

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies

Annual General Meeting

10th October 2014, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

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Apologies

Elizabeth Cooksey welcomed SLLS members to the AGM. A quorum of Society members were present (87), including all Executive Committee members, as follows:

- Elizabeth Cooksey (EC), President
- Tom Jupp (TJ), Treasurer
- Jan Smit (JS), Secretary
- Heather Joshi (HJ), Past President
- John Bynner (JB)
- Jeylan Mortimer (JM)
- Amanda Sacker (AS)
- Ingrid Schoon (IS)
- Hans Peter Blossfeld (HB), President Elect
- Dario Spini (DS)
- Yvonne Kelly (YK)
- Ellen Flint (EF)

1. President's Report (EC)

Noted: The Society has completed its fourth full year of operation and this conference is its fifth. The sixth conference will be held in Dublin in 2015.

Agreed: We thank Dario Spini, his colleagues in Lausanne and Catherine Westlake for their organization of the 2014 conference.

Noted: The outcomes of the recent elections. Michelle Kelly-Irving and Mark Hayward were elected as SLLS Executive Members. Ingrid Schoon was elected as Treasurer for the SLLS. James Williams was added as a new SLLS Executive member who will serve as the local conference organizer in Dublin October 2015. Tom Jupp, Tom Schuller and Dimitri Mortelmans have stepped down from their positions on the committee.

Agreed: Changes to the constitution:

- The Treasurer will serve a four year term instead of a 3 year term in the Executive Board. EC proposed and JS seconded.

2. Finance (TJ)

Noted: The Society's finances ended the year on a sound basis. We finished the year with an operating surplus of £4,842 (about 5%). The balance sheet shows that the Society had accumulated funds of £32,692 at 31 December 2013. This provides us with adequate liquid cash funds for operational purposes.

Our turnover for the year was £89,000. We are a modest organisation in terms of financial operations and we are heavily dependent on the voluntary efforts of many individuals and the support of institutions.

3. Membership (JS)

Noted: The Society has 327 active members in 21 countries, including 18 corporate memberships, and 305 lapsed members. Conference registration led to 57 new memberships and renewals of memberships.

4. LLCS Journal Report (JB)

Noted: The numbers of readers is growing steadily. A growing part of the Journal finances is coming from Libraries.

Noted: Presenters of papers at the conference are encouraged to submit papers.

5. Policy Group Report (JB)

Noted: The Policy Group, with 30 members aims to increase the utilization of our research by policy makers. There were several sessions during the Lausanne conference. JB invites interested members to become a member of the Policy Workgroup.

6. Report from the Capacity Building Subcommittee (David Blane)

Noted: The fourth summer school, held in Amsterdam was successful, with 24 student attendees from 10 countries.

Noted: The locations of the next two summer schools are Bamberg 2015 and Milan 2016.

7. Cohort network (HJ)

Notes: The Cohort Network working group is growing steadily. New members are invited. A short description of the activities can be found on the SLLS website.

8. Any other business

Noted: Hans Peter Blossfeld: thanks to EC and TJ for their contribution in the past years to the society.

Noted: Life course in Cross National Comparisons will be the topic of the 2015 Dublin conference

Noted: Thanks to all SLLS members in attendance at the AGM.

9. Next meeting

The 2015 AGM will most likely be during the Society's 2015 annual conference in Dublin, Ireland.