

Minutes  
IAPTC Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting (ECM)  
2 July 2020 (VTC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ DELIBERATIONS	DECISION
<p><b>1. President's report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President delivered the opening remarks, highlighting the objectives of the meeting and thanking EC members for their participation.</li> <li>- The presidency highlighted the best practices and lessons learned from the 25<sup>th</sup> IAPTC conference.</li> </ul>	<p>The President to share the draft report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual conference with EC members for their comments, after which it will be posted on the IAPTC's website and shared with members.</p>
<p><b>2. Status of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on the views of the EC members received ahead of the meeting, the Secretariat presented 3 options for the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual conferences:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <b>Option 1:</b> Postpone the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual conference to be held in Bangladesh to 2021</li> <li>⇒ <b>Option 2:</b> Hold 2-3 sessions webinar (1,5 hour each) to discuss peacekeeping training in a post-COVID-19 world, at the same time of the 2020 Annual Conference</li> <li>⇒ <b>Option 3:</b> Organize the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual conference virtually during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December 2020 (Duration of 3 days, 6 hours each, and a 4<sup>th</sup> day to hold the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Two proposed themes for the virtual annual conference were "<i>COVID-19 and Challenges for Peace Operations: Academic Perspectives and Experiences from the Field</i>" and "<i>Education and Training for Future Peace Operations: Motivation and Opportunities for Qualitative Change</i>".</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Majority of members opined that organizing a full virtual annual conference is difficult and unpractical. It is</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The IAPTC's 26 Annual conference will be postponed to 2021, and will be organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operations Training (BIPSOT). No virtual conference will replace it.</li> <li>- Members of the IAPTC are welcome to utilize the IAPTC platform and framework to conduct targeted webinars in the next 15 months (preceding the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in 2021). Members who wish to do so would be fully responsible for all aspects of the organization, including substantial and technical aspects.</li> <li>- Potential organizers should provide a full proposal, including logistical and technical matters to the Executive Committee's consideration for conducting those events under the umbrella of the IAPTC.</li> <li>- The Secretariat will prepare guidance, outlining roles and expectations from potential organizers, and a timeline for such a process by beginning of August for the consideration of EC members.</li> </ul>

	<p>important, however, to organize some virtual events to keep IAPTC members engaged, especially in these unprecedented times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both the Presidency and the UN representative expressed interest in organizing such targeted events during the next 15 months.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Host 2022</b>	<p>The International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC) – Kenya will not be in a position to host the IAPTC conference in 2022 due to national elections.</p>	<p>The Presidency, the CDC and other EC members will continue communication with potential hosts for the 2022, based on hosting procedures. Both Europeans and non-Europeans potential hosts are welcome, while respecting the rule of geographical rotation.</p>
<b>4. Host 2023</b>	<p>The IPSTC-Kenya is considering hosting the IAPTC Annual conference in 2023, pending national approvals. The earliest a decision can be expected is March 2021 (meeting of the IPSTC Joint Control Board scheduled in December).</p>	<p>IPSTC to communicate its decision in this regard to the Executive Committee in due time. The Secretariat to follow-up with IPSTC representatives. IAPTC hosting process will remain open to other African potential hosts, including those that have expressed some interest in the past. Civilian Chair will approach said members informally.</p>
<b>5. EC Composition</b>	<p>The composition of the Executive Committee was discussed.</p>	<p>The composition of the Executive Committee stays as is until the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in 2021.</p>
<b>6. Other Business</b>	<p>The Police Chair’s proposed to create a new Functional Chair dedicated to Research, either to be merged with the Pedagogical Chair or as separate functional chair. The position of the Pedagogical Chair is that research and pedagogy are two separate functions, but that the proposal can be further explored.</p>	<p>The Pedagogical and the Police Chairs to further develop the proposal, guided by the roles and responsibilities of functional chairs. This should determine the appointment process of the new Chair, his/her roles and responsibilities. The updated proposal will be presented to the next ECM. If approved, the Secretariat will share the proposal with the IAPTC community for their consideration and feedback before the next annual conference, and then presented to the AGM as a proposed amendment of the association’s articles.</p>
<b>7. Follow-up</b>		<p>The Secretariat to inform the IAPTC community of the ECM decisions, and to update the website accordingly.</p>