



Logic and Methodology in Sociology

Business Meeting

Minutes

XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



Resurgent Authoritarianism:
*Sociology of New Entanglements of
Religions, Politics, and Economies*

Melbourne, Australia | June 25-July 1, 2023
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
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Date: 26th June 2023, 19:30-20:50 (Local Time Melbourne) / 11:30-12:50 (CEST)

Place: Melbourne Convention Centre, Room 111 / online

Present: 8 Persons on site, 4 Persons online

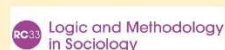
Agenda:

1. Welcome address by President Vera Toepoel
2. Reports:

a. Congress Figures (Biagio Aragona):

RC33 - Congress Figures

- Sessions allocated to RC33: **13+1** (business meeting)
- Format: in presence **2**, hybrid **1**, virtual **10**
- Total abstract presented **86**
- Registered presentations: **62**



Sessions' details and type of presentation

Date	Start Time	End Time	Title	In person chair	N of pres.	V	R	IP
26/06/2023	15:30:00	17:20:00	Recent Developments and Current Approaches to the Analysis of Panel Data	Henrik ANDERSEN, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany	4	1	0	3
27/06/2023	10:30:00	12:20:00	Relational Data and Geo-Data: Research Strategies of Analysis and Visualization	Biagio ARAGONA, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy	4	3	1	0
27/06/2023	15:30:00	17:20:00	Integrating Survey Data from Different Sources: Comparability, Quality, and Applications	Piotr CICHOCKI, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland	5 + 2 (d)	1	2	4
27/06/2023	17:30:00	19:20:00	Innovation in Data Collection	Pei-shan LIAO, 128 Acadomia Road, Sec.2, Taiwan	5	3	0	2
28/06/2023	08:30:00	10:20:00	New Trends in Digital Social Research	Biagio ARAGONA, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy	5	2	0	3
28/06/2023	15:30:00	17:20:00	Methods of Social Network Analysis	Francesco MAZZEO RINALDI, University of Catania, Italy	4	0	0	4
28/06/2023	17:30:00	19:20:00	Doing Qualitative Research in Turbulent Times	Grazina RAPOLENE, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania	4	1	1	2
29/06/2023	10:30:00	12:20:00	Participatory Visual Research: Disentangling Power Dynamics Using Collaborative Techniques	Concetta RUSO, University of Milan Bicocca, Italy	3	0	0	3
29/06/2023	15:30:00	17:20:00	Big Data Analysis for Social Sciences I	Juan Antonio GUEVARA, European University of Madrid, Spain	7	0	1	6
29/06/2023	17:30:00	19:20:00	Data Quality of Cross-National Surveys	Chyi-in WU, Academia Sinica, Taiwan	5	2	0	3
30/06/2023	08:30:00	10:20:00	From Interviewing to Diaries: Data Quality in Quantitative and Qualitative Social Research	Inga GAIZUSKAITE, Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany	4	1	2	1
30/06/2023	17:30:00	19:20:00	Big Data Analysis for Social Sciences II	Belen CASAS MAS, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain	6	4	0	2
01/07/2023	12:30:00	14:20:00	Using Social Media for Social Research: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges	Francesco MAZZEO RINALDI, University of Catania, Italy	4	2	2	0

*V: virtual; R: recorded; IP: In person

b. Finances (Wander van der Vaart)

**RC33 Finances
Credits by June 8th, 2023**

	Bank account	Paypal account	Bank savings	SUM
2023 - June	€1.618	€4.881	€1.511	€ 8.010
2022	€1.563	€4.858	€3.006	€ 9.426
2021	€ 1.573	€ 4.858	€ 4.506	€ 10.963
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
2023 - June	€ 24	€ 1.866	€ (1.621)	
2022	€ 0	€ 1.510	€ (1.510)	
2021	€ 4.765	€ 2.466	€ 2.298	RC33 Online
2020	€ 1.174	€ 1607	€ (433)	
2019	€ 5.908	€ 2.203	€ 3.705	
2018	€ 210	€ 3.287	€ (3.077)	ISA Toronto

