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Minutes of the IAPSS 18th General Assembly

Location: University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Date: 4 and 5th of April 2014

General Assembly Chairs: Wanda Tiefenbacher, Nino Vitone, Michele Rillo

Day 1 – 4th April 2014

Present member associations: SPIL, Machiavelli, StugA Politik, Asp Roma LUISS, GRAPESS, MAPSS, ismus, UN Youth Romania, IAPSS Roma Tre (9 total)

Total number of individual members present at 11:00AM: 57 people

Vote is passed by normal majority, unless noted otherwise: Associations 5/9; individuals 29/57

GA board: Peyman Vittone, Michele Rillo, Wanda Tiefenbacher

Start time: 11:00 AM (1 hour behind schedule)

End time: 19:20 PM (10 minutes before expected!)

Topic 1: Opening of the 18th IAPSS General Assembly

- Opening statement by President Philipp Aepler

- Roll call for member associations

- Proposal by Machiavelli (Amsterdam) on voting procedures (Article 12.6, Article 12.7. Proposal to change 12.6 to “A proposal brought to vote is rejected if the number of votes against the proposal equals or exceeds the number of votes in favour of the proposal” and remove Article 12.7

Result: Proposal passed (associations: 8 in favour; 0 against; 1 abstention // individuals: 49 in favour; 0 against, 4 abstentions)

- Proposal for acceptance of Rules of Procedure as base for GA

Result: Motion passed (associations: 9 in favour; 0 against // individuals: 45 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions)

- Proposal for acceptance of GA Chair: Peyman Vittone, Michele Rillo, Wanda Tiefenbacher

Result: acceptance by acclamation!

- Further proposals:

Inclusion of agenda point 2.4: inclusion of SupCom and Annual Report



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Result: Motion passed (associations: 8 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention // individuals: 52 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions, 1 blank)

**Topic 2: Reporting by the members of the IAPSS Executive Committee – Q&A
- Thomas Linders: Secretary General**

Extension of membership base, Latin America coordination, increase of membership through creation of databases of universities; increase of outreach, record number of applications; implementation of PayPal; approach towards membership fees remains a challenge

- Rodrigo Vaz: Head of Academic Department until January 2014

POLITIKON up and running in cooperation with other members of ExCom (Alexandru Volacu), improvement in quantity of applications submitted, former monthly PDF magazine re-launched by Summer 2013 as blog ADV, rising popularity, two more journals due, IPSA World Congress lastly in Lisbon and this year in Montreal; too many new journals compromise the quality of articles; recommendation: new look at think tank; recommend keeping academic participation by academic department in IAPSS events to a minimum.

- Comment: agreement on think tank that people have not met and have not established a working culture, thus commitment is lacking. Support of idea of re-thinking think tank structure.

- Alexandru Volacu: Head of Academic Department since February 2014 interim

Not many things to add due to recent appointment; launch of POLITIKON tonight, special issue with papers from WC in May/June. One delegation to IPSA – Alexandru suggests more delegations at graduate level. New applications for think tank coordinator – revitalisation of think tank pointed out.

- Ksenija Martinovic: Head of Events Department

Lots of work this year, lots of work in current mandate. Two large-scale events, three study trips (four-five more in preparation), summer school, preparation for next ACGA; more cooperation with the academic department, problems with the WC as it was very soon after the ACGA. Participation is raising statistically – shows a good job is being done regarding promotion.

- Julien Hauth: Head of Public Relations Department

In position since ACGA Rome. Two different tasks: homepage features and content; promotion of events and projects. New homepage with extended sections since last April, introduction of digital membership form, MyIAPSS membership base. Promotion methods: facebook page – reach of 200.000 people, facebook followers 30.000. Setup of career centre – internship programmes etc. Third Party advertisement: 300 Euros – expenses for homepage covered.

