OFFICIAL RECORD

6th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 23/24th 2004

MARBURG/GERMANY
1. WELCOME SPEECH

2. ROLL CALL

CHECKING THE LIST OF THE DELEGATES
- 22 Association members with voting rights
- The General Assembly is legal

3. READING OF THE MISSION AND VALUES

4. PROPOSAL/ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARIES

CHAIRMANSHP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Chair: Mike Bucher
Vice-chair: Konstantin Senatorov
Secretaries: Jan Bernhardt, Steffi Hoeneck

Voting upon the Chairmanship: The Chairmanship is accepted.

5. PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Leiden: Why do we have to talk about the reports from 2003? Where are the minutes from last year? Furthermore we should talk about the Internal Regulations before the Statute changing and set the presentation of the candidates today but the elections tomorrow.

Leiden: We would like to prepare a proposal on that after the break.

Amsterdam: We would like to prepare a joint proposal together with Leiden.

Mike Bucher: We will proceed with the votings that way for the case if a candidate wants to run for another position if he is not elected.

Amsterdam: We want to make a proposal for the Agenda. We should make a discussion about communication within the association and between association and ExCom.

Ljubljana: That should be included into point 34 or 35 of the Agenda.

Bucharest: This is an important topic and should be discussed.

Amsterdam: At the end of the GA there might be not enough time left.

Mike Bucher: Proposal to go into Caucus for 5 minutes. Passed

Caucus until 10.47

Mike Bucher: There is a proposal for the Agenda. There will be a resolution about the last year’s minutes tomorrow. Between the points 32 and 33 there should be point 32a. The points 11 and 12 should be changed up. Why did you do this proposal?
Leiden: The minutes of last year should be proved to be sure that the statute changes have been accepted and we should first agree upon the voting procedure.

Mike Bucher: The Discussion about Communication can be set after point 12 as 12a.

Stefan Cibian: This is not fair. We should do it proposal by proposal and talk about the statute first.

Vote upon setting the Discussion about Communication as 12a on the Agenda. Passed

6. PROPOSAL/DISCUSSION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Ljubljana: Konstantin should not be Head of his delegation and member of the Chairmanship at once.

Mike Bucher: This is in order.

Aarhus: Why do we need such strict rules for a student organisation? They could be shortened to know what is really important. A resolution on that could follow.

Ljubljana: The Rules of Procedure have been accepted last year so there can not be a resolution.
**Giuliano Gennaio:** There are still copies of the Rules of procedures missing in some Delegations.

**Mike Bucher:** I am hopeful that the Rules of procedure will fit, so we should vote upon them.

**Ljubljana:** The Rules of Procedure have already been accepted so how can we do this again?

**Mike Bucher:** This comment is not in Order.

Vote upon the rules of Procedure. Accepted

7. **ENTERING THE FORMAL DEBATE**

8. **FINANCIAL AND ANNUAL REPORT 2003**

Presentation of the Financial and Annual Report 2003 by Blaz Gorjup

The preliminary report by Polituss/Ljubljana has already been accepted. Some things were added after the General Assembly 2003.

**Amsterdam:** There is no chance to check this report and it is not very detailed.

**Blaz Gorjup:** It is practically not possible to present a real financial report because of the account situation. We had to use a local account.

**Aarhus:** But there should actually be a way to check this.
Blaz Gorjup: The problem is that there is no official account. Some expanses had to be done by Polituss.

Aarhus: There should be especially a way to check how funds were used.

Blaz Gorjup: That is to be checked by the GA. It is in the minutes and these are official. Marburg used an inventive way, too.

Bucharest: We want to propose the creation of a commission on that issue.

Giuliano Gennaio: There should not be resolution on non-detailed information. They can not be checked because the money was used by the local associations. We should formulate wishes for the next ExCom referring to this problem.

Blaz Gorjup: There should not be a resolution on the accounts.

Stefan Cibian: We should try to raise this point and talk to Leiden what the Dutch law says. Perhaps we could open accounts in different countries. In Salzburg that would be possible and maybe easier.

Aarhus: We will present a resolution on that later.

Leiden: The Leiden account was used for the fees for the Chamber of Commerce.

Blaz Gorjup: There is still the problem with the delegations that did not arrive. There was a paper by the last chair on the web which should be read.
Marburg: There is a difference between annual fees and conference fees. The report only mentions fees.

Blaz Gorjup: A list of that will be providable after the conference.

Leiden: What about the Chamber of Commerce? It is not included on the expenses side.

Blaz Gorjup: That amount still remains in Leiden. That is why it is not included.

Leiden: It should be included. It is a resource of IAPSS.

Blaz Gorjup: There will be a final financial report with these information.

Leiden: So we should not vote upon the report now but on another time in the agenda.

Mike Bucher: We can replace it on the agenda tomorrow.

Voting upon this proposal. Accepted

Matija Kovac: I call for a ten minutes caucus. There are some new member associations in this General Assembly with voting rights that should be approved.

Amsterdam: That should be clear by the Statute.

Matija Kovac: Art. 10.2 mentions a Supervisory Committee, but there is none, so it should be the task of the Supervisor.
Voting upon going into caucus. Accepted

_Caucus until 11.45_

**Mike Bucher:** According to Art. 5.1.4 of the Statute the General Assembly can accept new members. According to Art. 10.2 there is the possibility to come to the next General Assembly with proves of their membership. Because of the fact that the new members were not approved by the supervisor the final decision should be up to the General Assembly. The proposal is to vote upon the acceptance of the new members, keeping in mind that they were already been voting.

Voting on proposal: accepted

**Giuliano Gennaio:** We should go into another Caucus to give the Heads of Delegation the possibility to come together and make a gentlemen’s agreement on that.

**Marburg:** In the new statute there is actually mentioned the SupCom and not the Supervisor.

Vote upon caucus: accepted

_Caucus until 12.05_

**9. PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL AND ANNUAL REPORT (MARBURG, CLUJ, SUPERVISOR)**

Presentation by Cornelia Schöler/Marburg
Amsterdam: We would like to have the opportunity to read the report before voting on it, that may be possible over lunch.

Aarhus: We suggest to finish the whole presentation now and go to questions and discussion afterwards.

Irena Madzoski: The names of the countries should be written and read in the right form.

Cluj: Thank you for that advice. That will be in the minutes.

Presentation by Stefan Cibian/Cluj

Presentation by Zsolt Kiss/Cluj

Presentation by Ana Maria Grosu/Bucharest

Presentation by Ioana Cismas/Bucharest (POLITIKON – The IAPSS journal)

Lunch break 12.40 – 14.10

Roll Call

Mike Bucher: We follow the agenda in the order of the presentations. Afterwards the external ExCom- members can present their work.

Presentation by Matija Kovac (Supervisor)
Stefan Cibian: I like to comment on this report. The communication with Marburg was satisfying, although there was a lack timewise. But the word legality seems not to be the right one for the mentioned papers.

Leiden: We want to propose to go through the reports paragraph by paragraph.

Vote upon proposal: accepted.

Leiden: The reading of the report was to fast.

Mike Bucher: But the presentation was very detailed. We will go through it title by title.

