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From the President

The Second International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (QI2006) was held on the University of Illinois campus, May 3-6, 2006. The chairs and members of the Constitutional Committee (Noreen Sugrue chair) and Advisory Committee (Leslie Rebecca Bloom and Michael Krumer-Nevo, Co-Chairs) of IAQI reported on the hardwork of their committees to the general assembly of the Congress in its closing session, Saturday May 6. A vigorous discussion concerning revisions and clarifications in the Constitution ensued, including the need to have a mechanism for revising the Constitution!

The Second Congress was a major success. Several publishers were present, including Sage (a conference sponsor) and LeftCoast Press. More than 900 delegates from more than 55 nations registered. There were 16 preconference workshops. More than 800 papers were presented and performed in more than 180 sessions. Keynote addresses were given at the opening session of the Congress by Marie Battiste, and Michelle Fine (based on a paper with Eve Tuck and Sarah Ellen Berkman). The co-winners, Jessica Polzer and Dalene M. Swanson, of the Illinois Distinguished Qualitative Dissertation Award, were announced.

The theme of the Second International Congress, "Ethics, Politics and Human Subject Research in the New Millennium" built on and extended the theme of the First International Congress which focused on "Qualitative Inquiry in a Time of Global

Uncertainty." Within the last decade resistance to qualitative inquiry has increased. Much of this resistance grows out of neo-conservative discourses which assert that qualitative research is non-scientific, should not receive federal funds, and is of little value in the social policy arena.

In America the walls separating science, public policy and religion are coming down. Today many speak of faith-based science, of facts confirmed by faith, and faith alone. At the same time there are increasing institutional attempts to impose narrow ethical models on human subject research. The 2006 Congress explored experiences with and criticisms of Institutional Review Boards and their counterparts in other nations. Too often these state-sponsored systems of review rely upon narrow definitions of science, research, human subjects and ethics. These regulatory and ethical activities raise fundamental philosophical, epistemological, political, and pedagogical issues concerning scholarship and freedom of speech in the academy. These issues cut across the fields of journalism, educational and policy research, the humanities, communications, health and social science, social welfare, business, and law.

Presenters at the 2006 Congress took up alternative conceptions of research, ethics and science. They entertained new ways of decolonizing traditional methodologies. They discussed performative, feminist, indigenous, queer, democratic and participatory forms of critical ethical inquiry. A position statement on Qualitative Research and IRBs, drafted by Jane Evans, was circulated and posted on the IAQI website prior to the Congress.

Scholars accepted the challenge to gather together in common purpose to collectively imagine creative and critical responses to these regulatory efforts. The Second International Congress offered an opportunity to share experiences, problems and hopes concerning the conduct of critical qualitative inquiry in this time of global uncertainty.

The International Association of Qualitative Inquiry (IAQI) was launched in 2005 at the First Congress. A year later this new umbrella

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association has a Newsletter, and over 1000 members. IAQI is currently active in establishing mutually beneficial relationships with existing national qualitative research associations in, among other countries, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, South Africa, South Korea, and Spain.

The IAQI Newsletter is a place to extend conversations about the association. We invite your contribution. The Newsletter offers a venue for taking up controversial topics. It is a site where new publications and up-coming conferences can be announced. As indicated previously negotiations are under way to secure reduced subscription rates for IAQI members for a number of qualitative research journals. Please send us your announcements

Norman K. Denzin

IAQI Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes of the Second International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry

General Membership Meeting:

The International Association of Qualitative Inquiry (IAQI)

May 6, 2006

Saturday, 5:30–6:45 p.m.

in the Illini Union Ballroom

at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign

Minutes recorded and submitted by James Haywood Rolling, Jr. faculty in Art Education at The Pennsylvania State University

Call to Order

- Grant Kien expressed his pleasure to call the meeting to order. Personal thanks were extended to Dr. Norman Denzin. The agenda was approved and the first speaker was introduced.