- Michael Peters: Head of International Cooperation (represented by Philipp Aepler)

Powerpoint presentation uploaded in Dropbox due to Michael's absence. Close cooperation between Michael and Philipp. Revitalisation of cooperation agreements as well as new ones. Business trip to Brussels conducted: meetings with partners, presidents, chairpersons (European youth-led organisations) – contribution to portfolio, exchange etc. Application to European Students Union pending. Institutional



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partnerships: promotion, cooperation, partnership exchange (IPSA, ECPR, UNESCO).
IPSA is the biggest academic partner: hosting of two panels, delegation of 4 ExCom members to Montreal. UNESCO: only to a limited extent affiliated with political science per se. In Europe, ECPR is the most important academic partner, academic conference in Glasgow 2014. Further discussion at “ExCom Retreat”.

- Philipp Aepler: President of IAPSS

Tasks and responsibilities: internal working structures, IAPSS General Assemblies, conference management and supervision, WC Thessaloniki, International Cooperation: Institutional & Academic partners, IAPSS portfolio: conceptualisation, consolidation, quality insurance, enlargement, long term partnership with Radboud University Nijmegen, financial independence. Challenges: international establishment at events (European bias); knowledge transfer to new board members; long-term settlement in Nijmegen

- Coordinators:

Alexandru Volacu – Publications coordinator
Ariane Kehr – Summer school coordinator
Jannick Burggraaff – Study trip coordinator
Anna Linders – Events coordinator
Ana Maria Dibu – Career coordinator
Wand Tiefenbacher – Fundraising coordinator
Iva Kopraleva – Think tank coordinator

- SupCom Report: Joia Buning

Great developments within IAPSS, pleasant to see so much international focus and development. Changes within ExCom (resignations etc.)

Achievements and reflections: improvement of financial regulations and checking, updated monthly by treasurer, problems with communication between ExCom and SupCom, unclear role description of SupCom – task of ExCom to provide information; no Skype invitations, no meetings with IAPSS. Good internal functioning, however recommended improvement between cooperation.

Short discussion about communication problems: possible solution to include SupCom in emails about Skype meetings, motivate them to access the minutes of a meeting in order for both a neutral point of view, and also for general comprehension.

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

Present member associations: 9

Total number of individual members present at 14:40 PM: 49 people

The balance of the year presented by the treasurer covers the whole financial year.
The SupCom, in Bucharest, had requested a monthly report of the financial situation and this new request has been accomplished and this report system was successful.

The recent incomes come from the World Congress and the Study trips.
The suggestions to improve the finances situation can be extending the use of the possibilities of the accounting software, the modification of the IAPSS membership fees regarding wire transfers and the respect of global differences.



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The Treasurer described the transfer from the Slovenian Bank account related to the previous IAPSS Headquarters to the new Dutch bank account.
The present Financial Status of the association is introduced.

Audit:

The SupCom presents its audit: The communication and cooperation with the treasurer is good and the bank account of the association is fine as well as the incomes even though there has been a loss that does not meet the expectancies regarding the savings that had been accepted in the 17th AC/GA in Bucharest.

Voting for acceptance of financial administration:

Result: vote passed (associations: 9 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions // individuals: 44 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

Topic 4: Presentation of Application for IAPSS World Congress 2015 – or – IAPSS Academic Conference and General Assembly (ACGA) 2015

Birkbeck Debating Society present their project

The proposed theme is “Cooperation, Conflicts and Security”

They propose London as host city for its huge amount of cultural importance and academic significance.

The social aspects shall include a great variety of events.

The venue and the location shall be the Institute of Education of the University of London.

An exhibition of NGOs and of post-graduate courses shall take place in the days of the AC/GA

Regarding the social program a visit will be organized to the House of Commons and a Speaker’s Breakfast.

There are 6 Participant Fee Options ranging from 50€ to 195€.

Regarding the accommodation, Hostels Youth Society can be a low-cost choice that would permit to more members to participate to the event.

