



RESOLUTIONS FROM STRATEGIC MEETING 2016

STIAS. Stellenbosch, South Africa

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Expertise database

- Need to facilitate co-supervision and joint research projects within network
- Next steps:
 - Board members to receive excel template from Secretariat next week requesting information
 - Board members to request Heads of departments to collate and complete templates
 - Board members to send completed templates to the Secretariat
 - DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION: END OCTOBER



Joint research projects

- Need across network to stimulate various research areas
- Next steps:
 - Call for joint funding (Research Africa) to be circulated when necessary
 - Deans/Principals to submit priority areas, which will be circulated by the Secretariat
 - Individual partners should then make contact when their School has a mutual interest and can assist
 - New thematic areas will be identified once the expertise database has been compiled
 - Develop collaborative framework

Staff mobility

- Need across network to stimulate staff mobility and collaborative research projects
- Next steps:
 - Each partner to look at the bilateral agreements with partner institutions (these should be housed with the international offices and make provision for staff mobility)
 - Explore opportunities for staff mobility in the form of co-supervision or research visits (research and/or teaching)

Co-supervision

- Need across network to formalise co-supervision
- Next steps:
 - Secretariat to draft a template agreement/contract between students and supervisor(s); this will extend to external co-supervision
 - All external co-supervisors will be required to sign the agreement and notify their respective Head of Department
 - Co-supervisors to be prioritised for staff mobility and research visits



Communication

- Need to have a visible online presence across the network as well as marketing resources and tools
- Next steps:
 - Launch the new PANGeA website by end July
 - Compile a quarterly PANGeA newsletter:
 - All partners provide summary information about newsworthy events, seminars and workshops, achievements and/or highlights
 - Alumni to provide newsworthy events, seminars and workshops, achievements and/or highlights and publications
 - Draft a ten year report outlining the various activities and history of the network

Future Board meetings

- The PANGeA Secretariat can no longer fund annual Board meetings
- Discussion:
 - Future hosts to provide accommodation (on a full board basis) and conference facilities
 - Each partner institution is responsible for their own return flights
 - Meetings should be rotated amongst partners; however, hosting a meeting is voluntary
- Next steps:
 - Secure host for 2017 annual meeting (in May 2018)

Previous hosts include: Stellenbosch (2011); Nairobi (2013); Malawi (2014); Makerere (2015); Ghana (2016)



FUNDING!!!

- Need to secure funding for PANGeA doctoral scholarships
- Next steps:
 - Partners to consider ways to co-fund nominated candidates from their institutions
 - Partners to consider ways to secure full funding for nominated candidates from their institutions
 - For example: Carnegie Corporation, Mellon Foundation, Research Africa, Ford Foundation
 - Partners to identify possible funding sources
 - Secretariat willing to co-author and prepare funding proposals with partners