

International Association for Travel Behaviour Research – IATBR Executive Board Meeting



Tuesday, January 14, 2020
8:00 AM – 9:45 AM
Marriott Marquis, Salon H (M4)

Presiding: Elisabetta Cherchi, Newcastle University

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Welcome/self-introductions/report from the Chair (Elisabetta)

- Board Members Present: Elisabetta Cherchi, Kostas Goulias, Matt Roorda, Yusak Susilo, Sebastian Raveau, Abdul Pinjari
- Regrets from Pat Mokhtarian, who could not attend due to a schedule conflict with another session she had to Chair.
- Regrets from Charisma Choudhury, Ricardo Daziano, and Junyi Zhang who could not attend TRB this year. About 15 other IATBR enthusiasts attended the meeting.

2. Eric Pas Dissertation Prizes (Elisabetta)

- 2018 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize was awarded to Timothy Brathwaite for his doctoral dissertation completed at University of California, Berkeley. The award plaque was given to Timothy Brathwaite.
- Honorable Mention was awarded to Adrian C. Prelipcean for his doctoral dissertation completed the KTH Royal Institute of Technology. Adrian could not attend TRB. Therefore, the certificate was awarded to his advisor Yusak Susilo.

3. 2018 IATBR conference book and finances (Kostas)

- The 2018 IATBR conference book titled “*Mapping the Travel Behavior Genome*” is now published by Elsevier (edited by Kostas Goulias and Adam Davis). The book comprises a total of 32 chapters, including 4 invited articles and 8 workshop reports.
- Elsevier will direct the Royalties from the book directly to the IATBR account.
- Elisabetta mentioned that Elsevier has contacted her about the Royalites. The mechanism for transfer of Royalties will be arranged after the next Treasurer takes over.
- Kostas transferred £ 26,132 to the IATBR account. This comprises IATBR membership dues (from IATBR 2018 conference registration fees) and repayment of a part of the loan he took from IATBR for organizing the 2018 conference. Recall that IATBR had transferred USD 25,000 to Kostas as a loan for organizing the 2018 conference. Of this, USD 20,000 was used to subsidize student registration fees. The remaining USD 5,000 has been returned by Kostas.

4. 2021 IATBR conference in Chile (Sebastián)

- The conference location has been moved to Santiago. Due to recent unrest in Chile, the conference organizing partner of the Department of Transport Engineering and Logistics (DTEL) at Pontificia

Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) has backed off from the agreement. Therefore, the organizing team (DTEL) decided to move the conference location to Downtown Santiago where it would be easier for them to organize the conference. The new location is close to their university (PUC).

- The conference dates are from July 18 to July 22 (2021); beginning with a reception on Sunday, July 18. The theme has not been decided yet.
- Conference website will be ready and announced soon.
- Anticipated dates are below:
 - Extended Abstracts (no full papers): October 2020
 - Acceptance of abstracts: Early 2021
 - Early bird registration: March 2021
- The conference organizing team intends to start planning for a book with Elsevier using similar contract to IATBR2018.
- Preliminary talks with a few journals for Special Issues.
- Exploring sponsorships and will reach out to IATBR for loan, which will be repaid after the conference.

5. Financial report of the association (Abdul)

Bank Account

- The Bank account for IATBR has been a long-standing issue. Due to this, Elisabetta handled the treasury for four years beyond her time as the treasurer. Abdul placed on record his gratitude and appreciation to Elisabetta for going above and beyond her role to handle the treasury, even during her tenure as Vice Chair and Chair of IATBR.
- Elisabetta opened a new bank account in the United Kingdom with the HSBC Bank. The account can potentially be operated by the next treasurer (even if she/he is from a country other than UK). Another advantage is that the HSBC bank has branches all over the world, which makes it easier to transfer the bank account to another country if needed. There is now a long-term financial home (a bank account) for IATBR. Also, the account is recognized by HSBC as that of a not-for-profit association/organization.
- The Board members thanked Elisabetta for taking care of the long-standing issue with the bank account.
- The next steps are listed below:
 - Handover the HSBC bank account to the next Treasurer (Elisabetta)
 - Link the IATBR PayPal account to the above HSBC account (Abdul, in partnership with the next Treasurer)
 - Transfer the remaining money from the Nordea Bank account of Denmark to the HSBC account in UK (Elisabetta)

Financial Status

- IATBR funds available in the new UK account: £ 26,138 (this comprises £ 6 that Elisabetta added when opening the account and the remaining that Kostas transferred from the IATBR membership dues (from IATBR 2018 conference registration fees) and repayment of the loan he took from IATBR for organizing the 2018 conference.