Vote on IAPSS World Congress in London 2015:

Result: Motion passed (associations: 9 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions // individuals: 48 in favour, 1 against, 0 abstentions)

→ See concrete proposal for IAPSS World Congress in Dropbox for details

*** Topic 5: Conduction of Strategic Workshops ***

Topic 6: Presentation of Workshop Results – Q&A

Workshop 1: Association management for IAPSS member associations – Thomas Linders, Julien Hauth

Communication with members and external partners

Transition of boards and how to ensure stability

What is the biggest challenge you had to face in the last academic year?

→ see document “Workshop Best Practices” for further details

Workshop 2: IAPSS membership fees – “respecting global differences” – Philipp Aepler, Reint-Jan Nuelend



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Membership fees: 10 or 15 Euros for membership
Fruitful discussion but no particular conclusion
Possibility to attract other associations by having an application for a cheaper membership fee rather than having a fixed price
→ It's about bridging the barriers of trust

Comment: lack of structure and long-term strategy (1 year, 5 years, 10 years)
Also small steps, fixed with tools and requirements for members/associations
Clear goals

Comment: possibility of having associate membership for a free period of time in order for organisations and IAPSS to get a glimpse of what is happening, only to then later on pay a fee

Workshop 3: study trip management for IAPSS member associations – Ksenija Martinovic, Anna Linders, Jannick Burggraaff

Exchange of IAPSS and member associations views on how to conduct a study trip
Work and structure: clear differences between member organisations
Content of the study trips: vary from association to association, idea for cultural events and sightseeing rather than purely a political approach
Cooperation: increasing accessibility to people from all over the world, thus trying to get cooperation for lunch, reduced membership fees etc.
Jannick has a list with things to do for the study trip

**Topic 7: Forecast on Legislative Term of 2014-2015 – Q&A
Philipp Aepler**

- Employee & Headquarters at Radboud University Nijmegen

Installation of administrative and organisational headquarters, permanent paid;
Employee(s) at Nijmegen Headquarters;
Dissolution of former permanent seat in Ljubljana.

- Consolidation of Financial Base

Continuation of concerted fundraising campaign;
Mid-term set-up of adequate savings;
Extension of promotion & marketing opportunities for partners and third parties.

- Set-up of board for 2014-2015/SupCom

ExCom Retreat in April 2014; Transfer of Knowledge & Responsibilities;
Needed follow-ups – delegations & think tank;
Intensification of cooperation with IAPSS SupCom.

- Quality Insurance and Enlargement of IAPSS events

High quality study trips in 2014 (Tunisia, Kosovo, Madrid, US) and 2015 (Brussels, Istanbul...);
IAPSS ACGA 2014 in Nijmegen (20.-24.10) "Universality of Human Rights in the 21st century";
IAPSS Summer School 2014 in Istanbul and in 2015 in Nijmegen (with RUN);



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Regional IAPSS academic conference in Buenos Aires in 2015;
IAPSS World Congress in London 2015;
Congress management meetings with OCs.

- Finalisation of IAPSS Academic Portfolio

Finalisation of annual themes “limits to global governance (2014) and “cooperation, conflict & security” (2015) on IAPSS publications;
Successful realisation of 3 academic journals (POLITIKON, ELTA, JPTA) & consolidation of ADV;
Quality Insurance of IAPSS publications by indexation, institutional cooperation, promotion, comprehensive academic supervision & digital/printed publishing;
IAPSS delegations to IPSA, ECPR, EPF (all 2014), ISA 2015;
Reform of IAPSS Think Tank.

- Added values: new membership services

for associations: IAPSS Yellow Pages, facilitation of association exchanges, structural support, guideline on event management, enlargement of MyIAPSS;
for individuals: recorded hand-outs/webinars, mentoring with IAPSS alumni, increase of travel grants for IAPSS event panellists, Extension & internalisation of IAPSS news & opportunities, enlargement of MyIAPSS.

