

ISPP Governing Council (GC) Meeting

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Grand Hyatt Athens

Room: Cyclades

Tereza Capelos (ISPP President) welcomed everyone to the July 2022 Governing Council (GC) Meeting in Athens, Greece. She introduced all the newly-elected members of the GC attending as guests, and thanked Felicia Pratto (outgoing Past President) and Aleksandra Cichocka (outgoing VP of Initiatives) for their time serving on the GC. It was noted that there is a call out for a new Director of Communications/Newsletter Editor. Melis Ulug was thanked for her time in this position.

The full and web versions of the January 2022 GC minutes were approved unanimously with modifications on a few type-o's.

Orla Muldoon (Co-Editor-in-Chief of POPS) and James Liu (Co-Editor-in-Chief of POPS) noted that the workload for POPS is very high. It was shared that Cillian McHugh is leaving as Editorial Manager. The number of desk rejects has been reduced to 20%, and there is very little concern about meeting the target of 100 submissions. Great success has been seen on special issues, and POPS will move to unsolicited special issues. Early career scholars are encouraged to submit. Orla mentioned that the impact factor is holding up well and has moved up in political science. However, we are underrepresented in political psychology around the world. The consensus among the GC was that ISPP needs to think of new ways to increase visibility in political science by advertising to people in different areas to see POPS as an outlet. James Liu explained that when it comes to acceptance/rejections, there is no bias towards the USA and Western Europe. The main reason for rejections comes down to technical and theoretical issues. It was noted that Wiley had asked POPS to increase its number of articles by 5%.

Julie Wronski (ECC Chair) noted that there were some challenges for the ECC at the conference this year due to many officers not being able to attend physically and help run the multiple ECC events. There was a suggestion made by Tereza Capelos to start a conference within a conference. This would give the ECC a place within the meeting to have small panels, ECC section chairs, etc. This idea will be explored more.

Gizem Arikan (ISPP Academy Director) shared that the Academy is doing well. They have a very engaged group of people. There were four last-minute cancellations due to flight issues and COVID. Gizem asked for ideas and suggestions on how to have a virtual Academy regularly.

The Personnel Committee met and would like the Executive Director (ED), Sev Bennett, to focus more on connecting with other societies and networking on behalf of ISPP, identify potential sources for additional income, streamline operations, and identify ways to potentially grow membership, rather than having only day-to-day administrative responsibilities. The plan is to promote scholarship in political psychology and have the ED streamline this. Sev Bennett believes ISPP needs a strategic plan and will be engaging with the Vice Presidents going forward.

Melinda Jackson (Treasurer) shared the Treasurer's report. ISPP has two pots of money which are the annual operating budget and the endowment. The journal royalties are the most significant income, followed by membership fees, conference registration fees, and donations (collectively). The endowment is the surplus from the operating budget, reinvestment earnings, and donations for specific purposes (ex., awards). The GC votes for the initial budget in July for the following year. The GC approved the 2023 budget unanimously. Melinda noted that the actuals for revenue that Wiley gave were under what was estimated. This is something the Long-term Financial Planning Committee will begin to think about. It was pointed out that the contract with Wiley is for seven years when in the past, it has been for ten. Proposals were made that ISPP invest in diversity and

internationalization initiatives. Melinda moved to approve that all initiative proposals are due by January 2023. The GC approved. It was noted that the Book Review Editor gets a \$5K stipend. Joanne Miller will review if the Book Review Editor activities are a good investment of \$5K. If applicable, she will provide a change for 2024. The GC approved putting a restriction on the \$5K stipend for the Book Review Editor.

Under the current model, people can register for the conference as an ISPP member/non-member. As an ISPP member, the individual will receive a discounted fee. However, the number of people registering as non-members has increased. Melinda and Sev are looking into a model that would combine both conference and membership fees. There was a consensus among the GC that the proposed model for conference and membership fees be re-worked. The GC approved keeping the new income categories with a small modification of splitting the highest income category into two. The approval on new income levels and pricing will be re-worked and submitted to the GC for approval via e-mail.

Tereza Capelos noted that ISPP cannot take political stances for or against groups, individuals, or causes. However, ISPP can condemn violence, oppression of opportunity, and the scientific promotion of knowledge. It was noted that ISPP's main objective is to promote scholarly exchange.

Aleksandra Cichocka shared that a Code of Conduct for ISPP is being drafted, and a policy is under development. It was noted that under current protocol, if any individuals have a conflict with someone, they can report it to Sev Bennett, who will then inform the President, Councilor, and the rest of the Executive Committee. They will work together to determine the next steps that need to be taken.

Tereza Capelos suggested we add language into the ISPP Constitution By-laws that allows anonymity on electoral votes. The GC approved adding a new By-law.

Alex Theodoridis and Stavroula Chrona (2022 Program Chairs) shared that they put together a group of diverse Section Chairs to review the conference proposals. Due to a large number of submissions, they expanded the schedule to allow for more participation. The Section Chairs were asked to limit submissions to one per author. A standby list was created that could be used as a fallback if additional schedule space opened. Virtual connectivity was added to all the meeting rooms last-minute due to the volume of last-minute requests for virtual presenting. Stavroula noted that there was a total of 977 submissions. At this time, there are over 800 presenters. The GC approved with no opposition to giving Scholars Under Threat a dedicated slot in the conference schedule going forward where they, along with the current President, can decide on what to do within that session.

Sev Bennett shared that the virtual conference in 2021 was the largest in ISPP history, with attendees from countries we have never had before. She proposes that ISPP considers having a virtual conference every other year. This proposition could help bring in new members, keep older members, increase diversity and internationalization, and keep all individuals engaged. It was suggested that there be more virtual activities throughout the year instead of a virtual annual meeting. Additionally, Sev asked if the GC would like to add language into our venue contracts to allow us to cancel conferences due to political decisions or changes in a regime that would run contrary to ISPP's mission and values. The GC approved to explore this idea.

Joanne Miller noted that a lot of work has been done on the ISPP website, and progress has been made on Twitter. She would like the GC to encourage scholars from underrepresented backgrounds to attend the conference and/or ask them to be a part of a symposium.

The meeting was ended with a few words by Tereza Capelos.