

## **SLLS Annual General Meeting**

**University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**(30 members in attendance)**

### **1. Executive Committee Election Results (Amanda Sacker)**

Thanked Elizabeth Webb, Dale Dannefer, Ingrid Schoon (and herself). Ingrid takes over as President. Amanda to stay on the Executive Committee for one further year as Past President. Tony Robertson takes over from Ingrid as Treasurer. Lidia Panico and Monica Kilpatrick Johnson elected as Ordinary Members, taking over from Elizabeth and Dale.

### **2. Finance (Ingrid Schoon)**

Ingrid thanked Amanda and talked about potential new directions for the society – harmonised data, encouragement of studies in new areas in the world, development of comparative studies.

With respect to finance, the society is £31K in profit. During the 2017/18 accounting year the Society received £5k in Gift Aid and £20K from an anonymous donor. It is intended to direct funds to support early career researchers, direct funds to grow membership and expand society to south American and Asian studies.

### **3. Membership/Global reps (Ingrid Schoon)**

Active membership is stable – n=310 from 15 countries. These are mostly UK/US and Germany. There was a discussion on increasing numbers – increasing corporate membership, there is a reduction in funds for n=5 at the moment, suggestion to introduce a further reduction for an n=10 subscription.

John Bynner commented that we should pick up on UNICEF and ESRC presence at the conference.

Stasja Draisma requested a clarification of the role of Global Reps and asked whether there should a separate meeting for them.

Area level reps were discussed – possible new reps for the UK and Taiwan.

### **4. Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Journal (Heather Joshi)**

Heather reported that the journal is flourishing. The journal has moved from the emerging citation index to the scientific citations index. This is an important step towards getting an impact factor for the journal. It will be getting an impact factor in 2019. Heather urged people to submit papers to the journal. The paper has some high quality papers and Heather mentioned that Bram Vanhoutte's paper recently won the NCCR LIVES prize as an example.

It has been agreed that Bristol University Press will now publish the journal, professionalising publication. The Journal will be looked after by a conglomerate of social science journals. Heather is awaiting final confirmation but it appears that the move will happen after the October issue is published. Heather thanked the editorial team – 4 section and 8 associate editors.

#### **5. Cohort Network (Heather Joshi)**

Heather talked about the cohort network, which is hosted by SLLS, and whether we are the right people to look after the network. Heather has been in discussion with CLOSER as an alternate host for the cohort network.

#### **6. Early Career (Ludovica Gambaro)**

It was reported that there was a dinner organised for early career researchers plus a lunch had been arranged for them. The conference is keen to welcome early career researchers with events throughout, which has received positive feedback. Additional suggestions were welcomed. At the conference there are n=76 people registered as early career researchers.

#### **7. Summer school (Jessica Abell)**

The SLLS summer school was being held in Bocconi at the same time as the SLLS conference – from Tuesday to Friday. There is an overlap of skills and faculty with the conference. The interaction and overlap between SLLS and the summer school was successful as the early career researchers in SLLS had taken part in the summer school. Ross McMillan, keynote speaker and faculty of summer school was thanked. A request was made for interest and hosting of future summer schools.

#### **8. Policy Group (Aisling Murray)**

Aisling introduced the work of the policy group. She reported that a methodological issues and innovations symposium was organised for the following day. A lunch was also organised for the next day. The working group involved activity through the year. There was a discussion of working with policy makers and Aisling requested information about such activity and any engagement by members.

#### **9. Interdisciplinary Health Research Group (Noriko Cable)**

Noriko introduced the activity of the interdisciplinary health group: linking social and biological science, facilitation interdisciplinary interactions. There is a workshop following the conference, two symposia and a lunchtime meeting to discuss activities. A twitter account had been established @soci2bio to collate information/papers etc.

#### **10. AOB**

A request was made for hosts for future conferences. Next year (2019) is being held in Potsdam (25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September) and a host is needed for 2020.

There was interest in hosting a conference in Australia but the costs of this would need to be considered.

John Bynner congratulated everyone regarding general Society progress.

Applause at the end of the meeting.