Topic 8: Report on Relocation of IAPSS Headquarters from Ljubljana, Slovenia to Nijmegen, the Netherlands

- Philipp Aepler and Thomas Linders

Removal of last things from Ljubljana to Nijmegen in about a month;
Office facility in Nijmegen → base for meetings of ExCom;
Possibility of funding a part-time/full-time employee.

Topic 9: Introduction on annual IAPSS elections

9.1 Overview on election requirements and procedure

- Philipp Aepler & Thomas Linders

Two GAs a year, this one is an election year → ExCom and SupCom elections;
Call for candidates is open until Saturday, 5th 2014 at noon to secgen@iapss.org. Voting will take place at 16:30.

Voting will take place with ballot papers, all open positions are listed: two-tier system, one ballot paper per association and per individual member. If there is only one candidate: either leave blank or fill in the name of the candidate, yet a simple majority has to be reached;
If there are two or more candidates per position, the winner is the one who has 50% + 1.
If there is no majority, the two candidates who have the most votes go into a second round.

9.2 & 9.3 Briefing on outlines of available (proposed) IAPSS ExCom positions & IAPSS SupCom positions



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Excom: President, Treasurer, Secretary General, Academic Department, Events Department, International Cooperation, Public Relations. Amongst themselves, they will choose a Vice President for the case of absence of the President.
SupCom: 3 members



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Day 2 – April 5th 2014

Present member associations: SPIL, Machiavelli, StugA Politik, Asp Roma LUISS, GRAPESS, MAPSS, ismus, UN Youth Romania, IAPSS Roma Tre (9 total)

Total number of individual members present at 10:30AM: 49 people

Vote is passed by normal majority, unless noted otherwise: Associations 5/9; Individuals 25/49

GA board: Peyman Vittone, Michele Rillo, Wanda Tiefenbacher

Start time: 10:00 AM (half an hour behind schedule)

End time: 19:20 PM (10 minutes before expected!)

→ decision granted to switch Topic 11 with Topic 13

Topic 13: Proposals by IAPSS ExCom, SupCom and GA

13.1 Proposals to change the regions designating membership fees

The board gives the floor to the SG. He proposes to change the order of the agenda, and move topic 11 to topic 13. The board accepts and gives the floor again to the SG. He presents the ExCom amendments.

The first proposal is to change the regions designating membership fees. Explanation of the proposal, questions about how the ExCom chose which countries move to the higher fee group.

The second proposal regards IAPSS publications: the aim is to extend the membership benefits but balancing them with respecting global trends, and so the publications can be available for the members just one month after publications, then they will be published for the general audience. Questions about the proposal, mainly about when the ExCom decided to present this proposal. The SG proposes to remove this proposal as ExCom proposal and to move to the individual proposal, but it is not accepted.

The third proposal is to change the name of the ACGA into Autumn Convention.

Questions.

The board proceeds to vote.

First proposal:

Introduction:

The 17th IAPSS General Assembly in Bucharest introduced specified regional membership fees, with members with citizenship of developed countries paying 15,00 EUR annually (Europe, North America, Japan, New Zealand and Australia) and members with citizenship of all other countries paying 10,00 EUR. Seeing that this continent-related distinction does not cover exceptional cases, the IAPSS Executive Committee proposes to further specify the groups of members that pay either 15,00 EUR or 10,00 EUR.



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Proposal:

The ExCom proposes to include Israel, South Korea, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Singapore and Malaysia in the 15,00 EUR membership fee group.

Result: accepted (association in favour 8, association against 0, association abstention 1, individuals in favour 32, against 6, abstention 11).

13.2 Proposal to change access to IAPSS publications

It is moved to 13.5 for procedural matters.

