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IAPSS 17th General Assembly

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORT *Bucharest, Romania*

Tuesday 19th of November, 2013

Present member associations:

AAIEP
ASSP-UB
IPSJU
ismus
Machiavelli
MAPSS
SPIL
StugA Politik
UnYARo

GA Board:

Jannick Burggraaf
Joia Buning
Reint-Jan Groot Nuelend

Start: 11:56h EET

End: 18:51h EET

Topic 1: Opening of the 17th IAPSS General Assembly

Philipp Aepler opens the GA and apologizes for starting later than the agenda stated. Some associations will arrive later this day. At first we do the roll call to see which associations and which individual members are present and able to vote. Some individuals are also representing associations; they will be able to vote twice. For themselves and for the associations they represent.

Jannick does the roll call. All associations listed above are present.

Individual role call: Jannick and Reint-Jan check all names. Honorary member Dragan is also present.

The President of the UNYARo association welcomes everyone on the 17th ACGA. They are member of IAPSS since the ACGA in Rome in March 2013. UNYARo is glad they achieved to organize such a big project.

Due to Dutch association law there has been a small change concerning voting procedures. Thomas: in article 9.5. The proposal in Rome was to have a two-round voting system. In the first round could only individual members vote, in the second round all associations could vote. This procedure was objected by the notary, because it conflicted with article 9.2: could be possible to never enter into a second round, in which there are sessions where the associations couldn't vote. Result: a renewed article 9.5. Now there are two simultaneous rounds of voting at the same time: one for individuals,



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one for associations. We maintain 'veto' because individuals and associations can block something.

All associations vote in favor of this change, most individual members as well.

Vote on rules of procedure of the GA: all associations vote in favor. Individuals: most of them vote in favor.

The following topic on the agenda consists of a personal statement by Eva van der Helm. She announces that she will resign as IAPSS treasurer. Due to a lack of time and effort she and the rest of ExCom decided to make place for a new treasurer. Philipp assures Eva has put all her efforts into being a treasurer for the past 1,5 year. She leaves it at a moment where IAPSS is financially sustainable and independent, to which she made a great contribution. This resignation is valid from midnight onwards; she will still present the financial year during the second day of the GA.

Nomination and elections of GA board

Philipp makes suggestion of Reint-Jan, Jannick and Joia. All individuals vote in favor, the suggested board abstains. All member associations vote in favor. The proposal is accepted. Reint-Jan Groot Nuelend is the chairman, Jannick Burggraaf the vice-chair and Joia Buning the secretary who will take the minutes. When people enter the room, this person has to send a note to Jannick to say he or she is present.

Philipp suggests doing a short presentation of the agenda. The lunch will be at 13:15 and we will skip the short break, which was planned for 12:00. Dragan suggests including at topic 14 how the member associations promote IAPSS for their members. The agenda is accepted.

Proposal by GA on topic for strategy/workshop will follow later.

Topic 2: Reporting by IAPSS ExCom, Coordinators – Q&A

Thomas Linders, secretary-general: goals were: substantial increase in individual members, increasing flexibility of the application process and as side-process: the relocation of IAPSS to the Netherlands. He has professionalized mailings and a Lating America coordinator assisting him in taking up another region was appointed. Current number of individual members: 123, we started at 0 in Rome. Also PayPal as new payment method on the website. Additional benefits for individual members: participation in delegations and contributions to academic publications. He has launched, in cooperation with Julien, MyIAPSS. That is an online platform. Association members are now 16, of which four non-EU. The set goals for the rest Thomas' mandate are: creating an index of political science departments for non-European institutes, promotional packages for associations, webinars, how-to's for association start-ups, the start up of the IAPSS alumni Network, membership coordinators for Africa, North America and Asia an a large-scale membership survey 2014.

Rodrigo Vaz, academic department: objections: keeping POLITIKON in current shape, publication four times a year, to reestablish the think tank and to send IAPSS delegations to partners. POLITIKON: 3 issues have been published, next one in early January 2014.



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Editorial board has noted slight decrease in quantity and quality of the submissions. The department is thinking about a new strategy and is optimistic about the future. In the next issue there will be coordination with the think tank to have a theme (global governance). Delegations: goal to reach out to as many third party conferences - which are relevant for IAPSS - as possible.