Opening Remarks

- Norman Denzin recounted that 55 nations, over 20 disciplines, and approximately 900 participants came together last year for the First International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, securing the global possibilities for the practice of qualitative inquiry both now and in the near future. Appreciation for the diverse community of inquiry being assembled at this general membership meeting was communicated to all. The stated goal is to build a structure that can be passed along to future participants of the IAQI organization.

Constitutional Business

- Noreen Sugrue expressed public gratitude to her fellow committee members who worked on the Constitution, a document co-written by participants from several disciplines and being presented today for ratification. As per the inaugural meeting, the Constitutional Committee was mandated to develop a concise, easy to understand document that would reflect the broadest possible inclusivity in membership and areas of interest.

Constitutional Overview:

- An overview of the Constitution was related to Congress members.

Report from Advisory Committee:

- The Advisory Committee organized themselves by email into regional, disciplinary, and organizational subcommittees. An invitation for new membership to this committee was highly emphasized. As per the inaugural meeting, the Advisory Committee was mandated to provide feedback to the Constitutional Committee on the document in progress. Advice that was solicited was then reported back to the Constitutional Committee, and the draft document published in the April newsletter reflected those comments.

VP report:

- Jude Robinson gave the report from the Constitutional committee. The document was given a brief overview for the benefit of the Congress.

amended document, and there was a consensus in favor of doing so.

Vote By Show of Hands

- The motion for ratification of the IAQI constitution was declared passed by the chair.

Discussion of Constitution; Amendments to Document:

- It was mentioned that there was only one amendment to the Constitution having to do with wording. There was consensus to accept that amendment.
- Congress participants were solicited to give their feedback by open mike.
- A question was raised about the function of the Treasurer and managing of funds. It was clarified IAQI and Congress are distinct and separate entities.
- An amendment was proposed for the third line in Mission Statement as follows, with the addition bracketed: "...and use of [socially responsible and just] qualitative research methodologies..." This amendment was seconded and accepted.
- Several questions were raised about what constitutes formal membership in IAQI since using dues-payment is problematic as a criterion. It was suggested that, in the spirit of an open community, anyone who attends conference and declares herself a member, is a member and will continue to be a member and remain on the listserv until otherwise requested. Grant Kien discussed the fact that alternative membership protocols continue to be discussed, as this Constitution is in its nascent stages and should be considered a living document. He assured members that he considers it part of his duties as acting secretary/treasurer to strike a membership and dues committee, which will address the issue of building a bank account while maintaining open, fair and equitable membership criteria.
- Clarification was sought about the on-line voting system in the future.
- Questions were raised about grammatical errors in the document. It was suggested that the entire document be stricken.
- A concern was raised about the many qualitative researchers who could not afford to come to this conference; a question was raised about how those researchers might be supported in the future. It was clarified that the IAQI currently has no funds and is not in a position to fund travel expenses.
- A motion was made to have those in attendance vote to accept the Constitution as currently constituted. This motion to call to a vote was seconded.
- There was a motion to discuss the dissenting voice to the ratification of the document. A question was raised as to what will make the document official. It was pointed out that ensuing grammatical edits will constitute a change in articles.
- In order not to gloss over dissenting voices, a process was suggested for making changes public on listserv and giving appropriate time for amendments and revisions to come in.
- A question was raised to have a clarification of the Amendment process in the revisions to the Constitution.
- After a few more questions, a vote was taken to ratify the

Overview of Caucus Groups

- IAQI will work promote qualitative research in international settings. A draft of this vision will be circulated amongst Advisory committee and then amongst IAQI members.