Result: vote postponed to 13.5

13.3 Proposal to change the name of ACGA to “Autumn Convention”

Introduction:

The annual “Academic Conference & General Assembly” (ACGA) in spring has already been rebranded as “IAPSS World Congress”. Acknowledging that the number of applications to our annual event has increased substantially as a possible result of this rebranding, as well as the rather technical and unappealing notion of ACGA, the IAPSS Executive Committee proposes a continued rebranding of the autumn conferences.

Proposal:

The IAPSS Executive Committee proposes the autumn edition of the ACGA to be rebranded in “IAPSS Autumn Convention”, followed by the year the conference is held, and thus leaving out chronological numbering of the conferences.

Result: accepted (association in favour 7, against 2, abstention 0, individuals in favour 24, against 13, abstention 12)

13.4 Proposals by SupCom

The fourth proposal is from the SupCom, is about the restriction of donors.

Introduction: IAPSS is an organization to connect people all over the world. This needs a huge amount of money. Right now, the ExCom is free to choose, which donator the will allow, and which not. It is necessary to have a multiple and not a restricted choice in this field, because IAPSS needs money. But we see the problem in donations from armaments industries or inhuman companies. We think, that IAPSS is a peaceful organization and should keep this. To make sure, that no IAPSS generation will take donations from suspect companies or industries, we suggest the restriction on them.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to include a restriction of donors to the statute, on donations from the armaments industry or inhuman companies. In case of a donor with an unclear background, the ExCom has to consult the SupCom and discuss the matter to find a solution.

Questions follow. The SupCom proposes to rephrase the proposal. The GA take a five minutes break, and the SupCom reformulate the proposal as it follows:



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IAPSS strives to reject donations from companies with an unethical reputation that violates the values of IAPSS. In the case an offer from a donator with an ethically disputable background is made. ExCom will consult SupCom. Moreover, at any time SupCom can request to inquire in donations that are offered. If this proposal is accepted it shall be integrated to the internal regulations.

After the break there is another roll call, with 9 associations present and 54 individual members.

The assembly votes:

Result: proposal approved (association in favour 9, against, 0, abstention 0.
Individuals in favour 47, against 0, abstention 7)

13.5 Proposals handed in by the GA

The fifth proposal is made by the GA, in person of Tim Hildebrandt, on behalf of StugA Politik, Machiavelli, Joia Buning, Alexandru Volacu. The proposal concerns the fee waiver for the first year of membership for associations from less developed countries. The proposal is:

- 1. We propose to offer a fee waiver for the first year of membership for associations based in less developed countries. During this period the Association is given an observer status during the General Assemblies, thus not having any voting rights.*
- 2. After this period, the membership fee for the association will be in accordance with the policy of fee differentiation for individual members in case the associations states that they are not able to pay the regular membership fee. The adjusted fee for associations in less developed countries is set on 70 euros.*

Questions. The board suspend the GA and reconvenes at 12:15. The board reconvene.

There is a rephrase of the proposal:

- 1. We propose to offer a free year of observer status for associations that are interested in becoming an IAPSS member and have not been a member association in the last five years. Associations with an observer status eligible for all of IAPSS' services. During the period of observer status, which has a maximum of one year, associations have no voting rights.*
- 2. When associations decide to become a member – whether associations had the observer status year or not – the membership fee for associations from developing countries will be in accordance with the policy of fee differentiation for individual members, offering them a reduced fee of 70 euro.*
- 3. ExCom is requested to implement the proposal into the IAPSS internal regulation.*

The proposal is set on vote.

Result: approved (associations in favour 8, against 0, abstention 1. Individual in favour 46, against 0, abstaining 8)

Proposal number 2 is represented as individual proposal by Thomas Linders.



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Introduction:

The 17th IAPSS General Assembly in Bucharest made the IAPSS Journal POLITIKON as well as all other IAPSS publications free and publicly accessible again, taking this out of the range of exclusive membership benefits. Acknowledging that the IAPSS Executive Committee still seeks to strive for continued extension of exclusive membership benefits, but recognizes the global trend towards open access of scientific publications, the IAPSS Executive Committee proposes to grant IAPSS members premium access to its publications, after which the publications will be made publicly and free available after one month after publication.

