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As the FOBOS regulations have changed for 2016 and 2017, fulltime boards of OS members will all receive 35 grants. In previous years, this amount was based on the amount of members an association has. The increase in total grants for boards means the OS has less incidental grants to divide over its member's committees. The projection for this year is that the OS has 133 (and probably a little more) grants to divide in 2016 and 2017.

Because there will be significantly more study tours in 2016 than in 2017, the OS is allowed to divide the total 266 over these two years as they please. Because of this, the ABC would like to know what the opinion of the study association boards is in dividing the grants over the two years as described below.

The projection for 2016 is currently as follows:

- Category 1 (study tours): 186 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 55 grants
- Category 3 (short tours): 47 grants
- In total: 288 grants**

When assuming there will be about 5 study tours in 2017 and an equal amount of symposia and short tours in 2017 and if committees would receive the same amount of grants as projected in 2016, the following amount of grants would be needed for 2017:

- Category 1 (study tours): 90 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 55 grants
- Category 3 (short tours): 47 grants
- In total: 192 grants**

This is in total 480 grants for the two years. As the OS only gets to divide 266, the ABC proposes to divide the grants proportionally over the two years, this would mean the division over these two years will be as follows:

- 2016 (60%): 160 grants
- 2017 (40%): 106 grants

As the proposed amount of grants is not sufficient to fully satisfy the need of the current OS activism grants model, a few possible changes could be applied to the amount the committees receive. Again, the ABC would like the OS members' opinion on which changes to make for the final division in the November GMA.

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As the categories are filled in the order of their category number. So when no changes are made all of the 160 proposed grants for 2016 will go to the study tours.

As almost all of the study tours will receive either 18 or 12 grants in the current model (big or small study tours), it would be possible to reduce them by 17% (to 155 grants) or 33% (to 124 grants). This would result in one of the following divisions:

- Category 1 (study tours): 155 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 5 grants (5 of 11 symposium committees will receive a grant)
- Category 3 (short tours): 0 grants
- In total: 160 grants**

- Category 1 (study tours): 124 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 36 grants (to be divided over 11 committees)
- Category 3 (short tours): 0 grants
- In total: 160 grants**

In this last division, it would then be possible to take 3 of the grants from the symposium committees to give them all 3 grants, or reduce the amount of grants for symposium committees to 2 grants per committee. This would result in one of the following divisions:

- Category 1 (study tours): 124 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 33 grants
- Category 3 (short tours): 3 grants (to be divided over 5 'big' tours and 9 'small' tours)
- In total: 160 grants**

- Category 1 (study tours): 124 grants
- Category 2 (symposia): 22 grants
- Category 3 (short tours): 14 grants (to be divided over 5 'big' tours and 9 'small' tours)
- In total: 160 grants**

Of course, other divisions are possible, all of the divisions above would mean no grants would go to the committees in category 4. The ABC would like the associations to discuss which division of the divisions above (or entirely different divisions) they would prefer.

Keep in mind that the exact numbers for the amount of available grants, realization for 2016 and projection for 2017 will be known at the GMA in November, so these numbers are subject to change. Especially the total amount of available grants will probably rise, as 63 grants are still to be divided over the different umbrella associations.