Report from Managing Editor; Future Initiatives

- IAQI has published 3 newsletters this year. James Salvo was publicly thanked for his role. The newsletter will be published 4 times annually. The inaugural issue was released in October 2005. Salvo read a brief report on the mission and functioning of the newsletter.
- A call was made for other amendments from the floor. A question was raised about the IRB position statement. A suggestion was made that the IRB position statement be accepted; IAQI member Herukhuti Williams suggested amendments from the floor as follows, with the additions bracketed:
 - 2. Understand and use valid study designs for qualitative inquiry that respect the rights of individual [groups and communities] and protect the well being of research participants.
 - 4. Involve and recruit participants according to best practices for weighing risks to individuals to individuals [and benefits to society and consistent with the ethics of the cultural communities within which research is intended].
 - 5. Document their plans in study proposals for fulfilling responsibilities to research, institutions, sponsors, participants[, and participant communities].
 - 6. Respect participants' autonomy [and communal interdependence] and the voluntary nature of participation and document the informed consent processes that are foundational to qualitative inquiry.
 - 8. Design and conduct qualitative studies in compliance with federal and local institutional[/communal] requirements for the protection of human subjects in research.
- Open mike comments continued to be heard from the floor. A procedural point was made that there is now nothing in the bylaws that allows IAQI to accept such amendments to the IRB position statement.
- It was pointed out that the IRB position statement as is currently constituted, has no relevance to certain countries outside of the U.S., which presents difficulty in supporting it.
- A counterpoint was made that the IRB position statement was a helpful article to refer to when considering countries that do not have any IRB regulations at all.
- A motion was made to table reports in favor of continuing discussion.
- A suggestion was made that counts for these votes should be contained in the notes.

- A suggestion was made that a bylaws committee should be constituted, and that we should make time our friend rather than rushing the voting process. It was suggested that Congress participants could then revisit the voting process.
- A public thank you was voiced for all who have been working on this Constitution, and it was reasserted that we are attempting to formalize things too soon.
- A concern was raised that there should be a mechanism for allowing voting for those who do not have access to internet or email.
- A suggestion was made that final Amendments should not be accepted until the Constitution is made available in several IAQI participant languages.
- A suggestion and offer was made to work on developing an IAQI scholarly journal.

Concluding Remarks; Declaration of End of Conference

- Dr. Norman Denzin thanked all for the spirit they have shown in attempting to move the general meeting agenda forward. Grant Kien officially declared the meeting ended.

Directions to Dinner; Adjournment of Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned. Directions were given to the dinner location.

Personnel:

Chair: Grant Kien, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Minutes: James Haywood Rolling, Jr., The Pennsylvania State University

Time-keeper: Himika Bhattacharya, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sound coordinator: Li Xiong (Leo), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Conferences

Below please find a call for papers for a workshop on “Migration and Cultural Change in Europe” at the 9th EASA Biennial Conference - Europe and the World: Bristol, UK - September 2006 (Lunchtime, Monday September 18th - end of Thursday September 21st, 2006) For further information on the conference please refer to the following website: <http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa06/index.htm>

Please send your abstracts to the workshop organizers: Dr. Krystyna Romaniszyn, email: usromani@cyf-kr.edu.pl Dr. Anastasia Christou, email: anchrist@hol.gr

We would be grateful if you could please forward the call to other colleagues and lists.

The Workshop Content:

The focus of the workshop will be on, broadly speaking, the cultural implications or changes brought about by international migrations in the European receiving and sending societies or regions. It rests on the following assumptions: that international migrations amplify cultural diversity and trigger or accelerate cultural change in societies involved. Within this general theme there is a number of particular issues worth studying and discussing at the workshop, namely: the spatial changes caused by migration inflows (into the receiving regions), and outflows (from the sending regions); the demographical changes that imply the developments of social roles (especially the traditional women social roles) and local communities, both in sending and receiving societies (regions); the structural change, i.e. the ethnic structure change in the receiving societies; and the developments in mental dimension, i.e. the change of collective identity vis-a-vis the newcomers on one, and the hosts on the others hand, and the diffusion of ideas and beliefs (religious among others).

Along with the presented issues papers are invited within the following areas: the ethno-cultural mosaic and the distinct ethno-immigrant enclaves development in result of immigrants’ settlement; the local community change and the (re)construction of landscapes as a result of the migratory inflows (into the receiving regions), and outflows (from sending regions); the (re)establishment of social roles, norms and statuses, and the development of works, organization and consumption patterns due to the migratory movements; the challenges to the collective identity of both the indigenous population and the newcomers.

Suggested workshop-papers’ keywords: cultural diffusion, the diffusion of ideas, cultural change, the (re)construction of landscapes, the ethno-immigrant enclaves, the collective identity developments, ethno-cultural mosaic.

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