Proposal:

The IAPSS Executive Committee proposes to grant IAPSS members premium access to its academic publications (except for A Different View) the first month after publication. Free and public access will be available after one month for members and non-members.

Result: approved (associations in favour 3, against 0, abstaining 6. Individuals in favour 18, against 3, abstentions 33)

Topic 11: Amendments of the IAPSS Policies

11.1 Amendments to the IAPSS legal framework by ExCom

Thomas Linders explains the amendments. The first one is about the updating of the ExCom, introducing a new department, the Congress Management, with the related ExCom members. Thomas proposes to vote on both amendments on the same time, as it does not make sense to accept one and reject the other. Either the GA accepts both, or rejects both, thus there will be one vote.

Proposal 1:

Introduction: The expansion of the portfolio of academic and event offerings have been increasing over the last few months and thus the Executive Committee (ExCom), in order to reduce the workload of its members, sees it justified to enlarge the number of ExCom positions. Proposal 2 argues how the departments will be composed.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to increase the number of ExCom positions from seven to eight.

Proposal 2:

Introduction: The large portfolio expansion in terms of events has been coupled with a substantial increase in the workload of the respective IAPSS ExCom member for Events. With an upcoming Summer School, the Academic Conference & General Assembly in Nijmegen, the World Congress 2015, four Study Trips and the stated policy in the 2013-2014 mandate to organize a non-European (regional) Academic Conference, the ExCom is seeking to expand the current number of seven elected members to eight. The Conference management of both the IAPSS Academic Conference & General Assembly 2014 in Nijmegen and the IAPSS World Congress 2015 will form a new department, led by a dedicated ExCom member for Conferences. The Events Department will remain intact, to include the coordination of the Study Trips, the realization of the Summer



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School 2014, preparation of the Summer School 2015 and the preparation and realization of the first non-European Academic Conference.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to create the Congress Management Department, headed by the ExCom member for Congress Management. The rest of the ExCom composition will remain as it is. The Internal Regulations article 2 is consequently updated to include the new position of ExCom member for Congress Management, as well as the already existing position of ExCom member for Public Relations, which is currently not included in this article.

Result: passed (association in favour 7, against 0, abstaining 2. Individuals in favour 36, against 0, abstention 18)

The third proposal is briefly described.

Proposal 3:

Introduction: The ACGA in April has been rebranded into World Congress, while the ACGA in autumn has been rebranded into Autumn Convention. Thus, the articles are updated to include the latest name designations.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to change the phrasing of article 2.1a from "ACGA" into "World Congress", and article 2.1b from "autumn GA" to "Autumn Convention".

It is a formal amendment so, since none is against, is approved by acclamation.

11.2 Proposals on amendments to the IAPSS legal framework by SupCom

Then the SupCom proposes its own amendment. It reads as follows:

Introduction:

At the moment the Rules of Procedure only state that written resolutions, proposals and discussions should be submitted to the ExCom at least one week prior to the GA. But if the ExCom itself has proposals they want to bring forward, we think it would be better if everyone who is participating in the GA has knowledge about it in advance. Only then they can prepare themselves for it properly. The same goes for proposals brought forward by the SupCom, individual members or member associations. To properly discuss such proposals at the GA, everyone should be aware of its existence on forehand. Therefore we think article 2 of the Rules of Procedure should include a paragraph on these matters.

Proposal:

The Executive Committee has to provide all participants of the General Assembly with their proposals (if any) at the latest one week prior the the General Assembly. The Executive Committee should also provide all participants of the General Assembly with other proposals that were sent in and this should happen at the latest five days prior to the General Assembly.

Vote.



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Result: passed (associations in favour 9, against 0, abstention 0. Individuals in favour 43, against 0, abstaining 11).