Ksenija Martinovic, head of Events: she started with her task in June, so her report also starts from June. First of all, a study trip to Brussels took place, which consisted of 20 students. The second study trip that took place went to Bosnia and Herzegovina with 10 students. Also the 6th Academic Conference took place, this time in Montenegro. There were a lot of activities, with various methods of work. This AC of Bucharest will consist of participants from more than 20 nations. IAPSS started to work more internationally. There is also an increased focus on students' academic papers. At the moment is Ksenija working on organizing an event, which takes place outside of Europe. Planned events for now are: first World Congress for Political Science Students in Thessaloniki from March 31 until April 5. One of the academic projects, like the think tank, will be presented there, which will make the link to link to the global governance theme. Moreover, there is a call for applications for organizing an ACGA in the autumn of 2014 and for a non-European AC. The first Summer School will take place in Istanbul in 2014.

Michael Peters, international cooperation department: he wanted to apply for the Youth in Action fund, but struggled with some institutional obstacles with the relocation from Ljubljana to Nijmegen. They had to use the old account and the signature of the former president, which caused a large hassle. IAPSS received a refusal of its application for the Youth in Action grant. Michael is responsible for having the first contact with organizations like IPSA and ECPR. The IPSA cooperation is reestablished. Now also catching back to funding in the EU. Michael and Philipp went to Brussels to establish cooperation with other international youth associations. They talked during those meetings a lot about fundraising, but IAPSS doesn't have that much overlap with the EU's policy goals. Exchange of articles and publications with such associations is interesting for or to do joint applications by proposals for fundraising (??). There has been a call for a fundraising coordinator and a new strategy for the rest of the mandate will be made. Focus is now on corporate sponsoring, no new EU grants until 07/2014.

Julien Hautb, PR department: the homepage is completely new, much broader information. New sections, technical support and digital applications for membership have been added. Which is sustainable for the future. Also the layout of POLITIKON was changed into a more professional look. Facebook account has gained more likes and is good for IAPSS' visibility. Foundations for MyIAPSS have been set. Multiple documents are available there. There are various translations of the IAPSS article on Wikipedia. Upcoming projects: extension of internal area, developing a new marketing strategy to attract more members, broad expansion of the Career Center and the development of IAPSS Yellow Pages, only accessible for members to see the contact information of other member.

Question from Dragan: can the old statutes also be changed on the website? Julien: this will happen.

Alexandru Volacu, publications coordinator: started in April 2013. Call for editors for A Different View (ADV) was done, the blog published some 25 articles, but they still need



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to do some work on promotion. There are a couple of new journal proposals: Latin American journal and launching a new journal focused on PhD students. Objectives for now are: keeping the editions for POLITIKON constant, more visibility for ADV and a new section of debates on the blog.

Q - Reint-Jan: how do you want to improve visibility of ADV? Julien answers: mutual links through the blogs, improving lay-out of home page, but we're mainly still in a state of discussion. Alexandru: we also want to launch special articles dedicated to the themes.

Ariane Kehr, Summer School coordinator: the upcoming summer school will take place in Istanbul, with the cooperation of multiple universities. We'd like to have 45 participants, price will be 534 for participants, but hopefully we'll receive some funding to make the price more attractive. There will be an academic part (about EU and its institutions, Turkey country profile and a combination of both), methodological part (debating and writing classes) and there will be social and teambuilding events (including outside tours and institutional visits). For now a clear time line needs to be constructed.

Jannick Burggraaff, Study Trip Coordinator: Organized study trips to Brussels and Bosnia Herzegovina. Second one had a smaller group, but that has also its advantages. The study trips have been very successful and there were no problematic issues. An improvement: a change in the administration procedure after the Study trip to Bosnia Herzegovina. In Bosnia Herzegovina the order of activities wasn't perfect. The Study trip coordinators evaluate everything and they also let participants give feedback. At the moment they are working on a study trip to Tunisia, afterwards to Kosovo and Brussels. Raluca: what kind of activities do you do during the study trips? Jannick: institutional visits, visiting international organizations, talking with experts et cetera.

Ana Maria Dibu, head of the Career Center: there have been 11 issues until now. Anna is working on the extension of the other departments. She wants to include more internships and job applications. Moreover, she is also working creating a webinars, online trainings, perhaps through alumni. Raluca: ExCom can be added to the already existing Facebook group of alumni.