Amsterdam: There seems to be an organisational problem. Where is the money for foreign participants?

Cornelia Schoeler: The money was funded by the “Friends of Political Sciences”. That is why it is not in the report.

Leiden: Thanks to Marburg for doing so much funding.

Amsterdam: It was supposed to stress the work on the website. What are your future plans for that project?

Cornelia Schoeler: We had problems to find a webmaster. But we will continue searching for one.
**Ljubljana:** I am very critical about the International Cooperation. I understand that the Annual Conference was the main project. But it is very unfortunate that there was no communication with IPSA. What about it?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** There were some changes in the board. Martin took this job but he had no time to start his work. Blaz Gorjup was asked for contacts but there was no reply.

**Martin Agsten:** There are no excuses for that. But it will become better.

**Ljubljana:** The IAPSS-logo in the Cluj-part of the report is very disappointing. It is not the original one.

**Leiden:** What is meant with regional cooperation?

**Stefan Cibian:** The new members office and the regional development center work quite similar. The people should know the circumstances and the environment to build up cooperation. This is very important for IAPSS and its local associations.

**Mike Bucher:** There is time for discussing that later in the Agenda.

**Leiden:** We are very pleased with the bookkeeping.

**Aarhus:** What about the Alumni member programme?

**Berne:** A good idea might be a law commission.

**Zsolt Kiss:** The decisions of the ExCom are binding.
**Berne:** The decisions of the Supervisor are binding, too.

**Stefan Cibian:** There are several problems with legality. Possibilities to work out those problems have already been discussed on the last General Assembly.

On the report of the Regional Directorate

**Amsterdam:** What is this really about? We should be able to look up what new members are there and how these members are involved in the databases so far and if there is a process of development.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** There are 49 member associations but just half of them have paid the fees. We should discuss about that.

**Ana Maria Grosu:** In some cases there is nobody who represents them.

**Mike Bucher:** There can be a resolution on that. So it should be discussed after point 29.

**Amsterdam:** If it is not on the web, perhaps this report can be posted.

On POLITIKON - The IAPSS Journal

**Amsterdam:** What is the number of prints?

**Ioana Cismas:** 500. There would be more if there was more money.

**Amsterdam:** Is it published once a year?
Ioana Cismas: No. Twice a year. There will be a meeting tonight to prepare a resolution on the Politikon.

Helsinki: The journal could be more scientific by offering more databases.

On financial reports

Leiden: There should be a resolution to make clear how to deal with travel costs.

Mike Bucher: I as chair of the GA had no funds.

Cornelia Schoeler: We had problems to find a chair anyway. This is a preliminary report and the final report might look different.

Amsterdam: Actually the chair of the GA should be invited if possible.

Leiden: But the ExCom should not decide about 200€. That should be up to the General Assembly.

Cornelia Schoeler: In that point we could not rely on the information of the former ExCom.

Ljubljana: How did you spend the 500€ for Speakers?

Cornelia Schoeler: They were spend on travel cost and one night at the hostel.

Giuliano Gennaio: If the speakers get travel funds the chair should get them, too.
**Bucharest:** It is a tradition of IAPSS that the chairmanship and the Supervisor are free. It is a way to say thanks for doing their jobs.

**Cornelia Schoeler:** There should be a proposal on how to handle that with the next ExCom. It will consist of 6 persons and that will be the costs of the premium association member.

**Leiden:** There should actually be a framework for that. In the report are mentioned copies twice in point 10 and 11. What is the difference?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** The copies were done by two different doers.

**Aarhus:** Are there bills for all the expenses?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** This report is preliminary. The final one will be presented on the next General Assembly.

**Ljubljana:** There were no questions on the report of last year and there will be no questions about that report next year. So they should be questioned now.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** What about the participants who have not paid yet?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** Well, we won’t let them go.

**Leiden:** What about the 100€ in the report?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** These are the costs for the transfer fees.
Ljubljana: There are mentioned only 17 associations but we are 22 in the moment present.

Cornelia Schoeler: All of the present associations have paid the fees.

Ljubljana: What about the 100€ for the homepage?

Cornelia Schoeler: There is an arrangement with Ljubljana. They take care for the homepage and so they don’t have to pay the annual fees. So we can save transfer costs.

Leiden: Why is there no total number?

Cornelia Schoeler: Some amounts of money were given under certain conditions, e.g. by the Fachschaftskonferenz and the German Academic Exchange Service. We don’t know what will happen with this money. That is why it is on the if-side instead of the income side.

Vote upon the preliminary and financial report

Is the GA prepared to vote? Accepted.
Vote upon the report. Accepted.

10. PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
   - IAPSS-Days

Marburg: We had an IAPSS-Day last December together with Stefan Cibian and Matija Kovac who were invited. We sold Waffles and in the evening there
was a public discussion with members from the Essen parliament about educational fees. Finally it was quite successful.

**Mike Bucher:** The external ExCom-members can present their work after point 10 instead of point 9.

**Cluj:** In November we had an IAPSS-event with a lot of teachers and students that was also joint by the Council of the USA.

**Bucharest:** Why was there no report on that in the POLITIKON?

**Ljubljana:** There are two ways to present IAPSS. One way is to present the IAPSS-logo on all events. Unfortunately the IAPSS-logo can’t be here because of the traffic between Marburg and Ljubljana. Another way is to present IAPSS in front of students via Power Point.

**Ljubljana:** What is actually the sense of IAPSS-Days?

**Stefan Cibian:** They are very important to bring IAPSS closer to the students. And they are good for fundraising because by that it can be made known to the students. This is the responsibility of the local associations.

- external ExCom-members

Presentation by Giselle Quintenla

Presentation by Blaz Gorjup

**Marburg:** It is not possible to read the report and listen to the presentation at once.
Mike Bucher: Questions about that topic can be asked tomorrow in the point Permanent Seat/IAPSS-future.

Amsterdam: Thank you for that report. But who is responsible for the finances?

Blaz Gorjup: We try to open a bank account for the ExCom.

Amsterdam: There should actually be a responsible person.

Giuliano Gennaio: This is money of IAPSS, so the treasurer can not be responsible.

Leiden: We should talk about that when we know who will be the treasurer.

Marburg: What is the currency this report is written in?

Blaz Gorjup: The currency is Euro.

Marburg: When will the money be there?

Blaz Gorjup: As soon as the bank account will be opened

Marburg: You spoke about that your department supports you with a room for an office. Is there a contract?

Blaz Gorjup: No, but Polituss is supported with a room for 3 years now without any fees.
Cornelia Schoeler: Unfortunately Virgin can not be here. EPSnet invited two IAPSS-members to their next conference. But the two participants should not be elected. It is the issue of Martin. Enzo the EU-Coordinator can not be here because he has to work in Sudan but he is willing to continue his work.

Giuliano Gennaio: This is a call for Caucus.

Vote upon Caucus: accepted

Caucus until 16:20

- Webpage (already talked about)

- POLITIKON – The IAPSS Journal

Aarhus: What if libraries or similar institutions are interested in the POLITIKON? That might be a problem because there are only 500 prints. Are there further funds possible?

Ioana Cismas: I totally agree. We will talk about that at the meeting tonight.