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Credit

	RC33 members	RC33 member fees	ISA member fees	ISA grant	sum	Conference
2023 - June	1	€ 24			€ 24	
2022	0	€ 0			€ 0	
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

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Debet

	SAGE	Transaction costs	Hostnet	Website	Best paper awards	sum	Conference
2023 - June	€ 1.338	€ 145	€ 22	€ 140	€ 0	€ 1.645	
2022	€ 1.182	€ 178	€ 150	€ 0	€ 0	€ 1.510	
2021	€ 1.141	€ 93	€ 122	€ 458	€ 600	€ 2.466	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

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Conclusion

- Long-term trend: our reserve is stable & at save level
- Our current reserve is about 4-5 times our yearly costs. Without taking risks for conferences, this is okay.
- BMS (SAGE) is still our greatest cost item, but reduced by almost half through new contract for BMS online (fixed yearly costs).
- New, structural activities are included in the budgets:
 - RC33 Website, since 2017.
 - RC33 Best paper awards, since 2021.
 Structural funding for these new costs is okay.

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c. Newsletter (Karl van Meter, presented by Vera Toepoel)

- ***RC33 Newsletter* and the *BMS-RC33* and *AIMSI* distribution lists**

Karl M. van Meter (France)
Vice President for Information

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- Since 1984, RC33's journal BMS (Bulletin of Sociological Methodology), a bilingual quarterly Sage Publications
- publishing the *RC33 Newsletter* as part of the *BMS* in every second issue
- two internet distribution lists: the closed bms-rc33@services.cnrs.fr list for BMS subscriber and RC33 members; and the free and open aimsi@services.cnrs.fr distribution list.
- Every week, the BMS-RC33 list distributes about five emails to its approximately 270 members and at least one of those emails is distributed free to AIMSI members of which there are over 7,400.
- These provide full set of news tools!

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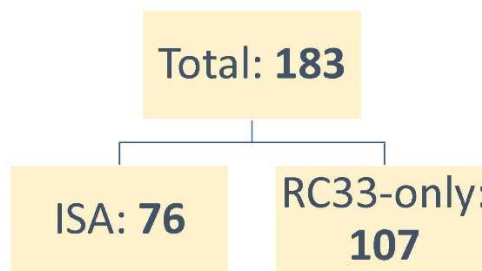
d. Membership (Inga Gaizauskaite)

RC33 Membership overview

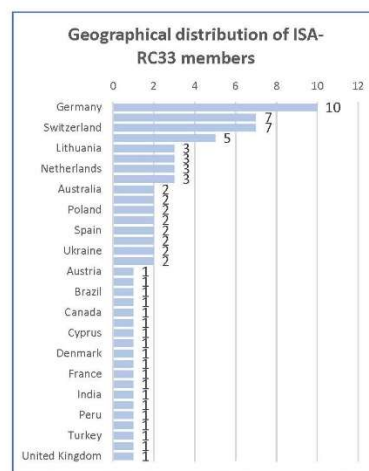
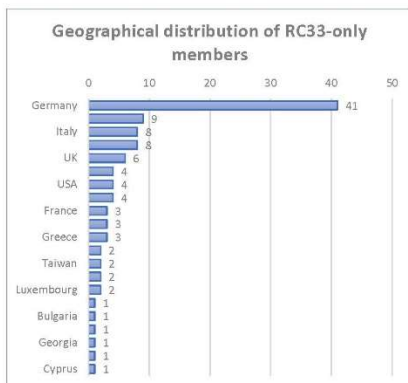
Prepared by: Dr. Inga Gaizauskaite

Based June 9, 2023 status

Valid membership 2023



Geographical distribution



Type of membership

- **Regular:** 155 [85%]

- **Student:** 28 [15%]

- ISA: 9
- RC33-only: 19

- **Country group A:** 155 [85%]

