

EuPRA Board Meeting
March 21, 2024

Present: Anush Petrosyan, Craig Brown, Iiris Niemelä, Leena Vastapuu, Stephanie Thiel

Absent: Bram J. De Smet, Ilaria Tucci, Jusaima Moaid-azm Peregrina

General Discussions and Action Items:

- **Finalize the Report for Term 03/23 – 02/24**

The version edited by Stephanie is added here:

[TULOSLASKELMA TILIKAUDELTA 23.03.2024-29.02.2024
REPORT FOR TERM 03/23 – 02/24](#)

The password to access both documents is: EuPRA2024

All colleagues are welcome to contribute.

Some areas where edits are necessary are: total number of members (does not have to be paying members), newsletters.

Once finalized it should be translated into Finnish, communicated with Unto Vesa then sent to the register.

Deadline: end of April (3 months after the financial term has ended)

Iiris has shown interest in coordinating and helping with the translation of the report.

- **The resignation of Iiris from the position of EuPRA Secretary was discussed and present members were in agreement with the decision made.**

Given that the candidacy of new Secretary was not discussed at the meeting, it was agreed to continue with discussions on the new Secretary at the next Board meeting. Elect and following the official changes will be made and sent to the Register.

- **Updates of the EuPRA 2024 conference were discussed**

The keynote speakers were confirmed as suggested in discussions with colleagues from Pisa.

It was agreed to send invitations to:

First round:

1. **Malaka Shwaikh** - Associate Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies
2. **Sevinj Samadzade** independent researcher and activist from Azerbaijan, co-founder of Feminist Peace Collective
3. **Nils Petter Gleditsch**.

In case of those contacted in first round rejecting, the next priority keynote speakers would be:

1. **Philip Gamaghelyan**, co-founder of Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation professor at Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego
2. **Mandy Turner**, Professor of Conflict, Peace and Humanitarian Affairs at the University of Manchester (UK).
3. **Valentina Báu** – senior research fellow at the Institute for Culture and Society in Western Sydney University.

It was suggested that if there are rejections, an offer can be sent to Unto Vesa.

The numbers of applicants for the conference were discussed: around 140 applications from around 120 researchers and activists. Anush announced that Ilaria and herself will contact the abstract reviewers to start the process of evaluation.

- It was asked if it is possible that the University of Pisa colleagues can compile a list of suggestions for those who are coming with children (e.g. for the tour with locals, or just a list of suggestions to inform the participants).
- About the funding that EuPRA will receive – it can be used only for travel purposes.
- It was notified that in case the President of EuPRA at any point does not reside in Finland, a special permission needs to be obtained (it should be received once) and when the permission is received it is permanent.
- Issues related to EuPRA's registration in two countries was discussed and those present unanimously agreed to look into ways of removing EuPRA's registration from Germany and keep the registration in Finland only. A possible way suggested was to create a unanimously signed document addressed to the register in Germany, which confirms that we do not want EuPRA to keep its registration there. The minutes of all board meetings since 2022 can be attached. Stephanie suggested that if these actions are taken, she can take the papers to apply to remove the EuPRA registration in Germany.