



Minutes of the 27th IUSSP General Assembly
Thursday 30 August 2013 – 19:00-20:00
Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor Convention Hall, BEXCO
Busan, Korea

AGENDA

1. Welcome and adoption of the Agenda, IUSSP President Peter McDonald
2. Financial and Activity Report by the Secretary General and Treasurer, Emily Grundy
3. Approval of the report
4. Approval of the candidates proposed by members and the IUSSP Council for the IUSSP Committee on Nominations for the 2017 Council Election
5. 2017 International Population Conference – Statement of intent by members' interested in proposing their country as the host for the 2017 Conference.
6. Any other business
7. IUSSP Laureate Award to John Bongaarts

Present: Approximately 300 members

1. Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda.

IUSSP President Peter McDonald welcomed members to the 27th IUSSP General Assembly. According to the Constitution the General Assembly must meet once every four years and this happens during the International Population Conference. Peter McDonald presented the agenda items He also reminded members that they could vote in the current election by electronic ballot – an email had been sent to members including a login, username and password. He noted that voting is very straightforward and easy.

He then requested the assembly adopt the agenda.

- The General Assembly adopted the Agenda by a show of hands.

2. Report on the activities and financial situation of the Union

Emily Grundy presented the Report on the activities and financial situation of the Union

- **Activities:** <http://www.iussp.org/sites/default/files/GARreport%20%281%29.pdf> and
- **Audited financial report:**
http://www.iussp.org/sites/default/files/Attestation_AG_English_2009_2012.pdf .

- The General Assembly approved the 2009-2012 report and financial statement

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4. Election of the Committee on Nominations: Peter McDonald presented the slate for the 2017 Committee on Nominations. He noted that the Constitution does not clearly outline a process other than to indicate that the Committee on Nominations is elected by the members during the General Assembly. The Committee must include six members from six different countries. The outgoing president chairs the Committee when it meets to select candidates for the Council Election. The proposed slate includes a mix of young dynamic members as well as older active members: Francesco Billari (Italy), Bruno Schoumaker (Belgium), Alejandra Silva (Chile), Akim Mturi (Tanzania), John Casterline (United States), and K.G. Santhya (India). All have agreed to serve on the Committee. The current Council would like to involve the membership more in the selection of the members of this committee and sought to do so by asking for proposals from the membership but we got a poor response. In the future this needs to be done differently. At this time however, the General Assembly is now asked to approve the slate for the Committee on Nominations.

➤ A majority of the e General Assembly approved the slate of nominees by a show of hands. The Council recommends that the next incoming Council amend the Constitution so that the Committee on Nominations can be elected via an online ballot during the regular election. The list could then include 10-12 candidates.

5. Statement from members considering a bid to host the 2017 International Population Conference. Peter McDonald called on those present in the room to come forward if their national population association, government or institution is considering making a bid to host the 2017 International Population Conference. Two people stepped forward:

- **South Africa** - Clifford Odimegwu from the University of Witwatersrand stepped forward to read a letter from Pali Lehohla (Statistician General of South Africa) who proposed Statistics South Africa as the host for the 2017 Conference in South Africa. South Africa hosted the (Football) World Cup in 2010 and Statistics South Africa hosted the International Institute for Statistics Conference as well and can do a superb job of organizing the 2017 Conference.
- **India** -T.V. Sekher representing the International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS) and the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) offered to host the 2017 Conference in India. IIPS was the largest training institution solely devoted to population training in India and had over 38 participants at this Conference. IASP had been involved in the organization of the 1989 International Population Conference in Delhi.

Peter McDonald noted that it was a sign of the excellent health of the Union that there were several great bids to host the 2017 Conference. He thanked Emily Grundy for being an excellent Secretary General who was able to make tough decisions as well as be generous when it was necessary. He asked if there was any other business the members in the audience wished to discuss. No one came forth. With that he adjourned the 27th General Assembly of the IUSSP inviting everyone to remain in the room for the IUSSP Laureate Ceremony in honor of John Bongaarts.