



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for  
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

# 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the ITD Alliance

November 8/9, 2023

online

# Agenda

## Part I – Looking back (25’)

1. Impressions from 2022/23 and 2. Q&A regarding 2022/23
3. Discharge of the Leadership Board, 2022/23 business year. Document: financial statement  
[Decision on formal discharge of the Leadership Board: via email voting](#)
4. Finances: 4a financial statement 2022/23 and budget estimate for the 2023/24 business year. Document: financial statement and budget estimate  
[Decision on budget estimate: via email voting](#)  
4b New membership fee scheme for institutional members. Document: new funding scheme for institutional members  
[Decision on new institutional membership fee structure via email voting](#)

## Part II Looking back and ahead – Working Groups of the ITD Alliance (40’)

5. Presentation of Working Groups and short q&a

SHORT BREAK 5’

## Part IV Looking Ahead (35’)

6. ITD 24 – International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2024
7. Regional nodes – fostering and sharing regional activities, networks and research cultures
8. Events, trainings, and projects in collaboration with The ITD Alliance – opportunities to collaborate with the ITD Alliance
9. Elections (9a. Leadership Board Election and 9b. Presidency Election)  
[Elections via email voting](#)

## Part V – Fostering and enhancing institutionalisation of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (30’)

10. Discussion: how could higher education and research institutions best learn from each other within the ITD Alliance

# Voting – via email

Elections and voting on decisions will take place via email.

The voting email will be sent after the General Assembly to all individual members with an active membership, and the contact person for each institutional member.

Voting will be possible until November 17, 2023 (midnight last timezone)

Vote counters: 2 vote counters (members of the ITD Alliance, but not Leadership Board members) and the Secretariat will count the votes independently.

Vote-counter 1: Ulrike Zeshan

Vote-counter 2: Catherine Jackson

# 1. Looking back on 2022/23

## Membership

Individual members: without an ITD conference (ITD 21 attracted more than 100 new members), the individual membership base remained stable (10 joining, 9 leaving), with currently 158 members

Institutional members: the ITD Alliance has currently 23 institutional members, with 2 in the process of joining and several considering membership

The membership is spanning all continents, except Antarctica. However, we see a struggle regarding the membership fees for members from low income contexts, even with the reduced fees.

# Leadership Board

**We still mourn the loss of our unforgettable founding member**

**Julie Thompson Klein**

Julie Thompson Klein was one of the key initiators of the ITD Alliance and has been active in the Leadership Board from the first minute, contributing fundamentally to the development of the ITD Alliance. We will always remind her as a shining pioneer and role-model in inter- and transdisciplinary research, education and institutionalisation.



# Leadership Board

10 Leadership Board meetings were held with alternating time-slots

**Supporting the network'**, was a continued focus, with priority on sharing information, 'creating a place of belonging' and 'foster learning'

Leadership Board members engaged in a wide range of conferences, and offered education and training opportunities for collaborative modes of research.

The Member Mail started to deliver information directly to ITD Alliance members, and institutional members are able to list their ID/TD interested staff for the newsletter and benefits.

**'Leveraging the communities power'** to strengthen and enhance collaborative modes of research globally was a second strategic focus

A subgroup of the Leadership Board started a process to form regional nodes to enhance interconnected regional activities.

Several members are in contact or involved in projects with international research policy organisations and research funders.

# Highlights with ITA Leadership Board and Secretariat engagement

- Capacity- and institution building in Egypt
- Event Series in Latin America
- Partner Conferences of ITDA institutions
  - Annual International Science of Team Science Conference
  - Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Annual Conference
- Train-the-TD-Trainers event @ the SRI 2023 conference in Panama
- 'Gesellschaft für transdisziplinäre und partizipative Forschung' founded in Germany
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## 2. Questions and remarks regarding the ITD Alliance development 2022-23

### **3. Decision:** Discharge of the Leadership Board for 2022-23

**I agree to the formal approval of the actions of the Leadership Board for the business year 2022-23**

**Yes / No**

**This is a decision required by Swiss law on associations.**

The voting will take place via email.