Philipp Aepler, president: Focus 1 of the president is putting everything together, to improve the internal working structures. The board will be extended to 20 members, which requires an efficient division of labor. Focus 2 is the financial stability: we achieved a situation of financial stability and independency, a complete degree of transparency. We also have to look for new incomes, such as grants and funds. Focus 3: the global growing of the network, by getting out of Europe, which is one of our main objectives. The ExCom also want to increase IAPSS' membership services, to make membership to association more valuable. Focus 4: international cooperation. Philipp and Michael took a lot of effort in Brussels to revive and start new partnerships with youth associations and major political science associations. Fundraising in 2014 will be a very important topic. The portfolio achievements are: continuity, consolidation, diversification and internationalization. There are multiple objectives for Events, Academic Affairs and Membership services.

Daan Tillie: how about the Skype meetings with associations? Philipp: only with those that organize events or who are close to entering IAPSS. Daan: wouldn't it be an idea to have closer ties with associations? Thomas and Philipp: the personal connection is very important; we're still working on that.



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Reint Jan: please send an idea for the fourth workshop or tell us. Suggestion: lunch from 14:00 until 14:45. Philipp: suggestion to have a joint dinner.
GA continues at 14:55

Topic 3: Financial Administration Reporting & Audit – Q&A

Eva: the financial year runs according to a calendar year. We had a budget set. In which we didn't expect the great amount of incomes. We discussed all expenses made with the ExCom. Normally we would have to stick to the budget, but we had so many unforeseen incomes, it would have been wrong to not do something with it. IAPSS now has multiple accounts: the Slovenian account still exists, only recently IAPSS in the Netherlands was established including a bank account. Now we have a transaction discount. Also, we have a PayPal account now, so we currently have 3 accounts. We had many transactions this year, but the old overview is not comprehensive anymore and it's not optimal yet.

A big part of incomes are the solidarity fees. These keep the association running. There were more AC's, ACGA's and ST's, which resulted in larger incomes. Large parts of expenses are the travel reimbursements. We've enlarged our board a lot because coordinators were taken up in it. Also high costs for the banking account and for transactions fees for Paypal from non-EU countries. Trip from president and international cooperation coordinator were also a bit high, but very helpful for the association. So the total expenses are a bit higher than the incomes, but we are very positive about last year.

Administration didn't go very well this year, we will categorize more to improve the overview. Banking costs will be lowered. On the second day of the GA the new financial regulations and a budget for the upcoming half year will be presented.

Joia reads out the financial report of SupCom (HAS TO BE COPIED HERE). Dragan: how exactly did you check the finances? Mirco: Eva sent us all relevant documents and we asked her a lot of questions about things that weren't clear. We didn't have any access to the account, but we don't think that was very necessary for this year. Maybe for the next half year we could check the expenses every month. Eva: this was the first year this kind of audit took place. There will also be a final report on IAPSS finances of 2013, so SupCom and the treasurer can improve the way how finances are checked.

Voting. The financial report is accepted.

Topic 4: Planning & Strategy Workshops

Workshop 1 on fundraising and acquisition
Workshop 2 on new IAPSS journals in 2014
Workshop 3 on improvement and extension of IAPSS membership services in 2014

Everybody has to be back at 17:00

Topic 5: Presentations of Workshop Results – Q&A



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Workshop 1: IAPSS Fund Raising

Michael presents the outcome of the workshop on Fundraising and Acquisition: The people that participated made a couple of lists with possible partners and how the issue of linking EU themes to IAPSS objectives could be solved. For example offering workshop-space during a conference to a corporation or think-tank that is linked to political science. Finding topics that sponsors are interested in. They can have a short stop at our conference, the public is attractive for them. Sponsors through media, also using the alumni network for fundraising, because of all the contacts. International think tanks could be linked to our think tank or IAPSS in general. IAPSS could increase its cooperation with publishing houses, to create discounts for members. Small interesting idea: IAPSS souvenir section, merchandise. Workshop on acquisition from a professional, maybe an alumni or someone from the associations.

Philipp: what makes IAPSS interesting for funding partners? Can we describe IAPSS in a few key words? Michael: our professionalization. Risk management, lobbying are topics that are also interesting for several companies. To create interest in their company. University advertisement is also interesting for IAPSS.

After Michael's presentation, a round of question for associations takes place on how they see IAPSS and how their association is funded.

