

CSEAR Executive Council Meeting

Monday October 25th 2021

13:00-15:00 UK Time

Topic: 3rd Meeting of 2021

Location of Meeting: Via Teams

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Ian Thomson, John Ferguson, Shona Russell, Ericka Costa, Helen Tregidga, Giovanna Michelin, Gunnar Rimmel, Charles Cho, Colin Dey, Matias Laine, , Eija Vinnari, Massimo Contrafatto.

Apologies for Absence: Michelle Rodrigue, Robin Roberts, Stephanie Perkiss.

- 1) Minutes of Previous Meeting (For Approval) - Yes, approved.
- 2) Council informed of the appointment of new CSEAR Research Administrator, Louise Henderson.
- 3) Conference 2022:
Council agreed that CSEAR will hold its Annual Congress at the University of St Andrews in August 2022. This will be an 'in-person' event and will be the first time the Annual Congress has run since 2019, with both the 2020 & 2021 conferences being cancelled as the result of the Covid pandemic.

Hybrid/on-line options: while an 'in person' event was agreed, Council members also agreed that the Congress would also need to include an online/hybrid component, recognising that CSEAR members may either not be able to attend in person (due to Covid), or may have a preference to attend online due to the environmental impact associated with conference travel. Council also discussed the need to promote less carbon intensive forms of travel to the conference.

UK/International: Council discussed the possibility of changing the name of the Annual Congress from the "International Congress" to the "UK Congress". This was raised in recognition that (i) a UK CSEAR event might be more local, encourage a more UK based attendance and limit air travel; (ii) CSEAR has a number of regional events worldwide, and perhaps a UK orientation would be more aligned with other regional conferences, and (iii) an "International Congress" should perhaps be hosted in different locations (rather than St Andrews each year). One suggestion was that International/UK could be rotated – with an international event one year, followed by a UK event in St Andrews the next.

Ian, John, Charles and Giovanna volunteered to sit on the Scientific Committee for the 2022.

To Do: John and Shona to liaise with the conference organising team in St Andrews in order to establish that St Andrews can host the conference and rooms and accommodation are available – either w/c 22nd August or w/c 29th August. Once availability confirmed – the Scientific Committee to draft and distribute the call for papers.

- 4) Carbon Literacy Project:

Shona provided an update/report on about the RSE funded project and Carbon Literacy Roundtable event hosted by CSEAR. The event will be run on 28th October and panellists have been confirmed from a number of professional accounting bodies. Shona noted that the intention is also to hear from CSEAR members from different parts of the world. Ian noted that there will be two follow up events and possibly a special 'carbon literacy' conference (supported by CIMA).

5) Website:

Shona noted that build is well underway and the website is looking very strong. Shona suggested that it might be worth considering targeting the launch of the website to coincide with the 2022 conference. Website content is currently being updated and developed. Ian suggested that Council members think about content for the blog and content for the 'about' section of the website. Charles noted that it might be useful to consider LinkedIn – as part of our social media engagement.

To Do: The website team to continue to develop content. Council members to contribute content to blog. CSEAR administrator to explore possibilities with LinkedIn.

6) CSEAR Conferences Updates

- a. Massimo noted that there would be no CSEAR Italy conference this year – but that there were plans in place for an event in tribute of Jeffrey Unerman.
- b. CSEAR Australia – taking place on Dec 2nd, celebrating twenty years of A-CSEAR. Noted that it would be unlikely that the event would take place in-person.

7) CSEAR online events 2020-2021 Updates:

Charles and Erika noted that they are approaching the end of the online seminar series for 2021. Charles noted that, for 2022, they might consider moving to one online seminar every two months, rather than one every month.

8) SEAJ:

Helen noted that things were going well with an increase in submissions in 2021. Helen also noted potential implications arising from open access – and the possible impact this might have to funds coming to/from CSEAR.

9) Elections: Matias noted that CSEAR Council will need to run elections in the near future. Council discussed the possibility of running elections in 2022 before the conference.

To Do: agree and confirm date for Council elections.

Considered Date for the Next Meeting: TBC