

International Association for Official Statistics  
2019 General Assembly Meeting  
Monday 19th August 2019, 12.40-13.40  
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

Item 1

Welcome words

Outgoing President, Mario Palma, welcomed all those present to the 2019 IAOS General Assembly Meeting

Item 2

IAOS Report 2018-2019

Mario Palma provided a review of the year. It has been a very positive period, with the conference in Paris held in conjunction with the OECD, a real highlight. The growing membership of the Association was also noted along with the success of the Young Statisticians Prize and the Journal.

Mario's leadership over the last two years was recognised and applauded by the General Assembly.

Item 3

SJIAOS 2018-19

Kirsten West, outgoing SJIAOS Editor-in-Chief, gave a review of Journal content over the last year. It has been a most positive period with several well received innovations.

Kirsten's wonderful contribution to the Journal over recent years was recognised and appreciated by the General Assembly.

Item 4

YSP 2018-2019

Gemma Van Halderen, EXCO member, gave a review of the YSP, including the success of the 2019 Prize and preparations for the 2020 Prize. The General Assembly showed its gratitude to Gemma and to the judges, who by necessity remain anonymous, for their commitment and good judgement in selecting worthy winners for the YSP.

Item 5

Formal election of the new IAOS Executive Committee for 2019-2021

The election of the new EXCO had been carried out in accordance with the Statutes of the Association under the leadership of Ola Awad who had Chaired the Nominations Committee. The results had been duly notified to the ISI Executive Director and announced on the IAOS website on 14 June.

No concerns had been raised and the General Assembly agreed to the election of the new IAOS Executive Committee by acclamation.

Item 6

IAOS Strategic Plan 2019-2021

John Pullinger, incoming President, outlined his proposals for the IAOS Strategic Plan. He said that it would build on the Strategic Plan for 2017-19; it would focus on the idea of

giving a voice for official statistics and it would be developed through an open and inclusive process involving IAOS members, including at this General Assembly meeting.

The approach to the plan was welcomed by the General Assembly with several points made by participants:

1. How can we attract non official statistics people/users to be part of IAOS? At the time of foundation the Association was set up as an Association for official statistics not an Association of official statistics. (Jean-Louis Bodin).
2. How can we explore how IAOS handles attacks on official statistics? (Jean-Louis Bodin).
3. How can we make the most of IAOS as a safe space? We are here as individuals not representatives. This is positive but raises the issue of funding to participate, especially if we want to get younger people involved. Can we explore opportunities for philanthropy to help with this? (Denise Lievesley).
4. Can we explore the issue of statistics and the state and bring out links with disciplines like sociology and history? (Walter Radermacher).

These points will be addressed in the draft 2019-2021 Strategic Plan.

#### Item 7

##### SJIAOS Strategic Plan

Pieter Everaers, incoming SJIAOS Editor-in-Chief, gave an outline of plans for SJIAOS. The plans were strongly supported by the General Assembly. Attendees were encouraged to attend the unveiling of the new SJIAOS online discussion platform later in the World Statistics Congress.

#### Item 8

##### IAOS Conference 2020

John Pullinger outlined plans for the 2020 conference. As announced at the 2018 General Assembly in Paris, the 2020 conference will be held in Livingstone, Zambia. The Local Organising Committee, led by the Zambia CSO, is up and running and the Avani Hotel Booked for 19-21 May. The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) will meet for the first time later during the World Statistics Congress and will consider proposals from the ISI to develop a scientific programme in conjunction with the scientific programme that has been developed for an ISI Regional Statistics Conference for Africa. The IAOS Conference SPC will be Chaired by Oliver Chinganya.

The General Assembly looked forward to further updates on the conference plans.

#### Item 9

##### Questions and Comments

There were no further questions or comments from the floor.

#### Item 10

##### Closing

John Pullinger thanked all attendees for their support and closed the meeting.