

Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies

Annual General Meeting

19th October 2015, Dublin Castle, Ireland

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Apologies

Hans Peter Blossfeld welcomed SLLS members to the AGM. A quorum of Society members were present (53), including all 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)
- Jeylan Mortimer (JM)
- Amanda Sacker (AS)
- Yvonne Kelly (YK)
- Ellen Flint (EF)
- Elise de la Rochebrochard (ER)
- Mark Hayward (MH)
- Michelle Kelly Irving (MI)
- James Williams (JW)

1. President's Report (HB)

Noted: The Society has completed its fourth full year of operation and this conference is its fifth. The sixth conference will be held in Bamberg in 2016.

Agreed: We thank James Williams his colleagues in Dublin and Catherine Westlake for their organization of the 2015 conference.

Agreed: HP thanks former president Elisabeth Cooksey for her splendid leadership and Jeylan Mortimer for her longstanding intensive membership

Noted: The outcomes of the recent elections. Amanda Sacker was voted in as President Elect. Dale Dannefer and Elisabeth Webb were elected as SLLS Executive Members. Jeylan Mortimer and Amanda Sacker have stepped down from their positions as (ordinary) members.

2. Finance (IS)

Noted: The Society's finances ended the year on a sound basis. We finished the year with an operating surplus. The balance sheet shows that the Society had accumulated funds of £47,000 at 31 December 2014. This provides us with adequate liquid cash funds for operational purposes.

Our turnover for the year 2015 is £83,500. We are a modest organization 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. We currently have > 2000 registered readers. A growing part of the Journal finances is coming from Libraries (38). There are 4 issues published per year.

5. Policy Group Report (JB)

Noted: The Policy Group, with 87 members (30 in 2014) aims to increase the utilization of our research by policy makers. There were several sessions (5) during the Dublin conference. JB invites interested members to become a member of the Policy Workgroup.

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

Noted: The fifth summer school, held in Bamberg was successful, with 32 student attendees from 17 countries.

Noted: The locations of the next two summer schools will (probably) be in Milano 2016.

7. Other Working Groups

Early Career: (EF)

Noted: 61 early career members of which 21 attended the Dublin conference.

Noted: to hold a short survey among early career members about their wishes/ideas.

Cohort network (ER):

Noted: Ongoing activities is on exchange of information and organising (research) meetings

Interdisciplinary Health Research:

Noted: A workshop meeting on 21 October is organised during the conference.

Noted To organise a pre-conference workshop of biology and sociology in Bamberg 2016.

8. Any other business

Noted: Hans Peter Blossfeld: The next conference will be at the Bamberg University in Germany (5-8 October 2016). Topic: *Education and the life course: Determinants and consequences of unequal education opportunities.*

Noted: *Life Course in Cross National Comparison: Similarities and Differences* was 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 2016 annual conference in Bamberg, Germany.