- Worldfactbook

Oslo: We will continue the work about the Worldfactbook if nobody else is willing to do that. But contributions are needed and necessary.

Ljubljana: How many students have received the information that it exists?

Oslo: In the moment there are included 20 countries.
Amsterdam: Is the information still up to date? Is it checked or updated? And how often does that happen?

Ljubljana: That should happen every 6 months.

Malko Ebers: There should be links to the CIA-Worldfactbook and more background information.

Oslo: All ideas are welcome.

Helsinki: These links already exist on the Helsinki-page.

Ljubljana: The newest updates are from march. There is already a lot of information. The question is if more links are really useful.

Dana Radler: There should be more information what people join this association.

Cornelia Schoeler: We are already working on the webpage.

Dana Radler: There should also be more graphics instead of so many pages of text.

Cornelia Schoeler: That is exactly what we are going to work about in the next three months.

- IPSA, APSA, EPSnet

Presentation on IPSA by Bruno Maltais
**Aarhus:** Can we join IPSA as individual member or as an association?

**Bruno Maltais:** Both is possible.

**Bucharest:** How do you receive the money for the fees?

**Bruno Maltais:** There are several ways to pay the fees mentioned on the website.

**Ljubljana:** IAPSS is an institutional member of IPSA. That was suggested by the ExCom 2003. So our membership in IPSA is free.

Presentation on ECPR by Cornelia Schöler

**Ljubljana:** What about other students organisations?

**Giuliano Gennaio:** Our cooperation with AISEC is quite stimulating. And there are also good chances on cooperating with ELSA in form of joint conferences and a joint book project.

**11. INTERNAL REGULATIONS PROPOSAL**

**Mike Bucher:** The proposals regard to the existing paper. Point 5: The GA is to elect Vice-chairs and otherwise 3 to 7 members, so that they decide on their own who of them are the vice-chairs. But this decision should be up to the GA.

**Matija Kovac:** What is in the case the vice-chair is not able to fill his work?

**Amsterdam:** Is this the only chance to change the Internal Regulations? What about resolutions?
**Mike Bucher:** Art. 14 of the statute says that the Internal Regulations can be changed by the GA. So it is possible.

**Bucharest:** The first point is not clear. Abstention shall not be included.

**Ljubljana:** That might cause confusion because the same is said twice.

**Matija Kovac:** Point 4 says an only candidate is not adopted without absolute majority.

**Mike Bucher:** So it can be changed into simple majority.

**Allessio:** What about point 5.6?

**Amsterdam:** What does that mean for the case of an only candidate?

**Mike Bucher:** Also in this case you can not vote against a person.

Reading of the Voting procedure

That means that an only candidate without absolute majority is not adopted.

**Amsterdam:** Is there a possibility to neglect a single candidate?

**Mike Bucher:** That would need a new proposal.

**Ljubljana:** And what in the case such a proposal would be accepted?

**Matija Kovac:** That is not the way Amsterdam wants it.
Amsterdam: Call for caucus. Accepted

Caucus until 17.20

Mike Bucher: We can change the Internal Regulations as long as we want.

Aarhus: In point 5 and 6 it is not necessary to add “with all restrictions taken into account”.

Mike Bucher: Anyway this does no harm.

Marburg: There will be another proposal on that point later.

Vote on “restriction of the statute”. Accepted

Ljubljana: What about the “absolute majority in case of an only candidate” in point four?

Amsterdam: It is already mentioned in point one.

Leiden: But it would be better to do it double.

Ljubljana: What does “absolute majority” actually mean?

Mike Bucher: It means half of the members with voting right plus one.

Ljubljana: What if this are not enough per cent?

Amsterdam: It should be “50 per cent of the associations”.
Marburg: We can not guess how absent associations would vote.

Ljubljana: How to define majority”?

Allessio Sanguinetti: It is just a question of numbers.

Debrecen: Perhaps vote-righted absent members could delegate their vote.

Mike Bucher: This is not the direction the GA should go.

Stefan Cibian: The phrase should be changed into “50 per cent of the associations plus one”.

Marburg: Political Science students should know the difference between simple and absolute majority.

Amsterdam: The phrase should be “… of the present associations”.

Matija Kovac: There is a difference between present and vote-righted.

Debrecen: But everybody has the chance to be here.

Buenos Aires: Please remember the persons who can not be here because of their problems with the visa!

Mike Bucher: So let us vote upon the phrase “more than half of the members with voting rights present at the GA”.

Bucharest: No, it is unclear.
Allessio Sanguinetti: It is consensus that there must be a minimum of plus.

Ljubljana: We should end this discussion now!

Amsterdam: The point is that abstention should not be included in the number of vote-casts.

Leiden: We agree with that.

Aarhus: In that procedure abstention would mean to vote against something.

Amsterdam: We will prepare a proposal on that together with Leiden.

Proposal by Marburg on democratic control

Allessio Sanguinetti: Such power should be mentioned in the statute.

Bucharest: We agree.

Amsterdam: We agree, too, otherwise it could be weakened. Furthermore there can be a mediation function.

Marburg: The SupCom should appeal to the GA. This will be the first year in Ljubljana, so we should offer as much support as possible.

Aarhus: There should be the resource to the SupCom to call the GA.

Vote upon the proposal by Marburg. Accepted
Ljubljana: We are against this voting result because of the way this issue was discussed and presented.

Second vote. Failed

Turku: What if there is only one candidate? There can not be any vote between the two candidates with the most votes.

Leiden: If there is only one candidate and he does not get the majority of votes then he is not elected.

Berne: We propose to close this discussion.

Mike Bucher: The GA finally agrees: In case there is only one candidate he or she needs more than half of the votes of associations with voting right present on the GA.

Vote on proposal of the internal regulation like it is presented on the power point. Accepted

Marburg: There should be a discussion tomorrow about how to share the power in the new ExCom.

Finish day

Saturday 9.30 am

Roll Call

One new association arrived: Roma LUISS.
Total number of associations: 23.

12. **STATUE CHANGING PROPOSAL**

1. Proposal by FSpol Marburg

**Mike Bucher:** Is it okay to split the proposal instead of voting on it as a package?

Vote upon splitting of the proposal. Accepted.

**Mike Bucher:** We prepared a splitting cooperation with FSpol Marburg. All the editorial changes should be handled in a package. These are Articles 5.5, 5.8, 5.1.1, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 6.1, 6.6, 6.8, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.5, 6.3.1, 6.3.3, 7.1.2, 8.2, 10.1, 10.2.5, 10.7.3, 10.8.1/b, 10.8.2, 13, 15 and 16.

**Aarhus:** Did you realize that 6.1 mentions an execution instead of executive?

**Mike Bucher:** Ok, we will just vote upon the rest of the article.

The package includes furthermore the Articles 6.6, 6.8, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.5, 6.3.1, 6.3.3, 7.1.2, 8.2, 10.1, 10.2.5, 10.7.3, 10.8.1/b, 10.8.2, 13, 15 and 16.

**Irena Madzoski:** Why should the change in Art. 5.5 be an editorial one?

**Marburg:** It was used that way in other articles before.

**Irena Madzoski:** It sounds like if somebody does not like any members they are not allowed to come.

Vote upon talking Art. 5.5 out of the package. Accepted
Allessio Sanguinetti: Art. 10.2.8 should also be taken out of the package.

