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Over the past MMIRA year, we have been working on seven major initiatives. First, we finalized our policy that was started under the brilliant leadership of Pat Bazeley (previous MMIRA President) on both groups wishing to align themselves as affiliates of MMIRA and those groups wishing to form a chapter of the association. And the great news is that, currently, we already have five MMIRA affiliates, which, in chronological order, are as follows: (i) *Japan Society for Mixed Methods Research* (Website: <[www.jsmmr.org](file:///F:\Post_Turkey\Summer17\MMIRA\Board%20Meetings\www.jsmmr.org)>); (ii) International Institute for Qualitative Methods (IIQM; Website: <https://www.ualberta.ca/international-institute-for-qualitative-methodology>>; cf. Bailey Sousa <IIQM Director> and Yvette McWatt <IIQM Program & Event Coordinator>); (iii) VERBI Software (the developer of MAXQDA; Website: <[www.maxqda.com](file:///F:\Post_Turkey\Summer17\MMIRA\Board%20Meetings\www.maxqda.com)>; cf. Anne Kuckartz <[anne.kuckartz@maxqda.com](mailto:anne.kuckartz@maxqda.com)>); (iv) *International School Psychology Association* (*ISPA*; Website: <<http://www.ispaweb.org>> cf. Dr. Bonnie Nastasi, President-elect, USA, <[bnastasi@tulane.edu](mailto:bnastasi@tulane.edu)>); and (v) Center for Executive Education, School of Business and Economics, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan (Website: <<http://cee.org.pk/>>; cf. Prof. Dr. Hassan Sohaib Murad, Chairman Board of Governors ILM Trust <[hasan@umt.edu.pk](mailto:hasan@umt.edu.pk)). I particularly would like to acknowledge Professor Cheryl Poth for her vision and development of the Affiliate application process and Dr. John Hitchcock for his leadership as Chair of the Membership Committee.  Second, we have kept close ties with the American Education Research Association (AERA) Mixed Methods (MM) Special Interest Group (SIG). The purpose of the MM SIG is to support, to encourage, and to increase dialogue and idea exchange among educational researchers utilizing mixed methods and those interested in integrating qualitative and quantitative research approaches.  In addition to the establishment of affiliates, a third milestone was the emergence of the first MMIRA Chapter, namely, the Mixed Methods Research Caribbean Chapter (MMRCC), which was launched with 52 members on Thursday 16th at 7:15 pm, and increased to 71 members on the last day of the second Regional Mixed Methods Research Conference took place last week (March 14th - 17th) in Montego Bay, Jamaica. I would like to acknowledge both Laila Boisselle whose original vision of a MMRCC has been realized; and Dr. Loraine Cook, for her leadership in establishing the MMRCC.  Fourth, as incoming President, I started sending weekly Sunday night emails, and with Burke's excellent assistance, the Sunday Night Email was born! As the months went by, and as I traveled to MMIRA conferences and other conferences, I regularly received positive feedback from MMIRA members about the Sunday Night Emails. Also, based on the number of people who sent me news to announce on their behalf, I got the impression that these announcements also were making a difference for those who made them. Indeed, every Monday morning, I receive numerous thank you emails for the previous night's post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all MMIRA members who provided me with news to post and to encourage others to send mixed methods news from your region of the world—especially details of upcoming mixed methods research training programs and workshops, as well as employment opportunities—that you would like to share with MMIRA members.  Fifth, the MMIRA Executive Committee was able to secure a majority vote for all eight amendments to the MMIRA Bylaws that were written in an attempt to make the MMIRA Executive Board more fluid. The proportion of those who supported each proposed change is as follows: Proposition 1 (94.4%), Proposition 2 (80.0%), Proposition 3 (78.9%), Proposition 4 (81.1%), Proposition 5 (84.4%), Proposition 6 (77.8%), Proposition 7 (87.8%), and Proposition 8 (85.6%). Thus, more than three fourths of the voters supported each of the eight propositions. Thanks to all of you who voted.  Sixth, during the past year, as a continuing service, we continued to populate our website, as well as continued maintenance of a twitter account and Facebook page. I would like to acknowledge Dr. Mandy Archibald for her service here in ensuring the maintenance of these Web 2.0 tools. Also, I would like to thank our webmaster, Dr. Donggil Song.  Seventh, under Dr. Mandy Archibald’s leadership, the mixed methods webinar series jointly hosted by MMIRA and the IIQM has continued to be a great success. We still have exciting webinars for the months of September (Professors John Hitchcock and Bonnie Nastasi), October (Professor Elizabeth Creamer), and (Professor Cheryl Poth). Please watch out for the registration links for these webinar sessions. In 2018, we intend to continue partnering with IIQM to bring you monthly cutting-edge webinars on mixed methods research.  I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of (a) the fourth and final MMIRA regional conference of the year, which will take place in West Java, Indonesia on December 15-18, 2017; and (b) the third International MMIRA Conference that will take place in Vienna, Austria on August 22-24, 2018, with post-conference workshops taking place on August 24-25, 2018.  In terms of the various ongoing projects, I am particularly excited about our development of the Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) called “Introductory Course on Mixed Methods Research” that, once completed, will be freely available to all MMIRA members. This course will contain approximately 20 modules that will be presented by many of the leading mixed methodologists in the world. This course also will contain modules for specialized topics, as well as modules presented by software developers/trainers. I am hoping that this MOOC will be finalized sometime in 2018.  I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the MMIRA Executive Committee and committee chairs, who have served with me over the past year, for their dedication, hard work, and support. Outgoing executive members are Pat Bazeley and Patrick Ngulube. Continuing executive members are Cheryl Poth, Adekunle Oke, Antigoni Papadimitriou, R. Burke Johnson, Mandy Archibald, Kathleen M. T. Collins, John Hitchcock, Brigitte Smit, Vanessa Scherman, Elizabeth Creamer, and Tony Onwuegbuzie. Special thanks go to Burke Johnson, Executive Director of the Association.  And, finally, it gives me great pleasure to pass the gavel to Professor Cheryl Poth, as the incoming President, and to welcome Professor Elizabeth Creamer as President Elect, Dr. Sarah Munce as a Board Member, and Dr. Peggy Shannon-Baker as Secretary.  Thank you all,  Tony Onwuegbuzie  Retiring President | | | |