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It had been decided by the Executive Committee (EC) in 2021 to establish ‘thematic research groups’ and to let those update (and where necessary — create) relevant research pages. The EC had also agreed to start with the formation of an experimental research group and to ask Jurgen De Wispelaere to take its lead, who has already agreed to do so. De Wispelaere and other concerned EC members had been discussing the particularities of how the thematic research group should function, with the aim of finding a workable, practical plan for the ‘thematic research groups’. As a result of constructive discussion, the new group for researching UBI experiments is decided to set up independent of BIEN.

The group on the ‘Clarification of the BI definition’ had been formed following a 2019 General Assembly (GA) decision, with co-chairs Annie Miller and Toru Yamamori, joined by Ali Mutlu Köylüoğlu and Telemaque Mason. (Toru Yamamori was the chair of the working group that mediated two motions on changing the definition prior to the 2016 GA and Mason was a member. Miller, seconded by Köylüoğlu, submitted a motion on the clarification of the definition.) The group has continued to operate — working towards organising a series of open fora. The existence of these fora has facilitated both rigorous academic discussions and provided an avenue for open communication among BIEN members who would like to express their opinion on the matter.

The presenters at the Brisbane BIEN congress were invited to submit their papers to the BIEN online research archives. The papers submitted are now online.