

IPPN 18 Inaugural Meeting Minutes
KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
March 1, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by M. Ramesh at 11:00 on behalf of the IPPN steering committee, with S. Satpathy and M. Howlett also in attendance.
2. A list of the e-mail addresses of those present was collected, the attendees constituting the initial membership of the Network.
3. A lengthy discussion of the views of the membership on the nature of the association and its activities ensued. Members exchanged views on the future structure of the association and suggested various activities, including :
 - a) holding an annual meeting in rotating locations throughout the country,
 - b) developing course and textbook materials and enhancing pedagogy,
 - c) facilitating liaison with practitioners, NGOs and the general public, in addition to academics at universities and research institutes,
 - d) developing sectoral working groups in areas such as industrial policy and the environment,
 - e) encouraging the development of sub-national and local networks of policy scholars and interested parties,
 - f) organizing summer schools and other teaching and research activities.
 - g) Publishing a textbook targeted at Indian students and practitioners.
4. M. Howlett then discussed the models used in other countries for such associations, including the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Singapore and others. He set out two ideal types, the "US Model" deployed by organizations such as APPAM which were large, held multiple meetings and events, had large secretariats and fees, and the "Australian Model" used by groups such as APPN and CAPP (Canada) in which activities centered on annual meetings and featured small executives constituted annually along with local organizers. The former are formally registered while the latter generally are not.
5. As the views expressed by the members in attendance was unanimously in support of the establishment of a network, IPPN was deemed to have been created.
6. Led by S. Sudasharan, a discussion ensued on the proper format of the association, its fees and structure. It was agreed to establish a sub-committee to inquire into this subject and report back to the membership within six months. A Call for Nominations for members led to the appointment of the following list of members:
 - a) Sudarshan
 - b) Satyajit
 - c) Raghav
 - d) Satpathy
 - e) D. N Nayak
 - f) Tyagi

7. While this work continued, it was agreed that the Steering Committee of the KIIT conference would serve as a temporary ad hoc IPPN executive committee charged with organizing elections and a call for locations for the 2019 and other AGMs. The following expressed interest in serving on the Steering committee:
 - a) Vinod (Jindal)
 - b) Jain (TISS)
 - c) Satyajit (Delhi)
 - d) Satpathy (KIIT)
 - e) Kaur (Punjab)
 - f) Mathur (Goa)