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22nd IAPSS General Assembly

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Humboldt University, Berlin – Institute for Social Sciences

- MINUTES -

Present member associations at 10.20:

SV Machiavelli (official representative: Luuc Veraart)
ISMUS (official representative: Stan Van Moorsel)
Perugia Italy (official representative: Margherita Logrillo)

Present individual members:

Dario Caponigro
Michele Lykomitros
Kateryna Dyshkanyuk
Theresa Monaghan
Wilfred Dominic Josue
Anna Ciszek
Martyna Grabiec
Andrzej Klis
Monika Grzegorzczak
Tashi Tsering Ghale (left for later voting)
Margherita Logrillo
Chibuikwe Lawrence Ofobuikwe
Max Steuer
Ilya Sogolov (joined for ExCom voting only)
Hazem Massoud
Issau Agostinho
Hanna Nilsson
Daria Goscinska
Axel Nordenstam
Peyman Vitone
Clara Brandstätter
Florian Zabel
Berfu Tarcan (left for later voting)
Jannick Burggraaff (did not vote on motion 2)
Isabel Köhler



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Jaroslava Barbieri
Kristian Xavier Carrera Kurjenoja
Daniela Davila

GA board:

Jaroslava Barbieri, Daria Goscinska, Max Steuer – elected unanimously

Start time: 10.20

End: 15.15

1: Opening of the 22nd IAPSS General Assembly (GA) (10.20 – 10.25)

a) Welcome speech and schedule overview by IAPSS President Jannick Burggraaff

The President welcomes all present members. He asks whether everybody was able to access the documents via the Google Drive and apologizes for their late publication.

b)-c) Introduction to schedule and agenda, optional amendments and vote on the final agenda of the 22nd IAPSS General Assembly

The President introduces the agenda. No amendments are suggested. GA unanimously accepts the proposal.

b) Nominations for and election of the board of the GA

Candidates for the GA Board introduce themselves. There are no other proposals and objections. GA unanimously supports the proposal.

Elected board of the 22nd IAPSS General Assembly in charge: Jaroslava Barbieri (Chair), Daria Goscinska, Max Steuer.

2: Reporting by IAPSS Board (10.25 – 10.45)

a) Report by IAPSS President Jannick Burggraaff on the legislative mandate 2015-2016, followed by Q&A

The President informs that all Executive Committee (ExCom) members have made their reports available. Their purpose is to report on the last term but also to offer insights for the next ExCom members.

REPORT BEGINS

As the President of IAPSS my primary task has been to coordinate all activities and processes conducted by the Executive Committee and all associated Coordinators, who are



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organizing all events, academic opportunities, and providing supportive work including administration and promotion. With a board of seven members of the ExCom and almost 20 Coordinators working on various issues, this is no easy task. That is why clear structures are instrumental. During my mandate I have focused on developing and strengthening those structures. In addition to solid structures, good communication is key. As President, I have had an important role in that regard too.

IAPSS is a unique association that enables students to achieve great things. At the same time, some features of the association make the whole rather vulnerable. These three features are the fact that it's student-run, that it consists of a voluntary board, and the fact that it is truly international. Everyone in the board of IAPSS does this work voluntarily along with other commitments, such as studies, internships, and paid work. The international character of the association is one of its main assets – but also a weakness. Having board members who are spread all over the world – from Ecuador to Japan – means that communication and team work become more complicated.

These are structural issues that are hard to resolve, without fundamentally altering the nature of the association. Because of this, certain challenges will always arise. As President of the association, I have faced this on many occasions. One of those challenges is board members who have taken on commitments, but cannot fulfill them and in some cases resign.

There are some projects in which I have been involved directly to a great extent, particularly the Autumn Convention 2015 in Prague, the financial administration, and the World Congress 2016 in Berlin, due to resignations. These three issues should not have been major concerns for me directly, but they became this as first the Head of Autumn Convention, later our Treasurer, and finally our Head of World Congress all resigned, leaving large piles of work and important responsibilities to be taken over.

As a result I have been the conference manager of the Autumn Convention and World Congress, while also fulfilling the core tasks of the Treasurer for about two months until a replacement had been found. It goes without saying that these were huge responsibilities that I had not anticipated to have. As a result my workload drastically increased. I had less time to focus on my actual tasks and therefore had to let slip some of the ambitions I had at the beginning of the mandate.

