

ISPP Governing Council (GC) Meeting

January 12-13, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Website Synopsis

Felicia welcomed everyone to the second virtual ISPP Governing Council (GC) meeting.

The Scholars Under Threat (SUT) Committee has been slow this past year due to the impact of the pandemic. Next year they would like to work on advancing the twinning program, increasing donations for the emergency fund, and extending their reach globally (utilizing the new ambassador program).

This year, the Nominating Committee worked hard to produce a diverse group of nominees with a better international grouping, along with a balance of political psychologists and political scientists. One of the main concerns this year was to include individuals with African heritage. There was consensus on the slate from the Nominating Committee, and all members of the GC approved it as well. Steps are being taken to better outline our nomination process, as well as making the onboarding process easier for new GC members.

There is a new committee that will focus on researching diversity and inclusion for ISPP members. Their work includes research on our current diversity progress and devises creative solutions for this in the future. New guidelines and usage instructions are being created for ISPP social media (including who has access), particularly for our Twitter account. ISPP is working to address a Code of Conduct for the organization as a whole against bullying and harassment. While we are moving rightfully in the direction of engaging with the problem, we also need to ensure that we are capable of handling the issues we want to address.

The GC discussed the possibility of creating a lecture bank on YouTube to help fund the ISPP Academy. We would need to collect approval from Academy speakers to begin posting past Academy lectures on a YouTube channel. Members could potentially access this bank for a discounted fee.

The online turn-out for the first-ever ISPP Annual Meeting was wonderful, with over 600 attendees last year. The first virtual meeting can be considered a great success. Altogether there were 601 submissions for the 2021 ISPP Annual Meeting. We are trying something new this year for blitz presentations, where authors will pre-record videos. These will be available for review before the conference, and a blitz session will be included in the conference program to allow for an engaging discussion for the authors and attendees who watched the pre-recorded presentations. The GC discussed concerns with the one-way communication for paper panels at the upcoming conference. The new format of pre-recording sessions and social Zoom rooms are hopefully going to address some of these concerns. At the ISPP Academy, we are planning for 9 instructors this year. The lectures will be posted in advance along with other

materials, and then live Q&A sessions will be held with the instructors. For 2021 we are planning on 45 to 50 fellows.

We had a thin volume for the *Advances in Political Psychology* journal in 2020, due to the quick transfer of editorship. We seem to be back on track for 2021. Due to Covid, we are on a later schedule, and there will be an issue coming out in July-August (around conference time) instead of February 2021. The number of submissions for *Political Psychology* continues to rise. The editors are beginning to engage with the idea of open science. A new contract with ISPP's publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, will begin in 2022. One of the provisions of the new contract is that we commit to a 5% growth in journal articles each year, which should not be a problem. We are committed to the journal and *Advances* going fully online in 2022. The new contract term is 2022-2028.

ISPP has started a new Ambassadors Program. This program involves a seminar series for younger scholars to share their work. The plan is to host a seminar once a month (on the last Friday of each month) at noon in the selected host country. They want to rotate these seminars through different countries and regions. The first talk is to be held in Hong Kong. The host for these seminars will invite speakers and perhaps a discussant, who then moderates the seminar.

The GC approved Early Career Committee (ECC) funds to be re-allocated to provide free registration for winners of the 2021 Travel Grant Awards. Additional funds may be re-allocated to 2022 if not used for the 2021 ISPP Annual Meeting ECC events. Two new ISPP awards were endowed this year – the Best Dissertation Award and the John Sullivan Award. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon with our financial advisor to review our investment portfolio and talk about more specific projections and the amount we would need to have the potential to support our operations in the future, if necessary.

An idea to add a virtual conference into the regular conference “location” rotation was shared. The pros and cons of this proposal were discussed. We are planning to have the 2022 Annual Meeting in Athens in person. We are revisiting going to Montreal for 2023. The GC approved re-scheduling Santiago to 2024 and moving Prague to 2025.