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MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Tokyo, Japan
May 29-30, 2023

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS / RELEVÉ DE DECISIONS

MINUTES OF THE SEOUL MEETING (MAY 19, 2022)

The Minutes were approved without changes.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND THE TREASURER

All reports were unanimously approved.

THE 25TH WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

REPORT BY THE ITALIAN ORG COM AND SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY

Professor Giuliani's report was approved unanimously.

Opening ceremony will take place at the Baths of Caracalla on Aug 1st, 2024.

Five after-Congress event will take place every evening at a major archaeological site in Rome (tentatively Palatine or Basilica of Maxentius).

Gramsci's Prison Notebooks manuscripts will be displayed during the Congress in partnership with the Gramsci Foundation in Rome.

PLENARY SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

Slots still to be filled would fall under the responsibility of the Executive Committee in consultation with the Steering Committee. Relevant proposals coming from external partners will be taken into proper account.

ENDOWED LECTURES

The following proposals were approved:

- For the Kierkegaard Lecture (The S. Kierkegaard Center, U of Copenhagen): Professor Joakim Garff
- For the Dasan Lecture (Korean Philosophical Society): Professor Lee Tae-soo
- For the Kant Lecture (Kant-Gesellschaft): Professor Barbara Herman (tentatively)¹

The President was mandated to explore further options for identifying a prominent scholar, preferably from Africa, to deliver the Maimonides Lecture.

Professor Wang Bo would take relevant steps at Peking University to identify a prominent scholar to deliver the Wang Yanming Endowed Lecture.

¹ Proposal confirmed by Professor Dietmar Heidemann on June 1st, 2023.

INVITED SESSIONS AND ROUND TABLES

Professor Rendtorff will coordinate these panels with the secretariat of the WCP. President Scarantino is to swiftly bridge Prof. Rendtorff with the secretariat of the Congress for proper implementation.

DIALOGIC SESSIONS

Professor Jonkers will wrap up the proposals he has received from different members of the Steering Committee and inform the President. Five panels will be included in the programme of the Congress. Chairs and tentative participants are to be identified in due time.

BOOK FAIR

The support of the City of Rome was noted with satisfaction. Relevant contacts with publishers will be immediately established by Steering Committee members. Professor Baghramian will remain in contact with the President to provide additional information for an efficient implementation of the bookfair.

WEBSITE OF THE WCP

Remarks to be forwarded to the Italian Org Com include better visibility of relevant links, additions of dedicated pages for all kinds of WCP sessions, replacement of the photo for the opening session, and other relevant remarks. The President and Professor Giuliani will convey all suggestions to the IOC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

According to the WCP rules and taking into account relevant proposals by the Italian Organizing Committee, the Executive Committee of the Congress was formed as follows: Professors Fabrizia Giuliani, Ernest Lepore, Marco Mancini, Suwanna Satha-Anand, and Luca Maria Scarantino.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The following decisions were made about some of the consultative committees of FISP:

- Professor Karasmanis was mandated to revise the composition of the Committee on the History of Philosophy, henceforth renamed as Committee for the Histories of Philosophy.
- Professor Kolev was appointed as chair of the Committee on Aesthetics.
- The President will consult with Professors Vargas Lozano and William Sweet to check whether they wish to continue as chairs of the committees on Teaching of Philosophy and on Intercultural Research in Philosophy respectively.

A statement concerning the role and goals of FISP consultative committees will be drafted by the President. It will take into account relevant domains of urgent philosophical concerns, e.g. AI, P4C, sustainability, and the crisis of democracy.

Members of the Steering Committee who wish to join one or another committee will write directly to the relevant chairs.

CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

Professors Kaltenbacher, Rendtorff, and R. Wang were mandated to identify and fix potential inconsistencies in the Constitution of FISP and in the Bye-Laws of the Steering Committee. They will report to the Steering Committee by the end of October 2023. A final set of proposals will be submitted to the General Assembly in 2024.

FISP WEBSITE

Professor Thorgeirsdóttir will connect with the Philosophy Documentation Center to propose relevant adjustments to the website of FISP, following consultation with members of the Steering Committee.

RE-ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

In continuity with decisions made in the previous term, re-eligible members who did not attend any CD meeting after August 2018 will not be nominated by the Steering Committee for re-election. Were they wishing to serve for a new term, they shall be nominated by a national or international member society of FISP.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Association of Chinese Philosophers in America, the Armenian Philosophical Academy, the Consulta Filosofica Italiana, the Italian Karl Jaspers Society, the Association of Philosophy Professionals of Nigeria, the Institute of Philosophy of the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, the Vietnamese Philosophical Association, the Philosophy House in Fujairah, the Jacques Maritain International Institute, and the International Society for Socratic Studies were admitted as new members of FISP.

BIDS FOR THE 26TH WCP

The proposal sent by the President of the Philosophical Association of Japan (PAJ) on behalf of the Japan Federation of Philosophical Societies (JFPS) was duly registered. Additional bids are to be expected in the course of 2023 and 2024.

NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

In principle, the next meeting of Steering Committee will take place in Rome on the immediate eve of the Congress. Possible dates are July 31st or August 1st, 2024. Final decision is to be made in consultation with the IOC and the Executive Committee.

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