As a matter of fact, this year has for me been dominated by problem-solving, taking over work that has been neglected by others, and trying to keep things running smoothly despite so many changes. I do not want to be overly negative, but I feel it is my obligation to report honestly to the members of IAPSS at this 22nd General Assembly and emphasize especially those fields in which improvements are possible.

Based on my experiences these three years and especially some of the struggles we faced this year, I would like to share some considerations and recommendations on my behalf. I believe these are all valuable lessons that the next Executive Committee could learn from.



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1. Set realistic goals. It is great to have ambitions and I think that IAPSS should always be ambitious to a certain extent, but a too high ambition level can be destructive. The amount of opportunities offered by IAPSS has greatly increased in the three years I have been in the board. When I started, IAPSS had one journal, two annual conferences and there was the plan to start organizing study trips. I organized that first study trip and several more to come and the portfolio quickly expanded. In 2015 IAPSS organized three international conferences, a Winter School, a Summer School, five study trips, while also having two journals, an academic think tank, student research committees, an online blog, and external delegations to conferences. A lot of input is required to maintain all this – some of which might not be visible at first sight. Very significant promotion efforts are required to gain new members and participants for all events. All these events generate many hours of work that is to be spent on financial administration. And various technical systems are required for memberships, purchasing tickets for events, doing the financial administration, sending out newsletters, etc. I believe that the output we had in 2015 was simply too much for a voluntary student board to bear. The next Executive Committee should carefully assess the sustainability and consider the required workload to maintain everything.

2. Solid structures are crucial. To organize all these opportunities for our members, solid structures are really crucial. It is important to have clearly defined tasks, deadlines, and communication patterns. In addition, as the board structures are often in flux, with board members resigning and new board members being appointed regularly, the importance of a good knowledge transfer cannot be exaggerated. Clear transition instructions help, but also formalizing processes. The more has been typed out and archived, the easier it is for successors to learn from their predecessors.

3. This work is not for everyone. I do not wish to sound harsh by making this statement, but in these three years I have been working for IAPSS, I have seen many people leave the board earlier than intended, resulting in an unpleasant situation for themselves, but also for the rest of the board. Often the patterns have been similar. It rarely came as a complete surprise. Instead, it was often a gradual process in which an individual lost his or her motivation, got less responsive, and got more and more work to catch up with. I have seen this happen more than a dozen times. While every case was different, some factors have made this more likely. Generally, this occurred mostly with those board members who had too many other obligations, were already in a final phase of their studies, and simply underestimated the actual workload. For this reason, proper screening of and careful consideration by potential board members is essential.

I realize that this report has a rather negative tone. My goal is to relay the challenges that this board has faced and share some thoughts that future board members should consider. I have been working for IAPSS for over three years and it would still like to emphasize that this has been a great experience. The work has generally been very rewarding, as the output of all the work my colleagues and I put into issues, is clearly visible. We have accomplished



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some great things and I am happy that I have been a part of that. I am also very grateful for the many dedicated and inspiring people I have been working with.

REPORT ENDS

There are no questions from members of the GA.

b) Preliminary report on the financial administration 2015

The President informs the GA members that normally, there would be financial statements and reports for administration. He apologizes and stresses that once the report is ready, it will be presented to the SupCom first and then to all members, then will be presented to all members. Afterwards, it will be voted upon at an online GA and only afterwards, the current Board will be formally dissolved.

Furthermore, he shares some insights on the financial administration. The original budget was very ambitious. For example, for the Summer school, the budget was for 60 people and therefore for 60 income fees, at the end it was 30. Similarly, the Autumn Convention in Prague was budgeted for 300 people but only 150 students participated in the end. There are some final numbers which have not been reached, so there might be deficit. It is not satisfactory, but forms a valuable lesson for the future. The amount for travel grants had to be reduced from 8000 € to 5000 €. The finances are under control again, few thousand € are reserved for the future, if something happens.

In the Q&A, Stan Van Moorsel states that it is regrettable that the finance results are not presented at the GA. Stories about low income are also disturbing. He asked when the report can be expected and whether the Supervisory Committee (SupCom) has any position on the subject matter.

