

Proposal for increased cooperation between IAREP and SABE and the establishment of "The International Confederation for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics and Economic Psychology" (ICABEEP)

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Joint conferences and activities

1. Joint IAREP-SABE conferences will normally be organized at least once every two years.
2. In addition to advertising IAREP and SABE in the conference title, the organizers can consider adding to the conference title "World (or International) Conference on Economics and Psychology (WCEP or ICEP)".
3. The registration fees for joint conferences will be determined by the conference organizers after consultation with and approval by the IAREP-SABE coordination committee, which has the right to view the anticipated conference budget before giving its approval for the registration fee levels.
4. Registration fees in joint conferences will include membership in both IAREP and SABE; participants will be able to select the organization or organizations they wish to become members of. This decision will not affect the registration fees.
5. Membership fees incorporated in the registration fee should be relatively low (i.e., below the level of regular membership fees charged in separate SABE or IAREP conferences) so that the total registration fee is not excessive.
6. Net earnings of IAREP and SABE from joint conferences, after deducting the costs of journal subscriptions and of keynote lectures given in the conference, will be divided equally between IAREP and SABE.
7. Half of the net amount given to each organization will be devoted to joint IAREP-SABE activities (without creating a separate bank account). The treasurers of IAREP and SABE will keep track of these amounts.
8. Joint activities can also be funded by IAREP and SABE from the part of their budgets that is not specifically devoted to joint activities, subject to approval by the two organizations.
9. In general, funding of joint activities should usually be divided equally between IAREP and SABE. However, in special cases in which a joint activity is substantially more aligned with one organization's interests, funding might be split unequally.

10. IAREP and SABE will be free to organize independent conferences and activities. Membership fees collected in separate conferences or in other ways and not in a joint activity will not be shared with the other organization, and members of one organization will not automatically become members of the other organization.

IAREP-SABE coordination committee

11. In order to increase the cooperation between IAREP and SABE and to improve the coordination between the two organizations, a joint coordination committee is established. The main goals of fostering the cooperation between the two organizations are increased international visibility, increased influence, increased interdisciplinary exchange, increased numbers of participants at meetings, and taking advantage of economies of scale. The committee's role is to propose and coordinate joint activities of IAREP and SABE, including conferences, workshops, summer schools, student paper competitions, and any other joint activities, and to develop other strategies to achieve the goals mentioned above.
12. The first coordination committee, elected in October 2008, consists of the following representatives: Representing IAREP - David Leiser, Alan Lewis, Rob Ranyard; Representing SABE - Morris Altman, Gerrit Antonides, Louis Levy-Garboua; Chairman: Ofer Azar. This committee will serve for two years, until October 2010.
13. When choosing the committee members in October 2010 and afterwards, IAREP and SABE will each nominate three representatives for the IAREP-SABE coordination committee. The six members will choose one of them to serve as the committee chairperson.
14. IAREP and SABE will each choose its own policy regarding how its representatives for the committee will be chosen in the future. It is recommended that when committee members are being replaced, they will not all be replaced at the same time, to ensure continuity of the committee's work. It is also recommended that committee members will be chosen with the following considerations in mind: 1. They are well updated about their organization, and preferably are board members; 2. They are likely to attend any joint conference scheduled.
15. The coordination committee will meet when joint IAREP-SABE meetings are being held, and not in a time that overlaps the board meetings or other formal meetings of IAREP and SABE. Ideally, the committee should meet before the boards of SABE and IAREP and the

Executive Committee of IAREP meet, so that proposals of the coordination committee can be later discussed and approved in these IAREP and SABE meetings.

Newsletters

16. IAREP and SABE will retain their independent newsletters, which will also continue to serve as a place to advertise the organization matters. However, newsletters of SABE will be distributed to IAREP members and vice versa.

Confederation

17. IAREP and SABE shall form a confederation, named "The International Confederation for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics and Economic Psychology" (ICABEEP), wherein both IAREP and SABE continue to retain also their separate identities and organizational structure. All members of IAREP and SABE will also become confederation members.
18. In joint activities of IAREP and SABE the confederation name will also appear as a sponsor.
19. The confederation will not own a separate bank account and efforts will be made not to create redundant bureaucracy associated with its existence.
20. The main purpose of the confederation is to reinforce a joint identity among its members and express the large overlap between economics and psychology.
21. The joint IAREP-SABE coordination committee will administer the confederation.