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- To form 'thematic research groups' and to let them to (create and to) update relevant research pages are agreed by EC. A taskforce on this matter was set up in EC, members of which are Malcolm Torry, Leah Hamilton, and Toru Yamamori. As a model case, currently is the group on Experiment is under formation. Jurgen De Wispelaere has agreed to lead the group. De Wispelaere and the taskforce is currently under discussion on how the thematic research group works, etc. Through this discussion we hope to find a workable and practical plan for 'thematic research groups'. We expected another few months on this discussion.

Meanwhile, on updating experiment-related pages, Moritz Vetter is volunteering to update with Torry's supervision. On the pages on histories of BI and BIEN, Phillipe van Parijs, who is the original author of those pages, kindly updated them.

- The group for 'Clarification of BI definition', which was formed by 2019 GA decision, co-chairs of which are Annie Miller and Toru Yamamori, joined by Ali Mutlu Köylüoğlu and Telemaque Mason. (Toru Yamamori was the chair of the working group that worked for mediating two motions on changing definition before the 2016 GA, and Mason was a member. Miller, seconded by Köylüoğlu, submitted a motion on clarification of the definition.) The group has continued to work monthly basis. The group is recently preparing to organise several sessions at the 2021 annual conference. The group would like to make them open online forum that facilitate both for rigorous academic discussions and for open communication among BIEN members who would like to say on the matter.

- On the relationship with other academic research organisations: The Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies and the chair and the academic research manager of BIEN had meetings on a possibility for liaisonning. The International Association for Feminist Economics made a statement responding covid-19 crisis, in which it proposes 'gender-equitable basic income'. The academic research manager is currently corresponding with people who worked for the statement.