The President shares the concern but finds it hard to name the specific date, it should definitely be before summer, but it is primarily a responsibility of the Treasurer.

Clara Brandstätter, member of the SupCom, replies to the second question – without the report, the SupCom cannot do anything. The report of the SupCom has to be made before the end of the term of the ExCom that is a requirement of IAPSS regulations.

Stan Van Moorsel stated his confidence in the current Treasurer, but in his opinion it is better to present the report during a regular GA.

The President explained that this year, there will be no Autumn Convention in Europe, but Convention in Quito for reasons of internationalization of IAPSS. Acknowledging that core of the members are located in Europe, it would create practical problems. The only option remains to do that online. It has to be transparent and ready before the end of the summer.



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There are no further questions on this issue.

3: Proposals by Members (10.45 – 13.40, with 2 breaks)

a) Permanent platform for collaboration between IAPSS and its member associations and for an enhanced internationalization

Peyman Vitone presents the first proposal, the signatories of which are IAPSS associations ASP Roma LUISS, IAPSS Forlì, IAPSS Roma 3, Politistes Sorbonne.

PROPOSAL BEGINS

Our final aim is to enhance and ameliorate the ties between IAPSS and its member associations as well as to amplify its presence worldwide, thus guaranteeing further internationalization.

In a schematic frame this proposal, in order to achieve its objectives, is organized on a three-levelled approach:

1) The first step would be the implementation of a stable and continuous presence in IAPSS of a member of the Executive Committee with a portfolio dedicated to the preservation, development, and enhancement of the relationship between IAPSS and its member associations on the one hand, and the internationalization of IAPSS' individual and associative presence on the other. This ExCom member could be the Vice President, a role that until now has been co-opted among the members of the ExCom, which now could become an elective position.

2) The first of the two main duties of the Vice-President would be to create a constant platform on which the VP on behalf of the ExCom, and the representatives of member associations would share updates, ideas, suggestions, and give feedbacks on various activities. Such tool will give birth to a new structure of close collaboration. Furthermore, through this platform, joint events can be organized by IAPSS and one or more member associations. This cooperation would be very profitable both for IAPSS since its presence on the local level would be further felt and appreciated, and for the member associations because they will be able to offer a vast and international portfolio to their local members.

3) The second major duty of the VP will be to focus on the internationalization of IAPSS. Such objective can be achieved through the use of coordinators that will, *de facto*, be sorts of "ambassadors" of IAPSS in strategic countries in the various regions of the world. The VP will have to coordinate the efforts of these "ambassadors" and control the effective application of their duties. Such duties, will be the organization of introductory events in local universities in order to promote IAPSS' portfolio, as well as exploiting the social networks of the country/region in which he/she resides in order to spread the knowledge of IAPSS' activities.

More detailed duties will be discussed and approved by the IAPSS General Assembly.



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PROPOSAL ENDS

In the Q&A, Clara Brandstätter explained that for a lot of associations, it is difficult to see the benefits of association membership, as opposed to individual membership. This proposal could help associations to co-organize events with IAPSS. Example: One day of conference in Paris, go to Ministry of Foreign affairs, visit with a political science focus. IAPSS Ambassador is supposed to spread the word on associations and their cooperation with IAPSS, and create a better connection between the ExCom and associations.

Peyman Vitone: The President is sending monthly updates to associations, so improvements have been made. This proposal is a way to build up confidence between associations and the board. It is important to have a more personal approach.

Wilfred Josue, World Congress Logistics Coordinator: Would the acceptance of this proposal mean another position in the ExCom? Could we not integrate the position to one of the current ExCom members?

Peyman Vitone: It is far more important to have an ExCom position. If it is developed as a project, it can be handled as joint cooperation with the Events department. It is good for the impression and provides investment.

Stan Van Moorsel: What does the IAPSS ExCom think?

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: There have been several structural changes in the Board, three years ago there were seven ExCom members, then new positions for Congress Management and Convention were created, and International Cooperation and Public Relations were merged. Now there is very good division of tasks. The proposal combines lot of important ideas, so the general notion can be supported.

In Prague, improvements as regards cooperation with associations were already discussed, currently they receive monthly and quite detailed updates quite in detail. There is also very good contact on a more informal level, e.g. with Machiavelli, and it is always helpful to discuss the relationship with association members.