Machiavelli: it's hard to explain to the students of our association what IAPSS really is. My own view is that a big difference with our own association is that it is international. That offers more chances, because you have lots of members of different countries.

Daan: we offer our students to companies; who then can provide a workshop and make the students aware of their company. Then they give us some money.

Roma Tre: our students are very enthusiast about IAPSS. Their participation is increasing, we're trying to spread the IAPSS spirit. IAPSS is a bridge between the academic, purely knowledge and what is real. Participating in a GA or an AC is important to our opinion. Our partners pay some fees and then we do some advertising for them

ASP Roma Luiss: IAPSS is a way for students to think more international, to break barriers and have new experiences. But at the end of their courses, they don't want to stay involved, because they want to enter the job market.

IPS-JU: most of the students don't know IAPSS, so we have to promote it. For us it's important to exchange experiences through IAPSS, because our organization is still developing. The academic part of IAPSS is also important. When it comes to funding, we get financial assistance from our university.

UNYRo: getting acquainted with the practical side of political science. We work together with some companies and foundations, where we get project funding.

ASP-UB: people are willing to know more about IAPSS, but they can't afford to attend the events. We have some contacts with very small companies.

StugA: we're mostly informal and function independent. We informed students in our introduction week what IAPSS is. We try to tell to new students what it is. For some it's



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not always clear what's really going on. Stories from people who already went there are the best way to explain to new students the idea of IAPSS.

Workshop 2: New IAPSS Journals

Rodrigo presents the results of the Workshop on new IAPSS journals in 2014:

POLITIKON's two main problems are quantity and quality. Solutions to overcome this: working on guidelines for authors. We also have to work on advertisement, like sending the journal and the call for papers in mailing lists, so we can broaden to list of recipients. We could compile an issue with the strongest articles of last year. With the call for papers, we can enclose this as example of what POLITIKON is. We need to reach more people, so we should make it accessible for everyone. It should be free to join, free to contribute, free to share. Perhaps we could make one thematic issue per year to improve the quality of contributions. Making partnerships with universities to make sure that POLITIKON is sent to their members and professors.

Alex: we have to consider if it's wise to set up two new journals in a time where POLITIKON isn't at its best. On the other hand, there is no intermediation between undergraduate journals and high political science journals. In that way, a PhD journal would be a great addition.

Thomas: the workload for writing a paper for a journal is pretty heavy. We also struggle a bit with the quality of applications. When the quality is mediocre, students will not feel attracted to send in their paper.

Julien: the webinars will be given by students, this could encourage people to write a paper.

Philipp: It's important to mention that POLITIKON is a platform for encouraging students to write, but it's nothing that will change the world of political science journals. The framework we considered by starting it up is different than that of PhD students.

Ariane: At StugA we could ask our professors to take a look at POLITIKON and spread it to the students. It could be promoted in a lecture.

Michael: it has to be more visible; associations should promote it, maybe through their professors.

Ksenija: we could also translate good articles into English. It could be a plus for students to get their articles published. It's the responsibility of the associations as well.

Dragan: give students who sent in an article feedback, even if their article is not chosen.

Rodrigo: people who get far in the selection process do get some feedback. But we don't have time to give feedback to everyone.

Alex: visibility is the key. Also indexing the journal in international databases. If we follow the steps for POLITIKON it can be consolidated. Afterwards we can still start up the new journals.

Workshop 3: IAPSS Membership Services

Thomas presents the results of the workshop on membership services: there is a general lack of proper information provision. Knowledge transfers between board changes are important. Having an ambassador for each association to promote IAPSS would be good, so that people know what it is and how to contribute. IAPSS should also be more involved in the faculties where it is promoted.

Philipp: how to better stay in touch with member associations. It would be good to have a half year follow up with the new board once it's elected. This is a matter of how to find a good date for one or two ExCom members and representatives of associations.



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Topic 7: Report on Relocation from Ljubljana to Nijmegen

Thomas: Ideas for relocating started last year with the Piano resolution in Bremen. Statutes, internal regulations and rules of procedure were revised. Statutes are now short and basic. Adaptions have been made to the statutes regarding the voting procedure. We'll have two simultaneous voting rounds. Affiliation with Radboud University Nijmegen: they were happy with our portfolio, which resulted in a positive long-term financial backing and support, including project funding. Final steps of relocation: termination of the Slovenian bank account, physical move from Ljubljana to Nijmegen, furnishing an office and an institutional agreement with the Radboud University for financial and human resource report.

