

## Notes from AHE Annual General Meeting, July 2004

### Activities 2004-5

- Annual conference 2005 – venue City University (Andy Denis local organiser – dates tbc.)
- PG research methods workshop – awaiting outcome of ESRC bid (Paul Downward co-ordinator)
- European Social Forum – AHE presence to be arranged (Alan Freeman)

### Structure of Association

#### 1. The AHE and a journal

- *Journal of Institutional Economics* was thought too narrow for a formal tie-up.
- Special issues of other journals was suggested, but may prove difficult

#### *Alternatives:*

- Fred Lee highlighted his book series for consideration
- *Economic Issues* is moving to NTU from September 2004 – a journal which has traditionally welcomed heterodox submissions.

#### 2. Membership

- Benefits of membership base would be a financial cushion
- Costs are that it would require a committee member to administer (although single renewal date at conference time would reduce workload somewhat)
- Suggested to tie-in renewals with the Annual Conference
- Possibility of linking-up with a publisher (Routledge?) to offer discounted heterodox journal subs alongside membership
- Are there any obligations that follow from holding membership data and being a fee-charging association?
- A membership section to the hetecon web-site would be a membership 'benefit' (what would it contain?)

### 3. Other

The suggestion of producing a quarterly newsletter was made (could also be posted on web.) Contents could include brief abstracts of recently published heterodox articles (and working papers?); news of people moving/being promoted etc., topical commentaries on world events, important conference announcements etc.

Would need an editor and access to OU web-site would require clarification.

In general all these initiatives require a commitment from all committee members to be successful (and workable and manageable for individuals).

It is certainly true that the committee needs to meet more frequently than under my tenure as co-ordinator but new strategies need to be devised to allow this to happen given constraints of time, resources etc.

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