

Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting
18 January 2006, Manila, Philippines.

Present:

Board Members: Ashok Jhunjhunwala (IIT Madras, India), Rohan Samarajiva (LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka), Ledivina Cariño (U of Philippines Diliman), Patrick Xavier (Swinburne U, Australia), Milagros Rivera Sanchez (National U of Singapore), Rekha Jain (IIM Ahmedabad, India), Myeong Cheoi Park (IC University, S. Korea), Yuli Liu (National ChengChi U, Taiwan ROC), Xu Yan (U of Science & Technology, Hong Kong China)

Observers: Laurent Elder (IDRC), Kathleen Flynn-Dapaah (IDRC), Randy Spence (IDRC), Amy Mahan (DIRSI), Alison Gillwald (RIA!), Sujata Gamage (LIRNEasia), Sabina Fernando (LIRNEasia), Tahani Iqbal (LIRNEasia)

Outcomes of the meeting:

The inaugural meeting of the Board of CPRsouth

- Considered and decided upon the role, mandate and objectives of CPRsouth
- Discussed and adopted the CPRsouth Charter
- Elected Ashok Jhunjhunwala as Chair and Ledivina Cariño as the Alternate Chair of the Board of Directors
- Discussed and decided upon the logo for CPRsouth
- Appointed LIRNEasia to serve as the first administrative partner of CPRsouth
- Determined the terms of individual Directors by lot
- Agreed on the time, location and organization of the next CPRsouth Conference (CPRsouth 2).

Agenda Items 1.0-3.0:

The Board members briefly introduced themselves and the Observers were invited to attend the meeting. After a brief welcome, the agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item 4.0: Presentation on the thinking behind CPRsouth and the terms and conditions of funding by IDRC

Agenda Item 5.0: Presentation of the Draft Charter

- a) Noted, discussed and adopted the proposed Draft Charter with some amendments. These have been incorporated into the final version. **(Annex 1)**
- b) The pros and cons of incorporating CPR*south* were discussed. It was agreed that CPR*south* should not be incorporated at this time and should be governed by the Charter. This was justified by drawing a distinction between the role of the Board of Directors which is to primarily guide and direct the operations of CPR*south* vis-à-vis the Administrative Partner (an incorporated entity) which is to “implement” their decisions, including fundraising, secretarial and other administrative tasks. It was therefore agreed to delete Clause I(2) which provided for the incorporation of CPR*south*.
- c) Other amendments to the Charter were agreed upon:
 - Clause VIII:* It was agreed to amend this clause to provide for audited accounts to be presented to the Board, and to give the Board the power to appoint independent auditors.
 - Clause IX:* Dissolution. It was agreed to amend this clause to provide the Board with a general discretion to dissolve CPR*south*.

These amendments were proposed by Rivera and seconded by Liu.

Agenda Item 6.0: LIRNE*asia* to serve as first administrative partner of CPR*south*

The decision to appoint LIRNE*asia* as the first administrative partner of CPR*south* was agreed to unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Xu proposed the motion and Cariño seconded.

Agenda Item 7.0: Drawing of lots to determine terms of directors

Lots were drawn to determine the terms of directors as required by Clause V(2) of the CPR*south* Charter. This Clause states that the founding directors are to be appointed in groups of three, totalling nine, for terms of two, four and six years, with effect from January 2007 and that the terms of the founding directors are to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board.

Accordingly, lots were drawn and the terms of the Directors are as follows:

Two year terms: Jhunjhunwala, Liu and Jain

Four year terms: Samarajiva, Rivera Sanchez, Park

Six year terms: Cariño, Xavier, Xu.

It was noted that expiry of these terms will not preclude Directors from being reappointed according to the relevant procedures as specified in the Charter.

Agenda Item 8.0: Presentation of proposed logos for CPR*south*

Agenda Item 8.1: Discussion and adoption of logo

Several options for logos were presented and the option depicting the “south” region in rectangular shaped boxes was selected. It was also noted that this particular logo presented opportunity to provide for the future (and anticipated expansion of CPR*south* to areas beyond the Asia-Pacific region) as the “boxes” could be colored differently to depict the relevant chapter.

Agenda Item 9.0: Time and location of already funded second CPR*south* conference

Agenda item 9.1: Partner organization in host country

Two locations were offered for the next CPR*south* conference. Jain suggested Ahmedabad and Jhunjhunwala suggested Chennai. After some discussion, particularly on the convenience of travel it was decided that Chennai would be the next venue. Some discussion on dates resulted in two possible options – mid January 2008 or mid December 2007 to be adjacent to the dates of the GK3 conference in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia which would facilitate travel for those attending from Latin America, Africa, etc.

Agenda Item 10.0: Any other business

- **Elect Chair/Alternate Chair**

Jhunjhunwala was elected Chair of the CPR*south* Board for a period of two years; proposed by Samarajiva and seconded by Xavier.

Cariño was elected as Alternate Chair of the CPR*south* Board for a period of two years; proposed by Samarajiva and seconded by Rivera.

- **Briefing on status in Africa and Latin America**

Mahan and Gillwald provided a brief overview of the Latin American and African region initiatives including DIRSI and RIA!. There was discussion on their possible involvement in CPR*south* activities and the likelihood/opportunity of initiating CPR*south* chapters in these regions. Both Mahan and Gillwald expressed interest at this prospect, but stated that this would not be possible at the present time given the lack of time and resources. However they were keen to participate in CPR*south* activities by contributing research papers and there was

some discussion on the feasibility of a separate panel to 'showcase' each area's research, but it was agreed that area based sessions would not be appropriate at this time. It was suggested that RIA! And DIRSI begin a process of identifying suitable researchers/academics by compiling a list of names. It was also proposed that the next CPR*south* conference should be timed to coincide with the GK3 conference to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in December 2007 in order to facilitate travel.

- **Conference format**

There was discussion on the format and structure of the next CPR*south* conference.

Key points were:

- Board will assist in reviewing papers and will be consulted on conference program design.
- Discussions on program design to begin as soon as possible, with options to be circulated to the Board within next few months. Options discussed included;
 - A senior panel to provide opportunity for the Board to share ideas/encourage a mentoring model
 - A session structured around a 'PhD colloquium'?
 - Create greater opportunity for debate/discussion by for example focusing on a single theme or specific issue or alternatively a hybrid incorporating both discussion and paper presentations.

The advantages and disadvantages of parallel sessions were discussed.

- **Network building**

Activities that CPR*south* should/could be engaged in, including the CPR*south* website, dissemination of conference papers, measures to encourage "Young Scholars" by providing incentive based funding, awards for the best papers, industry funding/sponsorship of PhD Research scholars/fellowships to include travel component, develop processes to mentor masters students to develop PhD proposals.

- **Board assessment of conference**

In order to provide a better opportunity to evaluate the program design, it was decided that a face to face Board meeting should be scheduled for the 2nd day of the next CPR*south* conference.