

AC-GA 5/7/2009

IAPSS Chairperson, Alejandro Delmar, Open the General Assembly and invites the General Assembly Chairpersonship and Staff.

1) Presentation / acceptance of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary General, GA Staff

Chairperson GA : Eveline Huegli

Vice Chairperson GA : Natasa Zebovec

Secretary General GA : Alen Toplišek

2) Acceptance of Agenda for the GA 2009

- **S PIL : Request for 60 min Preliminary Annual Report presentation**

Friday May 8th : 13.30 – 14.30

(Extension of time for 60 min)

14 in favor

3 against

- **S PIL : Extension of time for candidates' for Premium Association Member**

10 minutes ≤ 15 minutes

11 in favor

3 against

- **Machiavelli : Extension of time for Final Financial Report**

15 minutes ≤ 30 minutes

10 in favor

4 against

- **Voting on the agenda of General Assembly 2009**

14 in favor

- **READING OUT OF VISION, MISSION AND VALUES of IAPSS (In Internal Regulations)**

3) Approval minutes GA 2008 / Approval minutes e-GA 2008

- **Voting on the minutes GA 2008 Thessaloniki and**

14 in favor

- Voting on the minutes of Electronic GA 2008

14 in favor

4) Presentation of New Association members and approval by the GA

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **Hungarian Political Science Association**

14 in favor

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **MAPS – Mediterranean Association of Political Science**

15 in favor

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **Political Science Club Sofia**

15 in favor

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **Politea**

15 in favor

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **Publius**

16 in favor

- Presentation of the new IAPSS association **YSA Kiev**

17 in favor

5) IAPSS Projects 2008-2010 (See Presentation in Videlectures)

- **Milos Vasiljevic : European Local Democracy Week.** Project with the Council of Europe .ExCom will provide the contact persons details to the association members to develop the initiative in their local communities . (See http://www.coe.int/t/congress/demoweek/default_EN.asp)
- **Milos Vasiljevic : Political Science in my High School** (See project description)
- **Amra Hasic : IAPSS Stand Up for Peace – Truth and Reconciliation Process 2009 Annual Academic Conference** (See Power Point Presentation)
- **Sebastjan Mislej** , from the Jožef Štefan Institute , presented **Videlectures.net** to provide access to a wide variety of lectures that cover many academic areas. IAPSS Open Learning will cooperate with Video lectures in future projects for recording conference in Political Science. (See Power Point Presentation)
- **Alejandro Delmar : IAPSS Open Learning** . The components of IAPSS Open Learning are IAPSS Videlectures.net and IAPSS Open Course Ware . IAPSS ExCom will request 2 association members to be involved in the project pilots implementation. (See <http://www.iapss.org/newsletter/oeriapss/oeriapss.html>)

6) IAPSS Theme of the Year – Future of Political Science (See Power Point)

The Chairperson of IAPSS ,Alejandro Delmar Injoque, presented the eight components to the associations' members for the organization of the IAPSS Theme of the Year. (See Presentation and Explanatory Memorandum for the IAPSS Theme of the Year)

7) IAPSS Institutional Changes: Introduction to discussion

- **Alessio Sanguinetti** opened the discussion on the location of the permanent seat of IAPSS. Bringing a historical background for the implementation of the Permanent Seat.

-**Blaž Gorjup**, the ex-chairman of IAPSS in 2003, discussed the organizational structure before 2003 and its shortcomings, concerning the swapping of the permanent seat location. Blaž Gorjup proposed the initiation of an IAPSS membership that will incentivate more the implementation of IAPSS local branches in different countries (e.g IAPSS Roma 3).. He explained the procedure of acquiring all the necessary documentation for the set-up of the IAPSS location in Ljubljana and the discussions before the presentation of the proposal. He accepted and welcomed the proposal to move the permanent seat to the Netherlands. He emphasize the importance of having financial assets in relocating the permanent seat.

8) Permanent Seat Committee in the Netherlands Proposal

Jeroen Huiting (Chairperson of the Permanent Seat Committee The Netherlands) PSC

Analysis of situation – presentation of institutional structures (no ideal conditions for lobbying, few direct transport or historical links)

Available resources – Netherlands as a good environment

Evaluation of arguments in the discussion – gradual change is needed in order to be able to evaluate the results; the success of the organization is dependent on individuals.

Facilities – constructive partners (University of Amsterdam and Faculty of Social Sciences)

Finances and budget – secured funding (University of Amsterdam and IAPSS membership fees), probable funding (city of Amsterdam, University of Leiden, BMC, Berenschot, etc.); Machiavelli has valuable acquisition experiences

Legal process – step 1: acceptance of PSC proposal, step 2: change of statute, step 3:(de)registration at chamber of commerce in Ljubljana and Amsterdam

Accommodation – everything is being planned carefully

Summary – this proposal should serve IAPSS

9) POLITUSS' replay for the Permanent Seat Committee for the Netherlands Proposal

Anej Korsika : President of Polituss

The Polituss president Anej Korsika points out the geographic discrimination of Permanent Seat Committee proposal on the relocation of the permanent seat of IAPSS to Amsterdam. He questions himself, what kind of organization member associations want. A comparison between the 2003 Polituss report and the report provided by the Dutch associations is given, and an invitation to evaluate the difference . At the end he lists a few concrete questions and doubts expressed by Polituss (See document prepared by Polituss)

Akropolis: Is secured funding for the permanent seat of IAPSS in Ljubljana?

Polituss: There is secured funding for two years by the government.

10) EXCOM's Recommendations for the Permanent Seat Proposal

Milos Vasiljevic : IAPSS Treasurer

Excom warns (in form of a friendly comment) about inappropriate language in the Permanent Seat Committee proposal, a formal document, in relation to Polituss. The Excom representative mentions his visit to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and European Commission in Brussels and points out the difficulty of getting permission for lobbying in the EU, Brussels. Excom remarks some information on finances and budget missing from the financial report provided by Dutch associations and the calculation on IAPSS membership fees. Also remark to compare the Permanent Seat Committee in the Netherlands with the Permanent Seat Proposal in Ljubljana (See document)

Permanent Seat Committee Netherlands : The bad wording in the report provided by the Permanent Seat Committee (See Permanent Seat Committee Report, page 5) is a quote from an academic paper and not their own words.

ASP Roma Luiss : Request the name of the Paper

Alejandro Injoque: "Designed for Difficulties : A case study of the Institutional Design of a European Level Youth Lobby Group", presented in epsNet Plenary Conference by Dylan Kissane and Zoe Onutu.

Roll Call

- MAPS gets the voting right, since the association confirm the payment of the IAPSS membership fee

AFTER LUNCH

- Continuation of the discussion on the Permanent Seat Committee proposal

11) IAPSS Institutional Changes : Permanent Seat Committee in Netherlands Presentation of Proposal and Discussions

- The GA Board announced to move the point of agenda Recommendations by Head of Delegations to Friday May 8th , 17.00-17.30. And extend the discussions on the Permanent Seat Relocation

Alexander Samaras – Slovenia : difficulty in resident permit and slow legal system to change legal representative. Difficulty with banking and lack of knowledge of English in Slovenia Bureaucracy. Dissatisfaction with the removal of funding by Slovenian associations and the government in the last few years.

Gina Kosmidou - Supcom representative – Open dialogue is important. We should concentrate on debating the proposal and shouldn't get entangled in ideological and nationalistic divisions.

Anej Korsika – Polituss – Requests to get answers to the questions posed in the handouts given to all the participants before the discussion (See document)

Allesio Sanguinetti – ASP Roma Luiss

Permanent Seat Committee – Welcomes comments on their proposal by Polituss and Excom.

Permanent Seat Committee – Smooth transition which will benefit IAPSS will be ensured.

Nikola Zeljković – IAPSS Vice Chairperson – Lobbying is not so much about infrastructure and access to various facilities, but about influencing the decision-making in political institutions. We first need to establish relations with various institutions in Brussels, Strasbourg, etc. The visa acquisition process for Alejandro Delmar began too late, the fault being that of former Excom representative for Membership Department.

