

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 1 September 2006, London

1. Apologies for absence: Mia Gray, Andrew Jones
2. Minutes of last meeting: available on website.
3. Matters arising not on the agenda
4. Chair's Business
 - a. Report on activities

A: Major event this year: we held a combined Annual Symposium and Postgraduate Forum. This was a two day event, focused on *Exploring the Geographies of Inequality*, held at the Department of Geography at the University of Cambridge. Thanks to Karenjit Clare and Mia Gray for their organisational prowess, to the Department of Geography at Cambridge for their support of this event and to all our speakers/discussants.

b. Committee positions

Chair:	Jane Pollard*
Secretary:	Mia Gray
Treasurer:	Andrew Jones
Web Site Development Officer:	Neil Coe
Book review Editor:	Helen Lawton Smith
Research Profile Officer:	Paul Benneworth
Working Paper Editor:	Shaun French
Postgrad Member:	Daniel Hale
Postgrad Member:	Karenjit Clare

Action: New Chair of EGRG to be announced soon.

c: Consultation on the ESRC 1+3 postgraduate:

RGS-IBG has been invited to respond to the ESRC consultation on 1+3 postgraduate funding. Of specific interest is the different impact 1+3 funding has had across the social sciences. Three specific questions have been posed for us to respond to:

- Does 1+3 as it currently operates create specific problems in your discipline or field?
- Are there significant areas of postgraduate research activity in your field which are not currently compatible with ESRC 1+3 funding?
- What, if any, changes would researchers in your discipline like ESRC to make to the current 1+3 structure?

Action: MG to circulate to EGRG list for comment.

5. Forthcoming meetings

a: Second Global Conference on Economic Geography, held in Beijing on 25-28 June 2007.

b: RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2007 will be held at the RGS in London (29-31 Aug). An email request will be sent to EGRG members requesting suggestions for session bids.

- Feedback on the venue/other suggestions welcome for RGS.

c: Annual Symposium and Postgraduate Forum 2007: need suggestions for themes; the last four years have considered economic geography/economic sociology, methodological debate in economic geography, understanding markets and geographies of inequality.

Action: MG to solicit suggestions for next year's symposium.

Reports

a. Hon. Treasurer. Andrew Jones has produced a mid-year financial update. As of 1 September 2006, the EGRG had a balance of approximately £968.

Action: AJ to complete full accounts for circulation in January.

7. Any other business

A: There were some concerns expressed over the timetabling at this year's RGS-IBG conference. Attendees felt that (i) EGRG sessions should have been better spread throughout the conference; there were a series of competing sessions on Friday pm and (ii) that there should have been better quality information regarding late programme changes that saw some sessions missing several speakers.

B: While supportive of the prominence of EGRG sessions at the conference, it was also suggested that in future the Programme Committee should limit each contributor to one paper, as happens at the AAG.

Action: JSP to feedback to David Over.

8. Date of next AGM

Aug 29- 31 2007 TBA.

JSP

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