

**Business meeting of the ESA Research Network 11: Sociology of Emotions**

**13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Sociological Association**

**Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences in Athens, Greece**

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, start: 7.30 pm**

Participants: 43

Eligible to vote: 34

Chair of the Meeting: Stina Bergman Blix

Secretary of the Meeting: Monika Verbalyte

1. Opening by Stina
2. According to the guidelines we need to circulate the agenda for the meeting beforehand so that people not coming can still come up with suggestions etc.; there is no specific timeframe but we circulated the agenda on 17<sup>th</sup> July, and then, after some suggestions again with a small amendment on 25<sup>th</sup> of August; can we decide that the meeting was properly announced?
3. The legality of the meeting confirmed
4. Eligibility to vote: members of good standing (paying members)
5. Elected: Chair - Stina; secretary - Monika
6. Agenda of the Meeting presented; does someone has any topics for the 'other business' point?
7. No suggestions; agenda confirmed
8. Report of the outgoing executive board:
  - a. Newsletter (Monika), comments welcome
  - b. Mid-term conference in Stockholm 2016, keynote of Monique Scheer, PhD workshop got a good feedback and will be continued, comments about how we could develop it further welcome
  - c. Reviewing 168 abstracts for this ESA conference, 24 sessions, 2 joint sessions with RN13 (family and intimate life) organized
  - d. Suggest semi-plenaries for the next ESA Conference because this time Christian von Scheve and Mikko Salmela organized one and it was successful; if it will be refused, we will organize it ourselves as a network session, so suggest next time; question from the audience why earlier semi-plenary suggestions were rejected – answer: no reasons has been given
  - e. Network has expanded, so after the request for more democracy we tried to formalize the procedures: in the Mid-term we elected the Election committee (this year Christian and Åsa Wettergren) which organizes this election; encouragement to become involved to all the members: participate in the PhD workshop, chair sessions, become a Board member; comments on other forms of involvement welcome
  - f. ESA website was crashed and had to be relaunched, new website is already started with the new RN description (a catch phrase – 'an emotion lens on the world'), but

afterwards we will get access to the ESA website and then the decision whether our old page is needed will emerge

9. Comments from the public:
  - a. Appreciation of the work the Board has done
  - b. No big difference between newsletter and emails; advantage is the compact form; suggestion to put things on the website (only notifications about news), maybe even blog; newsletter as archive - good for image of RN to the “external world”
  - c. Question about the mailing list; answer: members will be automatically added to the list; people on the list automatically get the newsletter
  - d. No comments on working process
10. ESA Board Meeting with RNs presented: Stina and Jonathan attended (2 votes); questions discussed: more than 3500 participants in this conference; to high participation fee (unemployed get lower fee) – suggestion from the board to create category “retired”; Jonathan raised a question of the venue of the next conference (for 2019 Paris was chosen without competition or suggestions) – it is an exception, in Paris organization would be easier because ESA has its Quarters there, but the next time the competition will be announced; delays in the ESA were explained: internet page crash, first time ESA organizes the conference itself; quality of abstracts was discussed (commercialization was raised as a problem); but if more people are rejected, those will be from periphery and worse universities as well as not English speakers; our RN has accepted some abstracts with the request to make some amendments; round tables suggested (with distributed papers); poster presentations; the annual conference was not accepted by RNs because they want to keep their Mid-terms; some changes in By-laws and the board endorsed them, but due to some incidents the Executive Committee missed the deadline to announce it and the Assembly cannot vote about it, so we will vote after the assembly digitally
11. Finances: 1890 € in our account (minus treats, drinks and snacks, for tonight), the exact report will be sent afterwards; before Mid-terms we get the contribution from ESA (2500€), we also receive the membership fees, so that is one important reason to become a formal member – it makes it possible for us to organise these midterm etc. (the contribution from ESA needs to be used for specific purposes, but the fees are free for us to decide ourselves)
12. Future projects:
  - a. Emotions and Society journal; good reviews, but ESA affiliation was, despite the contact on our side and oral support from the Executive Board, not granted, rather the discussion about the open access started; we could still raise this issue in the General assembly
  - b. New book series at Routledge (presented by Mary Holmes): our first book is by Swen Seebach “Love and Society”; the second is on the way (“Emotions as Commodity”), other two titles: “The Political Sociology of Emotions”, “Governing Affect”
  - c. “Families, relationships and societies” – other journal of Mary and her invitation to submit there
  - d. Suggest themes for the next Mid-term and possible special issue
  - e. Consider co-operation for getting funding, e.g. call for populism (Horizon 2020); maybe work group on that (Jonathan)
13. Adrian Scribado calls for co-operation with the Latin American Group on Emotion sociology, e.g. participation in conference of sociology in Latin America in the joint session of Sociology of bodies and emotions or in the upcoming Congress of Interdisciplinary

Cultural Studies in Madrid next year; maybe joined ESA session – we should look up whether this is possible; journal “RELACES” also waits for submissions

14. Election (Åsa and Christian)

a. Nominations according to the procedure:

- i. Board: Jonathan Heaney (coordinator), Monika Verbalyte (vice-coordinator), Alberto Martin Perez (vice-coordinator)
- ii. Website responsible: Juha Klemelä
- iii. Advisory Board: Nathan Manning, Stina Bergman Blix, Katharina Scherke, Sylvia Terpe

b. All the nominators elected by the open vote without the presence of candidates

15. Next Mid-term – Edinburgh (Mary Holmes), suggested to organize about the same time as this conference with the British Study Group on Emotion Sociology; no other suggestions; accepted by the public

16. Thanks for Stina

17. End of the Meeting