Alejandro Delmar Injoque – IAPSS Chairperson – The commitment of all associations, and not only by few, will bring IAPSS to a higher level.

Clarify that the document to follow for the establishment of the Permanent Seat Committee was the Thessaloniki Resolution adopted by the previous GA.

Encourages a constructive discussion and the role of the Head of Delegations .

Warns that we should not avoid technical questions/details that the Excom proposes as recommendations since the relocation of the permanent seat also involve several legal and procedural matters.

Recognized the initial limitations of communication between the Permanent Seat Committee (PSC) and the ExCom. Nevertheless, the ExCom replay to the requests of the PSC and proposals and encouraged the involvement of Supcom, Discom and Alumni Club. And highlight the importance of Head of Delegations recommendations and commitments for this process

Mentioned that the IAPSS ExCom faces several problems at the beginning of the mandate just solving short term functional problems (office management, transfer knowledge, Bank, legal representation) .This can be avoid by developing strong local partnership with institutions that will support the operational management of IAPSS ExCom. We are students, but we are working for an International Organization, therefore we should meet professional standards.

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Opening Session:

Role call: 15 associations with the voting right – present

Recount: 16 associations.

SSE Cluj – Present and not voting (No official representative with voting right)

1. Presentation of regional centers

Alejandro Delmar Injoque: Regional Centers (RC) and Latin American Regional Centre

(See page 18, IAPSS Preliminary Report)

1) **For the establishment of Regional Centres** should be done by following this criteria's:

a-Regional Centres Policy must play an important role in the structure of IAPSS.

b-To review the IAPSS Policy on Regional Development
(http://iapss.org/images/documents/regional/Policy_on_Regional_Development.pdf)

c-We should construct stronger institutional communication between the established regional centres and the ExCom. And active involvement of Regional Centres coordinators

d-Regional Centres must have headquarters, registered in public records, functional executive board and an internal structure that would facilitate the implementation of its Goal and Objectives. Delegation of Regional agents for each country.

e- The proposal of the establishment of new Regional Centres should be presented in the General Assembly and they must meet the IAPSS Policy (http://iapss.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=35&Itemid=100) and Standards(http://iapss.org/images/documents/regional/Standards_on_Regional_Development.doc) before its implementation.

f-To identify potential NGOs in the local level that can support the implementation process of the Regional Centres (providing specific technical knowledge regarding the legal and financial framework) and providing administrative and technical support.

g-Cooperate with Regional and National Political Science Associations in Latin America.

2) *Alejandro Delmar*: **Regional Centre Latin American (RCLA)** was established in 2007 with support of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru. The sustainability of the Regional Centre work and the development of its membership in the region (35 associations, including students associations from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru) is a result of following the criteria's mentioned before.

The Regional Centre already organized a conference regarding the Political Science Labor Market in Latin America with Chile, Argentina, Mexico and Peru

Active participation of IAPSS Regional Centre in Latin America in the XXI IPSA World Congress of Political Science <http://www.congresomundial2009.com/> (July , 2009) with one student panel in the Local Organizing Committee Session and providing IAPSS promotional material and Politikon Volume 15.1 in the IAPSS stand in the XXI IPSA World Congress.

The Latin American Regional Centre will make a call in July 2009 to Latin American associations to organize the 1st Latin American Regional Centre AC&GA in 2010. This will facilitate the regional discussion about the location of the Regional Centre Office, Elections of the Board, IAPSS Membership Fees, participation in IAPSS AC&GA, etc

Furthermore the Latin American Regional Centre is willing to organize the IAPSS AC&GA 2011, therefore the proposal of the 14th IAPSS AC GA in Latin America will be made in the next AC&GA. Association Members were asked to make the necessary coordination's in order to facilitate the participation of their delegates for a possible 14th IAPSS AC&GA in Peru.

3) *Miloš Vasiljević*: **IAPSS Regional center for Western Balkan** (Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro; Macedonia, FYR, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania). (See Power Point Presentation)

There is lack of interaction between student run associations in the Western Balkan ,so there is a need for this kind of a connection that the Regional Centre can establish. A connection between students associations, faculties and NGOs. The main aim of these regional centers is to develop a strong network between the associations and individual members, to be successful in their work.

Goals: to promote political science as an academic field; exchange and dissemination of information, cooperation between faculties in this region and other associations.

Activities: student mobility within the Western Balkan is really level (problems with the language); international cooperation; organization of projects and events (joint project to establish this

connection). Cooperation with SPSS (Serbian National Political Science Association) and support the creation of the student section of SPSS.

Activities that were carried out so far: contact established with the faculty for political science in Belgrade; contact was made with Croatia.

Contact was also made with some potential partners; they expressed interest in this cooperation CIVIS – an American organization, Balkan Trust Foundation, SIIGA – database of different kind of publication and articles.

Exploration of funds: EC Grant, Soros foundation, Ministry for youth and education in Serbia, etc.

This organization will have a Rotation of presidency, the first seat will be in Serbia, in Belgrade; there is also a need to create their own web site.

Point of information (POI) on Regional Centre :

Q- *SPIL*: RCLA ACGA for 2011- it will be the first International IAPSS event. Who will be responsible for the organization; a single association or the regional center?

A- *Alejandro*: Project will be under the responsibility the IAPSS Latin Regional Centre, however since the Regional Centre is a legal branch of IAPSS, the PAM will be the local association in Peru.

Q- *PUBLIUS*: it a major improvement of the cooperation even though it is not new. It is a positive thing. PUBLIUS is supportive of the regional center in the Western Balkan. They are interested in this cooperation; a project has their full support.

Q- *Politea*: Croatian students are interested in this cooperation with the regional center especially in the field of research. A lot of research has already been made. All countries should be involved; this is of a major importance.

Nikola: **IAPSS Euro-Asian Regional Center**. This RC will be based in Moscow, and includes ex soviet states without the Baltic states: Russia, Georgia and Ukraine. There are still many perspective members (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Moldova...). Its main objective will be the promotion of IAPSS activities in this region. (See Power Point Presentation)

Alumni Club – Board

Members of the Board : Alessio Sanguinetti, Eveline Huegli , Sander Van Haperen, Raluca Teodor

Alessio Sanguinetti : There are 3 objectives for this new board

- A new database: a new application form, communication via Facebook, yahoo group, mailing lists;
- First reunion in Sweden in February, but there were not enough participants; cooperation with Excom;
- Giuliano Gennaio Foundation: this foundation was established in the memory of Giuliano Gennaio. There will be several prizes to honor his name.

3. IAPSS Liaison Officer

-UNESCO

Alexandros Samaras: IAPSS is now an NGO into operational relations with UNESCO in the service of policy- research, youth empowerment and higher education, we want to empower our students associations to cooperate with the National Commissions. It is easier to get funds for projects of IAPSS, access to foundations and fundraising. UNESCO has one year operating grant which can help IAPSS with funds. (See Power Point Presentation and Document)

Point of Information on IAPSS Liaison Officer on UNESCO:

Machiavelli: How does that relate with the neutrality of IAPSS?

Alexandros: UNESCO sectors are education and human rights. There is no ideology here.

AC/GA has to approve the liaison officer for UNESCO

VOTE: 14 for in favor of Alex, 2 against – Alexandros Samaras has been elected Liaison Officer for UNESCO

-Council of Europe

Miloš Vasiljević (speaking on behalf of Iana Stantieru) : Explained why is it important to cooperate with the CoE. It is important to make joint projects and to cooperate with different INGOS. There are 4 meetings per year for the CoE International Non Profit Organizations. (See for list of INGOS and Meetings in the CoE : <http://www.coe.int/t/e/ngo/public/>)

The decision will be postponed until Iana Stantieru her inquiry letter to be elected will be distributed to participants.

