



Logic and Methodology in Sociology

Minutes of the BOARD MEETING ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2021 (ONLINE IN TEAMS)

Starting at 17:00

1. **Welcome** by president Vera Toepoel

2. **Conferences:**

- a. Actual online conference replacing 10th RC33 conference, Cyprus; organizing went well → discussion whether we should continue organizing online conferences (instead or besides on site conferences)
- b. “1st International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Spatial Methods for Urban Sustainability” (1st SMUSConference) and “1st RC33 Regional Conference – Africa: Botswana” September 23rd – 25th, 2021SMUS conference, Botswana (online)
- c. 2nd regional conference, Japan (Fumiya Onaka): Online Conference by Zoom meeting. Conference dates: 12– 16 September 2022; Call for sessions: 17 submitted, 13 accepted (11 Paper presentation sessions, 2 Panel sessions); Call for papers: 27 September - 31 December 2021; Final program: 11 March 2022, Registration opened 11 April 2022
- d. ISA World Congress 2023 Melbourne, Australia (postponed; format hybrid/online is still unclear)
Important Consequence: The current RC33 Board will be extended by a year, until the ISA World Congress 2023. All present board members agree.
- e. ISA Forum (year/format still unclear)

→ Decision on upcoming RC33 conferences has to be taken; Idea (on the long run): conference (participation) every year (ISA World Congress / RC33 conference on site / ISA Forum / RC33 conference online / ...) to be discussed at next online Board meeting in January

3. **Finances** (Wander van der Vaart) → Slides

RC33 Finances
2014 – Sept 1th 2021

Wander van der Vaart

Online Business Meeting RC33
September 8th, 2021

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	Bank account	Paypal account	Bank savings	SUM
2021 (- Sept 1)	€ 2.451	€ 4.800	€ 4.506	€ 11.757
2020	€ 3.386	€ 753	€ 4.506	€ 8.645
2019	€ 4.169	€ 413	€ 4.506	€ 9.088
2018	€ 542	€ 256	€ 4.504	€ 5.303

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Total credit - debet				
	Credit	Debet	Result	Conference
2021	€ 4.708	€ 1.588	€ 3.120	RC33 Online
2020	€ 1.174	€ 1607	€ (433)	
2019	€ 5.908	€ 2.203	€ 3.705	
2018	€ 210	€ 3.287	€ (3.077)	ISA Toronto
2017	€ 2.758	€ 5.163	€ (2.405)	RCrc33 Taipei & old costs SAGE
2016	€ 4.222	€ 660	€ 3.562	RC33 Leicester & ,transfer old fin'
2015	€ 600	€ 1.164	€ (544)	
2014	€ 2.629	€ 3.140	€ (511)	ISA Yokohama
Av			€ 425	

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Credit						
	RC33 members	RC33 member fees	ISA member fees	ISA grant	sum	Conference
2021	96	€4.708			€ 4.708	RC33 Online
2020	12	€614		€ 560	€ 1.174	
2019	4	€ 212	€ 5.206	€ 490	€ 5.908	
2018	4	€ 210			€ 210	ISA Toronto
2017	50	€ 2.758			€ 2.758	RCrc33 Taipei
2016	79	€ 4.222			€ 4.222	RC33 Leicester & ,transfer old fin'
2015	2	€ 110		€ 490	€ 600	
2014	4	€ 220	€ 2.409		€ 2.629	ISA Yokohama

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Debet						
	SAGE	Transaction costs	Hostnet	Website	sum	Conference
2021	€ 1.141	€ 93	€ 122	€ 233	€ 1.588	RC33 Online
2020	€ 1.155	€ 134	€ 98	€ 219	€ 1.607	
2019	€ 1.882	€ 152	€ 91	€ 78	€ 2.203	
2018	€ 2.143	€ 130	€ 54	€ 959	€ 3.287	ISA Toronto
2017	€ 4.344	€ 150	€ 90	€ 580	€ 5.163	RCrc33 Taipei & old costs SAGE
2016	€ 509	€ 121	€ 29		€ 660	RC33 Leicester
2015	€ 1.048	€ 116			€ 1.164	
2014	€ 3.023	€ 117			€ 3.140	ISA Yokohama

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Conclusion	
•	Long-term trend: our reserve is growing & 4-years budget more stable
•	Our current reserve is about 4-5 times our yearly costs. Without taking risks for conferences, this is okay.
•	BMS is our greatest cost item: will be reduced through new contract SAGE.
•	Next, growing cost item: internet provider and website. Essential and worthwhile the investments
•	New, structural activity – the RC33 best paper awards - which brings along some new costs.
•	Great to have budget for the RC33 Website and the RC33 Awards! Both news since 2017 and 2021 respectively.
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4. Membership (Inga Gaizauskaite)

ISA + RC33: 93 members, some end in 2021; depends on how Congress and Forum will continue; different audiences for ISA and our conferences, not much overlap

RC33 only: Before registration only 20 members, now 110 valid members; more student registrations, low fees for category 3 countries but high transfer costs (→ Paypal? Might be a problem for some);

People ask for an official invoice.

5. **BMS** (Vera Toepoel): Access to BMS will be online instead of paper copies. Members get access to the entire BMS archive. Claire and Inga are currently working on access. Plan is to have it finished by the end of 2021 (access is arranged but there are still some problems with our website that need to be fixed before launching).

6. Newsletter

a. Formal newsletter twice a year: should be done by Francois

b. Karl van Meter's weekly newsletters; will be continuing the distribution of the BMS/RC33 newsletter; we should consider to find someone to replace him;

→ Karl van Meter "Vice president for information", goes on till end of the board 2023 → then find someone to continue

7. **Website** (Claire Wagner)

Some technical problems with the links to SAGE and BMS/ online membership; should be fixed by end of the conference. Costs for support (by Francois) raised in the last months → he should be asked for cost estimation before placing the order.

RC33 WEBSITE – ACTIVITIES 2021

- **RESTRUCTURING OF MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT SYSTEM**

- New membership fee structure implemented on website from 1 May
- Updates to information that is captured about new registrations
- Improvements to membership database

- **RESTRUCTURING OF CONFERENCES PAGE**

- New look for conferences tab in preparation for the online conference and 2 upcoming conferences

- **BLOGS**

- 11 blogs for 2021: Vera – Letter from the president; Fumiya - RC33 & RC20 conference Japan; Wander – finances; Nina and team – SMUS conference Botswana; Henrik – call for first RC33 awards for best paper and winners; Inga – changes to the membership; changes to the RC33 10th conference in Cyprus

8. **Awards** (Henrik Andersen)

27 submissions overall, 18 in the first call (10 Best Paper, 8 Young Scholar) and 9 in the second call (1 Best Paper, 8 Young Scholar). Evaluation by Vera Toepoel, Pei-shan Liao and Rima Wilkes.

Best Paper:

Tobias Rüttenauer. (2019). Spatial Regression Models: A Systematic Comparison of Different Model Specifications Using Monte Carlo Experiments. Sociological Methods and Research.

Best Paper by a Young Scholar:

Ruben Bach & Stephanie Eckman (2019). Participating in a panel survey changes respondents' labour market behaviour. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society.

Each winner will get 300€

9. **Other**

Karl van Meter will send out to List RC33/BMS with some information on our congress including Best paper awards.

End of meeting: 18:18