISPPNews; the ECC blog will be changed to the ISPP blog; and the current website will be cleaned up to include fewer menu tabs by moving around webpages.

The ECC report was given virtually. In the past, ECC members were eligible to apply for the ECC Travel Award but this is considered a conflict of interest since ECC members are the ones who review the Travel Award applications. It was decided a joint committee will be formed between the ECC and the GC to review all the Travel Award applications each year. The ECC members applying for the award will not be able to be a part of the joint committee. The joint committee would be made up of around nine members of the ECC, depending on how many ECC members apply, and two or more GC members. The Travel Award can only be won once by any individual. The ECC is excited about the new Mentorship Program that is being implemented this year. There were a number of individuals on the GC who expressed interest in joining as mentors. In order to eliminate the need to find a number of volunteer mentors ahead of time who may or may not be needed, it was suggested that the mentees specify who they would like as a mentor when signing up for the program. A suggestion would be to add a question to the mentoring program survey online that asks mentees who they would prefer as a mentor.

### **June 29**

Melinda Jackson was nominated and approved to be the incoming Treasurer for ISPP. This term will begin following the July 2018 Conference and will last for five years.

The conference format for the 2019 Conference in Lisbon has been changed to be a four day conference. This is to accommodate the growing attendance at our European conferences and provide more flexibility in the conference schedule.

ISPP will be offering an option to opt out of the printed program for next year's conference.