Minutes from the YSWG (Young Scholars Working Group) meeting  
Saturday 19/6/2021 at 15:00 CET+3

Board members of the 2019–2021 board of the Young Scholars Working Group met 15 minutes before the official start of the meeting on Zoom to prepare for the meeting. Board members were (in alphabetical order): László Koppány Csáji, Gunnar Óli Dagmararson, Nada Kujundžić and Ana Svetel.

YSWG Meeting started at 15:00 UTC+3 according to the time schedule of SIEF 2021 congress, with eight members attending. Ana Svetel welcomed the attendees and said a few words about the YSWG. The board kindly offered Ana Svetel to be the chair of the meeting, and Gunnar for the position of writing the minutes and we all took turns talking about the program of it.

First of all, all the participants (members of the WG and the board as well) briefly introduced themselves, their papers at the conference and their studies, etc..

Nada Kujundžić talked about the groups activity and its purpose, what we have done is organizing mentoring programs, panels, round tables and social events. Nada also talked about how the working groups uses its Facebook page to promote Young Scholars, there work, job opportunities and promote other post that might be of interest to early academics in the field. The purpose of the group members get a platform to experiment and get experience in presenting there work and ideas.

László Koppány Csáji introduced our mentoring programmes at the SIEF 2021 congress. The three mentoring programs are: 1. How to get published?, 2. How to get a Wenner-Gren fund? and 3. Applied futures (roundtable). He briefly explained the goal of each mentoring programme and the time-schedule.

Gunnar Óli Dagmararson introduced the Know05 panel session in the YSWG program, Re-considering our discipline in pandemic times, consisting two parts (1. paper presentation session and 2. a round table session). Then Ana talked about the Young Scholars Prize lecture that will be held on Monday.

After the presentation of the working groups mentoring programs and panel session, the election of the new board started. Firstly, board members explained how the board works and what the obligations and tasks. Then Nada explained that she was finishing her latter term having been elected before the 2017 Göttingen conference and not eligible for re-election. Unanimously, Mari Säisä and Zuzana Terry expressed their interests being board members, they were elected as new board members. The new members are: (in alphabetical order): László Koppány Csáji, Gunnar Óli Dagmararson, Mari Säisä, Ana Svetel and Zuzana Terry. The new board decided to collectively share the responsibilities and status of Co-Chairs.

After the elections we opened the floor for questions and initiatives for all the attendees. We discussed the roles of responsibility of the new board and decided that all the board members would be co-chairs and Mari Säisä is the new secretary of the board. Before the end of the meeting, one more Congress participant joined and the new board briefly explained her that the meeting is nearly finished and included her on the YSWG mailing list. The meeting was than concluded.

László Koppány Csáji had an initiative to have a regular online meeting (on Zoom or other platform), yearly or half-yearly when all the members could meet in the online space, share ideas, experiences, or just talk to each other and get known each other better. Participants agreed on this initiative, and plan to organize it from the time of the upcoming winter (December or January), so send access-link then to our members.

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Minutes made by Gunnar Óli Dagmararson (former secretary) and Mari Säisä (new secretary)