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3rd EAS Committee meeting

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Šiauliai, Lithuania

MINUTES

Attendances: Giuseppe Frenguelli, Carmen Galán, Regula Gehrig, Ingrida Šaulienė, Michel Thibaudon

Chairperson: Michel Thibaudon
Secretary: Ingrida Šaulienė

Agenda

1. Proposal of statutes modifications
2. ESA Lyon 2016
3. Fees, Appeal fees
4. EAN/EAS relationships
5. Miscellaneous

1. Proposal of statutes modifications

EAS president M. Thibaudon proposed the potentially possible changes of the 12th and 13th articles of the EAS Statute and invited the board committee members to discuss these issues.

Article 12 concerns the duration of the appointed period of committee members and that they can only be re-appointed for 2 consecutive terms. Due to EAS was established in 2008, 6 members of the Committee can no longer be re-elected for the new period without a break. The attention drew to the Statute of the IAA. The IAA committee appointed by another principle: represented by associated societies or elected from similar associations in particular country. Given the experience of the IAA it was proposed to set up a past-president position. The last president will become past-president immediately after the new president is elected. Position of the past-president must be valid for 4 years and past-president is member of the EAS committee board. Changes regarding past-president will be proposed to the committee members for approbation by electronic vote during the first months of 2016 and proposed at the General Assembly in July at Lyon.

Proposals for the election of new EAS committee members should launch in advance, i. e. before 6th European Symposium on Aerobiology. By consensus agreed that proposals for new members of committee should be open from February until June of 2016.

The EAS auditor Mikhail Sofiev is not active and the importance of this position is not clear. This point will be proposed to electronic vote by the committee members before being proposed at the General Assembly. The question according to necessity of this position in societies was developed and discussed. Regula Gehrig will check requirements for auditors of Swiss law. We suggest, that item 13th of the EAS Statute can be removed from the document. It will be proposed to electronic vote for the committee members before being proposed at the General Assembly.

2. 6th European Symposium on Aerobiology of the European Aerobiology Society.

Michel Thibaudon will welcome 6th EAS from 2016 July 18th to 22nd in Lyon, France. He informed that the homepage of the Symposium is created on the address <http://www.alphavisa.com/esa/2016/index.php>. Now it is possible to find all the information which is necessary for this symposium. Organising and scientific (local and international) committees are announced. The registration fee is on the same range as in the 5th EAS Symposium. The raised issues for discussion: the type of presentation and encouragement of young scientists.

Poster and oral presentations was under consideration of the enlarge EAS board meeting. It was announced that it would be better to have less oral presentations and promote posters. The background of this idea – without too much session participants can have an opportunity to attend more symposium activities: to listen as much as possible topics, take part in discussions or working groups. The second reason – the oral presentation should focus on the leader's topics, really new or innovative scientific knowledge/achievements. Members talked that additional values of poster is that posters can be seen during the whole symposium. For promotion and encourage posters presentation the award for the best poster and the best poster of young researcher (under age 31) can be created. Giuseppe Frenguelli suggested to not allowed authors decision on presentation type. The local or international scientific committee will review abstracts registered as potential presentations during the Symposium and will inform the authors about the type of presentation: oral or poster.

As a new idea for the promotion of scientific aerobiology in the environment of EAS is the encouragement of young scientist (under age 31) for participation in Symposium. During the discussion members came to the conclusion that national aerobiological networks will raise most perspective young person's working in aerobiology as a candidate for Symposium fee discount. Regula Gehrig payed attention that award for the best young aerobiologist can be created and presented also.

3. Financial aspect of EAS

Membership dues are not collected since 2012. Meeting participants stated that IAA and EAS lost a few thousand euros because we didn't send out any call to contributions to our members. It was agreed that is difficult to ask aerobiologists pay dues for 2013-2014. Michel Thibaudon suggested provide possibility to pay EAS membership on the same webpage with Symposium fee or separate during the Symposium. Considering the situation that Uwe Berger cannot be elected for the EAS committee at least for 4 years (have been elected in the committee since 2008) he cannot be the next treasurer and it is necessary to make urgent solutions. After discussion the consensus was that the best way for EAS will be to use only the existing EAS Swiss bank account which is in Payerne. Because Uwe Berger will finish his activities as treasurer in 10 months the transfer of the remaining amount of the bank account from Austria to the Swiss bank account should be done before December 31st. The invoice (SAL Nr. 019, 03/07/2015) of Siauliai university for Sponsoring participation fee of Eftimie Ana-Maria in 8th advanced course on aerobiology must be paid before the change of the bank account. The right for signatures in Swiss bank account is not covered. Regula, Michel will see this point with Bernard Clot, and will make sure, that there is more than one person from the EAS committee who has the signature authorisation for the Swiss bank account.

4. EAN/EAS relationships

The EAN data base created by Siegfried Jäger is huge achievement of the European aerobiology. Currently the situation with EAN data is not transparent. Caused by new circumstances the EAN board was established, but still data providers feel lack of information. The Medical University of Vienna (MUW) is running the EAN data base, but neither the EAN board nor the data providers were informed about the progress of the work or about news of the EAN. During the last EAN board meeting in Vienna November 2014 the responsibility to prepare the new contracts for the data providers was assigned to Uwe Berger. The first draft was expected on November of 2014. It is almost one year passed but draft of the contract is

not ready. The EAS enlarged board meeting asked Regula Gehrig to contact Uwe Berger with the EAS-EAN issues.

5. EAS homepage

Michel Thibaudon announced that Uwe Berger is still working on the concept of the relaunch of EAS pages. No information is what the preparation phase it is for now. All board members agreed that webpage is important issue in progress of the society. Essential important is hosting of webpage. Vienna medical University can provide secure servers. Design and programming of the webpage must be easy manageable and the webmaster can be not from Vienna.



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