Reint-Jan closes the meeting for today. Tomorrow the GA continues at 10:00.

Philipp: tomorrow we'll celebrate IAPSS 15th anniversary, could everyone dress up formally?



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Wednesday the 20th of November 2013

Start: 10:30h EET

End: (approx.) 19.00 EET

Philipp announces elections for the position of treasurer later this day. The registration for the AC opens on Wednesday 21st of November at 14:00 and the conference starts at 16:00.

Topic 6: Forecast on the 2nd Half of the Legislative Term of 2013-14

Core objectives:

- Permanent long-term settlement in Nijmegen. Opening an office and having an employee there, paid by the university. Structural dissolution of the association in Slovenia. Making IAPSS a reliable partner for European and international youth associations in Brussels. It was good to be present there a couple of weeks ago.
- Extending the financial flexibility and professionalization of the financial administration: trying to increase the budget to create more reserves. New ideas for fundraising with it are the new fundraising team. New system of fees instead of solidarity charges. Diversifications of our incomes. Making the financial administration more accountable and transparent.
- Consolidation of annual IAPSS events: 4 study trips, the first World Congress of IAPSS (March 31st to April 5th), a Summer School in Istanbul, open call for non-European Academic Conference (focus on new member associations beyond Europe), conference management team within ExCom
- Strengthening quality of academic portfolio (especially in Academic Affairs department): application of annual team to all IAPSS events, publications and delegations. Working together with other boards.
- Improvement of membership value: IAPSS yellow pages internal database with contact data, guideline for and facilitation of bilateral exchanges. Webinars that we open up for everyone interested. Also one-to-one mentoring with alumni. More travel grants for delegations, but especially for non-Europeans travelling to our events. Enlargement of My IAPSS and in the beginning of February a membership survey

Machiavelli: how do you expect to realize a more international public at the World Congress in Thessaloniki? Philipp: the WC is larger than a normal ACGA and it's a better name, more attracting for those not coming from Europe. Also we have 15 travel grants, especially for panelists. General academic program will also contain non-European lecturers.

Dragan: you planned to have a platform for eGA's and extraordinary budgets, but not realized yet?

Philipp: people can respond on email, but it's still an embedded version in an email that you reply once you received it.

Julien: My IAPSS is for exchanging information. Moreover, it's not possible to vote multiple times when needs to be digitally voted upon a proposal. We can see in the database who voted.



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Topic 8: IAPSS Budget for Financial Year 2014

Eva: we're able now to make a better forecast of the budget for upcoming year. We are hoping to get 300 individual members. There are different membership fees, depending if you're coming from a wealthy country or not. There is also an Alumni membership fee to construct an alumni network.

Dragan: isn't the number of expected participants in the World Congress and the other events a bit high? Eva: When it comes to the ACGA in the autumn of 2014, Nijmegen University is thinking of obliging all their second and third year students to participate.

Discussion for later on: higher fee for alumni than for individual members

Physical relocation from Ljubljana to Nijmegen will cost some money. Eva decided to reserve a lot of money for the in person meetings of the board and for travel reimbursements. Also the travel grants have been increased. Those grants are a great way of encouraging people from outside of Europe to participate in IAPSS events.

Joia: what is the added value of letting three board members instead of two travels to OC's? Eva: it's important to establish a good relation with the OC. The coordinator of Academic Affairs has to speak with the OC for the academic aspects, the Head of Events for the overall program and the President or the SecGen has to be there for the GA.

Machiavelli: where does the additional 5 EUR for the membership fee go to? Because now it looks like it's only going to the board members. Michael: it's very important to have some in person meetings to keep the association running. Ariane: also for the motivation of the board this is important. Philipp: this is a big difference between national association and an international one. These people have to meet in person for two times. These meetings are very crucial. Costs are downsized as much as possible, but we need them to make sure the association is running correctly.

Mirco: is SupCom also included in the travel reimbursements? Michael: we estimate a total number of 14 for the travel reimbursements; it never happens that all show up, so it can still include SupCom members.

