

## ISA-Asia Pacific Region Business Meeting 2017

Wednesday February 22, 12:30-13:30

Carroll B, Hilton Baltimore

### Agenda

#### I. Overview

- 1) Regional Conference
  - Overview of the regional conference and thanks were given to the CUHK team for their support in hosting the conference.
  - Southeast Asian research centre (SEARC) at CUHK provided some travel funds for South East Asian scholars; the Region provided 7 travel grants and one subvention for scholars from those areas not covered by SEARC. Thanks to AI for processing the reimbursements.
  - We also made large amount of money but that went back to CUHK to cover the cost of the auditorium, etc.
- 2) Professional Development Workshop
  - Thanks to Loraine for her work on this, and was successful
- 3) Governing Council changes
  - In response to the executive order placing restrictions on scholars from seven Muslim Majority countries. The siting policy has stipulated that the convention be held in rotation in North America (i.e. Canada or USA) but 'North America' has now been removed.
  - Conventions have been organised until 2023 so it wouldn't take effect until after that
  - Unclear on whether countries outside North America would qualify under the non-discrimination clause.
  - The ISA has a strong non-discrimination clause in the constitution.
  - The point was raised whether the USA would fall foul of the non-discrimination policy is potentially unclear.
- 4) Membership
  - If we were to include South Asia as part of the Asia-Pacific region in 2018 Governing Council Agenda, it would be an estimated 1000 members from the reformed Asia-Pacific region.
  - Increase in membership and increase in funding.
  - We were given two weeks to get 250 signatures and we did manage 212 signatures, which was successful.
  - The ISA circulated it members of the region but not to the participants of the regional conference
  - We need another 38 signatures but suggested that we increase it significantly
  - The petition will need more than 250 signatures as some members may have lapsed membership when it comes to verification by ISA HQ.
  - ISA HQ need to validate these signatures.
  - Thanks were given to the South Asia in World Politics group for circulating the proposal to their members.
  - The ISA HQ have said they will keep the petition alive.
  - **Proposal:** The issue Executive Council faces is that terms for the region are for 3 years but ISA rules state that the Executive Council can only be elected for a maximum of 5 years. Discrepancy between the region charter from 1<sup>st</sup> January to end of annual convention. Motion was carried without any objections or abstentions. Proposed by Kosuke Shimizu (Ryukoku); seconded by Chunman Zhang (JHU)

- Second issue with the bylaws of the region can only be given to bring this up on Governing Council. Open it up to ISA Asia-Pacific membership to meet and decide a nomination committee, and then this will be voted upon by Asia-Pacific region members and presented to ISA Governing Council.
- **Proposal** – One year extension to the executive committee that gives the executive committee the mandate to ensure the changes are carried through to the next Governing Council 2018 to put forward the proposal. This motion was carried without any objections or abstentions. Proposed by Kosuke Shimizu; seconded by Chunman Zhang (JHU)
- **Proposal** – to allow a representative of the Executive Committee from Asia-Pacific to be part of the site visit – funded by the region – motion is passed. Move to vote – Li Minjiang; seconded by Zhang Zhenjiang. Proposal was carried without any objections or abstentions.
- 17 present plus 2 executive committee members (Giorgio and Al)
- About ten indicated interest in informal drinks to be hosted the same day after the conference.

## II. Regional Conference

- 1) City University of Hong Kong (CUHK), June 25-27 2016
- 2) Program Chairs: Profs. Giorgio Shani (ICU), Lorraine Elliott (ANU), Nick Thomas (CUHK)
- 3) Conference Theme: *The Pacific Century? The Asia-Pacific in an era of Global Transformation.*
- 4) Total number of registered participants: **451**
- 5) Travel grants provided by Region: **7** (and one subvention)
- 6) Direct costs to region: **\$1212.24**

## III. Professional Development Workshop

- 1) City University of Hong Kong: 1-5PM, June 24, 2016
- 2) Professional Development Workshop for Early Career Researchers (approx. 25 by invitation)
- 3) Representatives from journal editors (academic publishers (Taylor and Francis) and University Press (Cambridge)
- 4) Organized by Prof. Lorraine Elliott (Asia-Pacific Vice-Chair/ANU) and funded by Professional Development grant.

## III. Governing Council Changes

- 1) Change in wording of siting document to omit North America as location of Annual Convention

## IV. Membership

- 1) Jan 2017: **607** members
- 2) Increase of **73**

## V. Financial Report

- 1) Jan 2017: **\$19,430.40** (balance)
- 2) March 2016: **\$10,430.40.**

## VI. Business

- 1) Petition to expand regional base to include South Asia  
<http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions/Asia-Pacific/Petition>
- 2) Amendment of terms of executive committee (*show of hands*)  
<http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Regions/Asia-Pacific/Leadership>  
[http://www.isanet.org/Portals/0/Documents/ASIAPAC/ISA-Asia%20Pacific\\_charter.pdf](http://www.isanet.org/Portals/0/Documents/ASIAPAC/ISA-Asia%20Pacific_charter.pdf)
- 3) Nomination of next executive committee

AGM Chair:  
Giorgio Shani,  
President, Asia-Pacific Region,  
International Studies Association

Rapporteur:  
Alistair D. B. Cook  
Treasurer, Asia-Pacific Region,  
International Studies Association