

## **BIEN General Assembly, Hyderabad, 2019**

### **Responses to suggestions made at the 2018 General Assembly**

The following appears in the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly under the item ‘Any other business’:

Suggestions were made that funding should be provided to enable individuals involved in the Basic Income debate in low income countries to attend future congresses; that online participation in congresses should be possible; and that future congresses should be a day longer. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would study these suggestions.

The Executive Committee’s responses are as follows:

1. ‘Funding should be provided to enable individuals involved in the Basic Income debate in low income countries to attend future congresses’: Response: Congress funding is the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee. The Indian congress will have some speakers from low income countries; if there is sufficient left in the budget then funding might be offered to participants; BIEN has promised £1,000 to enable people from India to attend the India day.
2. ‘Online participation in congresses should be possible’: Response: Streaming might be a possibility at future conferences, as in Finland: but remote participation in sessions would be too difficult and expensive to organise effectively. The local organisation committee for each congress determines what is possible in relation to the facilities and budget available.
3. ‘Future congresses should be a day longer’. Congresses used to be three days. Recent congresses have added a ‘local’ day at the beginning, which extends the congress to four days. For congresses to be longer than that would add to the expense. The EC believes that four days is long enough.