

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies

Annual General Meeting

27th September 2011

Bielefeld, Germany

MINUTES

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. President's welcome

Heather Joshi welcomed SLLS members to the AGM. A quorum of Society members was present, including all Executive Committee members, as follows:

- Heather Joshi (HJ), president
- David Blane (DB)
- John Bynner (JB)
- Elizabeth Cooksey (EC)
- Walter Heinz (WH)
- Tom Jupp (TJ), treasurer
- Amanda Sacker (AS)
- Ingrid Schoon (IS)
- Tom Schuller (TS)
- Elizabeth Webb (EW), secretary

3. Results of elections

The recent elections resulted in the election of Dmitri Mortelmans to the Executive Committee, and Elizabeth Cooksey to be President Elect.

4. Future conferences

a. 2012 conference

The 2012 conference will be co-sponsored by EUCCONET. This will be their final conference. The emphasis will be on child cohorts, but this will not be exclusive, with parallel streams on different topics over three days.

The local organiser will be Henri Leridon, at INED in Paris.

The exact dates and location are yet to be determined but it will be in France, preferably near Paris, and between October 2012 and March 2013. Venues in Paris for September 2012 are already fully booked.

Agreed that if necessary there will be an electronic AGM for 2012.

Agreed that a conference in September 2012 elsewhere in France is preferable to a conference in Paris in early 2013.

b. 2013 conference

Agreed that we should start to plan the 2013 conference now.

Noted that Jan Smit has suggested he may be able to host the 2013 conference in Amsterdam.

This conference could have an emphasis on ageing, to balance 2012's emphasis on children.

5. Report from the President

Heather Joshi gave the President's Report, noting the progress the Society has made since the inaugural AGM in 2010.

6. Report from the Secretary

Elizabeth Webb gave the Secretary's Report, noting the increase in memberships over the past year, and introducing the new SLLS Global Representatives and asking for volunteers to represent any country not currently represented.

Mette Lausten (Denmark) and Ingebord-Marie Helgeland (Norway) volunteered to represent their countries.

Global Reps could organise meetings, workshops, mentoring, training courses locally on behalf of the Society.

7. Report from the Treasurer

Tom Jupp gave the Treasurer's Report, discussing the Society's current financial arrangements and anticipating the financial implications of the Society becoming financially responsible for the LLCS journal in March 2012.

Tom Schuller proposed the acceptance of the 2010/2011 accounts, this was seconded by David Blane and no objections were made.

8. Report from the Capacity Building Subcommittee

David Blane reported on the success of the 2011 SLLS Summer School hosted by CELLO in Antwerp.

Co-sponsors were the European Association of Population Studies, the Conference of Epidemiological Longitudinal Studies in Europe (CELSE) and the International Centre for Lifecourse Studies in Society and Health.

85% of students would recommend the summer school to colleagues.

CELLO will organise a second summer school in 2012, and has received the balance of this year's summer school to help finance it.

9. LLCS journal

John Bynner reported that SLLS will become responsible for LLCS in 2012.

The Society and the journal are complementary, and the journal has around 1000 registered readers, who should be considered to be potential Society members.

LLCS will publish its 8th issue in January 2012.

The journal is published online, and is currently entirely open access. We would like to maintain this, however financing must be found. Three sponsors would each need to offer around £12 000 each over three years to ensure continue open access.

10. Any other business

Thanks were offered to Martin Diewald and the team at Bielefeld for all their hard work organising this year's very successful conference.

11. Next meeting

The next AGM will be announced in good time, but will either be during the Society's 2012 annual conference, or if this is delayed it will be an electronic AGM.