

**IIPPE 2014-2017: IIPPE Executive Committee Statement**  
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1. It has been 3 years since we were elected as members of the IIPPE Executive Committee. It has been a very fruitful three years for IIPPE. Given the occasion of the new elections for IIPPE Officers under way, we want to say a few things about what has happened with IIPPE over the last three years.
2. 2014-7: A transitory period to a more formal structure. The IIPPE Constitution was approved at the Membership Meeting in Naples in 2014. Our application to become registered as a Charity in England was rejected by the Charity Commission in October 2015. We approached a firm of Chartered Accountants, Cardens, to organise our registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee and this was formalised on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 IIPPE. This is the status of many similar non-profit organisations. IIPPE opened a bank account with the Cooperative Bank and a PayPal account in January 2015. IIPPE's first set of accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2017 are due to be filed by the end of this year.
3. During this period IIPPE membership (full and associate) has exploded from around 1200 members to over 2000 (600 of them have signed up as associate members over the last 12 months).
4. Our Annual Conference which is organised in a different city and a different country every year, has become a standard point of reference for people practising political economy with the number of submissions and the number of people attending increasing noticeably.

No of participants

Naples 2014	260
Leeds 2015	230
Lisbon 2016	330
Berlin 2017	440

5. Training Workshops have become a permanent feature of IIPPE activities. 15 of them have been organised in the last 3 years, ranging from 4 (2015-6, 2016-7) to 7 (2014-5) in each particular year including one on the day before the start of our Annual Conference. Although the number of workshops is quite large and there is an improvement in thematic diversification, it is still restricted to the UK (and mostly London-based, other than the pre-conference workshop), the speaker base is rather limited and there is still no Working Group involvement. This needs to be addressed.
6. New features include the social programme and cultural events that are taking place every year immediately after our Annual Conference and the stream on activism including film showing now included in the conference as a permanent feature.
7. We have worked closely with sister organisations. We have co-organised the Berlin Conference with Critical Political Economy Research Network and the Berlin Institute for International Political Economy, while other sister organisations (including the Brazilian Association of Political Economy and the Russian International Moscow Economic Forum) have organised plenaries and panels at various conferences. We need to expand our collaboration with other (national and international) Heterodox and Political Economy organisations.

8. Working Groups from the backbone of IIPPE. We currently have 22 Working Groups organised around thematic topics. IIPPE WGs are at various stages of development and levels of activity. Although some WGs are very active, their activity is mostly restricted to organising streams of panels for the Conference, while some are planning Working Paper series and other collaborative work. IIPPE is looking to expand the diversification of activities and scope of the WGs (e.g. organization of Training Workshops, Working Paper series, online debates, exchange of literature and other resources etc.). We welcome suggestions and offers to organise new Working Groups as well as collaboration with other WGs from outside the initiative.
9. There are two new books out in the IIPPE/Pluto series with another one in the pipeline. We need proposals for new books in the series.
10. Newsletter: Until 2015 the IIPPE Newsletter was being published regularly (twice a year). Since Susan Newman stepped down as Newsletter Editor we have not been able to find a secure new Editor. We need more volunteers to assist with the job.
11. We have built a new website which is about to go live.

**We want take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers (members of the Council, WG coordinators, members of the Conference Committee, people responsible other IIPPE activities etc) for their enormous help. IIPPE would not exist without their input.**