FINAL REPORTS

4-Final DISCOM report 2007-2008

DISCOM – Raluca Teodor : One main case to solve was the proposal to change of statute. There were difficulties in the 2007-2008 with the elected vice president not residing in Slovenia. The second part of the mandate was dealing with the situation at the GA in Thessaloniki.

Recommendations: IAPSS delegations need to be familiar with the regulations.

VOTE: the report was accepted unanimously (16)

5-FINAL EDITORIAL REPORT 2007-2008

Alexandros Samaras : The Final Editorial Report is included in the Final Excom Report

VOTE: the report was accepted unanimously (16)

6- FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2007-2008

Alexandros Samaras : This is the responsibility of the former Treasurer, which is not present at the ACGA. In general terms , in the mandate 2007-2008 there was not enough money in the account (debt for paying the EFY acquired from the mandate 2006-2007). We didn't succeed to get the European Commission Grant. We concentrate in Donor making.

7- FINAL ANNUAL EXCOM REPORT 2007-2008:

Alexandros Samaras: Work by the Excom for the year 2007-2008 was the institutional strengthening;

-Financial problems during the whole year.

-Software in the computers was updated.

-We had a good cooperation with the University of Ljubljana (e.g : IAPSS Going Green)

-AC/GA 2008: 120 participants,

-Politikon: New policy for funding (e.g. University of Ljubljana and Greek organizations)

-Contacts were made with the UN, NATO and UNESCO, Embassy of Cyprus and Slovenia, IPSO meetings

-IAPSS going green (in Slovenia): energy and climate change – supported by University of Ljubljana and UNESCO Slovenia.

Point of Information in the Final Annual Report of EXCOM 2007-2008

IAPSS LUISS: How was made the promotion and distribution of Politikon to libraries?

Polituss: We see a problem with the relationship with NATO, the sponsorship of NATO?

Alexandros There was no official cooperation with NATO, there was only the possibility for funds which was accepted. It is acceptable for IAPSS, it did not happened for the first time this collaboration with NATO (e.g. NATO Model in 2006)

Gina: NATO gave us money with no actually specification for its usage. This kind of thing happen rarely, we had the opportunities to cover other costs by this donor. We got the funding because we had one speaker from NATO in the 11th IAPSS ACGA

Polituss: There were some obligations to distribute NATO promotional material during the last ACGA?

Alexandros: There were no obligations.

Gina: We distributed other material from other institutions (e.g. UN Material)

Machiavelli: Student exchanges, nothing was done to facilitate exchanges. What's the reason for this?

Alex: This is important, there were some difficulties.

Nikola : What has Excom done in the field of communication. Why there was no effort for establishing a better communication between association members?

Alexandros : We had weaknesses in some fields, even networking, even though we were successful. Several of this problems where related to the former Vice chairperson for the Membership Department.

VOTE: 12 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstaining – the report report is approved.

Coffee break

Role call: 14 association with voting right – present

8-FINAL SUPCOM REPORT 2007-2008*

The Final SUPCOM report was not presented Final Supcom report 2007-2008 was not sent to the ACGA. If it is not send it will be voted upon on the next GA.

- **Important point of information after GA:** The Document was sent during the ACGA (May 6th) by Iana Stantieru via Skype. The report was not printed and delivered due a misunderstanding of the EXCOM responsible (Alejandro Delmar).

Because the rest of the reports were included in a ZIP documents and send via the Google Groups to the participants and the Head of Delegations via e-mail before the GA. The other reports (not submitted via mail before GA) where printed and distributed by the responsables to present their report.

Therefore, since there was no responsible of the SUPCOM 2007-2008 during the General Assembly this generate a misunderstanding at the moment to locate the report.

See <http://groups.google.si/group/participants-acga09?hl=en> to review all the reports of the General Assembly.

It is important to implement a unique rule of procedure to submit the Preliminary and Final the reports.

9- INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT : 2007-2008 :

Prepared by Jerome Hugli – SUPCOM 2007-2008

Presented by Miloš Vasiljević :

Main findings:

- New software for book keeping installed. We had no knowledge of it, so we had to learn how to use it.
- Online banking was started in this mandate: progress to have all the transactions in the online basis
- No papers to evidence the transactions for most of the donations received during the mandate 2007-2008

We still have some difficulties - book keeping was in English, online banking is only possible in Slovene.

Point of Information

Alexandros : IAPSS has never followed the audit rules. This is financial checking and not an audit.

10- FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2007-2008

Point of information on the Final Financial Report

Alexandros Samaras: 1) Different associations have different fees according to some conditions of IAPSS. Some fees were paid after the AC/GA. 2) There was a miscalculation; money had to be returned to the commission. This was the money not being used for EC Grant.

Nataša : Administrative grant for 2006 – 80% money was given in advance. At the end we didn't spent everything, which is why we had to give it back.

Miloš: What about the missing arrangements for funding?

Alexandros : When a sponsor gives you a sponsorship, you take this money and then you issue a receipt. The receipts were not asked for.

Polituss: Expenses for the project IAPSS going green: about the number of participants, what kind of impact did this project had (in accordance with the expenses)?

Alexandros : We had less participants, he had high sponsorships. There was less money spent on the conference, everything else went for the administrative charges after the conference. We gave money for the travel expenses, good accommodations, publications.

Polituss: fewer participants, but the better quality of the conference and more luxury.

Alexandros: we had many cancelations. It was in May.

ISMUS: We need somebody who provide IAPSS with financial control - a body that checks the receipts.

Alexandros: There is a problem with the audit because is not permanently and it is not supervisory.

Polituss: What do you mean by the permanent staff of Excom?

Alexandros: Members of Excom are the permanent staff. They were given a salary to cover some personal expenses. (Full time)

Polituss: A telephone bill. The faculty pays for the phones. Why is it included in the report?

Alex: Telephone bill is for the office. At first the University of Ljubljana gave 80 Euros, and then diminished it to 30 Euros, so we had to cover the expanses

Roll call: 15 associations with voting right - present

VOTE: 8 in favor, 2 against, 5 abstaining. The final financial report is not accepted. It has to be redone and voted upon the next GA.

Alexandros: The report cannot be change, these are the invoices. However the presentation have to be made in the next GA

PRELIMINARY REPORTS

11- PRELIMINARY SUPCOM REPORT 2008-2009

Gina: the Supcom consist of 3 people. We did not elect the president, we worked together for 2 year, so we didn't see it necessary. The arranged the meetings, e-meetings. It was not possible to meet face to face. There SUPCOM have the responsibility to be in communication with the EXCOM.

REPORT:

-Membership issue: Effective membership department with new association members (Most of them present in this AC&GA and with voting rights)

-Finances: Operational Grant of the EACEA achieved

-IAPSS web site: It was not updated as it should be (no volunteer)

-Newsletter: Issued randomly, and not regularly at the same date;

- Problems with sending the minutes: they were not distributed

-Resignation of Maja (Vice chairperson) at the beginning of the mandate.

-European voluntary service project: it was not done during the former mandate and it generate several problems for this ExCom (e.g. To update the website, archiving, etc)

It was a very active Excom. We give it a positive light.

POI: POINT OF INFORMATION on SUPCOM PRELIMINARY REPORT

Excom: how many meetings did Supcom have? What was the cooperation between Supcom and Excom like?

Gina: Several meetings, I will answer you the exact number latter. The minutes were not give because we are controlling you work and are therefore private and not to be distributed to you.

Nikola: miscommunication with the Excom or between Excom and Supcom?

Gina: I think you refer to the resignation of Maja (during the first month of the mandate) , and the Newsletters.

Nikola: There was not sufficient communication between Excom and Supcom. I did not receive any email, I had to call you.

SPIL: What's the procedure for the resignation?

Gina: After the resignation, there is a meeting and this information should be sent to all the members. That is basically the problem.

Alejandro: Reply: The problem is that there is no official procedure for a ExCom representative resignation. IAPSS faced during the last years several resignations and this procedure should be stipulated in the Internal Regulations.

