

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research
CSEAR Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CSEAR COUNCIL
7 March 2017

1. Council Members Present:
Charles Cho, Matias Laine, John Ferguson, Carlos Larrinaga, Carol Tilt, Robin Roberts, Gunnar Rimmel, Giovana Michelin, Ian Thomson, Massimo Contrafatto <i>Also present:</i> Lynn Christie
2. Apologies for Absence:
Carmen Correa, Lorna Stevenson, Colin Dey, Jesse Dillard
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes from the November meeting were approved.
4. Matters Arising from above minutes (not on main agenda)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 8 November 2016 refers: It was agreed to keep the 'Masterclass based on CSEAR Ireland' on the agenda for CSEAR 2018• Item 10 November 2016 refers: 'Building Research Capacity' Massimo has received no feedback in relation to this item and all members are asked to provide this in advance of the meeting in June• ACTION: ALL COUNCIL – FEED BACK TO MASSIMO
5. ACSEAR 2016
<p>Carol had previously circulated a report from ACSEAR 2016 and highlighted some issues raised by the committee. In the past ACSEAR had been in part funded by the host institution, but now they are only willing to underwrite the conferences and want to take back any surpluses generated, meaning the current 'levy' charge of £30 per delegate have been contentious. After a short discussion, it was agreed to propose to the ACSEAR subcommittee that the levy would no longer be applied and instead the membership fee for CSEAR would be built into the registration charge and then the membership fee money, along with members' details would be transferred back to St Andrews for processing. Or as an alternative membership numbers are issued when membership is purchased and this will be required to take out member's registration at ACSEAR. Carol agreed to take both proposals to the committee.</p> <p>Hall of Fame: Another proposal from ACSEAR was to expand their Hall of Fame Initiative to the wider CSEAR community. It was agreed that each satellite office/region would put forward a nomination and from this 1 person would be selected each year. The exiting ACSEAR Hall of Fame recipients would be automatically included in the CSEAR Hall of Fame, with the first nominations being requested towards the end of 2017. It was noted that we would not be obliged to award this each year.</p> <p>ACTION: LYNN TO LIAISE WITH CAROL AND THEN MOVE OUT TO WIDER CSEAR COMMUNITY</p>
6. Council Election Outcomes
The new members of Council, Giovanna and Gunnar were welcomed to their first meeting. The successful IA's have already been welcomed by Charles. The next set of elections will be held in 18-24 months.
7. New IA for France and new IA Chair
As per the Council email discussions, Charles is staying as IA Chair and he has been replaced as the IA for France by Sophie Spring.

8. Letter of Collaboration with Hong Kong (for information)
Again as per email discussions within Council, the letter of collaboration with Hong Kong was signed by Ian, on behalf of Council, and the matter is for noting only. Artie and Tiffany have applied for some money from the Education Department to set up a research department and received money to invite international scholars and visitors etc. We said we were happy to be part of the application. There is no cost and no real commitments for us, we will simply be a mailbox and facilitator only.
9. David Campbell
It was noted with sadness, that David Campbell is suffering dementia and secondary Motor Neurone Disease. David was a very active part of the earlier life of CSEAR. One way in which we think we can help him is to do a memory/recollection book. Lynn was asked to put out a request to members, past and present, and close colleagues for photos, anecdotes and stories. Ian will collate all of them and pass them onto Amanda, David's wife. This is a very difficult and emotional situation for all involved and for all those that knew David well. ACTION: LYNN TO SEND OUT EMAIL TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE WORDING OF THE REQUEST TO MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES.
10. CSEAR 2017: Location, costings and calls for papers
Lynn gave an update as to preparations for this year's conference. The first decision was location, as there is building work scheduled for the Gateway over the summer months. However as the work will be all but complete by August it was agreed to still hold the conference there. It was agreed that an early bird registration fee would apply until the end of June. Thereafter the price will increase by £50 per package. The prices for the conference have been held at those for the 2016 conference. With the additional funds from CIMA this year it will be possible to award circa 15 full bursaries. Matias thanked Charles for arranging for Professor Andy Crane to be the guest speaker. There are no issues to date.
STANDING ITEMS
11. Financial Update
Council noted that finances were levelling and stabilising and the moment the accounts are in a relatively healthy state.
12. Teaching Case Study Update
The call for submissions has been sent out and will be heavily advertised and pushed. A slot for the presentation to the winners will be identified in the conference programme. If lots of applications are received then this will require the establishment of a sub-committee. Helen Tregidga has indicated that she would like to be on this committee. This item will be revisited in June.
13. Building Research Capacity and Research Grants
Massimo/The University Bergamo are putting together a collaboration for grants similar to COST. The application will be for Bergamo, but they are writing CSEAR into it, and there is a chance that it will end up being a COST application. Jan and Ian had originally done a COST proposal but with Brexit they now can't take it forward. So this is now going via Bergamo or another European Institute acting as the Centre. There was some discussion as to whether UK institutions should still be applying for European grants, with the conclusion that we should, until such time as we are told to stop.
14. Website [Standing Item]
There were no new matters to consider/report
15. Outstanding Items relating to By – Laws [Standing Item]
There were no new matters to consider/report
16. SEAJ Update [Standing item]

- A new editor will need to be identified as Carlos is only in position until December. John and Lynn will run the nomination and election process. **ACTION**
- The winner of this year's Reg Mathews Memorial prize is D Monciardi and this will be put up on the website and in the newsletter.
- Carlos is looking at how we can improve our rating on Scopus and will report back when he has news
- Paper submissions are looking healthy and we have more than we have had for a few years. The quality is also improving.

17. Mentoring [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

18. Vision/Mission/Values Statement [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report but the Council noted that this should be reviewed in the next 12 -1 8 months. As such this will be pencilled in as an item for the AGM during the conference. A board with post it notes will also be available at the conference for suggestions.

19. AOB

Ian reported that he had been asked to speak at the 'non-CSEAR' South American Conference plenary session and workshop. He agreed to try and get things back on track with SA and see if they can rejoin the community.

20. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6 June 2017

Lynn Christie, March 2017

APPROVED