



Minutes of the EAS General Assembly - 6 September 2018 - ICA 2018 , Parma



Present: 62 persons including 10 non-members.

The President, Ingrida Sauliene, opened the assembly and thanks Roberto for his hospitality.

Ingrida gave an overview of the activities of EAS in the past 2 years. There are 79 current individual EAS members and 6 associations members. Some members still need to pay. We have 4 working groups. The symposium in Lyon was a success with 220 participants. The basic course on Sweden was good, with a diverse and nice group of participants, but the location was a bit far from restaurants etc. EAS members took part in several EAACI activities: e.g. Workshop on Aerobiology and Pollution in Dubrovnik, which was hard to reach. There was a joint paper on the terminology in aerobiology published in *Aerobiologia*. Six young aerobiologists received a grant from EAS to visit the ICA 2018 in Parma. The intranet is updated and everybody is encouraged to put contributions or news to the intranet. This can be done by sending contributions to the webmaster Gilles Oliver (gilles.oliver@rnsa.fr). Also on the intranet: the possibility to download a personal membership certificate.

As last GA has been decided, the next ESA will take place in Cordoba in 2020

The treasurer (Regula Gehrig) gives a financial overview that is approved by the auditors (Sevcan Celenk and Bernard Clot). The budget for coming period was proposed: at least 2 grants for young aerobiologist to attend the ESA Symposium in Cordoba 2020 and 2 grants attendance of the Basic Course in Lyon 2019 and 1 for the Advanced Course in 2019. This budget was approved.

The leaders of the Working Groups (WG) gave a presentation:

1. Branko Sikoparija for WG on Quality Control: there is an exercise on QC of fungal spores; reference slides are provided by the Polish team. Also QC activities will extend to the AutoPollen project in EUMETNET
2. Guiseppe Frenguelli for Education WG thanked Aslog Dahl for organising the last Basic Course on Aerobiology in Sweden. Next basic course will take place in the second half of July 2019 in Lyon (organiser Charlotte Sindt and Gilles Oliver). Gilles Oliver gave a preview: the price for 6 days will be approx. €565; for 7 days €665. There is another proposal for organising the Basic course in Brussels in 2021 from Nicolas Bruffaerts, who will give a presentation on the ESA in Cordoba.
3. Carmen Galan (WG for European symposium) gave an update on the next ESA in Cordoba. Most likely the next ESA will take place 15-20 June 2020. In the coming period the defining of topics will take place and the scientific Committee will be composed.
4. Michel Thibaudon for WG on legislation: the CEN norm for pollen monitoring using Hirst type traps is on-going,

There will be prepared a specification sheet what is required for the organisation of European Symposium on Aerobiology.

Michel Thibaudon presented some changes in the EAS Statutes. These changes were accepted by the General Assembly.

Mikhail Sofiev gave an overview of the activities of CAMS in relation to pollen. The story goes back to first meetings between o.a. Siegfried Jaeger, Uwe Berger, Christian Bergman and Vincent Peuch, Mikhail Sofiev. Relevant pollen species were defined to be birch, grass, olive and ragweed pollen. CAMS reserved € 800.000 to support the generation of reliable pollen data. Recently (July 2018) a non-competitive tender was released and MUW accepted it. The following Work Packages (WP) were formed: WP1. site selection WP2. IT and data delivery aspect. WP3 Advanced QC. WP4 Evaluation of CAMS products. WP5. AutoPollen (EUMETNET) development, for which € 100.000 out of the CAMS money was assigned.

Victoria Rodinkova announced the workshop on **Aerobiology and Palynology Symposium (APAS2018)**, which will take place in Bodrum, Muğla, Turkey, on **October 7-10, 2018**. For more info contact Victoria.

Ingrida closed the meeting