Vote. Accepted

Ljubljana: “Letter or e-mail” should not be mentioned in a written form.

Vote upon talking Art. 5.8 out of the package. Accepted

Mike Bucher: The final package of editorial changes consists of the Articles 5.1.1, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 6.1, 6.6, 6.8, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.5, 6.3.1, 6.3.3, 7.1.2, 8.2, 10.1, 10.2.5, 10.7.3, 10.8.1/b, 13, 15 and 16.

Vote upon package of editorial changes proposed by Marburg. Accepted

Articles taken out of the package

5.5

Leiden: Everybody should have the chance to be here.

Dana Radler: It should be changed to “should participate”.

Mike Bucher: The proposal can not be changed again.

Vote on Art. 5.5. failed

5.8

Stefan Cibian: We could add “e.g.”
**Ljubljana:** We need a ¾ majority for this, too.

**Mike Bucher:** Short editorial changes like this are possible.

**Leiden:** ”E.g. is a restriction. It should be ”either letter or e-mail”.

Vote upon Art. 5.8. accepted

**Ljubljana:** The needed ²/₃ majority is 18.

**Debrecen:** It was 15 yesterday. Today it is 16.

Second vote upon Art. 5.8. failed

5.9

**Marburg:** In two to four week there is not enough time to get required visa.

**Cluj:** Yes, but this only for very urgent cases.

**Leiden:** Such a case would be an extraordinary meeting.

**Marburg:** Anyway it is not possible within 3 weeks.

Vote upon Art. 5.9. failed

6.1 part “execution making body”

**Leiden:** According to the Dutch law...
Vote upon Art. 6.1 part “execution making body”. Failed

6.3/c

**Bucharest:** We are against that proposal. Competence should be more important than gender.

**Leiden:** We agree.

Vote upon Art. 6.3/c. failed

8.3

**Amsterdam:** The Annual Conference is in the responsibility of the associations. The ExCom is responsible for the General Assembly only.

**Bucharest:** It does not refer to Art. 8.1 anyway.

Vote upon Art. 8.3. failed

10.2

**Bucharest:** It is difficult to make new members wait for one year to get accepted. The ExCom is competent enough for that.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** There is also the possibility of applicant membership. So they can come but not vote.
Marburg: But this is in contradiction to Art. 5 that names the GA as the highest decision making body.

Giuliano Gennaio: We should wait if this proposal is accepted. If it is not we can discuss about a solution.

Leiden: How can we do this respecting the rules of legality?

Mike Bucher: No further question please.

Vote upon Art. 10.2. failed

Mike Bucher: We will lead the discussion after having finished the statue changes.

10.2.5

Roma LUISS: We were not able to decide on that before.

Ljubljana: But there can be a resolution on that.

Giuliano Gennaio: It should be “official and adequate”.

Vote upon Art. 10.2.5. failed

Art. 11 and 11.1

Amsterdam: A Board of Advisors is very common for an Association but not important. It has no power. It is just window dressing.
Leiden: It is not necessary. Perhaps we can put it into the Internal Regulations.

Roma LUISS: It should not be in the statute. We were thinking about that, too.

Malko Ebers: But it could be an advantage and could make things like fundraising easier.

Marburg: We think that it would be important. It has a representative function.

Bucharest: We agree, but there is no sense o put into the statute.

Vote upon Art. 11 and 11.1. failed

2. Proposal by Matija Kovac

Matija Kovac: The reason for that proposal is that we know from experience that it takes 3 to 4 months to take the contracts between the universities.

Giuliano Gennaio: I want to speak in favour of the proposal. Maybe there can be a resolution.

Moscow: The proposal is quite good, but it might be a problem to organize something like that over summer.

Vote upon Art. 5.7. accepted

Discussion on the conflict in Art. 10.2
Ljubljana: We want to call for a caucus.

Giuliano Gennaio: We have a conflict now. And we should keep in mind that the GA has already taken a decision.

Amsterdam: There is a problem with this article. It is illegal.

Marburg: And there is a contradiction between Art. 10.2 and Art. 5.1.4.

Leiden: We agree with Amsterdam.

Cluj: We see no contradiction.

Giuliano Gennaio: There will be a problem when the new members will come if they are refused before.

Ljubljana: This should be used is important issues.

Mike Bucher: I propose to close this discussion now.

Giuliano Gennaio: But the problem is not solved yet.

Amsterdam: If there are problems in the statute it is the GA to decide. There can be a proposal on the next GA.

Marburg: But on the next GA nobody will care.

Giuliano Gennaio: The article is not absolutely illegal.
Stefan Cibian: I am not sure about the legality of that decision. Last GA it was referred to the next GA. But we need to know it know.

Leiden: We will have big problems not to use this article anyway.

Mike Bucher: I propose to close the discussion again. We can solve it like this or refer it to the next GA.

Stefan Cibian: I want to repeat the call for caucus.

Vote upon caucus. Accepted

Caucus until 10.55

Mike Bucher: The proposal is to move on with a resolution on that on the next GA and go on with the Agenda now.

Vote upon this proposal. Accepted

Closing of statue changes

Roma LUISS: When is the deadline for presenting the resolutions?

Mike Bucher: The correct form of the resolutions is important for the acceptance. The deadline is after point 29 in the Agenda.

12.a INTERNAL COMMUNICATION
Amsterdam: It is very important to know how to communicate. We should have a plenary session in the GA to discuss that formally. Here we can draw a comparison with Siemens. They have similar problems. IAPSS is a network and so communication is the main thing. The contact between the ExCom and the members mainly take place in the GA. Therefore the papers and reports should be posted earlier; otherwise there is no chance to discuss it in the association. Finally I want to express that somebody from the northern countries should be in the ExCom next year.

Stefan Cibian: This is one of the main problems. We need a solution what is referred to the Regional Development Center and the International Cooperation. Furthermore we can develop more contact lists, especially regional ones. And we need contact persons in the local associations. This can be the head of delegation or an other person. Thanks to those who already act as a contact person but we need more.

Trondheim: There is a lack of continuity during the rest of the year, apart from the annual conference.

Amsterdam: IAPSS has to provide the infrastructure for communicating. Everything has to be put online, by local associations as well.

Cluj: Regional centres and volunteers are especially important. Not only contact persons but also volunteers are needed. Any member can participate, take responsibility. So the local associations should encourage them to get involved.

Marburg: We are amazed by the openness and the great communication shown during the GA. On the other hand there could be another level, provided by the internet. This should be left open, to enable a bigger circle of
participation rather than small groups that take decisions between each other. There should be a broader discussion forum.

**Leiden:** The working reports came in late, they should be available before so that people can be prepared well.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** How did the co-chairmanship work? Any feedback from the ExCom?

**Mike Bucher:** What about feedback from the ExCom?

**Cluj:** The communication between the two co-chairs was really good. Relevant points are that this ExCom has to teach this to the next ExCom. People from different countries have different ideas, so there are also different understandings of organisations, of the role of IAPSS etc. That is why an openness towards different points of view so that work can develop is crucial.

