

MINUTES

of the Constituent Meeting of the EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH

Munich, 5.30 p.m. 30th August, 1970

Members Present: S. Rokkan (in the chair)
J. Blondel
D.N. Chester
H. Daalder
G. Lavau (representing S. Hurtig)
R. Rose
J. Westerstahl

1. The draft agenda was accepted. Stein Rokkan was confirmed in the chair and Jean Blondel was asked to act as secretary.
2. Statutes: It was agreed that Stein Rokkan and Jean Blondel would circulate members in October with draft rules and by-laws on the pattern of the Inter-University Consortium, namely that a letter of organisation would be agreed to by the members.
3. Activities: a) Summer Schools. A long general discussion took place about the content of summer schools as well as their length. Various suggestions were made and it was agreed that the final decision for the long term nature of summer schools would be made at the next Executive Committee meeting.

It was agreed that the Department of Government of the University of Essex be asked to undertake the first summer school for July or August 1971, lasting four to six weeks and mainly concerned with intermediate statistics and data analysis. The Department of Government shall produce a memorandum about the content of the summer school for the next Executive Committee meeting.

It was further agreed that proposals for the 1972 summer school would be made by members at the next Committee meeting.

b) Workshops. Various suggestions were considered:

- i) Nuffield College: cooperative budgetary processes (with the collaboration of A. Wildavsky)
- ii) Bergen: indicators of nation-building
- iii) Gothenburg: local government, mass media.
- iv) Essex: mathematical politics
- v) Leyden: parties systems and coalitions; elite archives; electoral mobilization; representation studies
- vi) Mannheim: analytical methods in political science

It was agreed the Nuffield project be endorsed as a proposal for 1971 and that the Warden will submit a memorandum at the next Committee meeting.

It was further agreed to defer a decision on the other workshops until the next Committee meeting.

4. Assignments and appointments: The proposal to locate the Data Information Service in Bergen under the direction of Stein Rokkan was discussed. It was agreed that Stein Rokkan would prepare a memorandum for the next Executive Committee meeting as to the tasks to be undertaken in the short and medium term by the Centre. The Director shall be appointed at the next Committee meeting.
5. Relations with other bodies: Stein Rokkan and Jean Blondel were asked to produce a memorandum at the next meeting of the Executive Committee which would detail the relationships of the ECPR with the ICPR and make suggestions about the position of the joint committee of the two bodies.
- Jean Blondel also mentioned the fact that close collaboration would take place with the new Council for European Studies directed by Stephen Blank as well as with the Foreign Area Fellowship Programme. He was asked to report to the next meeting about developments and possible incidental links.
6. Recruitment and further members: It was agreed that a meeting would take place on Friday 4th September at 2.00 p.m. at which European political scientists attending the Munich Congress would have an opportunity to hear more about the ECPR.
- It was agreed that a statement about conditions of membership would be sent by the chairman and director of the Consortium to Centres and Departments of Political Science across Europe.
7. Budgetary procedures: Jean Blondel said that the Finance Officer of the University of Essex saw no problems in the University handling the funds of the ECPR as a separate account.
- Stein Rokkan and Jean Blondel were asked to produce a memorandum at the next meeting of the Executive Committee detailing budgetary procedures.
8. Further meetings: It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on January 15th 1971 at the University of Essex. It was assumed that this would be a two-day meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

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