

EADI WG-1: Aid and Development Policy Annual Report 2008

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The Working Groups had a record number of 61 abstracts submitted for the General Conference of EADI in Geneva, June 2008. 54 of these abstracts were accepted and 7 were rejected. Rejections were mostly based on the decision that the proposed paper did not fit into the programme of the working group and/or did not respond to the call for proposals.

Table: Abstracts and Papers for the GC Geneva 2008

	Abstracts	Papers
Total	61	54
Accepted	54	29
Rejected	7	13
Withdrawn		7
Not submitted		5

This ended in a new record number of 42 papers submitted to the convenor of the working groups, since 7 papers were withdrawn and 5 papers were never submitted. Of the 42 papers 29 were accepted and 13 rejected. The rejections were all on the fact that these papers were considered to be of too low quality.

At the EADI Conference itself five sessions of the Working Group were organised; two under the heading 'The New Aid Architecture', two under the title 'European Development Cooperation' and one with the title 'Aid instruments and modalities'. In the first two sessions 10 papers were presented, in EU development cooperation 13 papers, and on aid modalities and instruments 5. This bringing the total of presentations finally on 28.

After the conference 12 papers were selected and commented upon to be published in a book under the title 'European Development Cooperation: in-between the local and the global'. Papers were received back in December/January and submitted to two Peer Reviewers in January 2009.

Another selection of 7 papers was made to be published in a volume under the title 'The New Aid Architecture'. Since several authors indicated to have only time to update their papers in 2009, it is too early to say if this leads to another publication/

WG-1 Seminar in Nijmegen – December 2008

At 11 and 12 December CIDIN organised a WG-1 seminar under the title 'Private aid and European governments'. In these two 9 papers were presented on a series of European countries. After the seminar all presenters received instructions on how to finalise their papers. It is hoped that this will lead to a publication in the EADI book series still in 2009.