# Financial Statement 2022-23

(business year of ITDA runs from 1. September to 31. August)

**Funds end of financial year 2021-2022: 5'365 CHF**

## **Income 2022-2023**

Individual membership fees:	7'006 CHF	
Institutional membership fees:	14'757 CHF	
Income from collaborations:	1'875 CHF	Egypt td training
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>23'638 CHF</b>	

## **Costs 2022-2023**

Operating costs:	60 CHF	bank account fee
Secretariat	25'000 CHF	plus in-kind from ISOE and MED ~ CHF 9'000
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>25'060 CHF</b>	

**Balance 2022-2023 - 1'422 CHF**

**Funds end of financial year 2022-2023 3'943 CHF**

# 4a: Budget Estimate 2023-24

## Income

Individual membership fees:	10'000 CHF (increase expected due to conference)
Institutional membership fees:	17'000 CHF (with current number of members)
Collaborations:	2'000 CHF
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>29'000 CHF</b>

## Costs

Secretariat:	CHF 33'000 (Executive 25'000; Assistant 8'000)
Operating costs:	CHF 1'000
Support working groups:	CHF 1'000
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>CHF 35'000 in-kind assistant support needed for secretariat</b>

## 4a Decision: Budget estimate 2022-23

**I approve the budget estimate for the next business year 2022-23**

**Yes / No**

The voting will take place via email.

## 4b New fee structure for institutional members

The ITD Alliance aims to offer attractive membership for a diverse and wide range of institutions.

The ITD Alliance Leadership Board does suggest a new fee system for institutional members that takes into account the size of the its member institutions, lowers the fee for smaller institutions, and offers benefits to more employees for larger institutions.

The new fee structure maintains the significant reductions for institutions in lower income contexts.

Current institutional members will have the choice if they stay with the current fee system or if they change to the new one.



# 4b Proposed new fee structure

(effective January 1, 2024, pending approval by the General Assembly)

size of institution:	up to 20 employees	21-50 employees	51- 100 employees	101 to 500 employees	more than 500 employees
regular fee	300	600	1000	2000	3000
upper-middle income contexts*	150	300	500	1000	1500
lower-middle income contexts*	75	150	250	500	750
lower income contexts*	30	60	100	200	300
persons to receive benefits	5	10	20	50	80

students up to PhD only count half, twice the number can be connected

more persons can be connected for CHF 50 each, students CHF 25 each, reductions apply

\*Starting point for the income contexts is the World Bank classification of countries.

Other institutional variables (e.g. funding based on membership fees) and regional contexts (e.g. serving underprivileged groups or regions) can be taken into account.

## 4b Decision: New fee structure for institutional members

**I approve the New fee scheme for institutional members**

**Yes / No**

The voting will take place via email.



# 5. Working Groups

Working Groups are a highly important pillar of the ITD Alliance and the best place to actively engage in the work of the ITD Alliance.

Currently active Working Groups that are officially affiliated with the ITD Alliance:

[Toolkits & Methods](#)

[Early Career Researchers](#)

[Integration Experts and Expertise](#)

The Working Group short presentations will allow a glimpse on their impressive work – Engage in a Working Group to get involved into key developments in collaborative research and education!

Break - 5 minutes- please  
come back at x:00

# Part IV Looking Ahead

# INTER- AND TRANSDISCIPLINARITY BEYOND BUZZWORDS

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE  
RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

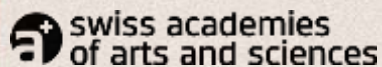
Enhancing the theoretical  
foundations of inter- and  
transdisciplinarity

Growing capacity for inter-  
and transdisciplinarity

Broadening and deepening  
education and training in  
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## 7. Regional nodes

The Leadership Board has started to develop Regional Nodes of the ITD Alliance – please get in contact if your institution is interested in developing/hosting a regional node.

### **Main strategic aims:**

Decentralise the ITD Alliance, gain in-kind contributions through ownership

Accelerate the impact of the ITD Alliance through the presence and plurality of regional nodes

Increase the reach through new members and partnerships

Enhance and intensify ID/TD presence and stance through events and opportunities for collaboration

Building strong regional networks, communities of practice



# Regional nodes

## **Potential activities:**

Showcasing regional approaches to TD and similar collaborative modes of research and education – enabling learning between different approaches, encourage different ID/TD-identities to flourish

Regional events (respectively, regionally organised events)

Collaboration and funding opportunities

Building strong regional networks, communities of practice

Gain new members for the ITD Alliance – expand institutional membership (but as well individual)

Connect with existing regional networks, increase their visibility through ITD Alliance



## 8. Events, trainings, and projects in collaboration with The ITD Alliance

Opportunities to collaborate with the ITD Alliance

**Training programmes, workshops, events can be realized in cooperation with ITD Alliance if the following conditions are given:**

A Leadership Board member, and/or the Executive Secretary, and/or Working Group representatives, and or a minimum of two individual, and/or one institutional member are amongst the organisers/conveners.

