

**World Society of Victimology**  
**EC MEETING**  
**25 August 2006**

1. Members Present:

President	Dussich
Vice Presidents	Groenhuijsen, Waller
Secretary General	Wemmers
Elected Members	Young, Lima, Winkel, Morosawa, Chockalingam, Kirchhoff

Excuses: Paul Friday

Absent: Xin Ren

2. Approval of Agenda

EC Agreed with minor amendments. An item on election procedures was added, as were items on absenteeism among EC members and one on international NGOs.

3. Co-opted Members:

Based on the current composition of the EC and the needs of the Society, the following criteria were agreed upon with respect to the selection of co-opted members:

- Preferably female
- Preferably service providers
- Global representation
- Willing and able to participate in the EC (in particular to pay for their own travel)
- Preferably affiliated with research

Following a vote by the EC members the following persons were chosen:

Marianne Hilf (Austria), Michael O'Connell (Australia), Maria Josefina Ferrer (Venezuela)

4. Committee Chairs

- Budget Committee: Paul Friday, Chair
- UN Liaison Committee: Irvin Waller, Chair
- Symposium International Advisory Board: Hidemichi Morosawa, Chair
- Membership Committee: Marc Groenhuijsen, Chair
- Public Relations and Communications Committee: Maria de la Luz Lima, Chair
  - Website Sub-committee: temporary Chair = Gerd Kirchhoff to be replaced at the next EC meeting
- International Courses: John Dussich, Chair
- Publications: Michael O'Connell, Chair
- Awards: Chockalingam, Chair
- Research Committee: Frans-Willem Winkel, Chair
- Policy and Program Committee: Marlene Young, Chair
- Victim Services Committee: Marianne Hilf, Chair

- Regional development committee: Maria Josefina Ferrer, Chair

The Chairs will determine the composition of their respective committee in accordance with the Terms of reference.

The committee's Terms of Reference form the starting point for its activities. These can be found in the Procedures Manual.

The reports for each committee should be circulated among the EC members at least 2 weeks before the EC meets.

The SG should send a reminder out to all the Chairs at least one month before the EC meeting

#### 5. Election Procedures

Irvin will get together with Chris Sumner to propose election procedures.

#### 6. Symposium 2006

- Conference proceedings will be posted on the WSV website.
- The members of the EC regret that the conference proceedings from the 2003 symposium were not published.
- The EC want to publish the 2006 conference proceedings. Marc Groenhuijsen will contact a Dutch publisher and find out the cost involved. The Research Committee will be responsible for editing the 2006 conference proceedings.
- The absence of a WSV table at the conference is regrettable. This problem should be remedied at the 2009 conference.
- In the future, the Treasurer's Committee should include a second member of the EC who will act as Assistant Treasurer.
- Verification of membership should be conducted at Membership meetings.
- Christine Mouton will provide the EC with a report of the conference by September 30th.

#### 7. Symposium 2009

- The SG and President are to make up an agreement with the host institution, Tokiwa University.
- Marlene will provide the SG with a copy of the Orlando agreement.
- Points to be included in the agreement include:
  - Theme: Victimology and Human Security The EC likes the theme chosen by the organizers.
  - Sub-themes: The Chair of the Organizing Committee will make a proposal and will circulate it to the EC members. The members will then comment on the proposal by e-mail.
  - Dates: September is not a good idea for most North American and European universities. The third week of August would be preferable. In case this is not possible, the Organizing Committee will look for an alternative date, bearing in mind relevant conferences such as ESC, ISC, and ISST.

- Registration Fees: \$400 is considered too high. Do not include membership in fee. Consider waving fees for persons from developing nations.
- Planning and promotion: The EC requests a plan from the Organizing Committee. It was suggested that the Internet be used as much as possible in order to allow the participation of those people who are unable to be in Japan.

#### 8. Dates and Place of next meeting

The next EC will be held in Fresno, California. John Dussich will host the meeting. The meetings will take place on June 2nd and 3rd (all day). Members are expected to arrive on the 1st of June and leave on the 4th. Irvin Waller will, however, have to leave in the afternoon of the 3rd due to a prior engagement.

#### 9. Absenteeism

It was previously decided by the EC that members who miss two EC meetings without an explanation would be asked to resign from the EC. Xin Ren has missed two consecutive EC meetings. The President will contact her and ask her to resign from the EC. Xin Ren will be given an opportunity to respond to the EC's request and the EC members will be informed of her response. The replacement of Xin will be decided at the next EC meeting.

#### 10. International NGO's.

The Chair of the Public Relations and Communications Committee, Maria de la Luz Lima, will prepare a proposal on the creation of a new mechanism like the one used by Urban Forum. She will present it to the EC members at the next meeting.