**Marburg:** The co-chairmanship has shown something that is not seen easily. If there is only one ‘leader’ there are no disputes and different opinions are not expressed, so it is better if there is discussion. IAPSS can learn from this.

**Cluj:** There is an advantage if you take the good part of the different attitudes.

### 13. VOTING PROCEDURE

Explanation of the voting

**Mike Bucher:** Anyone who wants to be a candidate has to present him/herself. There will be a list of candidates with numbers, ballot sheets will be passed around.
Concerning an election for a position needing more than 1 member: then it is possible to write down several numbers but not one number twice. Absolute majority needed (see Internal Regulations proposal). The election will stick to agenda.

**Ljubljana:** 3 vice chairs are needed; do they each need more than half of the votes? Then there might be no vice chairs elected.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** There is a difference between articles 4 & 5: vice chairs are elected according to the statute, not according to the internal regulations, so it is a simple majority. Only chair, treasurer, secretary general need absolute majority.

**Mike Bucher:** I will allow a caucus at any time now.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** We have to have volunteers because it is too much work counting. Proposal: two volunteers for counting votes and distributing ballots.

**Ljubljana:** Can we explain our vote?

**Mike Bucher:** Only questions are possible.

**Marburg:** Call for caucus.

**Chair:** Not in order.

Vote: proposal by Giuliano Gennaio
Accepted. Two volunteers accepted by consensus.
Discussion of non present candidates

There are 2
- Enzo Maria Le Fevre Cervini
- Mian Khan

Should they be accepted as candidates?

**Giuliano Gennaio** (in favour): Everything can happen; we can be sure there is commitment, so we have to accept them. The electoral can always vote against them if an association rejects that

**Buenos Aires** (against): A resolution should be made afterwards; at least a video should be at the GA.

Vote: if candidates that are not present should be accepted
    Accepted

Acceptance of consecutive candidates (Art. 6.5):

**Mike Bucher**: GA has to accept consecutive candidates with a two-thirds majority.

**Giuliano Gennaio**: The statute was changed, so it is actually only their first year as candidates.

**Marburg**: This is not right. It is the same association.

**Giuliano Gennaio**: But the 2/3 is only in the new statute, so for the election last year the old one applies.
Cluj: It is not clear if this is concerning individuals only.

Mike Bucher: This would affect almost every candidate. They held positions the year before.

Should there be a vote?

GA accepts there should be a vote.

Giuliano Gennaio (in favour): repeats point stated above

Vote: if consecutive candidates should be accepted

Accepted by consensus

Mike Bucher: proposal to close GA for lunch

Accepted

After lunch. Time: 1.30 pm.

14. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE EXCOM-CHAIRPERSON

Presentation by Matija Kovac, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Questions:

Amsterdam: The permanent seat will be in Ljubljana. Will the fact that you are Slovenian have an effect on your work?

Matija: The first priority should be the candidate’s competence but it could be an advantage for myself knowing legal details and the Slovenian authorities.
**Marburg:** Professionalism – what do you mean by using that word?

**Matija:** People have to do their job according to the statute and best effect for the association itself, they have a responsibility.

**Marburg:** Why are you candidating?

**Giuliano Gennaio:** Because he has been with the ExCom before!

**Matija:** Because of that and because I see myself as a competent candidate, I have been associated with IAPSS for 365 days for the past 1 ½ years.

**Leiden:** Why are you candidating for chair and not for vice chair, maybe; what are your qualities?

**Matija:** I know how to coordinate the work of the team, listening and cooperating so that the best comes out of the team’s work.

**Moscow:** What projects do you have for the upcoming year? What does leadership mean to you? Do you have an appropriate image for leading an international association?

**Matija:** Projects: 1. Communication among members, continuity, to dedicate more of the members’ time to the association, try to stimulate local associations, creating regional events in order to meet more than once a year.

2. To make IAPSS become a global association (more members from all over the world) via regional cooperation; show positive gaining for new members.
3. Politikon: more funds, promote and print in greater numbers, so quality would increase as well.
4. International cooperation: IAPSS as an institutional member of IPSA; opportunity of i.e. events in cooperation with IPSA.

**Leiden:** Are you aware that as chairman you have the final responsibility?

**Matija:** I am aware of that. But answering the second part of Moscow’s question:
Leadership: the ExCom has to show a common face to the outside, it will be a team; the only thing that separates me from the team is the responsibility.

**Berne:** A few words about your weaknesses and strong points?

**Matija:** This is a weakness and strong point at the same time: I talk a lot to the people I work with.

**Marburg:** Have you ever had bad experiences with communication; i.e. with the current ExCom as supervisor? Are the problems connected to strong leadership? Are you convinced to be the best candidate?

**Matija:** there was some bad experience with communication, I think it was because it was communication over a distance; it is a lot easier to communicate with people that are present. I thought we had overcome the ‘strong leadership’ issue, as I wrote in my application – look at the paragraph as a whole: not dictatorial, responsibility. (*reads out paragraph*)

**Trondheim:** What about Berne’s question?
Matija: Sometimes talk does not lead to an answer; sometimes talking too much does not solve problems.

Presentation by Malko Ebers

Questions

Bruno Maltais: Why did you only just decide to candidate?

Malko: Different thoughts and things were to do, but now I want to commit fully to the organisation.

Amsterdam: We know you have experience – how are your skills listening and finding a compromise in groups of people from different countries?

Malko: Things should not be implemented immediately; there should be a process of deciding.

Berne: What about weaknesses and strong points?

Malko: Communication, organisational, academic skills.

Berne: I think a candidate should also be able to tell about his weaknesses.

Malko: I needed time to make this decision

Leiden: Are you aware that you are the final responsible person as chairman?

Malko: Yes.
Leiden: Have you ideas/ ideals giving more power to members, distributing power? Are you able to be pragmatic as well as idealistic?

Malko: I do not think it is a dilemma.

Leiden: But there can be a conflict of principles of your own and trying to implement practical issues.

Malko: Of course there has to be someone taking decisions and implementing, we have to recheck if we are on track, a survey could be part of a work plan.

Collecting questions

Giuliano Gennaio: How do you like Ljubljana? You haven’t introduced any operational plan. What would you like to be accomplished by 2005?

Marburg: Are you member of a party? How do you combine that with IAPSS as an independent organisation? Do you see any structural problems within IAPSS?

Bucharest: Would your interest be the same for another post than chairman?

Malko: Ljubljana: East Europe is interesting; I would like to do it.
- Operational plan: contact to other institutions as priority task, importance of Politikon, communication in general.
- Structural problems: they are there, but with more involvement of all members this will be more like one task done together, you have to ask what the working mechanisms are.

Interest would be different, of course, for another post.
To accomplish: overcome communication problems, more networking, higher role of IAPSS in international institutions, member involvement.

Party: Yes, I was an active member of Junge Union, (Young Christian Democrats), if it was a conflict with the task I would quit my membership with the party.

Call for Caucus.
Accepted.

15. ELECTION

23 associations present
Chair: candidate needs 12 votes to be elected (internal regulations)

Candidates:

2] Matija Kovac : 16 votes
3] Malko Ebers : 5 votes
abstentions: 2

Matija Kovac is elected as chairman of IAPSS ExCom 2004/05.

16. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE TREASURER

Presentation by Stefan Cibian, Cluj, Romania

Questions
Moscow: But you are not an expert on finances? There was a conference in Bucharest 2 years ago with no report present.

Stefan: My knowledge will be enough, s. law issues. As a student organisation the possibilities of having real experts are slim. But general knowledge should be there, sometimes you have to have an expert as consultant like required in Romanian law.

Amsterdam: There are updated programs for making sure everything is alright, we will ask our treasurer to copy it.

Leiden: Is there a budget that can be used from October?

Stefan: I hope we will be able to present a budget when the mandate is starting, one is already being worked on.

17. ELECTION

Stefan Cibian: 20 votes
abstentions: 3

Stefan Cibian is elected as treasurer.

18. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

WITHDRAWAL of Steffi Hoeneck’s candidature

Presentation by Ioana Cismas, Bucharest, Romania

Questions
**Leiden:** Your priority is communication in & outside the organisation, what do you think will improve that?

**Ioana:** I had experience with people not answering at Politikon; more regional work and “community feeling” will improve communication. We should try not only to use email but talking via headphones etc.

**Aarhus:** What would you want to achieve in that year?

**Ioana:** Improve this organisation, make some steps in direction of a real community.

**Leiden:** How do you see your position in the board? Teamwork?

**Ioana:** I think I am democratic, moderate, would like it to be professional.

**Moscow:** Why don’t you want people to appreciate your great work with Politikon?

**Ioana:** Politikon was like a profession, but personally I think it is more important to be SecGen; the Politikon team is well prepared, they can do the task just as well.

### 19. ELECTION

Ioana Cismas. 21 votes
abstentions: 2

Ioana Cismas is elected as Secretary General.
20. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE EXCOM-VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

WITHDRAWEL of Andreas Kewes’ candidature

Presentation by Giselle Quintenla

Questions

Giselle: I want to strengthen Politikon; Virginia will still be in university and spread word of IAPSS.

Aarhus: Why not apply for Politikon then?

Giselle: We can't find people to submit articles, motivation is needed. And I want a more complex task than just Politikon.

Presentation by Bruno Maltais

Questions

Giuliano Gennaio: How to solve the problem of contact with North America?

Bruno: I have not worked in this part, just heard about IAPSS from Blaz, so it should be easier next year. We should create something like a communication frame work. But it will be more important to let students and associations know what they can do. Politikon is the best example for academic achievement, so we have to develop these kinds of projects, to have only GAs makes no sense.
Presentation by Veera Haapaniemi

Questions

**Aarhus:** So what is IAPSS to you?

**Veera:** It is a network all over the world with opportunity centre, world fact book as visible points.

**Amsterdam:** Just wanted to express that it is good that there is somebody from the northern countries candidating.

Presentation by Malko Ebers

Questions

**Buenos Aires:** Is it ethically correct to change applications for positions like that?

**Ljubljana:** You are a great speaker but your speeches sound very global. Could that mean a lack of knowledge?

**Malko:** I have not presented a real work plan, but I imagine i.e. to make survey, data analysis from members, have a peer review system.

**Amsterdam:** We do not agree with the last two questions. We think it is very good to have enthusiastic candidates that want to be in the board all the same in which position.
Trondheim: Do you consider also candidating for just member of board?

Malko: No.

Aarhus: Why not?

Malko: Vice chairs need similar qualification as chair.

Presentation of Akinleye Ajisebutu read out by Mike Bucher

Questions

Several Associations: How old is he?

Konstantin Senatorov: He was born in 1979.

Amsterdam: Has anybody who is present here spoken to the candidate and can tell us more about him?

Blaz Gorjup: I was in contact with him. He applied very early and seemed to be very enthusiastic.

The GA neglects to accept him as a candidate for member.

Cornelia Schoeler: The last e-mail says that he is willing to be an external member.

Argentina: We already prepared a solution for that.

Presentation of Mian Asghar Khan by the Vice-Chair
**Blaz Gorjup:** We were in contact in December. He wanted to candidate for Asian coordinator. But there was no contact for 1 and a half month.

**Cornelia Schoeler:** I was in contact with him very intensively. He was the first person who called for the documents and got in contact with the embassy. But there problems because of the 11\(^\text{th}\) September and the required money. He prepared really everything and in the end he was very disappointed. I would say you can vote for him. It would be good to have someone from Asia in the ExCom.

**Blaz Gorjup:** Getting a study-visa should be less a problem.

**Cornelia Schoeler:** I agree. But money would be another problem.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** Can someone speak in favour of him? The future ExCom should stay in contact with the not elected ones and hope that they don’t lose interest. But I prefer to prevent from voting for him.

**Mike Bucher:** The GA has already made decision on that. I regret that there hasn’t been a possibility for them to change candidature to ExCom members.

**Amsterdam:** Next year there should be someone to advocate these candidatures more. Do they know about the obligations, are they ready to take responsibility?

**Cornelia Schoeler:** Yes.
Blaz Gorjup: The Nigerian yes, but the Pakistani no. My opinion is still the same. We will try to prepare a resolution to give them the chance to work from where they are e.g. as Asian Coordinator.

Disagreement between Blaz and Cornelia about the commitment of Mian.

Call for Caucus. Accepted.

_Caucus until 4:58 pm_

Roll Call

Debrecen: The point is they were keeping in touch with IAPSS, just with Cornelia in stead of Blaz.

Giuliano Gennaio: We can not call them external members. A resolution on that will be prepared soon. The GA should give these people a role outside the ExCom.

21. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR PERSON

2) Giselle: 20 votes
3) Bruno: 18
4) Veera : 18
5) Malko : 3
6) Akinleye: 2
7) Mian: 4

abstentions: 0
Giselle Quintenla, Bruno Maltais and Veera Haapaniemi are elected as Vice Chair Persons.

22. CANDIDATES FOR EXCOM MEMBERS

Presentation by Anela Beso, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Questions

Moscow: What do you consider your priority of work in ExCom?

Anela: I can offer experience and knowledge, make communication patterns more clear.

Amsterdam: You will have voting right within ExCom, but it is in Ljubljana? Do members of ExCom that are not in Ljubljana have a voting right?

Anela: Every member will have a voting right.

Amsterdam: But will they have a different role in the ExCom, not being one of the first 6?

Anela: There will be a voting right for them, although there might be problems.

Mike Bucher:: This is a serious issue and should be discussed later.
**Dana Radler:** What are their activities? How will they work then? What are they responsible for?

**Anela:** I want to direct this question to the chairperson, I am just a member and will cooperate.

**Giuliano Gennaio:** Look at Art. 6., 7., of the Statute.

Presentation by Steffi Hoeneck, Marburg, Germany

Questions

**Amsterdam:** Do you want to travel to Ljubljana?

**Steffi:** I might go to Ljubljana anyway, but would do it both ways, if staying in Marburg it will be more of a challenge because of the communication issue.

**Aarhus:** We consider it as positive that there will be somebody from the Marburg ExCom in new ExCom; what would you do differently?

