IAPS Sustainability Network meeting - 28th IAPS Conference
Barcelona, 2 July 2024
Convener: Ricardo García Mira

Minutes

The IAPS Sustainanbility Network meeting was held last July 2nd within the context of the IAPS Conference held at the University of Barcelona. The meeting was attended by 18 members, 14 face to face and 4 online. The meeting was coordinated by Ricardo García Mira (convener). We excused the absence of Petra Schweizer-Ries, the other convener, because professional and personal circumstances which did not allow her to participate. Anyway, Petra send greetings to everyone and her wishes of a fruitfull meeting.

The book "*Sustaniability and Ecologial Transition in the Post-Covid Era: Challenges and Opportunities in the Face of Climate Change and Energy Transition*" edited by Ricardo Garcia-Mira; Petra Schweizer-Ries, and Cristina Garcia-Fontán, was presented. This book puts together a selection of the contributions presented at the last Network meeting held in hybrid format at A Coruña, in September of 2021. The book is currently downloadable from the IAPS website: https://iaps-association.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2052023_Libro-IAPS_final-1.pdf

Among the discussed subjects some objectives of the network were presented to the participants, trying to stimulate joint research work. Participants presented themselves and the work they were doing in their respective laboratories. Many aspects arised during the discussion: Architectural, social, psychological, and cultural aspects arised as relevant within the topics to conduct further research from the network. Other subjects were more focused on sustainable lifestyles, limited use of resources, promotion of environmentally friendly behaviors, community building, sustainable city planning and climate change mitigation efforts.

Between this meeting and the end of the conference, participants maintained a second encounter before the end of the Conference in order to propose a member to replace Petra Schweizer-Ries in the function of co-convener. Following notification of Petra's consent, due to personal and professional circumstances that prevent her from temporarily coordinating, we have decided to propose in her place Cristina García-Fontán, Professor of the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of A Coruña, to perform the role of co-convener. Incorporating as a convener to Cristina, who is an Architect, and it is a way of promoting more strongly the inter/transdisciplinary aspects within the network.

In summary, the IAPS Sustainability network will have now the conveners:

- Ricardo García-Mira (ricardo.garcia.mira@udc.es)
- Cristina García-Fontán (cristina.garcia.fontan@udc.es)

The proposal was accepted by the network members gathered during the AGM of the Conference, who took the opportunity to thank Petra for all her hard work during these years at the head of the network, especially for the publication of the recently published book on Sustainability, referred above.

This substitution does not prevent Petra from rejoining the coordination in the future, to avoid losing her contributions and dedication.