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SupCom Report 2006-2007

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ExCom – SupCom Relations

The SupCom was sorry to see that a functional team could not take place among the individuals elected during the Amsterdam General Assembly and tried to mediate through the difficulties suggesting feedback sessions, clear definition of roles and responsibilities. As the outcome has not been a positive one, the SupCom was in the end content to see that a new team could replace the previous one. For the first time the IAPSS community took part to an online GA, which has been successfully chaired by DisCom member Alessio Sanguinetti.

The relations with the SupCom and the current ExCom are positive, though communication from both sides could be more frequent.

On the Implementation of the Operational Plan (including EB)

The SupCom gave feedback on the Operational Plan 2006/2007. The SupCom thinks that the current version of the OP is quite ambitious for the time limit current ExCom has, though supports the initiatives that ExCom would like to work on. The SupCom has furthermore approved by unanimity the changes in the POLITIKON Editorial Board.

On the Financial Report

Financial stability seems to be assured as for now thanks to money from European Commission and grants and donations for projects. The SupCom recommends to speed up the process of full knowledge and responsibility transfer from the old treasurer to the new treasurer.

On the activity of the Organizing Committee

The SupCom really appreciates the activism of Machiavelli as Organizing Committee for the 10th Annual Conference and General Assembly as they are hosting the AC& GA for the second time. The program of the event looks good and again professional.

On the IAPSS Members' Reports

The list of activities from members should be comprehensive of every activity which takes place at the local level. The submission of Annual Reports is strongly connected to the possibility of the ExCom to fundraise for the Association, therefore a benefit for the whole community. Not all the Association Members comply to their duty to submit the Annual Report, and unfortunately for now no consequences are foreseen.

Final conclusion

What IAPSS needs the most is more visibility and an increased number of projects. In this respect, the activity of the current ExCom should focus on taking up the role of assisting and educating members on how to get knowledge and funding to implement projects. A suggestion to reach this goal is to organize more trainings and contact making seminars (meetings to find partners for projects). The ExCom can also stimulate the organization of such activities among the members themselves, and the members need to be more active within the projects of the Association.