**Steffi:** A difficult question, the new ExCom will start under completely different circumstances. In Marburg I already knew all those people, in Ljubljana it will be an experiment, I hope the group will constitute quickly.

23. **ELECTION OF EXCOM MEMBERS**

2) Anela Beso 16
3) Steffi Hoeneck 23

Anela Beso and Steffi Hoeneck are elected Members of ExCom.
24. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Presentation by Alessio Sanguinetti

Questions – none

Presentation by Zsolt Kiss

Questions – none

Presentation by Mike Bucher

Questions – none

Presentation of Enzo Cervini by Blaz Gorjup

Questions - none

25. Election

Alessio: 19

Zsolt: 13

Mike: 19

Enzo: 12
Allessio Sanguinetti, Zsolt Kiss and Mike Bucher are elected as SupCom

### 26. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Presentation of Abel Polese via e-mail and application letter read by the Chair

Questions

**Giuliano Gennaio:** We do not know him but it sounds like a person we are looking for.

**Ioana Cismas:** The Editorial Board is not supposed to write the articles.

**Trondheim:** Which position is he running for?

**Mike Bucher:** No special one, just a member of the Editorial Board. The Vice-chair who is responsible for academical development will be the chief of the Editorial Board.

**Aarhus:** How old is he?

**Mike Bucher:** He was born in 1976 and he is married.

Presentation by Anca Oprisor

Questions

**Aarhus:** How long are you a student of political science and how wide is your field of interest?
**Anca:** I am a first year student. But competence should be more important than age.

Presentation by Simina Ioanitescu

Questions – none

Presentation by Julia Calin

Questions

**Trondheim:** You are the third candidate from the same place. Why should we vote for you?

**Julia:** We three are used to work together. I am as competent as the others and I did good work so far.

**Trondheim:** Is it an accident that there are three candidates from the same association?

**Julia:** We are a team and I want to work with them.

**Ioana Cismas:** It would be important to be together in Bucharest. It is like the permanent seat.

Presentation by Pasi Nokelainen

Questions
Cluj: What about the communication with the other members in Bucharest?

Pasi: I will be working in Vienna. So I can go to Bucharest by train.

Marburg: Can you give some examples of your work so far?

Pasi: I worked for some national magazines and was involved in a production in Kosovo.

Presentation by Dana Radler

Questions – none

Giuliano Gennaio: Is there a volunteer among the Vice-chairs to take care for the Politikon?

Giselle Quintenla: I am a volunteer for that.

Mike Bucher: There is a point in the statute that the five members of the Editorial Board have to be of different nationalities or associations.

Bucharest: There will be a resolution on that. There has already been a solution but it was not applied.

27. ELECTION

Abel: 17

Anca: 16
Simina: 9

Iulia: 8

Pasi: 20

Dana: 7

Abel Polese, Anca Oprisor, Simina Ioanitescu, Pasi Nokelainen are elected as Editorial Board.

Suspension for Dinner accepted.

Dinner break until 9.45 pm

28. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE PREMIUM ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Presentation by MGIMO Youth Association for Political Studies Moscow, Russia

Questions

Mike Bucher: Who will be your member of ExCom?

Konstantin Senatorov: Nikolay is supposed to be the best one.

Aarhus: Have you already talked to sponsors, the university and people who will give you money?

Konstantin Senatorov: We will have managed this before December. If you want to participate you must run early for visa by contacting us.
Aarhus: Will there be problems with some countries?

Konstantin Senatorov: There should be no problems, especially for participants from Europe. We have a lot of foreign students. But you should be sure that you want to come if you apply for a visa. We have to pay 30 € for every visa application that you will have to pay if you withdraw.

29. ELECTION

MGIMO: 22
Abstentions: 1

MGIMO is elected as Premium Association Member.

30. PRESENTATION/EVALUATION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions from last year

1. Bucharest “POLITIKON”

2. Resource Bank/World Fact Book
   Oslo will manage it another year

New resolutions

1. Ljubljana “IAPSS-Fee”

Vote: failed

2. Amsterdam and Turku “IAPSS-Fee”
**Buenos Aires:** A raise of 20€ will make it hard for new members in Africa or Latin America.

**Marburg:** Better a little raise and then maybe a higher raise next year.

Vote: passed

3. **Buenos Aires “External Coordinators”**

Vote: passed

4. **Mike, Alessio and Zsolt “Communication between ExCom and SupCom”**

**Marburg:** We speak in favour of this resolution. Steady control by external persons will improve your work.

Vote: passed

5. **Giuliano Gennaio and Alessio “Alumni Club”**

**Ljubljana:** We are against that. There is no Supervision mentioned.

**Alessio:** The Alumni Club has no power anyway.

Vote: passed

6. **Nikolay Pakhomov, Konstantin Senatorov, Zsolt Kiss, Alessio Sanguinetti and Giuliano Gennaio “Pronunciation of IAPSS”**
**Leiden:** We are against that. A general pronunciation must be based on a general language which is English. So the English pronunciation should be clear.

Vote: failed

7. **Alessio and Giuliano Gennaio “number of meetings”**

**Marburg:** We are against that. There should be a seventh Annual Conference.

**Ljubljana:** We want to speak in favour. In Leiden there was just a GA but no Annual Conference.

**Reply:** The Conference planned in Cluj could be number seven.

Vote: passed

**Trondheim:** That is the function of the Alumni Club!

8. **Aarhus “Resolution on External Auditor”**

**Giuliano Gennaio:** Is there the chance to appoint somebody else?

**Reply:** There should be somebody from outside to check the financial report.

**Moscow:** We are against that. We propose to postpone this.

**Amsterdam:** We are against the proposal to postpone. We should start now to do it that way.
Stefan Cibian: To which ExCom is his referred to?

Vote on proposal to postpone it to next year. Failed

Alessio:

Ljubljana: We are against that.

Amsterdam: It is always possible to amend.

Vote upon proposal about the allowance to amend the resolution. Accepted

Stefan Cibian: I want to call for 3 minutes caucus.

Vote. Accepted

Caucus until 22.55

9. FSpol Marburg “Moderated group iapsslist@yahoogroups.com”

Ljubljana: We are against that and we have a very different opinion on that. It was moderated from the first day. Leiden suggested even more moderation. And the list is also used by members who do not know this resolution.

Marburg: We speak in favour because we disagree with he practise in the mentioned case.

Matija Kovac: I want to point out that the mail in the mentioned case included personal data.
Stefan Cibian: There is already a new IAPSS member group which is not moderated. But the IAPSS list is open for everything and that is why it should be moderated.

Moscow: We speak in favour because it is about the main source of communication. Beside that the content of the mail in the mentioned case was not private. We must get this communication free or there will be a problem. We do not know who is to moderate and so we should elect two persons as moderators.

Stefan Cibian: But the responsibility for the content should be up to the ExCom.

Vote: accepted (by simple majority)

Blaz Gorjup: You should know that you will get a lot of Spam!

10. Buenos Aires “Non-present candidates”

Vote: accepted

11. FSpol Marburg “ECPR joint conference”

Feedback by the members to follow this direction

Vote: accepted

12. “Declaration about refunds”

to put to internal regulations after having passed
Aarhus: We are against that. We always speak of enough money. But what means enough? Funds should be applied differently than on travel costs for the ExCom.