11.3 Proposal on amendments to the legal framework by the General Assembly

Amendment 1 is presented by Thomas Linders, regarding article 12.5 of rules of procedure.

Introduction: The Statutes are in conflict with article 12.5 of the Rules of Procedure governing the voting procedures for associations since the Rules of Procedure were not updated to include the Statutes amendments made by the notary (two simultaneous voting rounds by the associations and individuals, which both have to reach simple majority) and subsequently agreed upon by the General Assembly in Rome (2013). The ExCom therefore proposes to remove article 12.5 from the Rules of Procedure since it is considered to be obsolete after the Statute amendments.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to remove article 12.5 from the Rules of Procedure.

The amendment is approved, since there is none against. There is another amendment, regarding former article 12.8, now 12.7.

Introduction: The Statutes are in conflict with article 12.7 of the Rules of Procedure governing the procedures in the event of a tied vote. A tied vote means a proposal is rejected, since the number of rejections has to equal or exceed the number of votes in favour to reject a proposal. The ExCom therefore proposes to remove article 12.7 from the Rules of Procedure.

Proposal: The General Assembly may decide to remove article 12.7 from the Rules of Procedure.

None it is against, so the amendment is approved.

Alexandru Volacu presents 7 proposals. There is a long discussion on amendments 1 and 3. At 13:45 the GA is suspended for lunch, until 14:45.

After lunch, Alexander Volacu withdraws his proposal for amendments 1 and 3 and postpones them to the Nijmegen GA. 5 amendments remain.

Introduction of article 2.2 to the Internal Regulations (IR):

The Executive Committee elects one of its members to the position of Vice-President, complementary to her/his current position, who will replace the President in case of resignation or incapacity to perform her/his obligations to the Association. The elections for Vice-President will take place in the first meeting of a newly elected Executive Committee.

Result: amendment passed (associations: 8 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention // Individuals: 55 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

Introduction of article 3.7 to the IR:



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The remit of the Executive Committee also extends to the appointment of:

- a. *Coordinators, which assist the members of the Executive Committee on various directions. The mandate of the Coordinators, regardless of the time of their appointment, will end with the discharge of the Executive Committee which elected them. Exceptions shall be made upon mutual agreement between the IAPSS Executive Committee and the respective Coordinator.*
- b. *Editors-in-Chief of IAPSS publications, which coordinate the editorial process and editorial Boards of each IAPSS publication. The mandate of the Editors-in-Chief will extend for two years from the time of the appointment of the Editorial Board.*
- c. *Editors of IAPSS publications, following the proposal of the Editors-in-Chief of each IAPSS publication. Their mandate extends for two years from the time of the appointment of the Editorial Board.*
- d. *The Executive Committee must provide individual contracts for all Coordinators, Editors-in-Chief and Editors of IAPSS publications at the beginning of their appointment.*

Result: amendment passed (associations: 7 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions // individuals: 43 in favour, 2 against, 16 abstentions)

Introduction of article 3.8 and 3.9 to the IR:

(3.8) The Executive Committee may suspend members from the positions mentioned in Article 3 (7) in case of inactivity or gross misconduct. The suspended member may appeal to the decision within 10 days of his/her suspension to the Supervisory Committee. If the Supervisory Committee agrees with the decision of the Executive Committee the contract of that member is terminated.

(3.9) The IAPSS Executive Committee and the respective Coordinator can terminate the contract subject to a term of notice of four weeks.

Result: amendment passed (associations: 8 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention // individuals: 43 in favour, 0 against, 16 abstentions)

Deleting of articles 11-14 from the IR:

“COMPOSITION AND REMIT OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD”,
“ELECTION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD”,
“MIDTERM TERMINATION OF EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP”,
“DISCHARGE OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD”)

Result: motion passed.