However, he is a bit skeptical to designate these roles to the Vice-President, as it is the title given to one of the eight ExCom members decided by ExCom itself. The primary goal of the Vice-President is to replace the president if he/she resigns. It would help to have a Vice-President that can coordinate the agenda and help the President. Thus, it is an internal decision who fills in this role.

Other structures could be responsible for relationship with associations – the president, IC&PR. There could be a coordinator focused on events or be in charge as Ambassador. In the past, however, similar efforts failed because there were no clear responsibilities. A more pragmatic approach is warranted. It is better to say that these should be the priorities of the next ExCom. It is good idea to work together on events, also the idea of the Ambassadors, but



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these are to be developed. The best way to approach it is to acknowledge these issues and then the next ExCom would decide who exactly should do what.

Clara Brandstätter: Having the ExCom position is important, as in the past ExComs used to be quite separated from the associations. It needs more than an acknowledgment of the issue by the GA. The associations need to be more involved. Association members come to the conferences not because of internationality and academics, but also to be involved in the work of the association.

Wilfred Josue: How do we work together, is the contestation here. This proposal automatically wants an ExCom position. However, any proposal is just a plan that needs time to grow. If we do it now, it might not be sustainable, as we can have problems with implementation. Let's meet in the middle, as we have to be realistic. He proposes to have an exploratory phase, one coordinator under one Department. If that does not work well, it turns out that the work needs more people, we can elevate it to an ExCom position and create an own Department.

Florian Zabel, Head of Events: Supports Wilfred Josue, the institutional structure of IAPSS is very complex, the Board is large and different interests are represented. Capacities have to be built, e.g. by a CfA for coordinators, to evaluate how we can do that. We need to build the structures in order to maintain internationalization, to have a long-term effect. We should never jump to the idea as to something that automatically works. If it fails, it can create a lot of frustration. It can take a lot of time, only the call for coordinators takes one month. Then it takes two months to understand structures. We have to be rigid with implementation. Also, an ExCom position with a very narrow scope will lead to the fact that this person will be involved in other work which is left. So this position would be exploited for other purposes.

Peyman Vitone: No frustrations are intended on both sides. The proponents of the proposal do not intend to impose something the ExCom does not agree with. Today, however, it is not only a declaration or formal acceptance of intentions. It must be binding, so that it is tangible. Otherwise it could prolong frustrations. The proposal must be a sign for the future.

Luuc Veraart: It is quite dangerous to create a new ExCom position with such a proposal, we need to give the Board, this and next, more time to think about this. The associations want to get more attention, but the ExCom should have room to do that in its own way.

Stan Van Moorsel: A practical reason for not creating a new ExCom position is money, creating an extra position requires more money, especially if the Ambassador would go to certain places. Ismus agrees with Machiavelli in this regard.

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: The advantages and concerns have both been discussed. If ones who submitted the proposal want to change it that this is responsibility of the ExCom, then he can support it, if stays in this way, he cannot support it.



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Peyman Vitone: There needs to be more than an intention. Already today there is not even half of the member associations, last GA voting had very low participation rate as well. This is a close sign that something has changed.

Clara Brandstätter: The associations are not part of international cooperation. We are directly part of the association. A coordinator is amazing, it is not about the position but more about the impact. It is not to say that they have to have an own position, but to have a clear plan to go forward, and a symbol. A coordinator is not enough.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: The proposal can be amended and voted upon later.

Peyman Vitone: Asks for a break to amend the proposal.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Announces a break during which the proponents of the proposal prepare a revised version.

BREAK (11.25 – 11.55)

GA resumed at 11.55.

Peyman Vitone: Presents the amended version of the proposal.

PROPOSAL BEGINS

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PROPOSAL ENDS

Issau Agostinho, GA Member: There seems to be a conflict of interest between IAPSS and association members. We should increase equality for all ways. Individual and association members are treated in a different way. That is not good for the association as an international one. Unless we change it into the confederation of associations, it is not good. Association members should pay the same fee as individuals.