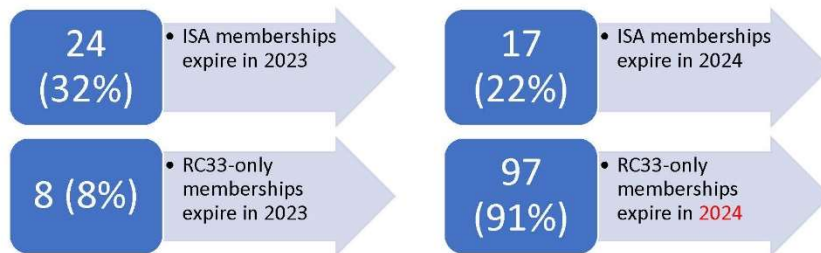
- Country group B: 18 [11%]

- Country group C: 10 [5%]

ISA A: 56 [74%]
ISA B: 12
ISA C: 8

RC33-only A: 99 [93%]
RC33-only B: 6
RC33-only C: 2

Membership rotation



e. Website (Marieke Haan)



Marieke Haan
June, 2023



PAGE	LINK	TO FIX?	EXTRA
1. HOME	https://rc33.org/	NO	
2. ABOUT	https://rc33.org/about/	MAYBE	Organization: Profile of board members (to be updated?), Detailed
3. STATUTES	https://rc33.org/boards/waars/waars-overname	YES	NOTE: SAVE PAGE AS ARCHIVE PAGE
4. BUSINESS MEETINGS	https://rc33.org/boards/waars/waars-overname	YES	NOTE: SAVE PAGE AS ARCHIVE PAGE
5. BOARD	https://rc33.org/boards/	MAYBE	
6. BOARD	https://rc33.org/boards/	MAYBE	IS THE SAME PAGE REDIRECTED BY THE LINK THAT IS PRESENT ON THE A
7. ONLINE CONFERENCE	https://rc33.org/boards/waars/waars-overname	YES	IS THE SAME PAGE REDIRECTED BY THE LINK THAT IS PRESENT ON THE A
8. RC33 ONLINE CONFERENCE 2021	https://rc33.org/rc33-online-conference-2021/	NO	OLD CONFERENCE PAGE
9. UPDATES	https://rc33.org/updates/	YES	BLANK PAGE
10. PAST CONFERENCES	https://rc33.org/past-conferences-2/	MAYBE	NOT DISPLAYED CORRECTLY
11. CONTACT	https://rc33.org/contact/	YES	SHOULD BE IMPROVED
12. BLOG	https://rc33.org/blog/	NO	
13. FORUM	https://rc33.org/forum/	YES	DON'T WORKING - BLANK PAGE
14. NEWS LETTERS & BMS	https://rc33.org/login/	MAYBE	REDIRECTS TO A LOGIN PAGE => IF YOU DO THE LOGIN => IT TAKES TO RC

- We checked every page and indicated what needed to be fixed
- Forum is removed (unclear purpose)
- All pages are working now

Big thank you to Francesco Amato!



Homepage
About
About
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Board
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Conferences
Upcoming Conferences
Past Conferences
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What needs to be done?

Updates

- Update board information
- Update business meetings
- Update contact information

New content

- General text about conference organization
- New blog posts

Goal

- Standard texts as much as possible (= no maintenance)
- Generate new content when:
 - Conferences are organized
 - Blog posts (2-3 each year?)

f. RC33 & RC20 Joint Conference at JWU (Fumiya Onaka)



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XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (Melbourne, Australia, 25 June -2 July 2023, Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre)

A Brief Summary: RC33 & RC20 Joint Conference at JWU

RC33 business meeting presentation

Fumiya ONAKA

(Japan Women's University)

1. Introduction

- Purposes:
- 1. Collaboration between RC33 (Methodology) and RC20 (Comparative Sociology) .
- 2. Focusing Asia
- 3. Hosted by Japan Women's University
- 4. To succeed the legacy of three prominent figures of comparative sociology and methodology in Japan (Masamichi Sasaki, Munesuke Mita, Keiko Funabashi)



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1. Introduction



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- 5. Methodological experiment of only-online
- Cf.[Onaka 2020]
- 5.1. Resilient in the Covid-19 crisis.
- 5.2. Resilient in other disasters, such as typhoons, earthquakes, war etc.
- 5.3. To remove financial obstacles.
- 5.4. Earth-friendly.
- 5.5. To utilize technological innovations.