Fee reduction is offered for ITD Alliance members (if applicable)

For profit organization make a monetary contribution to the ITD Alliance which is negotiated for each case Every cooperation has to be approved by the ITD Alliance Leadership Board.

Note: trainings /events held by official entities of the ITD Alliance (Working Groups, Leadership Board, Regional Nodes (once established), Secretariat) do not need to be approved by the Leadership Board and run as ITD Alliance events

# Opportunities to collaborate

## Research projects in collaboration with the ITD Alliance

Collaborate with the ITD Alliance in your research projects

The main expertise and potential role of the ITD Alliance lies in the design, reflection and capacity building for collaborative research processes

The work of the ITD Alliance needs to be part of the project budget. Overhead supports the general functioning of the ITD Alliance.

The support of the ITD Alliance is non-exclusive and is dependent on the availability of experts for the specific topics and tasks. The Leadership Board decides on collaborations.



## Leadership Board farewell

Machiel Keestra, Dena Fam, and Jan Freihardt leave the Leadership Board at the end of their term.

We want to deeply thank them for their highly valuable contributions and collaboration in the ITD Alliance LB and are looking forward to ongoing collaboration.

## 9a Leadership Board Elections

The Leadership Board (LB) is the strategy- and decision-making body of the ITD Alliance

The LB consists of 5-15 board members. Members of the Leadership Board are elected by the general assembly for a period of 2 years. They can be re-elected for a maximum of 3 continuous terms.

At least 2/3 of its members represent institutional members; however, each institutional member may only be represented on the Leadership Board by at most one representative at a time;

The board aims to maximize diversity and inclusion in composition



# Leadership Board Elections

Candidates representing and institution:

**Alexandra Lux** – ISOE – Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany

**María Perevochtchikova** – El Colegio de México A.C. (COLMEX), México

**Mariana Pereyra** - Interdisciplinary Space, University of the Republic, Uruguay

**Stephen M. Fiore** - University of Central Florida, USA

**Theres Paulsen** - Swiss Academy of Sciences SCNAT, Switzerland

Individual Candidates

**Basirat Oyalowo** - Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, University of Lagos, Nigeria

**Ulli Vilsmaier** - Responsive Research Collective, Switzerland

Please find the candidate profiles in the [candidate profile document](#)

The election will take place via email voting

## 9b Presidential election

For the first time, there will be an election for president. The Leadership Board has decided to install a presidency model for the ITD Alliance. The presidency model is already foreseen in the bylaws as an option and will now be implemented. The main motivations to install the presidency model are:

- to strengthen and clarify responsibilities to pursue strategic tasks and projects
- to increase visibility and representation of the ITD Alliance

### Presidency terms

A regular term for presidency is 2 years, re-election is possible up to a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.

The detailed design of the presidency model and a list of duties and responsibilities of the presidency will be elaborated in 2024.

# Presidential election

## Candidate

**Gabriele Bammer**, Professor of Integration and Implementation Sciences, The Australian National University (National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health)

Opportunity for questions to Gabriele Bammer: live at the GA on November 8, via email for the GA on November 9

# Part V – Fostering and enhancing institutionalisation of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

10. Discussion:

How could higher education and research institutions best learn from each other within the ITD Alliance?

# Some findings from ITDA General Assembly 2022 workshop as inspiration

In a world that is running out of time, universities need to reimagine and implement their role as role model and convey the competencies needed to speed up society's transformation towards sustainability.

- Universities should be role models for inspiring change => change universities, change what is taught, be an inspiring leader towards transformations
- Showcase worth and effects of td concepts, research approaches etc. => show successful approaches for thinking different and how alternatives could look like
- foster collaborative efforts for transformation
- allow experiments for thinking beyond silos and redistribution of money within universities/institutes from 'silos' to td collaboration
- Investment in institute leaders and collaborative 'engines' (Centers, Institutes, cross-disciplinary bodies within universities that work across colleges or department)
- Incentives for collaborative modes of research

# How could higher education and research institutions best learn from each other within the ITD Alliance?

- What are main fields of interest?
- Is there an interest for regular meetings or other forms of collaboration on questions of institutionalisation?

We start with a brief Mentimeter survey to explore

- the fields/topics of interest,
- potential interaction formats,
- and main drivers to get involved.

Followed by discussion – first steps, e.g. event or other form of exchange? Interest to form a working group?





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# THANK YOU!

And please do not forget to vote