

International Association for Travel Behaviour Research - IATBR
Executive Board Meeting



Tuesday, January 12, 2016
15:45 AM - 17:45AM
Marriott Marquis, Independence H (M4)

Presiding: Yoram Shiftan, Technion Israel

34 people in total attended the meeting.

1. Financial report:

The total amount is \$35,389.42, of which \$31,688.33 in the Nordea bank (converted from Danish Crowns) and \$3,701.09 in Paypal.

2. Membership report:

Status at:	January 2013	January 2014	January 2015	July 2015	January 2016
Members	249	281	284	188	311

	# of Members
Current members (status at January 2016)	311
Members from the IATBR congress in Windsor	281
New members since the IATBR congress	30
Members until 2018	306
Members until 2016	5
Members new (i.e. not members from 2009 to 2015)	179
Members since 2009	64
Members since 2012	59
Members in 2009-2012 but not in 2012-2015	9

Geographical distribution of the current members (5 cases unknown)

USA	64	Israel	8	Hong Kong	3
UK	40	Singapore	8	Portugal	3
The Netherlands	25	Chile	7	Brasil	2
Canada	24	Denmark	7	Ireland	2
Australia	23	China	6	Spain	2
Switzerland	17	France	6	Estonia	1
Japan	15	Belgium	4	Korea	1
Germany	14	Greece	4	South Korea	1
Sweden	12	Italy	4	Taiwan	1

3. Update on the 2018 IATBR conference

- **Period:** from 14-15/7/2018 to 20-21/7/2018
- **Location:** Inside the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Several types of meeting rooms are available to run parallel sessions, workshops and meetings.
- **Accommodations:** *Housing services* (fully equipped apartments, e.g. 2 bedrooms/2 baths 160\$ per night), *Campus dorms* (53\$-76\$ per person per night), and a selection of hotels in Santa Barbara (ranging from 200\$-300\$ per night) not at walking distance.
- **Congress organization:** Planned 6 keynote speakers, including the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The number of workshops is not decided yet but probably each member of the steering committee will be asked to organize a workshop. The goal of the workshops will be to have a research agenda. Possible cost from \$760 to \$965 all inclusive.
- **Webpage:** in preparation.

4. Eric Pas prize 2015

The call will be sent soon after the TRB conference. The third core member will be nominated by the chair by March 2016. Veronique (chair of the jury) plans to add other 2 ad-hoc members to the jury.

5. Results of the IATBR elections

Elected Vice Chair: Elisabetta Cherchi, Technical University of Denmark, (Europe)

Secretary/Treasurer (only nominee): Abdul Pinjari, University of South Florida (USA)

Elected Regular Board Members: Junyi Zhang (Asia), Charisma Choudhury (Europe),
Matthew Roorda (Canada)

Number of IATBR current members: 311

Number of respondents: 122 (39%)

Vice Chair

nominee	Total votes
Elisabetta Cherchi (Denmark / Europe)	87
Kostas Goulias (USA)	35
Total	122

Regular board

nominee	Total votes
Matthew Back (Asia / Australia)	43
Charisma Choudhury (Europe /UK)	53
Elenna Dugundji (Europe /The Netherland)	46
Khandker Nurul Habib (Canada)	21
Zachary Patterson(Canada)	25
Jacek Pawlak(Europe /UK)	16
Amalia Polydoropoulou (Europe /Greece)	44
Matthew Roorda (Canada)	53
Junyi Zhang (Asia /Japan)	55
Total	356

Yoram briefly discussed the peculiarity of this election, due to the fact that Abdul Pinjari was the only nominee for secretary/treasurer (and is from the USA, as well as the incoming chair) and the IATBR constitution rules on geographical distribution state that there cannot be more than two board members from the same country (see the call for election for more details). Pat Mokhtarian asked to open a discussion regarding this rule:

- Chandra Bhat said that if a person is the only one nominated, s/he should be elected.
- Kostas Goulias suggested that the board should proactively monitor the nominations, so that before the announced nomination period closes, the board can take action to seek other nominees if there are not enough for a given position.
- Ram Pendyala said that probably the rules about the geographical distribution of the board are not an important issue anymore because members work often in countries that are different from their country of origin. Moreover, he said, we are all serious people, who act for the well-being of the association despite our country of reference.

This issue will be further discussed by the board.

6. Report on publication status from the Windsor conference (Stephane)

- 70 papers submitted for publication: 32 for journal publication only, 38 for book or journal, 1 for book only
- Review process under way and expect to be completed by end of February to mid-March
- Special issues of following journals are under discussion/agreed: JOCM/TR-B/Transportation/Travel Behavior and Society
- Book: Lulu vs Elsevier

A discussion started regarding the publication of the book from the IATBR conference, because there is only 1 paper submitted only for the book.

- Hani Mahmassani mentioned that Lulu citations are not picked up, while Elsevier's are.
- Kostas Goulias suggested that instead of books we could do an open source document. Or that we can have smaller books with only the material from the workshop reports and the keynote speeches.
- Juan Antonio Carrasco reported about the experience in the last ISCTSC conference, where instead of a book, a select numbers of papers from the conference and the papers from the workshops were published as a Special Issue of Transport Research Procedia. It worked very well.
- Hani Mahmassani suggested to follow the model of the ISTTT conference where there is an international advisory board that tracks the path of the conferences. The board can be formed from members who have organized the IATBR conference in the past and can stay in charge for 3/4 conferences (i.e. around 9-12 years).

It was also suggested to run a referendum among the members to test preferences between: open access vs. books.

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