Machiavelli: the estimated savings aren't much, while you said you wanted to make reservations? Eva: we estimated the expenses higher to be safe, so there is a big chance we'll save some money from that. Michael: also, we're not sure if all the travel grants will be used for delegations to IPSA and ISA.

Machiavelli: but if you're not sure, you need to have more savings?

Philipp: we calculated very conservatively with the lowest expected incomes

Machiavelli: however, please take it as an advice.

Eva: Yes, I will.

Dragan: I'm impressed you're trying to increase the benefits for members, but is there a way we're sure the people who get travel grants are not board members?

Rodrigo: the selection is based on the merits of their proposals and their geographical state. It's a fair process. Michael: we have a clear process of reviewing this. Dragan: so most of the panelists will be individual members?



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Eva: when it comes to savings, we also chose to not distribute the GA packages anymore, because everybody has a laptop/tablet etc.

Joia: how about the discussion yesterday on that POLITIKON should be free for everyone? Now it's still included in the incomes in the budget.

Rodrigo: we were also thinking of removing it, this will be discussed later.

Topic 9: Amendments to the IAPSS financial regulations

Eva has a couple of proposals.

Change in her proposal 1.4: the budget has **to** be voted upon.

To include in 1.7: all this

Individuals: 14 in favor 5 against 9 abstaining 0 blank

Associations: 7 in favor 1 against 1 abstaining 1 blank

First part of the proposal ACCEPTED

Part 2. 2.2 shall include: including access to the bank account and the transaction history.

Individuals: 23 in favor, 0 against 5 abstaining

Associations: 9 in favor, 1 abstaining

ACCEPTED

Vote upon paragraph 2

Individuals: 25 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstaining

Associations: 9 in favor, 1 abstaining

ACCEPTED

Amendment to change 15 days in 3 days

Individuals: 2 in favor 19 against 7 abstaining

Associations: 1 in favor, 6 against 3 abstaining

REJECTED

Paragraph 3

Individuals: 20 in favor 2 against 6 abstaining

Associations: 7 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstaining, 1 blank

ACCEPTED

Paragraph 4

Individuals 25 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstaining, 0 blank

Associations: 9 in favor, 1 abstaining

ACCEPTED

Paragraph 5

Individuals 23 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstaining

Associations 9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining, 0 blank

ACCEPTED

Paragraph 6



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Individuals: 24 in favor, 3 abstaining
Associations 9 in favor 1 abstaining
ACCEPTED

Paragraph 7

Individuals 24 in favor, 4 abstaining
Associations 9 in favor 1 abstaining
ACCEPTED

Proposal SupCom:

The General Assembly may decide to include in the Financial Regulations that the ExCom has to inform the SupCom in case unexpected expenses or incomes are higher than 500 euro.

Individuals 27 in favor 1 abstain
10 associations in favor.

ACCEPTED. This will be included in the Financial Regulations.

Incomes have decreased by 120 euro because of the proposal to make POLITIKON free. For now, decreasing the reservations will solve this.

Vote upon budget

Individuals in favor: 17 in favor 1 against 10 abstaining
Associations: 9 in favor 1 abstaining

BUDGET APPROVED

Topic 10 IAPSS Events in 2014

March 31st – April 5th World Congress in Thessaloniki

18th ACGA in 2014 probably in Nijmegen

Study trips planned: Tunisia (to be more non-European), Brussels in April/May, Madrid in June, Kosovo in October/November

Summer School in Istanbul in July/August

Thomas presents the proposal that has been sent in by ismus for the organization of an ACGA in autumn 2014. The theme will be 'The Universality of Human Rights in the 21st century'. Thomas moreover explains the proposed program and budget.

Topic 11: Proposals by ExCom & General Assembly

Proposals by the ExCom

1. Abolition of IAPSS solidarity surcharge by 31.12.2013

Machiavelli: what is the difference between the solidarity fee and the event fee? Thomas: it's more a name thing and another purpose. For us the event fee is a very stable income. We're replacing it by an events fee.

ACCEPTED



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2. IAPSS Event Fee

Mirco: the incomes from this fee will be 6400 in the budget, but only 500 of that is spent on cultural and social events. Where does the rest go? Eva: the budget is overall, what gets in can be spent for other causes. Mirco: in Rome we discussed that everyone who participates must be a member, but the prices for them are getting higher and higher.

Philipp: we have to be financial stable, even without external funding.