Moscow: That could be a problem.

Stefan Cibian: The rule about funds should be led flexible. Such strict ones may appear negative.

Marburg: But this point is important for future premium association members to calculate their costs.

Matija Kovac: I want to propose to create a guideline resolution.

Amsterdam: What should that mean?

Matija Kovac: It would be just a guideline and not binding.

Mike Bucher: This will not be accepted

Aarhus: The information of this resolution should be in the minutes.

Moscow: The premium association member is not part of the ExCom. So the rules should be there before the funds.

Vote: failed

13. Giuliano Gennaio and Maria Giulia “ Recommendation on ExCom”
**Moscow:** IAPSS is not political. And so it is not to influence visa decisions. We are against that.

*Reply:* ? ---

Vote: passed

14. **ASP Roma Luiss “Participation of the conference”**

**Buenos Aires:** We are against that. What about fair reasons not to come?

**Moscow:** What about the budget of the Annual Conference?

Vote: passed

15. **Dana Radler and Cluj (“Commission on job plans/descriptions”)**

**Giuliano Gennaio:** I want to speak in favour. It is very important not to vote for people because we like them or not.

**Aarhus:** ? ...

*Reply:* This is the general procedure.

Vote: passed

16. **Bucharest**

**Aarhus:** This is conflict with the statue in line 19 and 20.
Mike Bucher: It is not. It does not change anything.

Bucharest: We also see no contradiction.

Aarhus: We want to propose that the GA not approves this resolution because of legality.

Withdrawal of Aarhus’ proposal

Ljubljana: What does the relation between the Politikon Office and the Editorial Board look like?

Ioana Cismas: ?---

Amsterdam: We are against too much details. They should decide this on their own on establishing a new magazine. But not if there may be a contradiction.

Bucharest: There can be no mixed version.

Leiden: We are against this. There is no need to change the Politikon.

Bucharest: What if not? What about the mixed version?

Giuliano Gennaio: Almost everything is up to the ExCom. This competence should not also be.

Vote: failed
**Bucharest:** We see that very critical. It is up to you whether there is a less academic part.

17. Cluj and Leiden “Statut registration”

**Leiden:** We need the statute for the Chamber of Commerce in Leiden. The ExCom is to do everything to be registered.

**Moscow:** What about the Slovenian law then?

**Blaz Gorjup:** We want it to work in Slovenia.

**Moscow:** The accordance to the Slovenian law was not mentioned.

**Stefan Cibian:** I am against that.

Vote: passed

**Ljubljana:** We decided that the Vice-chair can not speak as the head of the Russian delegation.

**Mike Bucher:** Does the GA allow that?

Vote: passed

18. Cluj “Representation report”

Vote: passed

(8.) open resolution by Aarhus
still more time needed, proposal to get 15 minutes more. Accepted

19. Giuliano Gennaio and Alessio Sanguinetti

withdrawn

Back to the unmoderated IAPSS group
Election of the “Moderators”

Stefan Cibian: This should be the issue of the Secretary General.

Volunteers: Blaz Gorjup, Simone Claar, Ioana Cismas

Marburg: The volunteers need to be approved.

Giuliano Gennaio: What if they not agree?

Call for Caucus. Vote: passed

Caucus until 0.15

Mike Bucher: I am not happy with the way we are working in the moment!

Presentation of the final candidates for the “moderators” of the unmoderated group:

Ioana Cismas, Bucharest, Romania
Alex Nagy, Deprecen, Hungary
Vote: both are elected

(8.) resolution by Aarhus, improved version

Vote: passed. Two people need to be elected for next year’s SupCom.

**Stefan Cibian:** But that would mean that the same people do two jobs for consecutive years.

Volunteers: Konstantin Senatorov, Giuliano Gennaio

Vote: both are elected.

Resolutions from last year

**Blaz Gorjup:** ?---

**Leiden:** The statute has to be registered in Leiden. Just to make it clear.

**Blaz Gorjup:** But it is time restricted until September 31st.

**Leiden:** This is an important issue that needs time to be thought about. That’s why we ... (? ---)

Call for caucus.

Vote: failed

**Amsterdam:** What is the importance of this?
Leiden: The point should be made clearer.

Blaz Gorjup: It is not to transfer it from Leiden to Ljubljana. But there is an ExCom member needed with residence in Ljubljana to open an account.

Leiden: The controversy was that this point was not clear. We just can make Blaz a representative. The ExCom could authorize him.

Vote: The GA gives the ExCom the authorization to authorize Blaz. Accepted

31. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF THE OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC PLAN (Cluj)

Presentation of both plans by Stefan Cibian

Giuliano Gennaio: There should be given 1-2 months to get these plans and discuss about them and then to vote upon them.

Leiden: All members should give feedback on the website about them.

Proposal to discuss it on the website. Vote: accepted

32. PERMANENT SEAT/IAPSS FUTURE

Giuliano Gennaio: I want to propose to find an agreement within the new ExCom about sharing the costs for non-funded members. Two members have already residence there anyway.

Matija Kovac: But also Anela will have costs.
Leiden: We do not know if IAPSS also should pay for the food of the ExCom.

Buenos Aires: That is unfair by Leiden.

Marburg: This is no argument. You also need a bed.

Amsterdam: To Buenos Aires: We think meal coupons are too excessive.

Blaz Gorjup: This point was included in the last GA and it was voted upon.

Leiden: does the GA agree on this.

Mike Bucher: It does.

Moscow: What about the financial situation? How are the membership fees shared and what about the Conference fees?

Stefan Cibian: Both go to the ExCom.

Moscow: Will that be the same practice next year?

Giuliano Gennaio: I want to propose that the Conference fees will be given to the premium association member.

Mike Bucher: Does the GA want to vote upon this proposal? Accepted

Vote upon proposal: accepted
proposal to vote Upon minutes: accepted

Vote upon minutes: accepted

From now minutes are to be on the agenda earlier.

32b./ originally point 8 postponed yesterday

Aarhus: What about approving the financial report?

Leiden: we need two seconds to include the Leiden account. That was why it was postponed yesterday.

Presentation of the financial report 2003 by Blaz Gorjup

The treasurer should know all accounts from now on.

Vote upon acceptance of the financial report. Accepted.

33. ANNUAL FEES 2005

Nothing to mention. A resolution about that was already done.

34. FEEDBACK OF THE MEMBERS

Trondheim: We think the minutes takers were doing a good job. We want to say thank you to Marburg and the General Assembly. We will try to get Bergen and Tromsø as members for next year.
Giuliano Gennaio: Next year there will also be 5-6 associations from Italy.

Leiden: Performing a Dutch tradition on Cornelia, Stefan and Mike. (Spil’s Ties)

35. Others

Simone Claar/Marburg: I just wanted to express that I am not a moderator of the IAPSS-list anymore and that I have given this job to Ioana and Alex.

Stefan Cibian: I want to say thank you for the efforts that were made and I hope we can develop IAPSS.

Leiden: Performing a Dutch tradition on Blaz

36. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW EXCOM

37. CLOSING SPEECH AND CLOSING OF THE AGENDA

End: 1.15 am