

# Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies

## Annual General Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Bamberg University, Bamberg, Germany

### MINUTES

#### Apologies

Hans-Peter Blossfeld welcomed SLLS members to the AGM. A quorum of Society members were present (42), including the following Executive Committee members, as follows:

- Hans-Peter Blossfeld (HB), President
- Elizabeth Cooksey (EC), Past President
- Jan Smit (JS), Secretary
- Ingrid Schoon (IS), Treasurer
- John Bynner (JB)
- Amanda Sacker (AS), President Elect
- Yvonne Kelly (YK)
- Ellen Flint (EF)
- Mark Hayward (MH)
- Dale Dannefer (DD)
- Aisling Murray (AM)

#### 1. President's Report (HB)

**Noted:** The Society has completed its sixth full year of operation and the Bamberg conference is in its seventh. (Cambridge, Bielefeld, Paris, Amsterdam, Lausanne, Dublin, Bamberg). The location of the 2017 conference is not yet decided upon. Stirling (Scotland) and London are options.

**Noted:** The Society has installed three prizes: (i) LIVES NCCR Best Paper Award; (ii) John Bynner award and (iii) Best Poster Award. All were handed out during this conference.

**Noted:** Michael Shanahan was voted in as secretary (October 2016-October 2019). As ordinary members, Dario Spini was voted in. Ludovica Gambaro and Jessica Abel had a draw for one EC membership place. The executive committee decided to accept both EC candidates as Exec members.

**Agreed:** We thank Jutta von Maurice and her colleagues in Bamberg and Cat Westlake for their organization of the 2016 conference.

#### 2. Finance (IS)

**Noted:** The Society has a small financial surplus €2,900. Income is generated from the conference and membership. Operational costs (office, website, Journal) are covered.

#### 3. Membership (JS)

**Noted:** The Society has 305 active members in 19 countries, including 21 corporate memberships, and 480 lapsed members. More global reps are welcome to support our organization.

#### **4. LLCS Journal Report (JB)**

**Noted:** We currently have > 2000 registered readers and 38 libraries are disseminating the Journal. There are 4 issues published per year. The 24th issue is out and in total 127 papers were published. The Journal receives an indexation by Thomas Reuter.

**Noted:** John Bynner will step down as Executive Editor in 2017. Heather Joshi will replace him.

#### **5. Report from the Capacity Building Subcommittee (David Blane)**

**Noted:** The sixth summer school, held in Boconni, Milan, was successful, with 35 student attendees. The organization of the summer school should be formalised within the SLLS and Executive Committee. However, the summer school should stay financially independent from SLLS.

**Noted:** The location of the next summer school is not yet decided.

#### **6. Policy Group Report (AM)**

**Noted:** The Policy Group, with 97 members (87 in 2015) aims to increase the utilization of our research by policy makers. There are ongoing activities and there is information on the website.

#### **7. Early Career Report (EF)**

**Noted:** Ongoing activities, for example networking during the conference. EF will transfer the activities to the 2 new EC members in the Executive Committee.

#### **8. Interdisciplinary Health Research Group (David Blane)**

**Noted:** There was a pre-conference workshop on sociological-biological science. Also two symposia were organized around this theme at the present conference. Activities can be found on the website.

#### **9. AOB**

**Noted:** Hans-Peter Blossfeld (President) hands over the Presidency to Amanda Sacker, who thanks Peter for his work over the past years.

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

#### **10.**

**Noted:** The 2017 AGM will most likely take place during the Society's 2017 annual conference.