Alexandru: although the fee is a bit too high, if we don't agree on this the whole budget melts down.

Machiavelli: you're now punishing active members, because they have to pay for their membership and for the ACGA's they're attending.

Thomas: we keep the core low and a slightly higher fee for events. Not all members want to or can participate.

Machiavelli: but isn't it true that most people become a member because they want to attend an event?

Thomas: well that depends.

Voting:

Individuals 19 in favor, 1 against, 6 abstaining

Associations: 5 in favor, 1 against, 4 abstaining

ACCEPTED

3. IAPSS Membership fees in 2014

Increasing it for people from Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, NZ and Japan

Voting:

30 individuals to vote and 10 associations

individuals: 12 in favor 1 against 15 abstaining 0 blank

associations: 6 in favor 2 against 2 abstaining 0 blank

ACCEPTED

4. IAPSS Alumni membership and membership fees

The alumni belong to the last category, which are donors. Proposal to set minimal of contribution of minimum 20 euro.

Dragan: what is the added value of becoming an alumni and paying 20 euro's for the association? Philipp: because of webinars. And there also a lot of benefits for the alumni.

Dragan: when they're providing us services, why do they have to pay us 20 euro? When they want to give money to the association, they can donate. Michael: encouragement for them to help us. Philipp: the network is open for everyone interested, but closed for participation.

Stefan: Inconsistency in use of 'alumni' and 'membership'. We could combine both in an IAPSS Alumni club, which can have a membership fee. The organization should provide a space where people can decide to donate, but first they have to build up a stronger relation.

Alex: we could introduce a yearly funding instead.

Michael: it didn't work with a loose system, that's why we chose to regulate it.



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Dragan: there are better ways of handling your alumni if more time and thought is put into it.

Thomas: we will work on your proposals for an alumni club in a later stage.

Individuals: 9 in favor 6 against 12 abstaining 1 blank

Associations: 2 in favor 1 against 6 abstaining 1 blank

REJECTED

5. IAPSS membership fees during last two months of the association's year

Membership expires each year on the 31st of March. There is a proposal to let people who join IAPSS from the 1st of February on have their membership for the next year as well. Change in the proposal that membership will be extended instead of may be extended.

Voting:

Individuals: 26 in favor 0 against 2 abstaining 0 blank

Associations: 10 in favor

ACCEPTED

6. IAPSS Publication Fee

Rodrigo: from yesterday's workshop. We can't place a barrier on the publication of it, nobody wants to pay and I don't think anyone will ever do so. Philipp: it's a membership service, it doesn't make sense to make it completely public. Rodrigo: I can't find it plausible that members join IAPSS to read POLITIKON. Alex: tendency now is to move to open access, it would be a mistake not to do the same.

Voting:

1 in favor 17 against 10 abstain 0 blank

Associations: 0 in favor, 6 against, 4 abstaining 9 blank

REJECTED

7. Amendment to article 9 of the Internal Regulations

Voting:

26 in favor 0 against 2 abstaining 0 blank

associations 9 in favor 0 against 1 abstaining 0 blank

ACCEPTED

Lunch until 14:15

14:20

Proposals by the General Assembly

1. Rodrigo: proposal to ensure open access to POLITIKON, outside of memberships.



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Individuals: 24 in favor 0 against 4 abstaining 0 blank

Associations: 10 in favor

ACCEPTED

2. SupCom: proposal to give SupCom opportunity to check the bank account on a monthly base. Idea to include this in the financial regulations? It will be included in topic 9 the amendments to the FR.
3. SupCom: proposal that ExCom should inform SupCom when unforeseen incomes or expenses are higher than 500 euro. This will also be included in topic 9;
4. StugA: proposal for associations to work on a proposal for the next ACGA on membership fees, especially for associations.

Topics 12: Election of IAPSS treasurer

Reint-Jan is the only candidate for the position of treasurer within the IAPSS ExCom. Reint-Jan introduces himself to the GA, tells something about this background, and explains his motivation for applying. He explains he has relevant experience for the function and that he is eager to get actively involved in IAPSS and in particular in the financial department.

After a short break Jannick announces the results of the vote. 39 votes have been cast. All votes are in favor of Reint-Jan's election as treasurer.

After some closing notes by Reint-Jan, Philipp and Alexandru all present members vote on the closing of the General Assembly of IAPSS. The vote is accepted.