What we done was :

1- Request a Motivation Letter to Maja that was sent to SUPCOM and DISCOM representatives in order to be accepted. The motivation was personal reasons (Work and last semester in University)

2- EXCOM Meeting with Maja in order to accept her motivation letter and for the ExCom to accept her resignation. (The motivation letter to resign and minutes of the meeting sent to SUPCOM and DISCOM). Only DISCOM replay to the situation. ExCom also report to POLITUSS about this situation.

3- Request Maja to be present in the GA to ratify her resignation. Furthermore representatives from POLITUSS request her participation in the GA. However due personal reasons she couldn't be in the GA.

But we didn't inform the members about it via IAPSS YAHOO Members List, since we didn't have transfer knowledge about the procedure to sent Minutes and in this particular case SUPCOM didn't replay our inquiry about the resignation.

Alejandro: Regarding the Newsletter to visit it please go to <http://www.iapss.org/newsletter/>

We published one Newsletter every two months according to the statute. And the notification where sent via Yahoo Groups and Facebook Groups. The real problem is that IAPSS have no Permanent Volunteer with IT knowledge . Therefore we decide to publish the newsletter in a website format

(<http://www.iapss.org/newsletter/>) and I'm the one working in the publication since we don't have EVS to make this work.

IAPSS Newsletter (March-April)

IAPSS Newsletter (January – February)

IAPSS Newsletter (November-December)

VOTE: 14 in favor, 1 abstaining. The preliminary Supcom report is accepted.

12-PRELIMINARY DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION REPORT

Alexandros: The work of the DISCOM is to guaranty everything to be with accordance with the IAPSS statute. It is mandatory by the Slovenian laws.

VOTE: 15 in favor - report is approved unanimously

Energizer

Roll call: 15 associations with voting right - present

13-PRELIMINARY EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT 2008-2009

Amra: Politikon vol. 14, no 2.: It was fully implemented by myself. 11 articles were accepted, we included book reviews: increasing response.

Promotion of politikon: IPSA, ISA, APSA, Libraries, Robert Schuman Institute,etc

EBSCO Host: Politikon has joined this network; more recognizable; they are going to pay for it – income will be rated according to the percentage.

Obstacles: Lack of funds for the printing of the issue, finding a sufficient number of reviewers; double change of the mandate; certain inefficient - problems with the meetings, lack of motivation.

Politikon will finish vol. 15, no. 1. Second issue will be better than the first one, quality of the articles is higher than those in the first issue. This will be printed and distributed in the IPSA World Congress.

POI: Alex: How do you justified there is no mentioning of the AC/GA in Thessaloniki?

Amra : I didn't get good information from former ExCom. I only knew there is money for this issue, and that I have to print this issue. I received a lousy archive from the previous editor; there was a lack of information from the previous editor in chief.

VOTE: 15 in favor - unanimously accepted

14-PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CURRENT EXCOM 2008-2009

See Power Point Presentation

Miloš: Opening balance = 3014,04 Euros (money at the beginning of the mandate). Previous Excom left us this amount. Expenses = 4620,57 Euros (there were some expanses left from the previous

Excom for us to be covered). Income = 3509,01 Euros from the membership, donations, interest incomes.

I didn't include the EC grant because we haven't received it yet. EC grant is 20390 Euros (EC will pay 80 % - 16000, 4000 will be paid after the report, so to the next Excom will have this amount available for their mandate); own source of financing is 7500 Euros. Total is 27890 Euros. We will have to discuss if the fees will go up, or we should find some new members.

POINT OF INFORMATION

: Machiavelli: own sources of finance: how come the largest post was labeled as OTHER? It's 5000 Euros.

Miloš: When you are filling it, you have to specify it.

SPIL: About the opening balance. Where does it come from?

Miloš: It is dated October 1st, and the final report is dated September 1st. I arrived at October 21st, so I got it off the computer. From the beginning of the mandate it was difficult for me, I have arrived a bit late due residence issues arrangements from the previous mandate.

Polituss: University of Ljubljana will give 10000 Euros for the next 2 years. And the Faculty will like to have a meeting with the ExCom in order to review the former contracts.

Alex: Donations – who gave the money? Who gave these 3000 Euros?

Miloš: We had this amount transferred already. This donation was from the NATO. It has been transferred.

STUGA : We have a negative balance. Will EC grant cover for that?

Miloš: These are the incomes and expenses. We are not covering any expenses. We still haven't gotten it.

This is not the final financial report, it is the preliminary.

Machiavelli: Travel reimbursements and the transportation costs – what's the difference?

Miloš : Transportation Costs are used for the travels for events, for local bus fares.

SPIL: EC Grant: How far are you with the grant?

Miloš : They will give us the 80% of the money. It's very important for them to know, that this amount is enough for the next Excom to do their job.

Machiavelli: The other covering up to 5000 Euros? Will you specify it?

Miloš : This is not the final report. The EC Grant is for the term from January till December. They will give us the rest of the money if our EC Grant report is good.

Alex: Replay: Politikon – at the end of my mandate it was agreed that the sum of 2000 Euros will go for printing from the Greek embassy. I see 1000 Euros printed in the report, I want to know what happened. Because this money was for printing, I might have difficulties.

Amra: it is for Politikon entirely, the rest of it went for the distribution. Not everything was for printing. I did not get any specifications about how to spend this money (if only for printing or printing and distribution). All the amount was spent on Politikon.

Alexandros: It was not clear that this was for printing only?. If it was not clear, it should be asked to the former Editor in Chief of Politikon

VOTE: 8 against, 6 favor, 1 abstaining – the report is not approved.

Alessio: if the preliminary report is not approved, the current Excom is asked to redo it and present it again tomorrow.

15-PRELIMINARY ANNUAL EXCOM REPORT 2008-2009

Alejandro:

Please follow the **IAPSS Preliminary Report 2008-2009**

1) The introduction by the Chairperson will bring you a General Overview of the Mandate.

Therefore I will review some of the Programs from the 7 Strategic Goals and Ad Hoc projects.

1) STRATEGIC GOAL A: Institutional Strengthening

-Permanent Seat Program: Sustainability of the Permanent Seat:

a) Achieved EACEA/31/2008-Action4.1

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2009/action41/index_en.htm

a.1) Using an online directory to create an IAPSS Funding Directory and Calendar,Elaboration of Inquiry letters to apply for funds.

a.2) To link our Liaison Officers Policy with our Long Term Fundraising Strategy (e.g. : Joint projects applications with INGOS from CoE and Donormaking, apply to UNESCO Operational Grant in 2010)

b) We need a long term strategy towards our main founding sources in the EU therefore our goal is to **ensure that we can be awarded with 1 Year Operating Grant Action 4.1 also for 2010 and 2011 and apply for the EACEA 2009 Action 4.6 – Partnerships in 2011**

-New Materials for the Office will be acquire : Two computers, digital camera ,projector, printer, white board, etc. We need to improve our saving files procedures and make special binders to facilitate the transfer knowledge of the New ExCom (e.g. : Special Grant making binder , ExCom guide ,etc)

-The financial management and the work conditions in the office improved: Better coordination with accountant, Online Banking, New Software. We need to cooperate with local NGO´s to facilitate training to the new ExCom in bookkeeping.

- This local cooperation with NGOS will be important for the Transfer Knowledge: Team Building weekend, project planning, non-profit management, public relations, following orientation binder, to transfer contacts carefully with IAPSS partners and contact persons.

IAPSS EXCOM will like to mention to other IAPSS Bodies and Association Members :

- **We would like to ask for the creation of a working committee for a fundraising team. Number of members 4. (To include members from association members also)**
- **To support our Liaison Officer policy and identify other institutions strategic for IAPSS development**
- **To request the Head of Delegations to be in permanent contact with the ExCom representatives in order to inform their members.**
- **To request the Head of Delegations to coordinate with ExCom representatives in order to put the IAPSS Partnerships in practice in the local level (National Political Science Association, Youth In Action National Agencies, UNESCO National Commissions, CoE representatives)**
- **To Highlight the importance of IAPSS Alumni club: the importance of having it, support is important for solving problems at the beginning of the mandate**

Nikola: Membership Department

Goal : to make IAPSS more international, to have people from different countries. In the beginning of the mandate there were obstacles: I had no transfer of knowledge; I had to reestablish the relationship with the organizations, the database of contact persons was old and not update (2007) .