Introduction of article 3.9 to the IR:

In case of a tied vote in the Executive Committee for the appointment of Coordinators, Editors and Editorial Boards of publications, the VP or for other positions which fall under the purview of the ExCom, the decision will be deferred to the SupCom who decides by simple majority within 5 days.

Result: amendment failed (associations in favour: 2 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions // individuals: 19 in favour, 20 against, 22 abstention)



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Overall agreement of final version of IAPSS legal framework:

Result: vote passed (associations: 9 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions // individuals: 57 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions)

Topic 12: Amendments to the IAPSS Financial Regulations

- Reint-Jan Nuelend

no amendments submitted, thus skipped

Topic 14: Planning & Strategy Workshops 4, 5, 6

Shortened version 45 minutes due to timely constraints

Workshop 4: IAPSS World Congress 2015 – Themes & Outlines – Thomas Linders, Philipp Aepler

Forecast and input on IAPSS London → improvements to be made in coherence of student panels, sharing more of a red thread through papers

Involvement of international NGOs, research think tanks etc.

Show debate was well received, possibly will be extended with bigger audience involvement

More academic background check in lectures/roundtables to have better idea of what people are bringing to the table exactly

Documentary screening is a good idea

Improvement for audience participation in conference: papers prepared for different conferences, online panel papers

Involvement of practical components → speed dating, writing skills, academic skills

Workshop 5: IAPSS Summer School 2015 – Theme, Outlines & Location – Ksenija Martinovic, Ariane Kehr

Programme for IAPSS summer school – look for more free time and cultural events for participants in a realistic way – although focus on academic programme

Publishing a paper in the end of the summer school – presentation in a conference at the summer school

Price: possibly more than 380 euros due to long time spent at summer school

Ideas for Summer School 2015: Nijmegen – expert panels on international organisations

Or: country-focus – interesting for cultural immersion

Workshop 6: IAPSS Think Tank – Strategy, Structure, Cooperation & Themes – Alexandru Volacu, Vit Simral (absent and represented by Rodrigo Vaz per informal agreement)

Think tank might be a good source of funding (organisations seek intelligent and research oriented youth)

General consensus that groups should be mixed with undergraduate and postgraduate students combined in every working group

Chairperson of each respective group meets certain criteria, is appointed either by Academics and Think Tank Coordinator, or elected between members of respective group.

How to begin the restructuring? Basic proposal: keep working groups we currently have
Best way of communication between members? Online meeting, emails etc for papers.



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Topic 16: IAPSS Elections for Legislative Mandate 2014-2015

→ Roll call

Individuals present: 67 // associations present: 9

Majority: 5/9 for associations // 34/67 for individuals.

16.1 Election of electoral commission by the GA

Candidates: Julien Hauth, Rodrigo Vaz, Georgianna Koukougianidou

Associations: 9 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Individuals: approved.

Topic 17: Announcement of IAPSS Elections results

Yellow marks elected candidates.

ExCom

President: Philipp Aepler (57 votes)

Sec Gen: Thomas Linders (68 votes)

Treasurer: Reint-Jan Nuelend (71 votes)

Academic: Alexandru Volacu (75 votes)

PR: Josipa Jaksic (66 votes)

Events: Jannick Burggraaff (65 votes)

Congress Manager: Ksenija Martinovic (74 votes)

International Cooperation: Nino Vitone (36 votes) and Wanda Tiefenbacher (40 votes)

SupCom

Jacopo Pizzi (IT) (25 votes)

Gaia Guadagnoli (IT) (59 votes)

Eva van der Helm (NL) (28 votes)

Jacob Meyer (NL) (30 votes)

Veronika Myck (PL) (52 votes)

After individual presentations, voting starts officially at 19:35 PM.

The election results are announced at 20:30 PM.

Closing quote by Chair Michele Rillo: "Tonight I'm getting drunk".

Closing word by IAPSS President Philipp Aepler

Closing vote and adjourning of the IAPSS 18th General Assembly by GA Chairs.