YSLR Annual General Meeting

Date / Place	Attendance (Apologies)
Friday, 22 June 2018 / St Andrews	22 members of the Society, including: Olli, Marco, Eva, Edith (Rachel, Stephen)

Minutes taken by Eva

1. Welcome
- New name of society: ESLR (there were no questions regarding the new name)
- Outline:
  - Quorum is 20, list of members is now around 30
  - Annual report
  - Constitution and approval
  - Treasurer's account: presentation and approval
  - Crucial guide
  - Journal Cultured Scene (opportunity to ask questions)
  - Closure: any broader questions

2. Annual report
Summarizes what the society has done since the last workshop:
- Website:
  - Contains information on constitution, committee members, code of conduct, job vacancies, workshops and any other activities
  - If anyone has any questions or wishes to change something, they should contact the committee
  - if anyone knows about job, workshops, conferences, societies, they should contact the committee
  - Website will change on the next day to the new name (ESLR)
- Cultured Scene
  - Marco asked who of the present members has seen it - the majority has.
  - Purpose of Cultured Scene: outlet made *by* members *for* members (opportunity to write and reach out; see what people are working on, connect to people)
- Crucial guide
  - Is a booklet or database of useful things: societies, conferences, workshops, courses (e.g. on skills such as statistics), prizes, job listings, funding agencies, map of all the centres where social learning is done; whatever is useful for someone who is new to the field
  - One of the members suggested a map of where the society members come from. Marco replied that we need to discuss related privacy issues; maybe this will be in a member-only section of the website
- Got funding for the society as there will be small running costs (e.g. buying software in order to make the journal)
- Facebook page
  - Suggestion from one of the members: facebook group for internal discussions. It was agreed that we use the slack group for this.
- Short introduction to the committee
  - There will be elections in the future

- There were no further questions on the annual report
- Vote on approval of annual report – outcome: approved

3. Society constitution
- Can be found on the website ("about us")
- Will be adopted on 22nd June
- Contains information about:
  - The society's name
  - Formation (information on history of the society)
  - Mission statement and values
    - A member asked how long members will be considered an early-career researcher. Marco replied: as long as one considers him-/herself an early career researcher, one can be part of the society. There is no cap. Suggestion from one member: people could become mentors.
  - Powers of the society (bank account, publish)
  - Membership (who can be a member, see above; member has to pay a membership fee annually)
  - Offices and committees
    - there are also up to 3 additional co-opt members, e.g. for organisation of outings, they will be short temporary members; members are elected, are members for 2 years, this can be extended; vote will be online; if there is one person applying for the position, he/she will get it, if it is more, there will be an election.
    - A member asked ==what the members can do if they are not happy with a chairperson.== Marco said that the committee will find a solution until the next AGM ("how to deal with committee members that the society members do not approve of?") – the outcome will be addressed at the AGM next year. No further questions on this point
  - Committee meetings
    - ==**These meetings are not open; Marco offered that we can talk about whether members want to attend the committee meetings**==
    - AGM: once a year, but if there is something important to discuss there can be a meeting in between
    - Amendments to the constitution:
      - quorum needed, needs to be done at an AGM, needs a 2/3 approval, and approval by the committee
    - Finance
      - Edith asked whether there is a cap on how much the treasurer can spend. Marco suggested that this will be discussed in a committee meeting
    - Property & dissolution
- No further questions regarding the constitution
- Vote on approval of the constitution; outcome: approved

4. Annual financial statement
- Statements begins in late 2017 (officially setup early 2018)
- Committee is currently trying to set up a bank account
- All of the society's income has been limited to fundings related to workshop. Edith explained all the funders and how much money they contributed to the workshop and for which activities). ==**Committee is not sure yet how to use the remaining money in the account as it is bound to the workshop**==
- Committee aims to get long-term funding (e.g. 6 years); ==**Marco suggested that**==

> **Slack is a good place to discuss topics the society should focus on in the future**;
- No further questions on treasurer's report.
- Vote on approval of treasurer's report; outcome: approved