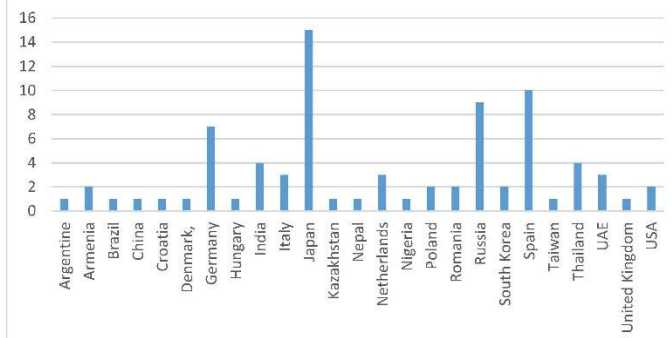
2. Methods

- Analyses of the Forms data on paper submission and registration.
- Participatory observation by attending sessions.

3. Results 3.1 Presenters

- 79 presenters from 25 countries

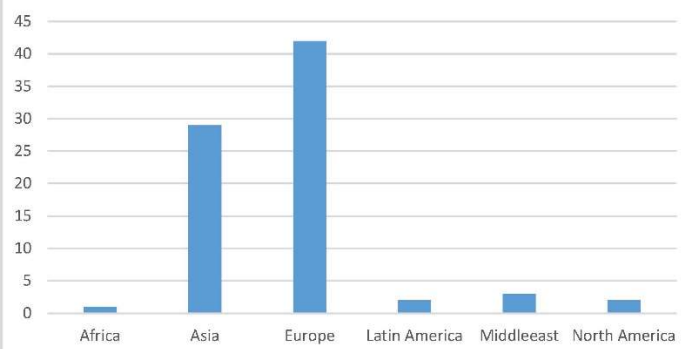
Fig. 1. Presenter's Resident Country



3. Results 3.1 Presenters

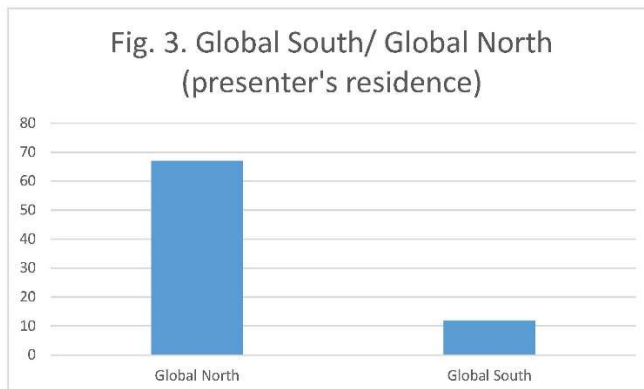
- Regions of presenters

Fig.2 Presenter's Resident Region



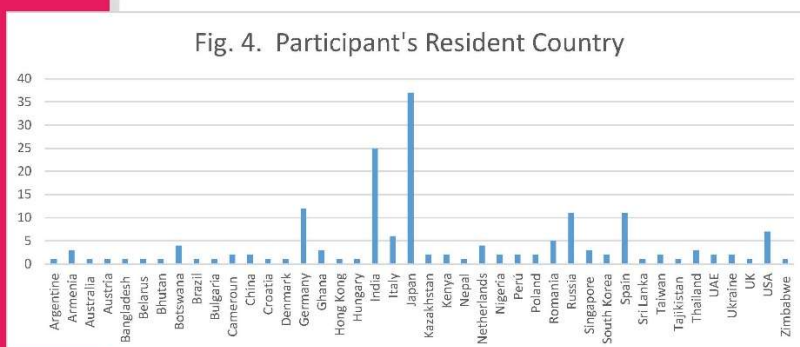
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- Global South/ Global North