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: Clarifies how individual and association members relate to each other. When IAPSS was founded, there were only association members. A couple of years ago, individual membership was introduced. Individual membership is a condition to participate. The number of individual members is today much larger than associations. Association members have separate voting rights, there are two voting rounds. They also pay higher fee. This proposal addresses the concern of member associations. They are different than individuals. Associations can also create local platforms and communities. They have to be treated differently as they pay different fees. Individual members are not discriminated because of the association members.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Suggests to proceed with the vote.

Daria Goscinska, GA Board Member: There will be two voting lists, individual and associations. Checks all members who are present.

Total number of individual members present at 12:20: 28

Total number of association members present at 12:20: 3

Vote is passed by normal majority (without equal votes against), unless noted otherwise (needed majority): associations 1/3 (no abstain), individuals 15/28



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Three GA Board members who claim they represent their associations are not identified in the list of association members and their official representatives.

Stan Van Moorsel: We should postpone the vote on the proposal which concerns mainly associations if only three of them are officially present and have voting rights.

Luuc Veraart: Machiavelli agrees.

Jannick Burggraaff: We should move on, it is the responsibility of the associations to make sure they are members and their official representatives are present at the vote at the GA.

Peyman Vitone: Was nominated to vote instead of the official representative of an association.

Jannick Burggraaff: This is not possible according to internal regulations.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: We will move on to the vote.

Voting results		
	Individuals	Associations
For	26	2
Against	0	0
Abstain	2	1

The proposal has passed.

b) Amendment regarding the Supervisory Committee

Clara Brandstätter: Introduces the amendment.

AMENDMENT BEGINS

Collocation of the amendment:

IAPSS Internal Regulations, Art. 7, adding paragraphs after par. 4.

Amendment:

Article 7

1) The Supervisory Committee, in order to fulfill its remit, has the right to raise a "simple motion", decided by the two thirds majority of its members, against a decision of the Executive Committee that acts in violation of the decisions of the Association, and/or reasonably or unreasonably harms the Association or its image. The "simple motion" can be overpassed by the unanimous vote of the ExCom.



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2) The Supervisory Committee participates the Executive Committee in matters regarding gender equality, LGBT representation, and supervise the rightful execution of the Association's portfolio in these regards. For this means, the anti-discrimination Committee should be coordinated by the SupCom on a polyhedral basis with the participation of members of other bodies such as ExCom and Coordinators.

3) The role of advising the ExCom in questions of selecting new elective positions regarding gender equality and LGBT representation as well as experience and motivations. For this means, the Selection Committee should be coordinated by the SupCom on a polyhedral basis with the participation of other members bodies such as ExCom and Coordinators.

4) As the SupCom is part of the IAPSS board, it should have the right to participate in all the ExCom meetings without any exception.

AMENDMENT ENDS

Stan Van Moorsel: In terms of finances, does the SupCom have the necessary tools to oversee finances?

Clara Brandstätter: She asked the President in December to have all the reports, but there is not direct access. The SupCom needs to have much more power.

Stan Van Moorsel: Financial checks are the most important, the proposal should elaborate and be focused on this issue, not transform the SupCom into an advisory board. It is crucial to get a better financial control, e.g. for cases when the treasurer just drops out.

Clara Brandstätter: Agrees, power of the SupCom can be expanded in terms of budget, but it can incorporate other tasks as well.

Wilfred Josue, WC Logistics Coordinator: Could you provide very specific points how to empower the SupCom? Would you participate at all ExCom meetings, not only those when the budget is concerned? Would you also like to have voting power during Skype calls?

Clara Brandstätter: We do not want to have voting rights and participate at each meeting, only those which matter for certain issues. It should concern especially really important cases.

Peyman Vitone: SupCom should have the right to participate at ExCom Skype meetings, they can use it or not. They will have no voting rights. It is to actually allow them to do what the statutes and internal regulations provide. [Quotes the tasks of the SupCom from the Statutes]. To implement what the Statutes and regulations allow the SupCom to do, the GA needs to provide it with some tools to make it possible to properly perform their tasks. One of the tools is simple motion, the SupCom can stop something that go against the IAPSS' mission.



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Luuc Veraart: It is a good idea to give more financial control to SupCom, but this amendment is very blurred, and can limit the ExCom.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: The amendment as it stands now aims to enhance efficiency but it actually undermines it because of introducing unclear procedures.

