



UNESCO Publications Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 14 December 2011

Meeting time: 10.00 AM

Location: Room 5.021, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

I. Call to order

The Chair, ADG/ERI called the meeting to order at 10.10 AM and welcomed those members and observers present.

II. Attendees

An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures. The following people were present:

Chair

Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General, ERI

Members

Ms Angela Melo, Director, SHS/HPD

Ms Marina Apaydin, Deputy Director Management CLT/WHC

Ms J. Pearson, Dir MSS/CLD

Mr Khalil Mahshi, Director, IIEP (Member for Institutes)

Mr Georges Haddad, Director ED/ERF [*rep. Mr D. Atchoarena, Dir. ED/PDE*]

Mr Badaoui Rouhban, Director, SC/BES/DRE [*rep. Mr Qunli Han, Dir., SC/EO*]

Ex officio members

Ms Saniye Gülser Corat, Director, ODG/GE

Ms Ranwa Safadi, BSP/PB

Ms Vida Habash, AFR/CEO/CEM

Secretary

Mr Ian Denison, Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI

Observers

Ms Anne Candau, Publications Officer, SC

Ms Mimouna Abderrahmane, Publications Officer, SHS

Ms Natalia Tolochko, Assistant Publications Officer, SC

Mr Cvetan Cvetkovski, ODG/GE

Mr Sobhi Tawil, ED

Mr Rudi Swinnen, Chief of Section, MSS/CLD/D

Mr Anthony Brouwer, SC/PCB

Ms Clare Stark, BSP/ADG

Mr Bhanu Neupane, CI

Ms Estelle Zadra, Chief, Communication and Publications Unit, IIEP

Ms Samantha Wauchope, ERI/DPI

Ms Cristina Puerta, ERI/DPI

III. Item 1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

1. The Board approved the minutes of the 30 October 2011 meeting.

IV. Item 2. Review of publication proposals

Four publication proposals, including a series of three titles, were reviewed by the Board (see Annex 2). Of these, the first proposal was found to need review by the gender focal and resubmission to the Board; the series was approved for online publication.

The following general points were made during the course of the discussions:

1. The Board noted that its role is not to analyse or approve the content of manuscripts but to review projects as a whole and the development of individual titles and series.
2. The Board stressed that all publications must be reviewed by the gender focal point before being submitted for its review.

V. Item 3. A.O.B.

1. The next meeting of the Publications Board will be held on 11 January 2012.
2. Today's meeting was the eighth for 2011, and the final for this year. The Chair thanked all participants for their commitment to this process and for the efforts made to reduce the number of publications produced and to improve the quality of UNESCO's outputs, as directed by the DG.
3. The Member for CLT agreed that the concerted, team effort has been extremely successful, and proposed that all Members and participants are to be congratulated on the achievements made.
4. The Chair urged all Members and Publications Officers to provide channels of communication within sectors, institutes and beyond, including with delegates.
5. The Board agreed that the recent budgetary restrictions will have a great impact on publishing activities and on the publication plans of all sectors for the 2012-2013 biennium.
6. The January meeting will be the last before the Executive Board meets in February and will provide an opportunity to discuss any pertinent issues relating to the work of the Publications Board.

VI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10.35 AM

*Minutes submitted by Samantha Wauchope, ERI/DPI/PBM
Minutes approved by the Board, 11 January 2012*

Annex 1 – Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting
2. Review of publication proposals
3. A.O.B.
 - a. Dates for the next meetings

Annex 2 – Review of publication proposals

1	1211_SC01	Conference Proceedings: Roundtable Meeting of the Science, Technology and Innovation Global Assessment Programme (STIGAP), 4-5 July 2011	To resubmit
2–4		UNESCO Education Research and Foresight Occasional Papers - SERIES	
	1211_ED01.1	No.1: The Challenges of Creativity	Approved online only
	1211_ED01.2	No.2: Beyond the Conceptual Maze: The notion of quality in education	Approved online only
	1211_ED01.3	No.3: Desire and Doubt: Diving forces of creativity and rationality	Approved online only