

ISA RC34 General Meeting
World Congress of Sociology, Gothenberg, Sweden
Friday 16th July 2010

Executive Board meeting 16.7.10 1700

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New approaches to RC34 engagement with World Congress (and other conference) sessions

Creative approaches to identifying common interests. Getting members to identify their priority interests. Through new technologies:

Use of Twitter: regional reports. RC34 will join Twitter and regions provide monthly tweets, for communication between the members of the Board.

Website information: conferences, call for papers, how to submit, how to present. Establishing common expectations. Allocation of funds for website maintenance and development. Agreed.

Future dealings with submissions:

1. Standardisation of submissions for future conferences to help us organise different session formats. The standardised form will inquire about the nature of the paper (e.g., research in progress or complete), whether a distributed paper or poster is preferred and if the submitter can get funding to attend for these types of papers, PhDs in progress (they could all help each other through a formal and less formal sessions).
2. Need to start planning for World Forum in 2012.
3. Different ways of thinking about distinctions between sessions:
 - Thematic – content (substantive, method, theory)
 - Presentational approach (lectures, posters, podcasts, circulating PPPs)
 - Stage of the research (starting out, concluded)
 - Other?
4. Use of 'our' space... but the problematic of it usually being shared space.
5. Greater support and priority for RC34 members. Prioritising RC34 membership? Debate. Being open to non-members is a recruitment strategy. But, if notice is given sufficiently in advance, then people can join RC34. There definitely is a need for a stronger filtering of submissions to ensure more space for engagement and dialogue from the floor.
6. The programme committee comprising Ani, Howard, and Jim will deal with these issues.

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