

## **AIB Research Methodologies Special Interest Group (SIG)**

### **PLANNING MEETING AGENDA 29 JUNE (12:00-13:00, Room: Diya)**

#### **Specific items for the meeting:**

#### **1) Endorsement of the aims of the SIG:**

##### *Proposed aims:*

The objectives of the Research Methods Special Interest Group are to:

- Provide AIB members with a worldwide forum for scholarly engagement about research methods;
- Advance the quality, diversity and understanding of research methods in the AIB;
- Provide a repository of knowledge for AIB members on the range of, and trends in, research methods;
- Stimulate innovation in research methods and promote the use of novel methodologies;
- Organize doctoral training and professional development opportunities for AIB members on research methods;
- Alongside the AIB, assist in building the research capacity of emerging scholars and regions.

#### **2) Endorsement of proposed governance structure**

*The proposed governance structure is as follows:*

- Membership of the group will be free and open to all members of the AIB.
- A steering committee will be formed. The proposed period of office for the SIG steering committee is 3 years. The steering committee will be elected on the basis of a vote of SIG members, beginning in 2016. Each of the officers of the steering committee is elected for a period of three years, renewable once.
- There will be formal nominations for steering committee positions in May 2016, and a vote held at the 2016 annual general meeting to form the steering committee for 2016-2019.

#### **3) Endorsement of founding committee**

The founding committee will serve until AIB 2016. The role of the founding committee will be to fulfil the first year's program of activities for the SIG and prepare for the 2016 AGM. It will be replaced by the steering committee to be elected at the AGM in 2016.

#### **4) Proposed activities of the SIG**

##### *Year 1:*

- Running webinars during the year that will provide accessible training sessions for SIG members;
- Establishing a biannual newsletter;
- Developing resources for the SIG webpage on the AIB website;
- Establishing an advisory board, composed of eminent scholars with specialised methodological expertise;
- Developing a membership listserv and inviting members to join

##### *Years 2-3:*

- Organising research methods workshops at the main conference and chapter conferences.
- Submitting a proposal to the AIB President to organise a Special Interest Conference on Research Methodology;
- Engaging outside the field with other like-minded scholarly groups;
- Establishing a 'best paper' award for the Research Methodology track.