



## Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance

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Research Committee 28

# RC28 Annual Meeting 2016

IPSA World Congress, Poznan, Poland  
26 July, 2016



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### Agenda

- Annual Report (Sonja)
- Finances (Sonja)
- Elections of RC28 Officers 2016 (Paolo)
- 2017 Conference & Business Meeting
- Publius Award
- Obituary Uwe Leonardy
- News and Information?

Minutes?  
List of presence?



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### Annual Report

- World Congress 2014, Montreal: 20 panels, business meeting (esp. elections on biennial cycle)
- Conference in Edinburgh, 16-18 September 2015, cohosted with RC14, and RC50:  
100 paper submissions, 21 panels (10 RC28 panels), 80 participants
- <https://ipsarc28.wordpress.com/>  
Paolo Dardanelli (p.dardanelli@kent.ac.uk)
- <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ipsarc28>  
~80 members (paid dues, or at some point recently)
- 161 contacts on spreadsheet



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## Achievements

- Work with IPSA
- Annual event with at least 30 participants every year since 2008; every WC around 15-20 panels
- Active website & Google group; passionate executive
- Expanding membership base (& payment)
- Publius Award

## Challenges

- Collaboration all around
- Membership management
- Expand membership beyond Europa & North America
- Modernize bylaws & constitution of executive
- (Communication)



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## RC28 Finances

- PayPal account balance in 2015: 2,300 USD (accumulation of dues)
- 2,000 USD transferred to IPSA bank account in DC; current balance:
  - Bank account: 2,206.05 USD (same as 2015)
  - PayPal account: 564.26 USD (up from 373.86 USD in 2015)

### *Need for action:*

- Anchor management and oversight of finances in bylaws
- Define financial needs and develop budgeting  
(consider fundraising)

2016: \$190

2015: \$400

\*2014: \$240

2013: \$440

\*+ LTM

==> ~25 paid members on average,  
some on 3 yr, some on 2 yr cycle



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### **Elections of RC28 Officers 2016**

- Last elections in 2012 (Madrid)
- Bylaws
  - Decision at 2015 Business Meeting not to rely on a nominating committee; instead open call for nominations and self-nominations
  - RC28 executive will constitute roster
  - 3 current executive members will continue to stand for election, so far 4 nominations/self-nominations
  - Online election to open within 14 days from today and remain open for 14 days thereafter
  - Dues paying members

#### *Need for action:*

- Clarify (modernize) bylaws & redefine executive roles



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### **RC28 2017 Conference & Business Meeting**

- Seek guest appearance with IACFS?
- Other happenings?
- Other priorities?



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### **Publius: The Journal of Federalism Distinguished Scholar Award**

- Based on MOU with CFS Associates: Publius
- To be awarded at each World Congress (\$500)
- RC28 Executive seeks nominations & decides on award

#### *Need for action:*

- Convey inaugural award
- Refine and integrate timeline in sync with World Congress





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### **Obituary Uwe Leonardy**

- 2000 – 2009: Vice-Chair of our Research Committee 28, then called Comparative Federalism and Regionalism
- Took part in the founding conference of the Forum of Federations in Mont-Tremblant, Canada (1999), and regularly took part in its conferences
- Vast practical experience in Germany and many other countries, including work as a constitutional advisor to South Africa
- Instrumental in RC28 since 2006



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# News and Information?