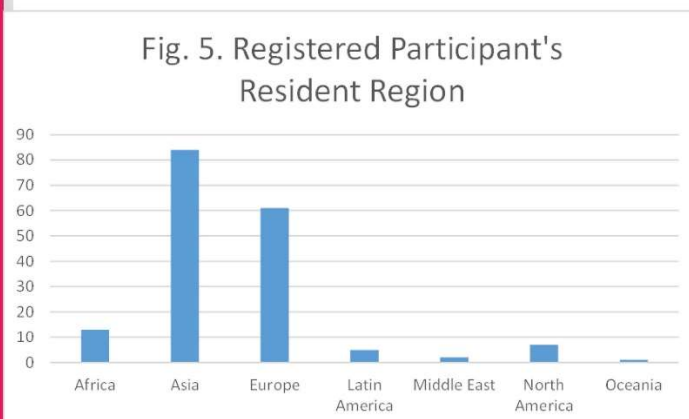
3. Results 3.2 Registered Participants

- Registered participants: 173 from 43 countries.



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- Regions of registered participants





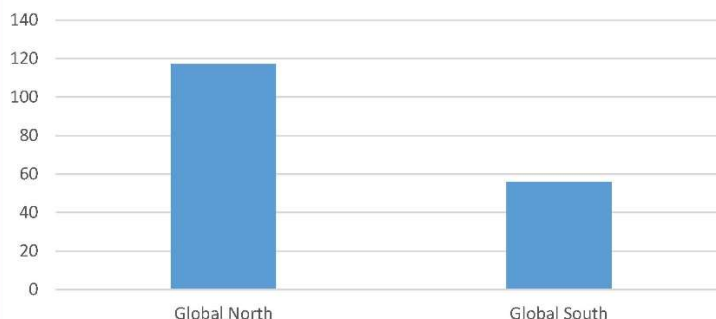
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3. Results 3.2 Registered Participants

- Global south / Global north

Fig 6. Global South/Global North (Registered participant's residence)

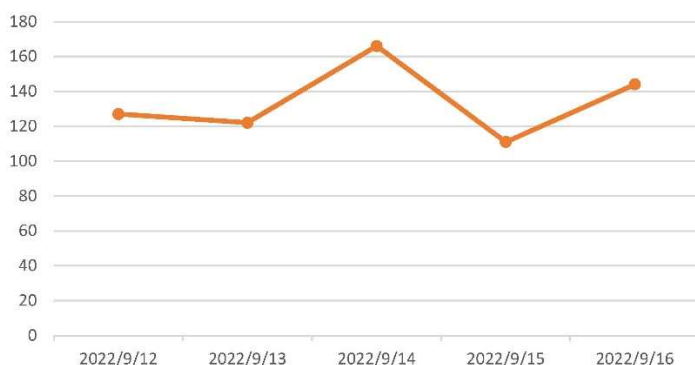


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3. Results 3.2 Actual Participants

Actual Participants



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4. Discussion

	results
5.1. To cope with COVID-19	○
5.2. To cope with other disasters, (floods, typhoons, war, etc.).	○
5.3. To remove financial obstacles (No fee, no travel)	○
5.4. Not to increase Carbon Dioxide (No air-travel)	○
5.5. To utilize technological innovation (Breakout room, Zoom Timer App)	○



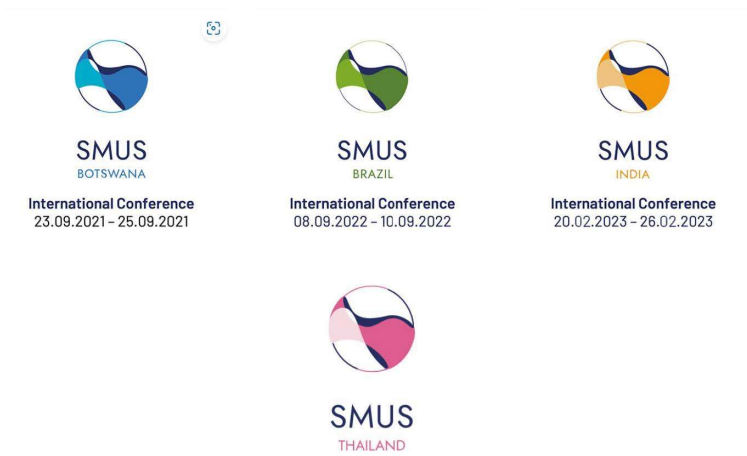
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Reference