We were at the same time applying for the EC grant – it took a lot of time, it is quite some work to be done. During the applications, we established some connections with associations have been lost for almost 3 years. You need to have the constant communication with all of the associations. **Even we need to identify who where the contact persons from each of our active association members because this information was not provided , this make even harder the transfer of information to association members. The role of the Head of Delegations will be really crucial for this task.**

We managed to develop this regional center policy, it will be easier for us and it will enable organizations to work in their own region, plus I think it will be cheaper for them. It will be the international IAPSS which I wanted to establish.

People don't know much about IAPSS or know it at all. We need to change that. During the mandate we managed to include 6 new associations, Politea, Publius, Kiev, Sofia, Palermo, Bulgaria (All of them here in the ACGA). I also want to include one more association from Bulgaria. We are in negotiation one from Azerbaijan.

POINT OF INFORMATION IN THE PRELIMINARY ANNUAL EXCOM REPORT

POI: SPIL: There is no effective transfer of knowledge between the Excom. Do you have a solution?

Nikola: We should start the communication immediately with the new members

Alejandro: Please follow the Preliminary Report (**Operational objective A.1.7.:** Ensure the transfer of knowledge between the old and the new ExCom in order to guarantee continuity, Page 12) .As I mentioned this local cooperation with NGOS will be important for the Transfer Knowledge in order to find permanent support in legal matters , financial management, daily work of NGOS in Slovenia, etc. On the other hand the elaboration of a Orientation Binder is also important. We want to assure that the candidates, coming to Ljubljana will be here from the beginning of October. We want to have a one week training in office and provide them with a effective contact transfer. Beside the specific training events we need to facilitate the Peer Pairs system (e.g. Chairperson-Chairperson) transfer of information process on permanent base during whole period of ExCom mandate.

Publius: The importance of creating regional centers for networking. You need to develop a network. Can you elaborate?

Nikola: It is impossible for Excom to do everything. We need this regional center to establish contact with different organizations in the region, there is less expensive for them, they probably will have fewer problems traveling, and there is no such language barrier.

Machiavelli: Student exchanges. You want to encourage it. I missed the facilitation of these students. Why is there such little support from Excom?

Nikola: Excom is there for coordination, we cannot do everything. We empower you. We can help organize the fair of opportunities, but you have to make the exchanges or cooperation between you yourself.

Gina: Excom cannot facilitate all the work. After GA, IAPSS has 9 people working that is the reality. It is hard to find people, find the connection. Even we, the associations should help them with the work.

Stuga: Transfer of knowledge: Is there some kind of a written rule, procedures, and mechanisms for it all to work? When the Excom changes it should be clear how it works?

Alejandro: IAPSS 2005 have developed some great policies. We have an operational plan. We intend to write from this basis an ExCom guide and Orientation Binder that will include crucial information on Financial Management, Grant Making and Contact Persons details.

SPIL: Why does it seem that the opportunity center is not the priority for you?

Alejandro: The Opportunity Center is a priority, and IAPSS ExCom have one responsible for this task (External Member). However the track of information of opportunities is hard if only one person do the work. This limit us the possibilities to find more opportunities for Political Science Students. So far we identify important online sources for information of Scholarships, Summer Schools (<http://mladiinfo.com/>) and we cooperate with IPSA, APSA, ISA in the elaboration of our Newsletter.

I think that the newsletter has all the crucial information to keep track on IAPSS. We have to develop a way to give this information to our association members and for this the Head of Delegations will have a crucial role.

Eveline: Excom still has some time and they have to work on it.

VOTE: 15 in favor - unanimously approved

Lunch break (HEAD OF DELEGATIONS MEETING)

Roll call: 15 associations with the voting right - present

16-PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXCOM

Dimitar Zlatanov (Political Science Club Sofia) - The position of vice chairman Academic Department

I am interested in interdisciplinary approach, history, philosophy, sociology. I study at University of Maastricht (European studies). I'm into multicultural environment and some related fields.

POI: Gina: What are the tasks that you plan to take up? Which fields are you interested in?

Personally I take great interest in the academic department; publishing.

Marko Balažević (Publius) - External member of Excom

My goal is to spread the word about IAPSS networks, making connections with students in USA (since I will be studying in New York). I intend to cooperate with Publius in their projects, and with IAPSS.

Marco Paoli (University of Texas, Austin) – External member of Excom

American perspective approach to IAPSS, you will be exposed to some new theoretical basis.

Machiavelli: Will you try to include North American associations?

There are some structural challenges. The structure of student organizations in North America is different, I will try to include my association.

Susana Rubinstein (Colombia) - external member of Excom

I am from Bogota, Colombia. I'm studying political science and law. I do not reside in Europe so I tend to promote IAPSS in Latin America. I will participate in the call to organize Latin American GA in 2010. With my commitment, a positive outcome will result.

Christina Dimakoulea (PEP Club – University of York) – external member of Excom

I want a career in politics and to contribute to development and expansion of IAPSS. I'm a member of my debate club; I helped to organize the Career fair (organized by PEP). What I see as a problem is the relationship between IAPSS and UK political organizations – it is critical: initiative for establishing UK regional center.

Ileana Salloum (PEP Club - University of York) - external member of the Excom.

We've (with Christina) taken part in numerous conferences (UNESCO, etc). We study philosophy, politics and economics; I also work in journalism. We could make IAPSS heard in all three departments, we want to develop and promote IAPSS in the UK.

POI:

Machiavelli: Both applying for the same position?

Both for the external member and we work as a pair. We're already done it and we're good at it.

Raluca: What are you specialized in separately?

Ileana – interested in participating in international conferences, IAPSS journal wouldn't be my strongest field.

Christina – conferences, I represent the students of my course of studies, I would like to work in the establishment of the UK regional center.

Alessio: What if only one of you will be elected?

If only one is elected; Christina will help me and vice versa. It doesn't mean that we are not individuals, it just that we will be more productive as a pair. Otherwise, if one is elected, the other one will be there.

Gina: Elaborate on the regional center of UK.

We will begin with connecting our colleges in York, then all over UK. Secondly, we will continue by connecting Ireland and Scottish universities and exchange students. In the UK there are a lot of independent political associations, there is not a close relationship between them and the European associations. I think that is something that can potentially change.

Publius: What is the point of having 2 representatives in the same country, same university?

Continue EXCOM Candidates:

Elena Vanevska (Macedonia, FYR) – secretary general of Excom

I believe the students should be active in these organizations because of the well being of the student society. I'm here for the next year. I have enough necessary skills to do this work in Excom.

Marco Cammarata (Italy) – vice chairperson Membership Department

Next year we can have several organizational problems that can affect the Membership Department – permanent seat of IAPSS. I hope this will be a solution which will benefit IAPSS and all of us.

Vice chair for the membership department – to continue the work that has been done already. I have a lot of connection with African associations; I'm interested in creating a network in the Mediterranean area.

POI:

Alessio: You need to reside in Ljubljana. Are you committed to this experience?

Marco: I love this place and I would like to study at this university.

Gina: The plan for Africa is an interesting one. Can you elaborate on this?

I want to establish a contact with the associations which want to work with us

Publius: What is your position on the regional centers?

My main goal is to create and establish regional centers in Africa.

Ivelina Simeonova (Political Science Club Sofia) - vice chairperson Membership Department

I'm in my third year and I have experience in organizing conferences and debates on the national level so I will be appropriate for this position.

Raluca: Why are you interested in work in IAPSS?

Our club is a young association; we joined a few months ago. Having it here and at this university, I believe it is very important for the future of political science.

