

Notes from the first meeting of the Board of Peace Research in Sweden (PRIS), April 15, 2016, Malmö.

Presence: Emma Elfversson, Manuela Nilsson, Ann-Catrin Kristianssen and Anna Jarstad. Accountant Malin Isaksson was also present at the meeting.

1. Meeting agenda, secretary and adjuster

The main point to discuss was the venue of the next conference and other urgent issues. The agenda was accepted and Ann-Catrin Kristianssen acted as secretary with Emma Elfversson as adjuster.

2. Forms of membership

The board initiated a discussion regarding solutions for other forms of membership. The opinion of the board is that it is important not to exclude individual researchers from the association such as those who do not have their employment at a member institution. One suggestion to include as many researchers as possible is to construct some sort of form on the website in order to create a peace research network. The website should also contain a message function in order to receive the latest information from association. No decision was made by the board at this point but further discussion will ensue at upcoming board meetings.

3. The next conference

The most important issue on the agenda is what institution or department will host the next conference in 2018. It was decided that Anna Jarstad contacts the representatives from Lund University. The board had a brief discussion on financial support and it was agreed that the conference could be sponsored by different actors. The Folke Bernadotte Academy will be contacted for specific parts of the conference such as travel expenses of the Ph.D. students, lunch with lecture, or keynote. Other possible financial sources are VR or RJ.

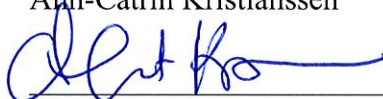
4. Website

Another important first issue to deal with is the setup of the website. Anna and Patrik will check how the website will be established and the costs. It was suggested that they should seek advice from David Feltenius, Umeå University, who is currently the secretary of the Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA) and in charge of that website. It is a positive thing that SWEPSA is currently chaired by the Department of Political Science at Umeå University as there could be mutually beneficial discussions.

5. Next board meeting

It was not decided on when and where the next meeting will take place.

Secretary
Ann-Catrin Kristianssen



Adjuster
Emma Elfversson