5. Discussion about long-term funding/topics for future workshops:
- Marco explained that the **society will support specific meetings**, e.g. tailored to PhD students or postdocs. Marco asked for feedback and whether people prefer conferences or workshops.
- This was followed by a discussion: One member explained she was in favour of the conference idea, especially because the poster session of the current workshop was short; she suggested that **every workshop/conference participant could introduce themselves by presenting in 10 min who they are and what they do**.
- Another suggestion was that **people could briefly present their research (e.g. 90 sec), then invite people to come to their posters**
- It was suggested that workshops should have **more applied activities**, such as the Wikipedia page activity or the PhD activities; the other activities were a bit "lost", time was too little. Alternatively, the **earlier activities in the workshop could determine the topics of the later activities**, that is a way to get more specific (instead of setting the topics or questions of the activities in advance). One could also have an **open activity session** (without a specific topic) at the end

Length of future meetings:
- 2 or 3 days would be good. If it is a conference + workshop, 3 days might work
- Maybe have a conference and at the end have an activity, but this could also be quite exhausting
- Marco asked whether the time for the activities was too long or short: mixed feedback. The activities on day 1 were too long
- Marco suggested that **members can vote on the question of the length of the next workshop online** and also **contribute to the conference/workshop programme**

Marco asked whether there was anything the society could provide (information and resources) that the committee had not thought of. No suggestion. If there are suggestions, members should e-mail them to the committee
It was suggested that **people could also get together in small groups and think about which topics they would like to discuss** or if they want to organise a small project – the society can support that financially
Ideas for future workshops: terminological issues, ethics (ethics of publishing (e.g. who should be a co-author, who should be in acknowledgments, sharing code, open science issues, preprints, preregistration), good scientific practice

Starting from the Wikipedia activity: maybe the society could start groups from such activities, mini committees, could be a side project for everyone and ESLR could help coordinating. Marco: This could be done via Slack – people agree. Mailing list should mention these committees once in a while (members can click on the link and can look at these projects). Discussion will be kept away from the mailing list, but will be put on Slack; monthly people will be informed about the projects

6. Crucial guide
If anyone has information to be included (e.g., useful journals), they should e-mail the committee

7. Cultured Scene
- If people have article ideas that don't fit into anything that Cultured Scene has right

now, they should contact the committee contact us;
- Marco advertised position of editors
- Cultured Scene is not printed - online only; each article has a separate link so we can reference it; for the future we aim to have DOI (requires more work and will cost sth).
- No further questions regarding the journal

8. Motions

No motion requested.

9. Any other business

One member mentioned the "Interdisciplinary aspect": society should engage more with other disciplines, such as social anthropologists, philosophers; society should keep an open spirit. Marco pointed to the constitution which is describing this as one of the aims of the society. It was pointed out that ==Cognitive science is missing from this statement==. Problem: researchers working in these other areas might not be addressed by our newsletters and workshops. Marco replied: we need to make sure first that the core group works, i.e. if one of us publishes something, we all should know about it. However, everyone who knows anyone who isn't a member and might be interested to join, should invite them to the society. We need to keep an open mind because it is easy to keep oneself in a bubble. Marco asks whether it is possible to ==write an article about that (agreed).==

10. ESLR satellite group

The society was contacted with regard to the question **whether ESLR should have a satellite group in South America**. Marco asked whether the society should have society representatives in other countries? Issue is that researchers in South America hear little about what is going on in Europe, also because there is a language barrier. The question is whether ESLR is a European group. It was suggested that we establish a partnership, but that the administrative burden stays with each separate society.

It was asked how far the group in South America is in organising a society – the committee did not know.

It should be in the interest of everyone to work towards a fairer system, so the exchange should be kept alive; the society might be able to help them out, especially with regard to the English language. Could also lead to collaborations. We can also get news on what is going on in countries in South America which we would never hear otherwise.

Cultured Scene could be translated to Spanish and Portuguese. If it is a priority, there could be a budget for the translation.

Short-term solution: we ==create a slack group and invite Anna== (who has contacted the Society).

Vote: **should we keep in touch with South America? Outcome: yes**

11. Committee members leaving
    NA

Next Workshop
If anyone is interested in organising the next workshop, they should contact the committee.