

ESLR Annual General Meeting

Date / Place	Attendance (Apologies)
Friday, 14 June 2019 / Leipzig	40 members of the Society, including: Dominik, Edith, Marco, Rachel (Sabine, Olli)

Minutes taken by: Marco

1. Welcome

- Marco opens AGM, thanking Dominik Deffner, Han Tran, Natalia Federova, and Riana Minocher for organising this inspiring, practical, and thought provoking workshop in Leipzig
- Also thanking everyone who came to the workshop and participated including poster presenters
- Points out that the AGM is an important part of a functioning society as it is the time when the committee explains what the society has been up to and where it is heading next; this is also an opportunity for the members to raise issues or give feedback
- Outline for this year's AGM:
 - Determining quorum
 - Annual report: presentation and approval
 - Treasurer's account: presentation and approval
 - Journal Cultured Scene (opportunity to ask questions)
 - Closure: any other questions

2. Quorum

- Quorum is 29 as list of members is now around 58
- **Quorum is reached**

3. Annual report by the Chair

1. New Membership
 - Society now has 58 members
 - 7 members purchased generous membership
2. Report on the 2018 ESLR workshop in Evolutionary Anthropology
 - Last year's workshop report was published in Evolutionary Anthropology later in August 2018
3. Organising 2019 ESLR workshop in Leipzig
 - While the vast majority of work on the workshop was done by the four coordinators in Leipzig, the committee provided feedback and input throughout; including the design and production of merchandise
4. Society bank account
 - After a lengthy process the society now has a bank account with RSB (the Royal Bank of Scotland), this allows us to freely decide about spending money without University oversight.
5. Meet-up at CES conference in Tempe, AZ
 - One of several society meet-ups happened at the conference of the Cultural Evolution Society in Tempe, AZ in October 2018. Meet-ups are a great opportunity to socialise, network, and simply spend time with like minded researchers.

6. Two further issues of Cultured Scene

- The society published two further issues of Cultured Scene with interviews, behind the paper stories, conference reports, and advice columns. Contributors have been: Marina Bazhydai, Dominik Deffner, Damian Ruck, Rachel Harrison, Damien Farine, Thomas Müller, Limor Raviv, Marco Smolla, Catherine Hobaiter, Sam Passmore, Simon Carrignon, María Coto, Kate Cross, Eva Reindl.

7. #HowResearchWorks

- Edith Invernizzi is leading a new blog series on our website called '#HowResearchWorks.' The blog entries are aimed to explain the mechanisms underlying research. The latest blog post describes the paper publishing process.

8. ESLR on GitHub

- ESLR now has a GitHub repository for community projects and data/code storage

9. Election of a new Social Secretary

- The society elected Dr Sabine Nöbel as the new Social Secretary/Secretary of the Society, with 100% approval.

What's next?

1. New issues of Cultured Scene
2. Organising ESLR workshop 2020
3. Setting up an Editorial Board for Cultured Scene
4. Continued work on the Early-career Survival Handbook
5. Social Learning **Wikipedia Task Force**
6. Where is Social Learning research happening? Mapping institutions that are involved in relevant research.

- There were no further questions on the Annual Report
- Vote on approval of Annual Report – outcome: **approved unanimous**

4. Annual financial statement presented by the Treasurer

- Edith is informing the Society that *Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology* covered all the costs for this year's workshop.

- Therefore, we had mainly money coming in, foremost through membership fees

Income:

- Carried over from 2018: **£ 993.00**
- Membership: **£ 627.40**
- Additional **£ 5** for a water bottle that Luke Rendell bought from us ;)

Outgoing:

- Software (for Cultured Scene) **£ 200**
- Merchandise (Stickers) **£ 143**
- STRIPE fee (incurred by allowing payments for membership fees on our website) **£ 10.49**
- Paying for hosting the Society's website

Total

- **£ 278.91**

New Balance:

- **£ 1,271.91**

- No further questions on treasurer's report.
- Vote on approval of treasurer's report; outcome: **approved unanimous**

5. Cultured Scene

- Rachel starts by asking who is reading Cultured Scene (more hands go up than Rachel thought)
- Rachel advertises to read CS and spread the word, also asks participants to contribute (e.g. whether people recently published an article, etc.)
- Also, brings up the idea that we need an Editorial Board for CS (job is to check articles, invite articles, monitor the process of submission and production)

- No further questions regarding the journal

6. Motions

No motion requested.

7. AOB

Applause and thanks to the workshop organisers.

8. Committee members leaving

Eva Reindl has left the committee as acting Social Secretary. We say goodbye to a valuable, engaged, and supportive member of the committee and wish her all the best.

Next Workshop

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