Regarding Treasurer: Nikola: we do not have a candidate for the treasures – we are in the process of negotiations. He is currently in New York. We need an experience person who will fill this position.

POI: Gina: What was the problem with the candidature?

17-PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EDITORIAL BOARD

Ben: PHD student in Grenoble France. I've travel quite a lot in my studies (San Diego, Washington, Florence). I am new at IAPSS, I believe in my experience in Political Science, I wish to increase the number of article proposals. I hope I can make it easier for the academic Excom member to do his job.

POI:

Raluca: IAPSS is not very known in France. Do you have a plan to promote Politikon in France?

Ben: It is hard to publicize publications in France, we try to publish things in France and not in English. But I will try. Also to involve Political Science Associations from France.

Urban Jakša: interested in political philosophy and political theory. I hope that Politikon will become more diverse, more theory related. The majority of articles were in the field of comparison and policy analysis. I think we will need a different view on the subject.

Maria Paula Brito (Video): Responsible for Politikon in Latin America. She's cooperated with Amra, the current editor. She is a hardworking person, she did bring new reviews, and she's willing to work in fundraising for Politikon and the printing in Latin America .

Amra : Mirsada(Video) old acquaintance in Politikon. For the last 4 volumes – she cooperated with us. She could contribute a lot to Politikon.

Alejandro: Gabriella Marzonetto is an active member of IAPSS. She is the regional agent for Argentina, she is going to propose the creation of IAPSS Argentina. She's willing to cooperate with us.

18-CANDIDATES FOR SUPCOM

Nikola: I am the candidate for Supcom. Why? I am a member of Excom and I want to continue my work in Supcom or IAPSS. Next year we will face big challenges so it's good to have people in Supcom who have experience in Excom

POI: Gina: How do you think you plan to organize work in Supcom (the flow of information between Supcom and Excom)?

Nikola: we need to control the work of Excom. We need to call them, send e-mails and get them to work.

Miloš: I am current IAPSS treasurer. My motivation is to be close to the next Excom; to supervise and criticize the work of next Excom, to have comments and to help them with their work. We will continue to have a good relationship with Nikola as we had in the past. I hope we will have a good connection with the next Excom, it is a tradition for an ex Excom member to became a member of Supcom after their mandate expires.

Črt: a member of Polituss, an organizer. I watch the development of IAPSS through the years. I will remain a student for the next 2 years as well as the member of Polituss. I am interested in this work since I know this organization very well.

Raluca: we received a letter of resignation of the Actual Member of SUPCOM Roxana Tatiana. Because of personal reasons and the lack of time she will not be able to work in this position any more.

19- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DISCOM

Alejandro: The Relocation of the Permanent Seat involves a lot of procedural issues related not only to the IAPSS Statute but also about the national legislations in the Netherlands and Slovenia. We must follow the legal standards in both countries. I want also to be in the Discom to help establish and help manage the work of the Regional Centers (As IAPSS Legal Branches). The procedure of their registration in the Public Records, the establishment of partnerships with Regional Institutions. For the case of Latin America it is important to bring value in the Internal Regulations and Statute to possible Regional General Assemblies that will decide the election of Regional Officers, Partnerships, Membership Fees.

Gina: this year is going to be very important. Knowing the competences and importance of this body for IAPSS statute, we need people who are aware and have worked for IAPSS in the past. My main concern is the permanent seat change, which will be the hot topic for the next two years.

20-PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PREMIUM ASSOCIATION MEMBER

LEIDEN: we are pleased to see 6 new IAPSS associations this year.

See Power Point Presentation

SPIL: 1981, 600 members from different field; we organize a lot of different activities; SPIL is an active member in IAPSS. A long lasting tradition in IAPSS, one of its founders.

Leiden is the Oldest University in the Netherlands, founded 1575.

City of Leiden: population of 329000, between Amsterdam, the Haag, Utrecht and Rotterdam. Picturesque city center.

ACGA topic: WATER THE NEW OIL? Water is the natural source, the threat because of the climate change. The Dutch flourish and develop because of it, it also suffered because of it.

KIEV: new members of IAPSS. A great chance for you to visit it, we do not need visas for you to stay there (EU countries). The university was founded in 1834, and it is one of the best universities in the east part of the world, and the best in Ukraine. YSA Kiev is a new member of IAPSS.

AC/GA – PERESTROYKA – WE CAN DO IT! We can expect some challenges in the future, and the name itself does imply to our future in the Soviet Union. We tried to connect the changes in the world with our past – past plus present does in fact mean future.

SOFIA: Bulgaria : our political system is a parliamentary republic with 240 members of parliaments; we are famous for the Rose valley – these roses cannot be grown anywhere else in the world. We are also famous for our yoghurt, rakia, Shopski salad, etc. Sofia has almost 2 000 000 people: it is the EU's cheapest city; it has a large number of bars and restaurants. The University of Sofia is the oldest school of higher education in Bulgaria, it is the best one. It was founded in 1888. SCPS is the organization for political students and we wish to established connections with other political sciences organizations in Bulgaria.

POI: Alessio: What will the topic be?

Transitions in political systems. The transitions are important for the country that is doing it, for the Europe and the whole community. We would like to develop this topic and researched it some more.

21- AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

Amra: Difficulties with the new editors and chiefs, how will they contribute to the work. Therefore it is important for the new and the old board to work together. We often see the loss of some ideas which weren't transferred correctly. Proposal for a prolonged the mandate of the editorial board – amendment to the statute.

Eveline: the amendment to the statute is not in the correct form according to the procedural rules.

Roll call: 17 associations with the voting right - present

Is Amra allowed to rewrite the amendment and present it again tomorrow?

Alessio : This amendment cannot be voted upon because it was not submitted 1 month prior to the GA.

22-THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW PROPOSAL OF THE DUTCH DELEGATION

Roll call: 17 associations with voting right – present

Permanent Seat Committee: to establish the new seat in Amsterdam will open the new opportunities and strengthen the cooperation. If all the conditions in appendices A are met until the schedule time the seat will transfer to Amsterdam in the year 2010/2011.

Caucus Request: 10 minutes for Association Members.

VOTE: 16 in favor, 1 against – caucus is approved

23-RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEADS OF THE DELEGATIONS

Akropolis: I hope all associations will still cooperate with IAPSS. I like the seat in a different place; I also did understand the concerns of Polituss. The Dutch proposal was based on the EU funding; IAPSS must remain a truly international association. I acknowledge the problems here in Ljubljana, why the moving of the seat might be a good idea. In Amsterdam there will be a better foundations for IAPSS, Akropolis is for the moving of the seat and hopes that the other associations will agree.

ASP Roma Luiss : The discussion today in the Head of Delegations Meeting may be the one in the highest levels; My only comment is on point 17 of the resolution: honorary membership should recognize to the work of a single individual not the entire association. We will ask the GA to vote in favor of the honorary membership be given to Blaž. This paper is otherwise perfect outcome of a perfect diplomatic discussion.

GAPSS: The consensus is the result of hard work, we fully support this resolution. There is one concern appendix b (we would like to know how many members will be included in this working group. We would like to be certain about the members and if they will be elected. We are in full support of this resolution.

Hungarian Political Science Association: most of our questions were answered in this resolution; I hope that Slovenian and Dutch associations have enough strength and patience to make this transition.

IAPSS GEORGIA: the resolution is the result of the consensus. I still have some questions about the timeframe and it will require hard work in order to be achieved. I support the resolution.

IAPSS Roma 3 : We strongly believe that this resolution is a rational solution. The timetable proposed is the need of this organization. We would like to express our thanks to people working on this problem and resolving it the way they did.

ISMUS: I feel thankful for the opportunity to be here. This resolution will take IAPSS to a higher level. Thank you Polituss for bringing it to this point. I ask everyone to vote for this resolution.

Machiavelli: thank you for your recommendations, the atmosphere was friendly, everyone contributed to it. We hope that everyone will accept this resolution.

MAPSS: We do not think there is a strong reason to move the permanent seat.