- IATBR funds available in the Nordea Bank account in Denmark: £721 (after accounting for US \$ 7245.4 Abdul Spent and 99 Euro Elisabetta Spent; these amounts need to be reimbursed to Abdul and Elisabetta, respectively)
- IATBR funds available in the Pay Pal Account: \$6307.32 or £ 4,854.71. These come from new membership dues or renewals by people who did not attend the 2018 IATBR conference.
- Total funds available across all three banks = £ 31,713 or US \$ 41,198

6. Membership report (Abdul)

- Total number of IATBR members as of December 31, 2019 = 323, including 7 LAA recipients (almost all others, except 4 individuals, will be members until IATBR 2021 conference. These include about 25 individuals who did not attend IATBR 2018 but renewed membership).
- Number of members before IATBR 2018 conference = 314.
- Number of people who registered for IATBR 2018 = 293
 - 100 of the 314 former members of IATBR attended IATBR 2018 (and contributed to be members).
 - The remaining 214 members were sent reminders to renew their registration. About 25 of them have renewed registration.
- Most membership dues are coming from the triennial IATBR conferences (conference registration fees include 3-year membership fees). Going forward, it might be useful to actively follow up with those who could not attend the triennial conference to continue their membership.

7. Honorary, lifetime membership to IATBR Lifetime Achievement Award recipients

- The IATBR Board has unanimously agreed to offer honorary, lifetime membership to the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) recipients as a recognition of their contributions to travel behavior research and their support to IATBR. Elisabetta has conveyed this message to all of the seven LAA recipients alive – Frank Koppelman, Moshe Ben-Akiva, David Hensher, Juan de Dios Ortuzar, Andrew Daly, Daniel McFadden, Eric Miller, and Tommy Garling.

8. Interaction with organizations from developing/emerging countries on travel behaviour research (Abdul)

- Abdul suggested that IATBR actively liaison with regional and country-specific organizations and conferences to expand IATBR activity beyond the triennial conference and to increase the participation of researchers from developing countries in IATBR. Specific activities include, for example, conducting a joint session or workshop at a regional conference. In this context, he has expressed interest in spearheading interaction with the Conference of the Transportation Research Group (CTRG) of India. Likewise, other IATBR members can potentially liaison with another conferences or organizations.
- Trevor Townsend suggested that it would help to discuss what does IATBR see itself going forward? This includes but is not limited to the following
 - involvement of researchers from continents such as Africa, South America, Asia and South East Asia, and Australia.

- Setting the travel behaviour research agenda for the community.
- Kostas indicated that the IATBR activities can be expanded without necessarily increasing the conference size. Elisabetta discussed the benefits of keeping a small-to-moderate conference size. Several other participants offered interesting comments on this aspect, including doing a call for papers as part of ADB10, the difficulty of finding human/volunteer and financial resources for expanding IATBR activity, and the need for enhancing the role of regular Board members in IATBR activities. Sebastian Raveau indicated that they plan to encourage participation of the Latin American countries in the 2021 IATBR conference.
- Matt suggested enhancing the role of regular Board members in some of these activities.

