

**ISA RC34 General Meeting**  
**World Congress of Sociology, Gothenberg, Sweden**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 15:30**

35 members in attendance

Ngan-Pun Ngai (President) – welcome and acceptance of the Agenda

**Report of activities of the Board (2006-2010) [by Ngan-Pun Ngai, President RC34]**

Written report has already been tabled and sent to ISA HQ. Report will be posted on the rc34 website. Brief verbal report.

Very busy research committee and range of activities. Membership stands at 176 from 50 countries. An increase on 2006. Varied distribution across the world.

Academic activities in different parts of the world: international, regional and local youth research events. Exchanges, visits and contact between members in different countries.

International Bulletin of Youth Research – the website of RC34 has been updated: RC34youth.org

RC34 leaflet: now about to be obsolete, with a new one required.

Junior Scholar in Youth Sociology, with papers judged by a scientific committee. The winner is Dr Dan Woodman.

Collaboration with a range of journals across the world.

*The report was endorsed.*

**Financial Report [by Natalia Waechter, Treasurer]**

5,700 € in the current account. Generated through membership fees and ISA grants. Expenditure largely promotion and dissemination of RC34 activities: website, printing costs and distribution of the leaflet, and the Junior Scholar Award. There was also a contribution to the Asian conference (700€)

Income c6,400€ Expenditure c1,800€ Balance @ 2006 c.1700€

Balance today: 6,300.93€

The question was raised as to whether or not, if the balance is so healthy, RC34 should be spending more on promotion, support, publicity or other activities.

Congratulations were extended for prudent financial management.

**Election Results [by Howard Williamson, Organisational Secretary]**

Nominated individuals and those vacancies filled by Presidential fiat. There were no contested positions.

The following individuals were duly appointed to the Executive Board with the assent of the General Meeting:

President	James Côté
Organisational Secretary and Treasurer	Howard Williamson
Vice Presidents North America	Jeylan Mortimer
South America	Rosa Maria Camarena
Africa, near East and Middle East	David Everatt
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	Ani Wierenga
Asia, inc China and Japan	Shen Jie
Europe, including Russian Federation	Tomahiko Asano
	Maurice Devlin
	Natalia Waechter
Newsletter Editor (IBYR)	Clarence Batan

The new President was invited to the platform:

Jim Côté – affirmed the RC’s commitment to maintaining the quality of youth research, as well as the connection and impact on policy affecting the lives of young people. During term will seek to improve collaboration with other related organisations: SRA, EARA, ESA (Youth and Generations) and others.

### **Directions and plans for future activities**

Comments from the membership concerning future conferences:

We need to think about new, creative ways of dealing with the challenges and problems that have obviously been experienced by many participants at this event.

1. Need to avoid papers that are proposals for research rather than conclusions from research, with perhaps one session on research in progress.
2. Linguistic question: pace of English language presentations, questions and answers. Need serious attention to our communication understanding and strategy. [There is a history of the challenges and consequent demands around broadening linguistic access to sessions, through for example sequential translation.]
3. There is less theory at this Congress and there are key debates that are regularly rehearsed in ‘our’ journals that do not appear to have received as much attention as perhaps they should have done.
4. Perhaps the number of sessions needs to be reduced and the programme needs to be organised another way to engage the same number of participants but in a broader variety of ways. However, there is a dilemma because of the institutional rules that people can only attend if they present.

5. How do we deal with so many paper applications? There could be round table formats, but these may also be unsupported by the institutions funding attendance.

a. There should be a closer vetting of papers, not allowing individuals to give more than one paper, as well as to give priority to RC34 members.

b. Poster sessions are a good idea in some respects, but some institutions will not fund attendance if 'only' a poster is being presented.

6. Request for closer contact and co-operation with Russia.

*[New Board members to meet later to map the detail of future direction]*

**A.O.B.**

New members of Executive Board

Social space at events involving RC34 – to welcome and converse with new members/faces

Request for a group photo

**Meeting closed @ 1700**

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16.7.10

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28.7.10