Stan Van Moorsel: Is in favor of more financial control, but not for transforming SupCom as a whole. If it were to be done in the future, the proposal has to be much clearer.

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: As the proposal was sent very late, he can voice only his personal opinion. In the future, the proposal of such importance should be sent much more in advance.

The simple motion would mean that the SupCom could reject any decisions of the ExCom, if there would be one ExCom member abstaining. The SupCom would have power over executive decisions, which is simply wrong. The SupCom should focus on supervisory matters, not on executive decisions. It would have to be much better prepared. In this form, he cannot support the proposal.

As for antidiscrimination and diversity issues mentioned in the proposal, there was a committee voted upon by the last GA. The ExCom has started to develop it and if the SupCom gets involved, it would be rather ungovernable.

It is true that the SupCom needs more information. SupCom could have the right to participate of the SupCom at ExCom meetings, but the formulation that SupCom is part of IAPSS Board is debatable.

There is room to improve the competences of the SupCom, the access to information by the SupCom could be supported, but not the proposal that has been submitted.

Peyman Vitone: Regarding the blurriness of the proposal, the terminology in Point 1 is exactly part of the Statutes.

Clara Brandstätter: The SupCom should advise the ExCom. It is not part of the Board, and because of the formulation of the regulations it does not really know which statutes we have.

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: We should just stick to the proposal on the table, we can think about the proposal on the finances later. He cannot support the proposal, it has some really strange formulations to be included in the Internal Regulations, and also does not support the motion behind it.

Wilfred Josue: We can vote on proposal at hand, or withdraw the proposal initially and re-submit it at a later date.

Florian Zabel: Proposals like these are always rigid and takes time to implement it. If a holistic proposal is made, it is difficult to implement it. It should be narrowed down.



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Dario Caponigro, GA Member: The problem is not that much of implementation, but that the exact role of the SupCom is only a customary tradition, not part of the regulations. It would be wise for the association to seriously discuss what the SupCom is and what should be done with it.

Jannick Burggraaff: Something could be introduced together by the SupCom and ExCom, who agree on a certain framework. There is room for improvement when defining the role of the SupCom. A more concrete proposal will then be more productive.

Peyman Vitone: We can only vote on a very simple thing, that the SupCom has the right to participate at IAPSS ExCom meetings, or to have more detailed updates.

Jannick Burggraaff: Better to take the whole discussion at one point, than to split it in parts.

Peyman Vitone: The motion would be just a message of intentions, it could be suggested as a motion, not as a change in the legal framework.

Jaroslava Barbieri: Announces a break to give the proponents an opportunity to amend the proposal.

BREAK (13.15 – 13.30)

GA resumed at 13.30.

Clara Brandstätter: Reads out the amended proposal.

MOTION BEGINS

The motion regarding the SupCom wants to create a work-group between the ExCom and the SupCom in order to:

- increase access to financial information;
- define the statut [sic!] and tasks of the SupCom.

The SupCom has the right to attend to any ExCom Skype Meetings.

MOTION ENDS

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Announces the vote.

Daria Goscinska, GA Board Member: Counts the members present.

Total number of individual members present at 13:30: 26

Total number of association members present at 13:30: 3

Vote is passed by normal majority, unless noted otherwise:

associations 1/3 (no abstain), individuals: 14/26



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Voting results		
	Individuals	Associations
For	21	1
Against	0	2
Abstain	5	0

The proposal was rejected by the association members.

c) Proposal to grant Honorary Membership to IAPSS President Jannick Burggraaff after he finishes his term as President.

Florian Zabel and Daniela Davila, ExCom members: Jannick Burggraaff has always had very clear mind on everything, thanks to his contribution this term can mark new successful start for the next Board.

Jannick Burggraaff, IAPSS President: Normally, votes by persons are by secret order. In order to save time, he suggests to leave the room and abstain from the vote.

Peyman Vitone: Jannick has done an excellent job as president, he put everything together and organized the Board, so he supports the idea of Honorary Membership and thanks for proposing it.

Florian Zabel: There are two honorary members at this point, there are no formal rights attributed to it, it awards the dedication for the work that has been done.