PEP Club: we support the resolution on the basis of the transformation to be successful. We believe that the Polituss made a significant and will have a significant role in the moving of the seat.

P Klubi: this discussion was long and exhausting. A resolution can be satisfactory for everyone included, we fully support it. This is an important decision so I emphasize the need for every association to be included and informed about these changes. This move will open IAPSS to new possibilities.

Politea: this is a best midway solution; there are some issues that are yet to be raised in December. The resolution is a result of diplomatic skills of every association involved.

Political science club Sofia: we express our gratitude to the organizers. We hope that the outcome is only in favor of the progress of IAPSS and the whole community.

Polituss: Let us first remember the last General Assembly. This debate was an evolutionary change in the sense of diplomacy. Polituss was never a priori against the moving of the seat, we just stressed some opinions and concern about it. We have reached a resolution acceptable for everyone. The timeframe will keep them really busy; we will be your best observers. We hope that the process will be successful. For the time being we support this resolution.

Publius: it is a good proposal, a good diplomatic solution and can be accepted by all of us, for the benefit of IAPSS. We support this resolution.

SPIL: happy we achieved the consensus with Polituss. We support the resolution and ask everybody to do the same.

SSE Cluj: Raluca Teodor reading the SSE Cluj Letter : Our association isn't present at this GA with voting rights. We aren't represented at this GA. We were surprised by the Dutch presentation of the proposal. The situation needs careful consideration. In order to take the decision there must be a discussion: our thoughts: we endorse the decision whatever this decision may be.

Stuga Politik: this resolution shows us that IAPSS is able of a constructive discussion. Some new points from this afternoon have been appreciated. This is not the solution for all of the problems, but it is the improvement to get it solved. We approve the resolution of the Netherlands.

VOO Helsinki: thank you Polituss and the permanent seat of Ljubljana; we would like to thank the Dutch Committee – we are for the moving of the seat under these conditions and timetables. This change will help the association to grow and are happy that IAPSS is not afraid of change. We would like to stress the importance of communication between associations.

YSA Kiev: I have never seen an act this diplomatic among students. We have a high level of resolutions and communication, even though the relocating of the seat will not change the problems that IAPSS has to face in the future.

Alessio: a motion to vote clause by clause. In favor: Alessio and Gina; against: Akropolis, Ben

Alessio: honorary membership for individuals not association. This is my point

Gina: the same objection as Alessio has. It is not logical every association has contributed to this GA so every association is honorable for it.

Akropolis: I object the idea for voting clause by clause. There is a consensus about the resolution; the resolution might lose its structure and some sense. The objections are really a minor thing and therefore not

Ben Monange: this kind of voting will it has to be voted by the next GA. You can put it forward the next year. Sometimes it is hard to identify only one individual in the organization and to acknowledge the work of an organization it makes more sense to make the whole association honorary not just one individual.

In VOTE: 2 in favor, 15 against – GA is not going to vote clause by clause

VOTE on the resolution: 16 in favor, 1 abstaining – resolution is accepted.

AC/GA 5/9/2009

Roll call: 16 associations with voting right - present

1-VOTING:

Chairperson of Excom 2009-2010 – no candidates

Secretary General of Excom 2009-2010 –

Elena Vanevska (Macedonia, FYR): 16 associations, qualified majority (10/16) is needed

VOTE: 15 votes in favor, 1 abstaining – SG is elected.

Treasurer of Excom 2009-2010 – no candidates

Vice Chairpersons of Excom 2009-2010: 16 associations; highest number of votes

Dimitar Zlatanov – Bulgaria: 13 votes - elected

Marco Cammarata – Italy: 9 votes - elected

Ivelina Simeonova – Bulgaria: 15 votes - elected

(16 associations; highest number of votes)

Roll call: 17 associations with voting right - present

Excom Members: 17 associations; highest number of votes

Marko Balažević - Croatia: 12 votes - elected

Marco Paoli - USA: 14 votes - elected

Susana Rubinstein - Colombia: 14 votes - elected

Christina Dimakoulea - UK: 4 votes-not elected

Ileana Salloum - UK: 6 votes - elected

(1 invalid ballot)

AC/GA - in two months to elect the remaining members

Substitute SUPCOM 2008-2009

Edoardo Pisciotta (Roma Tree – Akropolis): 17 associations with voting right; qualified majority = 11 - accepted

Supcom members (17 associations; highest number of votes)

Nikola Zeljković - Slovenia: 14 votes - elected

Miloš Vasiljević – Serbia: 14 votes – elected

Inesa Jašarević - The Netherlands: 11 votes - elected

17 association ; highest number of votes

Discom members (17 associations, highest number of votes)

Alejandro Delmar - Peru: 16 votes - elected

Gina Kosmidou - Greece: 11 votes - elected

Dennis Briechle - Switzerland: 11 - elected

Črt Kaker - new candidate (Slovenia): 5

Filippo Pizzutti - new candidate (Italy): 5

Editorial board members (17 associations; highest number of votes)

Ben Monange - France: 17 - elected

Urban Jakša - Slovenia: 15 - elected

Maria Paula Brito - Peru: 10- elected

Gabriel Marzonetto - Argentina: 4

Mirsada Hallunaj - Albania: 8 - elected

Premium Association Member (17 associations; highest number of votes)

Political Science Club Sofia: 1 vote

SPIL, Leiden: 12 votes - elected

YSA Kiev: 4 votes

POINT OF INFORMATION ON THE CHANGE OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF GA:

VOTE on the substitute SG of the GA for May 8th and May 9th : Petra Turk: unanimously accepted (17/17)

2-RESOLUTIONS

1) IAPSS THEME OF THE YEAR : The Future of Political Science

There are **eight integrated components** that structure the initiative:

a- **Launching Event**: 12th IAPSS Annual Academic Conference and General Assembly: The Future of Political Science: “a different perspective”.

b- **Students Conventions**: Six international conventions organized by IAPSS association members.

c- **International Conferences**: IAPSS participation in international and regional Political Science conferences.

d- **Students academic production**: *Politikon* Journal of Political Science Students, *Videlectures.net*, *A Different View* Magazine for Political Science Students, *My Year of Political Science*.

e. **Information Tools and Methods for Dissemination**: *The Future of Political Science* Website, IAPSS Newsletter.

f. **Researchers and Ambassadors of the Year**: **Researchers** are prominent scholars with research studies on the state and development of the discipline. The **Ambassadors of the Year** are prominent personalities, who are committed to, and share, the aims of the IAPSS Theme of the Year. The

Ambassadors lend their support to make the Year a success and are taking part in various events organised throughout the Year.

g. Promotion of **common literature** for participants of the IAPSS Theme of the Year.

e. **IAPSS Young Academics of the Year**: Designation and support of young academics

Request to Association Members :

-To designate two project coordinators from the participants of the General Assembly.

-To designate one project coordinator from the ExCom 2008-2009 in the General Assembly

-To designate one project coordinator from the ExCom 2009-2010 after the General Assembly.

- To the Association Members to organize the international students conventions during the length of the year. The IAPSS ExCom proposes Six Association members to organize six students conventions.

POI: Akropolis: project coordinators – are there any people willing to do it?

Alejandro: We're asking the present Association delegations if they would like to help. We also want to ask if any of the present delegations would like to host one of the events with the topic of the next year.

The election of associations and project coordinators will be on online basis

Role call: 17 associations with the voting right - present

VOTE: 15 in favor of the resolution, 2 abstaining – the resolution has passed.

2) Right for one representative of each Association Members to participate in the ACGA with travel and accommodation costs cover.

Alessio Sanguinetti

This is the resolution regarding something that happened in the previous GA. every delegation present should have the right to participate with one person, coming here for free.

17/11 votes = 60 % majority in order to pass

Akropolis: How important are the fees or cost for accommodations?

Alessio: It is different, the organizer must decide which cost they will cover or not. We used to cover the expenses of one participant of the delegation, 50 % off the sum for the second one, and everyone else paid the full fee.

