SRN Executive Council

Skype Meeting, May 13, 2014, at 18 Helsinki time

Minutes

Present: Carmen Sofia Brenes, Adam Ganz, Ronald Geerts, Ian W. Macdonald, Kerstin Stutterheim, Claus Tieber, Kirsi Rinne (chair and secretary)

1 Opening of the meeting

 Kirsi Rinne opened the meeting at 18.00.

2 Conference updates

Potsdam Oct. 16-19 2014: Kerstin Stutterheim explained about the current situation of conference organization. Some funding decisions are pending but overall the finances have been guaranteed. The key-note speakers will be announced in the next couple of weeks. The program etc. will be updated to the website.

 Santiago 7-9 May, 2015: Carmen Sofia Brenes told about the plans and confirmed the dates for the conference. She’s expecting 30-40 participants, the fee will be 100 dollars and covers transportations from the city to the university. Outside funding is needed for the key-note travels. The theme will be the relationship between industry and academia, the potential key-notes were discussed (Jule Selbo, Guillermo Arriaga, Alfonso Guaron, John Caldwell, Miranda Banks). In the next SRN Exec meeting an academic committee will be nominated to help with the arrangements.

London 10-12 September, 2015: Adam Ganz updated about the conference. The dates are set, 100-150 attendees are expected, and the venue is the Senate House at the centre of London. A budget draft has been compiled. The theme is to decided. The consortium of several British organizers will be established soon.

3 Elections and the AGM in Potsdam, October 19 at 1 pm

The AGM and elections for the new executive will take place on the above mentioned date. Kirsi Rinne will compile a time line for when to send out the official notice and call to members as well as prepare paperwork for the meeting.

Kirsi Rinne will ask if Steven Maras would act as an elections officer.

The exec will meet in Potsdam, the date to be confirmed after the conference program is finished.

4 COST Action

It was noted that results are expected on June 2nd. Kirsi Rinne will inform the participating institutions.

5 Future conferences

 In Potsdam, the exec will meet Davinia Thornley from the University of Otago, New Zealand to discuss the possibility to organize a conference in 2017.

 Kirsi visited The Catholic University of Porto last week and they are also interested. Guilhermina Castro from the Catholic University of Porto has expressed interest in conference organization, informal talks will be arranged in Potsdam, maybe also with Louisa Lindbom from Umeå.

6 Any Other Business

Carmen Sofia Brenes will update about the bibliography at the next Skype meeting.

There has been a steady growth in the membership, new members joining every week. Rinne, Brenes and Stutterheim will google the new members and fill in the membership register.

It was duly noted that Adam was wearing tie and suit (not for the meeting but for other festivities).

7 Next meeting

 will be on June 17, at 18 Helsinki time.

8 Closing the meeting / Adjourn

 The chair closed the meeting at 18.45.