Total number of individual members present at 13:40: 25
Total number of association members present at 13:40: 3
Vote is passed by normal majority, unless noted otherwise:
associations 1/3 (no abstain), individuals: 13/25

Voting results		
	Individuals	Associations
For	25	3
Against	0	0
Abstain	0	0

The proposal has passed unanimously. The GA grants Honorary Membership to Jannick Burggraaff after he finishes his term as IAPSS President.

3. Election of the IAPSS Executive Committee & Supervisory Committee for 2016-2017



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Jannick Burggraaf: Explains the procedures, documents have been made available, if somebody needs more time.

No GA Member indicates the need for more time to be familiarized with the materials.

Dario Caponigro, GA Member: Is it possible to vote for more than one candidate in the SupCom?

Jannick Burggraaff: The regulations state the three candidates with the most votes are elected to the SupCom, therefore, each member can only vote for one candidate. However, there needs to be a committee that counts the votes.

Three GA members stand up: Isabel Köhler, Dario Caponigro, Michele Lykomitros. There are no objections, therefore, the GA approves them as the electoral committee.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Invites candidates for ExCom and SupCom members who are present at the GA to introduce their priorities in 3 minutes.

Kateryna Dyshkanyuk, candidate for Treasurer: Knows IAPSS since 2013 when she participated for the first time at the conference in Montenegro. This World Congress was the 7th IAPSS event in row that she attended. She is impressed by the association, and will have plenty of time after the exams to conduct her tasks responsibly. She also gained a lot of experience in budgeting and would strive to make a balanced budget in a close collaboration with other members of the Board, in order to keep an overview and provide everything to the SupCom. She believes to make a good contribution to IAPSS.

There are no questions from GA members to the candidate.

Wilfred Dominic Josue, candidate for Head of IC&PR: He wants to be the first Southeast Asian member of IAPSS ExCom. Feels that he could do more than what is done currently. He is an accidental local, stayed in Berlin for almost three years. Enjoyed the challenge to coordinate the logistics of the Congress. His goals are: Improve IAPSS presence online, create a Youtube channel, strengthen members of IAPSS outside Europe – improve the internationality of IAPSS. Reinforce partnership with student organizations, including new ones. Make IAPSS presence stronger worldwide.

He answers a question from Clara Brandstätter, indicating he supports the first motion that has passed at the GA. Hopes to make the plan effective, more sustainable. On a question how to bring more people from Africa, he admits that IAPSS is Eurocentric, but there is room to start with people who are already present and are from Africa. He will start a network of IAPSS members in the region.

Kristian Xavier Carrera Kurjenoja, candidate for Head of Events: Introduces himself. Wants to uphold the construction of seasonal schools, study trips. Proposes to have two seasonal



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schools and three study trips. There will be a new call for coordinators in June. Proposes a winter school on the theme of gender in 2017. For summer school, he proposes to have it outside Europe. Agreement will be made in coordination with other ExCom members. Study trips should be in more countries, not in Brussels every year. He suggests to change it to visit New York next year.

Answers a question about the topic of Winter School. He is committed to develop the topic of gender topic, which has not been part of themes of IAPSS events before. Having a gendered perspective can help the members a lot. There is more room for internationalization and democratization that should be reflected also in events.

Axel Nordenstam, candidate for Head of World Congress: Believes in human interaction, an example of which was this World Congress. There is a potential for an IAPSS to fill in a unique room for interaction of political science students. Will be based in Vienna next semester, which can facilitate his potential of work. Currently is the president of the Swedish Association of International Affairs. The work is not a one man show, you need to do it together, including with people who have knowledge about the city. Proposes sustainable and transparent project management. Let's do it together to have a stronger and larger IAPSS.

Answers questions on the publication of papers from the World Congress and the choice of the Congress's location. Publication of articles is always a financial issue. The World Congress next year gives time to develop a splendid project plan that would be transparent to the publishers as well. With specific plans in advance, the tight deadlines can be minimized, and then everyone exactly knows what they will be doing. A good planning can minimize the stress that comes with it. As for the associations, it is up to the ExCom to take the decision upon joint conference management.

Daniela Davila, candidate for Head of Convention: Introduces herself, was Program Coordinator at ICLA 2015, was in charge of panel administration and speakers. It was challenging but she is proud for being part of it because of the diversity and the possibilities it offers. It is great that IAPSS offers opportunities already for young people. Enjoys being involved in academic tasks. Will build up a local team to start resolving important issues in the very beginning.