Polituss: do you think the transport should be included?

If the fundraising was good, we should pay the transportation as well (for the first member of the delegation).

SPIL: we have around 20 associations per AC/GA. Plus Excom, Supcom, Discom. That is a lot of people. Do you think only premium association member should pay for them or Excom as well?

It's not really... I don't know. My resolution states that PAM should cover all the fees.

SPIL: Is this for the GA of the whole AC/GA?

Alessio : At least for the GA, it does not necessarily apply to the whole conference.

Ben Monange: if you grant fees for one person from a delegation, you will put a lot of pressure on the organizing budget. Maybe we should have waivers, for the less fortunate countries or those, who do not get money from their universities.

Gina: It is possible to provide food and accommodation for the heads of the delegation. I would like to remind you that you should try to fund yourself with the help of your embassies. I do think it is possible to accommodate them.

Polituss: What if someone, if a delegation only has one member.

Alessio : The GA has the moral obligation to allow every IAPSS member to be here. Then we can discuss fundraising, money and everything else.

Publius: we should have some criteria for eligibility for these covered expenses.

SPIL: If the delegation can come to the GA, they come for free; they do not have to pay the membership fee. They just come for free.

Membership fees have to be paid at the beginning of the year, but only 15 % of delegations do that. This may be a problem.

Alessio: I would like to withdraw this resolution and propose another one which will be re-formulated.

VOTE: 2 against, 15 approve the resolution

3-Liaison officer for the Council of Europe: Iana Stantieru

Milos : The relation between IAPSS and the Council of Europe will be strengthened by establishing direct contact with people working in the CoE; she has already been in the April meeting of the CoE, and she will attend the next one in September.

IAPSS could promote Politikon or even apply for funds for printing the journal.

Alexandros: Since Iana is not here; can she send the reports from the meeting?

Alexandros : She didn't attend the first meeting, Miloš and Amra did. They will make the report and send it to all the association members. The IAPSS ExCom made a request for the election of a new IAPSS Liaison Officer towards the CoE since December 2009 to the Alumni Club.

VOTE: 15 votes in favor of Iana, 2 associations abstained – the proposal has passed.

4-FINAL SUPCOM REPORT 2007-2008

The Final Report of the SUPCOM was not distributed. The GA has to approve the final report, so this will be the responsibility of the next GA.

Raluca: I think it should be sent until the next e-GA.

Sander: Who are the members of Supcom?

Raluca : There are three members: IANA, GULIA and Jerom (who elaborate the Internal Audit of IAPSS)

Sander : We should reconsider the Liaison Officer Election

RECONSIDERING ON LIAISON OFFICER: 7 for the reconsideration, 9 against it – proposal was overruled.

- **Important point of information after GA:** The Document was sent during the ACGA (May 6th) by Iana Stantieru via Skype. The report was not printed and delivered due a misunderstanding of the EXCOM responsible (Alejandro Delmar).

Because the rest of the reports were included in a ZIP documents and sent via the Google Groups to the participants and the Head of Delegations via e-mail before the GA. The other reports (not submitted via mail before GA) were printed and distributed by the responsible to present their report.

Therefore, since there was no responsible of the SUPCOM 2007-2008 during the General Assembly this generated a misunderstanding at the moment to locate the report. In that sense this reconsideration on the Liaison Officer should not be evaluated on the responsibility of the former SUPCOM representative to submit the report.

See <http://groups.google.si/group/participants-acga09?hl=en> to review all the reports of the General Assembly.

It is important to implement a unique rule of procedure to submit the Preliminary and Final the reports.

5-PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2008-2009

See Power Point Presentation

Miloš: The opening balance is from the October 1st – money that IAPSS had from the starting of my mandate (account + small cash) = 3014,04 Euros.

Other expenses to be explained, since they weren't yesterday. The Politikon: printing 1049, travel reimbursement 974 (CoE,..), accommodation reinforcements for Excom members (for all 5 members), 720, phone 350, postal fees 242, transportation (bus tickets) 204; other expenses could not be specified.

If anyone wants that kind of information they will receive it.

Income: Donation (NATO 11th IAPSS AC GA) 3000, membership fees 505 – it was only paid by Stuga, SPIL and Machiavelli, the rest of the membership fees were paid after the GA in Thessaloniki. Incoming balances 6523 = money in the account + cash (IAPSS has it now).

POINT OF INFORMATION

SPIL: 3000 Euros from NATO was given to GAPSS, so they decided to give it to GA. 50 % of this money must go back to GAPSS. Why wasn't that put into the account?

Miloš: there are 2 parts of NATO donation, the second part was transferred in my mandate, the 3000. This is why Alex said it was given from the GAPSS to IAPSS Excom. I have it in the papers that this 3000 Euros were from GAPSS to IAPSS.

Machiavelli: I would recommend to the other associations to ask for clarifications of other expenses. We would like to receive it, since it is the one fourth of all the expenses.

Akropolis: Why not put it in the preliminary report or the final financial report? Will it be on the e-GA?

Miloš: Yes of course, it will be in the final report.

SPIL: Balance sheet – what happened so that the balance sheet changes for over 1000 Euros?

Miloš: You have the opening balance, membership fees, donations. The official balance sheet was 6500, but we still have to collect some membership fees so the balance sheet from the January 1st 2010 will have to be 7500, for the EC grant.

Machiavelli: After one month from now, after the GA the associations will be provided by the specifiable list of others (by the treasurer).

Roll call: 16 associations with the voting right - present

VOTE: 12 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining – preliminary financial report is accepted.

SPIL: The reports are always late. We felt that it is the Excom's responsibility for delivering the needed documents one month in advance.

RESOLUTION OF ROMA LOUIS: changes have been made in accordance with Minke's recommendations. The fees will be paid only to those who have already paid their membership fees.

VOTE: 13 for, 3 against - resolution is accepted.

6-INTERNAL AUDIT –

Nataša (2005-2006: the position of treasurer). She's prepared to do it. At this point it is not know when she is going to start. Her mandate should last for 1 year.

Akropolis: You will do the audit of the current financial year?

Nataša: Yes.

Role call: 15 associations with the voting right - present

VOTE: 13 for Nataša being responsible for the internal audit , 2 abstaining.

7-PERMANENT SEAT WORKING GROUP

Members: 5 Members

NIKOLA (EXCOM, Representative from Slovenia)

ALEXANDROS (FORMER EXCOM)

IVO (The Netherlands)

JEROEN (The Netherlands)

IRIS(The Netherlands)

Working group will be approved as a whole.

VOTE: 15 (UNANIMOUS).

8-ALUMNI BOARD ELECTIONS

Alumni Board Elections :

2 new members : Sander and Giulia

VOTE: 14 for, 2 abstaining – accepted.

9-MEMBERSHIP FEES

Miloš: Excom proposes that the membership **fees should remain in 120**. For those associations that don't sent their Operational Plans the membership fee will be 135 Euros.

POI: Why did Machiavelli pay 125?

Miloš: There's no such fee. You should ask someone else, the one who was responsible before in the Treasurer position. We charge the same membership fee for all association members.

VOTE: 3 abstaining, 12 for – the proposal to maintain the membership fees is accepted.

10- OTHER POINTS

Honorary membership (Alessio): I would like to invite the delegations of this AC/GA to vote and accept Blaž as the honorary member. He was active in the year 2001 in Rome. He helped approved the permanent seat project, he was a chairman of the association in 2003.

VOTE: 14 for, 1 abstaining. – honorary membership accepted.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Alejandro: Lets thank the Organizing Committee and the board of this GA worked really hard and did a wonderful job. We would like the next GA committee to be as successful and we hope to see you at the next GA in Leiden. And maintain permanent contact with the Head of Delegations.

SPIL: We are very happy to have the honor of organizing the next AC/GA and we hope to do it as well as Polituss did this year.

VOTE to adjourn this meeting: all in favor (15 votes).

Secretary General of the GA

Chair of the GA

Vice chair of the GA