- Fumiya Onaka 2020 "RC33 Fall 2020 Newsletter -Reorganizing the RC20 and RC33 Joint Conference Tokyo and the Methodological Implication of the COVID-19 Crisis." *Bulletin of Sociological Methodology/Bulletin de Methodologie Sociologique* 147-148: 233-234, SAGE Publications.

g. Other conferences (Vera Toepoel)

Other joint conferences



RC33 Conference online 2021

- Online because postponement & cancellation location Cyprus due to Covid pandemic
– Thank you to Iasonas Lamprianou
- Great succes!
- Organized by all board members
- Relatively easy to do (to be considered in the future)
- First time RC33 awards (best paper and young scholar)

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Conferences & participants

Event	ISA members	RC33 only members	others
RC33 Online Conference 2021; September 2021, online	20	102	
1st International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Spatial Methods (SMUS Conference) and 1st RC33 Regional Conference – Africa: Botswana in cooperation with ESA RN21 “Quantitative Methods”; September 2021, online		639	
RC20 Regional Conference on Comparative Sociology & The 2nd RC33 Regional Conference on Social Science Methodology in Tokyo, Japan. September 2022, on site	9	4	160
2nd International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Spatial Methods for Urban Sustainability (SMUS Conference) & 1st RC33 Regional Conference Latin America: Brazil, September 2022, online		1.028	

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h. Summarizing Remarks (Vera Toepoel)

Conclusion

Vera Toepoel, president RC33 2018-2023)

- Has been challenging years
- Many RC33 activities
- RC33 is stable on all fronts
- Activities thanks to great board
- Future president: Martin Weichbold
- Secretary & President's delegate: Biagio Aragona
- Thank you & it has been great serving you!

Several participants speak up and thank Vera for her excellent work.

3. Discussion on statutes

A trial version of the Statutes is in effect from July 11, 2012, after a preliminary vote at the Business Meeting on July 11, 2012, during the RC33 Conference in Sydney. A final vote took place, but there is still a text in red causing some confusion regarding the legitimacy of the document. Proposal was to delete the reference in red. No further comments were received on the statutes version, all present voted in favor of adopting the Statutes and deleting the reference in red).

4. Board elections

The period of the current Executive Board is coming to its end and elections are to be held at the World Congress. Based on the willingness of existing board members to serve another term and a call for interest to all members, the following proposal has been developed:

- Martin Weichbold – President
- Biagio Aragona – Vice President, Secretary
- Wander van der Vaart – Vice President Finances
- Inga Gaizauskaite – Vice President Membership
- Karl M. van Meter – Vice President Information
- Marieke Haan – Vice President Online Communication
- Henrik Andersen – Vice President Awards
- Hawal Shaman – Vice President Congress- and Forum Programme Coordinator
- Vera Toepoel - Past President
- Claire Wagner, Vice President at Large
- Adriana Garcia Andrade, Vice President at Large
- Fumiya Onaka, Vice President at Large
- Pei-shan Liao, Vice President at Large
- Yashwant Deshmukh, Vice President at Large

The election itself should take place online to give all RC33 members the opportunity to vote. Since according to the statutes, the election proposal has to be submitted 4 weeks before the election, the election can only take place later. A mailing to all members will follow.

5. Upcoming RC33 Conference

The next RC33 conference is scheduled to take place in 2025. Biagio Aragona proposes Naples as the venue for the conference, which meets with unanimous approval. All further planning will follow in the coming months.