

RC51 Board Elections 2018-2022

Dear RC51 Members!

According to our statutes the election of the RC51 Board 2018-2022 is now due. As a result of the call and the work of the Nominating Committee you will find the following excellent candidates in the voting sheet.

Position	Candidate	Approve (please mark with "x")
President	Patricia E. Almaguer Kalixto (SPAIN)	
Vice-President	Raija Koskinen (FINLAND)	
Secretary	Manuel Meza Cuervo (MEXICO)	
Treasurer	Saburo Akahori (JAPAN)	

Note: Voluntary positions (Non-elected) such as Website Editor, JoS and Newsletter editor will be defined by the new elected board.

Below you will find a CV and a Statement of Intend of each candidate.

If you are a member in good standing (i.e. paid fees) both of the ISA and RC51 please send this voting sheet duly filled out by e-mail to the members of the Nominating Committee: Chaime Marcuello-Servós chaime@unizar.es, Eva Buchinger eva.buchinger@ait.ac.at, Bernd Hornung, hornungrc51@aol.com by the **20th of November 2018**.

The THREE recipients of your mail, none of whom is a candidate himself, will maintain confidentiality and make sure that no vote gets lost and all will be counted correctly.

The election results will be announced November 25th, 2014.

Best wishes,

RC51 Nominating Elections Committee

Candidates for the RC51 Board Election – Period 2018-2022

Candidature of Patricia E. Almaguer Kalixto for the position of "President"

Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain), almaguer@unizar.es

Statement

My service as RC51 secretary (2014-2018) has been a rewarding experience. It has also enabled me to see from a close perspective, the challenges that our RC51 face in the near future: (1) maintain engagement within ISA, (2) consolidate our membership, and (3) spread our academic work within other Social Sciences audiences. Still we have to work more on promoting more Sociocybernetics, to deepen and share the knowledge of our current members and attract more of those who are willing to engage with Second order cybernetics. This may be also, but not exclusively, within the ISA membership. If elected, I hope to reach those aims working close with the new Board but also with members willing to engage to maintain RC51 active and healthy.

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Brief CV

Mres and PhD in Development Studies at the University of East Anglia, UK. She is a professor at the Department of Psychology and Sociology of the University of Zaragoza (Spain) where she teaches undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Her main lines of research and professional action are: complex social systems, interdisciplinary research, social impact assessment, participatory research methodologies, innovation processes and local development. She has carried out research projects on evaluation of the social impact of projects, participatory evaluations, community development, analysis of networks and resources shared in the third sector. Her main publications and participations in international conferences deal with the application of the theory of complex systems for the analysis of contemporary issues at different scales: from cooperation to development, to issues of governance, social capital, social networks and local development.

ISA Participation

- From 2014-2018 Secretary of the RC51 Board.
- 2018 Chair of the election Committee ISA Elections 2018.
- From 2010-2014 Newsletter editor of the RC51 (Volunteer position).
- Paper presentation in every Conference since 2010.
- Conference collaboration as program coordinator, chair of abstract committee, conference co-organizer.

Candidature of Raija Koskinen for the position of “Vice-President”

Statement

As a theoretically oriented practitioner, I wish to find a more active role in this committee, even though I'm still in early stage of getting a deeper insight for sociocybernetics. In the future activities of RC51, I could utilize my current roles and connections to organize educational activities to provide sociocybernetic understanding to new audiences. Digital learning environments, for example, open up new possibilities for this. In case elected for a vice-president, I could also contribute in organizing one of the future annual events of the research committee in Finland, one of the Nordic countries.

Brief CV

Raija Koskinen works as a full-time senior lecturer in HAMK, Häme University of Applied Sciences in Finland. In addition to teaching, her work involves many responsibilities in both national and international RDI -activities. She has circa 30 years of working experience from the practical field of social work in Finland: client work, managerial and expert roles. As an experienced professional, she also serves as an expert member in matters of child protection, adoption and services for mentally disabled in the Administrative Courts of Helsinki and Hämeenlinna, Finland. Koskinen is a sociologist, Master of Social Sciences, from the University of Helsinki, Finland. She is also a certified teacher. During her career, she has acquired training in social services, entrepreneurship, management and professional supervision. Since 2011, she has worked with her PhD studies in social work in the University of Helsinki. Her research focuses on the ways technology is involved in welfare state systems and practices. Her dissertation work involves collaboration as a visiting researcher in the National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland. She has published in her areas of expertise in Finnish, Swedish and English.

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Candidature of Manuel Meza Cuervo for the position of "Secretary"

Statement

As a member of RC51, I understand the potential and power of Sociocybernetics to approach and establish methodologies to tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, such as climate change and migration. That is why, if I am elected Secretary, I will work to 1) Promote Sociocybernetics' theories to analyse and solve complex social problems, 2) Reinforce the Sociocybernetics research and use through seminars, master classes, and online tutorials, and 3) Strengthen the Sociocybernetics community by encouraging the enrolment of new members of RC51 and developing internal communication tools. I am convinced these actions will increase the theoretical and applied research of Sociocybernetics.

Brief CV

Ph.D. candidate in Political Sciences at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Master in Cultural Management and Cultural Development with a specialty in Education. He is the Director of Bears & Guts Consulting and a Partner Researcher at Interdisciplinary Institute on Human Ecology and Sustainability (INTRHERS). He has experience teaching at secondary and tertiary level. His main line of research and professional action is the use of technologies of knowledge, communication, and information to solve complex social problems such as climate change challenges, education, social and cultural development. His main publications and participation in international conferences explore the use of a Sociocybernetics approach to deal with these problems.

Candidature of Saburo Akahori for the position of "Treasurer"

Tokyo Woman's Christian University (Japan), akahori@lab.twcu.ac.jp

Statement

I have been Treasurer of the RC51 in the Board 2014-2018. I have actively been involved in RC51 in recent years and by participating in the board I hope to promote our activities and introduce them to Japan and East Asian countries. I had been a treasurer of the Japan Association for Social and Economic Systems Studies (JASESS) from FY2009 to FY2012 so I believe I can contribute to RC51 as a treasurer again.

Brief CV

Saburo AKAHORI is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at Tokyo Woman's Christian University where he teaches Introduction to Sociology, History of Sociology, Social Research and so on. He is a graduate of the University of Tokyo and had received Ph.D degree in Sociology from the university in 2003. He is currently focusing on sociological theory and history of sociology, especially sociological systems theory. He is one of translators of Japanese version of *Die Gesellschaft der Gesellschaft* and *Gesellschaftsstruktur und Semantik* written by Niklas Luhmann, published by Hosei University Press, Tokyo. His CV is available at <http://homepage1.nifty.com/s-akahori/index.html>

RC51 experience

Since 2010 Saburo Akahori has been a member of RC51. He was involved in the design and organization of RC51 sessions in the course of the ISA World Congress in Yokohama 2014. He has been Treasurer of the RC51 from 2014-2018.