Answers a question whether travel grants will be given to Europeans who are to attend the 2016 Convention in Quito; travel grants take into consideration the region where the Convention is taking place. On the question whether the Convention will always place in Ecuador from now on, she stresses that she wishes to organize it in different places as well, but the local team needs the help of a university, and the one in Quito has been especially helpful so far.

Max Steuer, candidate for the Head of Academics: Introduces his candidacy. Academics are at the center of IAPSS, they provide opportunities to all IAPSS members for personal



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development. Invites members to look at the documents related to his candidacy. The three main principles the Academic Department should foster in the next term are (1) expertise – make it possible for all interested members to improve their skills – (2) inclusion – develop frameworks how to enable all members to actively participate in the work of the Department, regardless of their academic tradition, region or other characteristic, and (3) promotion – spread the word about the outputs and results of the work of IAPSS Academics. All this has to be done in intense cooperation with other ExCom members.

Receives a question on whether he will push for publication of the papers from the World Congress. Yes, this will definitely be important, ideally there will be special issues of Politikon, one open for all paper presenters, one for SRC and maybe Think Tank members. A journal can generally have bigger impact than a book, therefore he suggests to strengthen the international promotion and recognition of the two IAPSS journals.

Florian Zabel, candidate for Supervisory Committee: Was part of the ExCom, the prime aim of his candidature is that the SupCom clarifies its position in the IAPSS framework. Does not want to offer too many promises because of the limited powers of the SupCom.

Answers question on motivation; would like to consolidate what has been achieved by IAPSS in the last term. In an informal way, would prefer to be there and contribute with his knowledge on finances and management of IAPSS. Realistic goals have to be set, in order to have a very sustainable budgeting process.

There are no questions from GA members to the candidate.

Peyman Vitone, candidate for Supervisory Committee: Introduces his experience, is member of IAPSS for three years, his sixth major IAPSS event, has good knowledge of the legal framework and the internal work of the Association. Would be glad to contribute with his experience to the implementation of the policy that has been given by the GA.

There are no questions from GA members to the candidate.

Daria Goscinska, GA Board Member: Announces the secret elections – ballots filled in should be put into a respective ballot box.

Total number of individual members present at 13:40: 27

Total number of association members present at 13:40: 3

Vote is passed by majority, unless noted otherwise:

30/30

Voting.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Announces a break, until the electoral committee counts the votes.



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BREAK (14.45 – 15.00)

Daria Goscinska, GA Board Member: Announces the results of the elections.

Voting results			
	Yes	Abstain	Invalid vote
President Anna-Lisa Wirth	23	7	0
Secretary-General Lena Huck	22	8	0
Treasurer Kateryna Dyshkantyuk	30	0	0
Head of International Cooperation and Public Relations Department Wilfred Dominic Josue	29	1	0
Head of Events Department Kristian Xavier Carrera Kurjenoja	28	2	0
Head of World Congress Axel Nordenstam	30	0	0
Head of Convention Daniela Dávila	30	0	0
Head of Academic Department Max Steuer	21	3	2
Head of Academic Department Mihai Sebastian Chihai	4		
Supervisory Committee Florian Zabel	13	5	0
Supervisory Committee Peyman Vitone	11		
Supervisory Committee Yara Nabil El-Korety	1		

Elected members of the ExCom for 2016-2017 are Anna-Lisa Wirth, Lena Huck, Kateryna Dyshkantyuk, Wilfred Dominic Josue, Kristian Xavier Carrera Kurjenoja, Axel Nordenstam, Daniela Dávila, Max Steuer.

Elected members of the SupCom for 2016-2017 are Florian Zabel, Peyman Vitone, Yara Nabil El-Korety.

Jaroslava Barbieri, GA Chair: Announces the closure of the 22nd General Assembly.



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The 22nd IAPSS General Assembly Board would like to thank all those who have been participating in the elections.

CLOSING STATEMENT

These minutes and accompanying documents are issued by the Board of the 22nd General Assembly:

Jaroslava Barbieri
Chair

Daria Goscinska
Member

Max Steuer
Member

Berlin, Germany
9 April 2016