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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
British Association for International and Comparative Education**

**Wednesday, 16th September, 2015, 6pm
Lecture Room 6, New College
University of Oxford**

Present: Angeline Barrett (ABa), Lalage Bown (LB), Eleanor Brown (EB), Alison Buckler (ABu), Michael Crossley (MC), Caroline Dyer (CD), Qing Gu (QG), Sarah Jeffery (SJ), Peter Kelly (PK), Angela Little (AL), Malcolm Mercer (MM), Tristan McCowan (TM), Simon McGrath (SM), Miriam McGregor (MMcG), Lizzi Milligan (LM), Arif Naveed (ANa), Julia Paulson (JP), Rosemary Preston (RPre), Rosalind Pritchard (RPri), Nidhi Singal (NS), David Turner (DT), Peter Williams (PW), Yuwei Xu (YX), Tingting Yuan (TY).

1. Apologies: Germ Jamaat (GJ), Anneke Newman (ANe), Nitya Rao (NR), Tejendra Pherali (TP), Robin Shields (RS).

2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on 9th September at the University of Bath / 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minutes accepted: Simon McGrath proposed, Lalage Bown seconded.

4. Report from the Chair (Caroline Dyer)

2015 has been a busy and successful year for BAICE, the Chair thanked all who volunteered their time. The Executive Committee (EC) has welcomed several new members: Ordinary Members ABa, ABu, EB and TY; and Anneke Newman (ANe) who will take over from LM as BAICE Secretary and authorised signatory of the BAICE bank accounts. A new contract has been negotiated with Taylor & Francis, which has increased the income of the Association and we continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with the publisher, for which we are grateful. BAICE is sorry to be bidding farewell to Paul Morris and Yusuf Sayed, and thanks them both for their excellent services, notably on publisher liaison (Morris) and the Forum (Sayed). We are delighted to welcome GJ and TM as new *Compare* editors. *Compare* continue to offer the Writers' Workshop, which is an exciting initiative, and we extend our thanks to UNGEI, NR and MM for their work.

Income from *Compare* has enabled appointment of administrative support and we thank MMcG for her excellent support, recently particularly in helping JP/MM to reconcile the membership records.

President 2016–17:

Chair: Professor Qing Gu, University of Nottingham

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Treasurer: Malcolm M Mercer, Powys

Membership Secretary: Maria Raquel Da Costa, Liverpool Hope University

BAICE has invested income in several funding pots, which are interesting and further signal the significance of the Association and our field of scholarly work. They do however raise challenges in managing the process: this is a learning process and we have carefully scrutinised how we can be most efficient (see later report). The EC may need to expand to cope with the demands of this work.

We are pleased to welcome an extension of the term of KK as the BAICE President. This year is the first time ever that someone has volunteered to host the BAICE conference; thanks to QG and the team at Nottingham.

Honorary members (HMs) have been invited to attend the BAICE conference. RPri, LB, RPre and PW expressed their gratitude and appreciation. CD and MM reiterated the investments that the HMs have made to BAICE and again thanked them.

BAICE has a strong student presence, thanks to the student reps and the successful student conference at the University of Cambridge.

Thanks to Terra Sprague for conference organisation and a lot of previous work as the webmaster. Thanks to MC for his work on the website. There have been two rounds of recruitment for a communications officer which have not been successful. Thanks to Jason Sprague for all his support.

5. Report from the Treasurer (Malcolm Mercer)

MM highlighted the key aspects of the treasurer's report. Finances have remained in excellent condition in past year, and we have spent £3000 more. We need ideas to spend the money, we have an embarrassment of riches. A summary of accounts were presented. Finances were accepted as accurate records subject to the final report of the external accountant – LB proposed, RPre seconded, all agreed.

6. Report from the Membership Secretary (Julia Paulson)

Membership numbers are up to 260 members, we are getting closer to reconciliation with different databases. Thanks to MMcG for her support, JP is handing over to her in October. This opens up space for the Mem Sec to do more to concentrate efforts in other areas beyond administration of membership records. Student numbers are also up.

7. Report from the Editors of *Compare* (Nitya Rao)

CD highlighted key parts of the Editors' report on NR's behalf. Echoed thanks to PM and YS and welcome to new editors. *Compare* continues to have healthy copy flow, and is now very well-established. PhD abstracts are published on the website, which promotes young scholarship. Careful vetting is undertaken for special issues. *Compare* Writer's Workshops are going well.

HMs raised the fact that they are not receiving *Compare* nor are they included on the mailing list – this will be addressed. Thanks to NR and MMcG from the floor.

8. Report from the Student Representatives (Arif Naveed/Yuwei Xu)

Student reps reported on a highly successful conference at the University of Cambridge. A high number of abstracts were received – about 40 - with 25 accepted, and 50 participants from across the UK. YX gives thanks for the opportunity to be a student rep, reminded the EC that a replacement needs to be sought from November. Reps are considering a new initiative of writing retreats for final-year PhD students.

9. Report on BAICE funding (Qing Gu)

BAICE has the financial capacity to do much more, and the EC has thought hard about the best way to spend the money. Three new biannual funding pots have been

launched: firstly, the research capacity/networks and seed corn. Lessons have been learned about how to run the grants; focus, criteria and reporting have been made much clearer. The website has been updated to include them; thanks to ABa and Jason Sprague for their work. The third strand of funding is for BAICE student travel bursaries. ABu stated that travel bursaries could be backdated but this would entail risk and they would need to be judged fairly alongside other applications for this funding.

10. Associate organisations: WCCES; AcSS; UKFIET

LB highlighted the possibility for BAICE to fit into the ACSS 'Making the Case' series. CD summarised to the AGM the discussion about collaborating with BERA on a co-publication: that BAICE had not pursued this as we would not get a sufficiently high profile against the level of investment, but affirmed that BAICE would be interested in doing a study on comparative education. As funding would require about £10,000, BAICE could afford to do so and could take the initiative. DT stressed that this was something the EC should continue exploring.

AL suggested identifying historians of education in a range of countries from the South to write narratives to address the questions KK addressed in his keynote. CD agreed to liaise with KK on this issue.

CIES is about to celebrate its 60th anniversary and has released a history and account of their achievements. BAICE EC congratulate CIES and look forward to reading the report in due course. Rosemary Preston stressed that gender and comparative education was missing in the report and suggested a letter with multiple signatories. CD proposed that BAICE write a letter to CIES urging that the omission of gender be addressed.

The relationship with UKFIET continues to be strong, the BAICE EC look forward to working with SM. BAICE would have liked a higher profile at the UKFIET conference but the Presidential address was excellent.

DT explained that there have been difficult and disturbing developments in the WCCES; some associations are losing confidence in the organisation. It was agreed for CD to carry forward the spirit of the AGM to express concern on behalf of BAICE.

11. Any Other Business

Conference organisers raised the issue of potential difficulties of the UK Border Agency not granting international visas for participants. SJ, the UKFIET Conference administrator, agreed to check the reason for non-appearance of participants, and was granted approval to write to the relevant person to object to the undermining of the conference by UKBA.

12. Date of Next Meeting: BAICE Conference at University of Nottingham, September 2016.