

## Decision by circulation 2009.5

### Constitution of a fund-raising subcommittee of the Board and cost-containment measures

#### Background:

CPR*south* has been funded from the outset by IDRC as part of its overall multi-year grant to LIRNE*asia*. In actual fact, DFID of the UK has also been a contributor through IDRC, a fact they wish acknowledged from 2009. As is well known the world is in the grip of economic crisis. This has led to reductions in the budgets of all funding agencies, government as well as non-government. It is also necessary to recognize that IDRC and DFID will not want to fund us indefinitely.

We believe that the budgeted amounts for CPR*south*4 are adequate. However, it is prudent to plan of tighter budgets from CPR*south*5 on. It would be useful to have the Board's approval for cost-cutting measures, commencing CPR*south*5. Our case for continuing funding will be stronger if we can demonstrate that we are engaging in cost-cutting measures.

#### Proposals:

- 1.0 Constitute a subcommittee of the Board to actively pursue additional funding from within the Asia-Pacific region. It is proposed that this committee be chaired by Ashok Jhunjhunwala and have Myeong Cheol Park and Chunhui Yuan as members. LIRNE*asia* has to put efforts into its own survival, so there may be merit in conducting fund-raising efforts separately from LIRNE*asia*. LIRNE*asia*'s COO, Helani Galpaya will serve as liaison to ensure optimal effort.
  - 1.1 The Committee will develop terms of reference prior to the Colombo meeting and will have them approved.
- 2.0 Approve changes to funding policies as follows:
  - 2.1 Only 50 percent of lowest-cost travel will be reimbursed for paper-givers and young scholars who are citizens of countries with per capita GDP equal to or higher than Malaysia.
  - 2.2 All paper-givers and young scholars will be expected to make some contribution, in the form of paying for transportation to and from airports in home and conference countries and visa fees if any.
  - 2.3 Hosting organizations will be requested to bear some of the costs of bringing in the Board members, by arranging workshops and lectures that involve them and thereby bear some of the costs of Board Member travel and accommodation.



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