9. New members of IATBR Board (Elisabetta)

- Elisabetta (as Chair of IATBR) handled the elections because Abdul (Secretary of IATBR) was contesting in the elections. 125 people voted of which 15 people made mistakes in voting.
- **Announcement of election results** and welcome to new Board members
 - Below are the election results. For the record, the complete election results (number of votes received by each contestant) are listed at the end of the document. Sincere thanks to all contestants for their willingness to serve IATBR.
 - Vice Chair/Chair Elect – Abdul Rawoof Pinjari, Indian Institute of Science, India (Asia), 2020-2021.
 - Secretary & Treasurer – Charisma Choudhury, University of Leeds, UK (Europe), 2020-2023.
 - Regular Board Members:
 - Giovanni Circella – University of California, Davis and Georgia Institute of Technology, USA (North America), 2020-2023.
 - Thijs Dekker, University of Leeds, UK (Europe), 2020-2023.
 - Angelo Guevara, Universidad de Chile, Chile (South America), 2020-2023.
 - Amalia Polydoropoulou, University of the Aegean, Greece (Europe), 2020-2023.
- **Full Results of IATBR Elections (No. of votes received by each contestant)**

Vice-chair

Name of the contestant	No. of votes received
Abdul Rawoof Pinjari (India, Asia)	50
Yusak Susilo (Austria, Europe)	27
Kouros Mohammadian (US, North America)	18
Cinzia Cirillo (US, North America)	13

Secretary & Treasurer

Name of the contestant	No. of votes received
Charisma Choudhury (UK, Europe)	56
Taha Rashidi (Australia)	30
Doina Olaru (Australia)	21

Regular Board Members

Name of the contestant	No. of votes received
Thijs Dekker (UK, Europe)	51
C. Angelo Guevara (Chile, South America)	48
Amalia Polydoropoulou (Greece, Europe)	41
Giovanni Circella (US, North America)	39
Maria Kamargianni (UK, Europe)	38
Becky P.Y. Loo (China, Asia)	35
Sander van Cranenburgh (the Netherlands, Europe)	34
Catherine Morency (Canada, North America)	33
Toshiyuki Yamamoto (Japan, Asia)	33
Constantinos Antoniou (Germany, Europe)	28
Owen Waygood (Canada, North America)	25
Kouros Mohammadian (US, North America)	24
Margareta Friman (Sweden, Europe)	21
Jonas De Vos (UK, Europe)	19
Rajesh Paleti (US, North America)	14
Siva Srinivasan (US, North America)	14
Soora Rasouli (the Netherlands, Europe)	12
Karthik Charan Konduri (US, North America)	11

- **Previously Elected, Continuing Board Members** are listed below:
 - Chair – Konstadinos (Kostas) Goulias, University of California Santa Barbara, USA (North America), 2020-2021.
 - Past Chair – Elisabetta Cherchi, Newcastle University, UK (Europe), 2020-2021.
 - Conference Organizer – Sebastian Raveau, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Chile (South America), 2019-2021.
 - Regular Board Members:
 - Yusak Susilo, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (Europe), 2018-2021.
 - Ricardo Daziano, Cornell University, USA (North America), 2018-2021.
- Thank you to the outgoing Board members – Elisabetta Cherchi (Chair), Pat Mokhtarian (Past Chair), Abdul Pinjari (Secretary & Treasurer), Charisma Choudhury (Regular Member) Matt Roorda (Regular Member), and Junyi Zhang (Regular Member) for their service.

The new Chair of IATBR, Kostas Goulias places on record sincere thanks to Elisabetta Cherchi for her long and committed service to IATBR, beginning as a Regular Board Member, then as a Secretary & Treasurer, Vice Chair, and then as the Chair of IATBR.

10. Other announcements and business

- There was a discussion about having some tasks handled by other Board members to reduce some of the Secretary's workload. This might involve assigning few tasks to the Vice Chair and ad-hoc tasks to Regular Board Members. At the same time, Elisabetta indicated that the Secretary & Treasurer tasks can be continued by a single person. This is because the Treasurer's tasks are not as many and it would be efficient for one person to maintain records of Association's membership and finances. In addition, it was suggested that the Secretary should continue to communicate with the IATBR members since it provides an opportunity for the Secretary to gain visibility in the community (for all the work she/he does).

- Designation of election duty from next time: Elisabetta, as Chair of IATBR, handled the elections since Abdul (Secretary) was a contestant. From the next time, Abdul suggested that Vice Chair could conduct elections if the Secretary is a contestant. This will help the Vice Chair share some responsibilities of the Chair. This topic will be further discussed among the Board members before taking a final decision.

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