



Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance

The International Political Science Association's
Research Committee 28

2018 RC28 Business Meeting

25th IPSA World Congress
Brisbane, QLD, Australia
23 July 2018

Executive Board report



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Activities I

- 2017: joint conference with RC14 and RC13, 42 panels and 133 papers
- 2017: co-sponsored panels at ECPR and APSA
- 2018 IPSA congress:
 - 9 panels and 43 papers (cf. 14 in 2016 and 19 in 2014 but 2 in 2006...)
 - 7th out of 49 RCs by no. of panels convened



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Activities II

- 2019 conference:
 - Another JC with RC14 (12-15 June, Sarajevo)?
 - Possible JC with RC30 or IPPC (26-28 June, Montreal)?
 - Co-sponsored panels at ECPR and APSA
- 2020 WC:
 - Scheduled for 25-30 July in Lisbon



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Membership

- Focus on consolidation: 45 members up to date with payment (cf. ~25-30 historically; peak of 37 in 2001?)
- Still only 1/3 of wider contact list
- Geographical spread not great
- Shift to expansion; how best to achieve it?
- Fee expensive (e.g. cf. APSA); reduce it to \$20?
- Other suggestions?



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Treasury

- Focus on consolidation and full control of PayPal account; new PayPal account
- Revenues up; website name and plan (\$38) only exp.
- \$1,500 grant from IPSA for 2017 JC
- US\$4,580 (\$3,000 bank + \$1,580 PayPal)
- Cf. \$2,764 in 2016 and \$2,574 in 2015
- No takers for 2018 WC travel grant



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Communications

- Website development: new domain name, revamped and updated pages, expanded archive
- Twitter presence [@IPSA_RC28](https://twitter.com/IPSA_RC28) (38 followers)
- Google list updated; remaining non-members to be dropped
- News articles in *Participation* (IPSA magazine)
- Further develop website; increase Twitter followers



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Publius Award

- Awarded to [Arthur Benz](#) of TU Darmstadt
- Announcement seen 13 times on website; liked 31 times and retweeted 12 times on Twitter
- Prof. Benz could not attend meeting
- Thanks to CSF, rep. by J. Kincaid, for support
- 2020 award to be decided by summer 2019 to minimise risk of non-attendance



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Relations with other networks

- Close links with APSA and ECPR
 - Tom and Carol active in APSA section; Paolo and Wolfgang active in ECPR group
 - Co-sponsored panels at both conferences in 2017
- Links also with CES, PSA, ABSP, SVPW etc.
- Collaboration with Forum of Federations (plan to deepen it)
- Other links to pursue?



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2020 board election

- New board to be elected in 2020 (4-year cycle)
- Three members to step down (Paolo, Tom, Wolfgang)
- Three new members to recruit
- Would be good to have a LA and an African member
- Encourage people to stand for election
- Only paid up members eligible and track record of IPSA attendance needed