

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research
CSEAR Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CSEAR COUNCIL
14 November 2016

1. Council Members Present:
Charles Cho, Matias Laine, Massimo Contrafatto, Jesse Dillard, Lorna Stevenson <i>Also present:</i> Lynn Christie
2. Apologies for Absence:
Carmen Correa, Robin Roberts, Ian Thomson, John Ferguson, Colin Dey.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes from the August meeting were approved.
4. Matters Arising from above minutes (not on main agenda)
<p>An application was made to the Work Force Planning Group to make the administrator's role permanent. Unfortunately the application was unsuccessful and CSEAR must fully fund the position from now on. As a result CSEAR will need to generate circa £24,000 per year to achieve this. Initial thoughts to raise these funds include: Conference contributions; CIMA funding; Executive Education programmes; increased membership levels; grant applications.</p> <p>Council Agreed to add a Finance update to the standing items to be considered at each meeting.</p>
5. CSEAR 2016 Conference – feedback and noting change of dates for 2017
<p>Everyone agreed that the conference had been a success again this year. However feedback from delegates led to the following decisions being taken by Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ESC will become a separate day event again from 2017 onwards• We need to ensure value for money and make sure all sessions are available to all. The ESC delegates missed the practitioner session as it was run at the same time as the ESC. Also the lunches provided were not as good as in previous years. Lynn has already raised this with Conference & Group Services and will follow up on this• There will no longer be a distinction between working and full papers• A speaker out with Council members will be sought as the plenary speaker <p>ACTIONS: All of above for Conference Committee</p> <p>The Conference Committee for 2017 has been identified as: John Ferguson, Javier Husillos, Massimo Contrafatto and Eija Vinnari. The Council thanked Leonardo Rinaldi for all his work over the 2 years he was on the Committee.</p> <p>Council were asked to pass ideas for the plenary speaker to Lynn and John at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>ACTION: Suggestions for Plenary to Conference Committee – All of Council</p> <p>Finally the Council noted that we have been able to move the conference back to the last week in August for 2017 and 5 days have been booked 28 August – 1 September 2017</p>
6. Council, and IA elections: Nominations, Responsibility for Elections, Platform for voting
<p>Council noted that there were 3 nominations for 2 places on Council and 2 nominations for the IA position for New Zealand, as such elections will be held for both of these.</p> <p>We had nominations for the other IA positions but just one nomination for each. As a result Council have appointed each of the nominees to the IA positions.</p> <p>Qualtrics will be used to run the elections.</p>

A draft email will be circulated to Council for approval prior to onward submission to members. The elections will be held at the end of November with results expected by mid November.

ACTION: Lynn to define election on Qualtrics, draft email and then circulate to members.

7. Membership rates for 2017

It was agreed to keep the membership rates at the same level as this year, with no increase. Thereafter a £5 increased will be applied every 2 years beginning in 2018.

8. Masterclasses based on CSEAR Ireland experience (Charles)

It was proposed by Charles that a masterclass (paper deconstruction), following the structure of that recently held in Ireland, could be held at the main CSEAR conference in August 2017. This idea will be discussed and followed up by the conference committee. Additionally Matias is going to ESSEC in December and can discuss this further with Charles. Note – the conference programme may be too full to accommodate in 2017, but could be considered for 2018

ACTION: Comments by all to Committee for consideration

Additionally it was proposed that the ESC be redesigned to include this workshop, again only if numbers and timetable allow

ACTION: Matias, Carmen, Jesse, Charles, Jan and Ian to discuss this proposed change to the structure of the ESC

It was agreed that the ESC must be held the day before the main conference (as in previous years but not 2016) to allow maximum benefit and attendance by students.

STANDING ITEMS

9. Teaching Case Study Update

There were no new matters to consider/report

10. Building Research Capacity and Research Grants

- No new ideas have been passed to Massimo since the August meeting of Council. Council are asked to submit ideas to Massimo as soon as possible please.

ACTION: All of Council to pass ideas to Massimo

- Giovanna Michelon would like to run a working papers series with the permission of Council, building this into Research Capacity. However it was felt that this could already be done via Research Gate and SSRN.
- CIMA are sponsoring the main CSEAR conference in 2017 as well as ACSEAR and CSEAR France. They have awarded the main CSEAR conference £13,800 and ACSEAR and CSEAR France £4000 each. The Council thanked CIMA for these generous sponsorships.

11. Website [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

12. Outstanding Items relating to By – Laws [Standing Item]

There were no new matters to consider/report

13. SEAJ Update [Standing item]
Matias provided the following brief update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been a few more paper submissions than last year all of increasing quality which helps with the scope rating • The process to identify a new editor will begin soon
14. Mentoring [Standing Item]
There were no new matters to consider/report
15. 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.
16. AOB
There are still issues surrounding the South American and Portuguese CSEAR conferences wrt delegates being members and the £30 per delegate fee to come back to CSEAR 'Central'. Charles and Lynn have been emailing the organisers and will continue to do so. ACTION: Charles and Lynn to follow up
17. Date of next meeting
Tuesday 7 March 2016

Lynn Christie, 22/11/2016