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Minutes of 19th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on July 14th in Sorrento, Italy

The Assembly starts at 16:15 with the attendance of 34 members

Item 1 Opening and Approval of Agenda.

Our Chairman, Antonio Cavaliere, opens the meeting and thanks all attendees for being present. The agenda is approved as tabled.

Item 2 Approval of the minutes of the last AGA in Zaragoza 2002.

As not all the attendees have a copy of the last minutes, extra copies are distributed among those present who request one. After a brief time to allow everybody to read the document and comment about it if deemed necessary, the minutes are accepted unanimously.

Item 3 Messages from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Prof. Cavaliere reminds the attendants that when he was appointed Chairman last year, he established two main targets to be developed along the two year term: register the Association and advance in its organization making it more structured, and improving its visibility. Regarding the first objective, the Association was registered in Italy on January 22nd, 2003, with a Constitution essentially identical to the one previously existing, with some modifications requested to comply with all the legal requirements. The second objective will be completed during the next year.

The Vice-Chairman, Iskender Gökalp expresses his agreement with the statements by Antonio Cavaliere, to whom he thanks, and remarks that he believes that ILASS-Europe has to make an effort to improve its presence and influence in the European Commission.

The Secretary, Antonio Lozano, reminds that since the last AGA in 2002 no fee is requested to become an ILASS-Europe member, and a web on-line registration procedure is available at <http://ilass2002.litec.csic.es>

Item 4 Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci, reports that, after registering ILASS-Europe, a bank account under the name of the Association was opened, which enables ILASS-Europe to receive deposits and make payments. As the financial year started in January 2003, the situation report will have to be approved in the next AGA in 2004. He points out that he started with 4400 € and that his expectations are to nearly double this amount before the next AGA. Joachim Domnick asks if that amount includes all the money that was distributed in several accounts in different European Countries. Ragucci answers that he is referring only to the money that was deposited in Italy in the account previously administered by Mario Graziadio. Guenther Schulte informs that in Germany there are 1500 € Christophe Dumouchel adds that the amount deposited in France is about 45 €

Item 5 New ILASS-Europe Constitution.

Antonio Cavaliere informs about the new ILASS-Europe Constitution. As already stated, it comprises all the text of the previously existing one, but includes some modifications that were required by the

Italian Laws to register the Association. The Chairman points out that the name of the legal name of the Association is ILASS-Europe ONLUS (ONLUS being the Italian acronym for non-profit). He indicates that several types of members are now contemplated (founder members, members, supporting members, beneficiary members and honorary members), and remarks the possibility of having a membership fee.

During all this year, all the members will have the possibility to send suggestions or comments about the Constitution. If it is decided that some amendments have to be included, they will be discussed and in its case, approved in the next AGA.

With respect to the registration fee, Antonio Cavaliere informs that the Committee has decided to charge the members an amount of 40 € for that concept. The Assembly unanimously supports this decision. It is proposed that half of this amount will be charged as part of the ILASS-Europe Annual Conference registration fee. The remaining 20 € will be paid by each member, preferably at Conference registration time. The details of the payment procedure will soon be completed, and all the ILASS-Europe members will be informed.

Item 6 Report of Newsletter Editor.

Dr. Marengo explains that during this last year his main efforts have concentrated on ICLASS 2003 announcements, and in the distribution of the new Constitution. He expresses his intention to continue editing two newsletter issues per year, and encourages ILASS members to submit contributions about atomization and sprays topics, description of their Laboratories, job offers, and any other matters which could be of interest to the community.

Item 7 Report from the Web-Page Editor

John Shrimpton reports the current status of the web pages and again about his plans to bring the papers of the AGMs in pdf format. There are some suggestions indicating that the general aspect of the pages should be improved. John Shrimpton considers that to surpass a certain quality level, professional help will be needed, and that the Committee has to decide if they are willing to pay for this service.

A possible improvement consists of having a single portal for ILASS to access all the different sections (Americas, Europe and Asia). This will require close coordination among the different webmasters. It is also suggested to register an easier name domain. To study the different possibilities and work out the details a Commission is created composed by Raffaele Ragucci, Oskar Haidn and John Shrimpton.

Item 8 Report from the Editors of Atomization and Sprays

Our European editor, Joachim Domnick, briefly addresses the audience, although he indicates that after the Editorial Board meeting still to be held, he could have updated information. It is reminded that the ICLASS registration fee included a one-year personal subscription to Atomization and Sprays policy that has also been adopted for the ILASS-Europe Annual Conferences.

The Atomization and Sprays Editor, Norman Chigier remarks that the complete reviewing process is now being finished in 6 months.

Antonio Cavaliere thanks Begell House for their efforts to reduce the cost of the personal subscriptions included in the ICLASS registration.

Item 9 Election of officers and committee members

Antonio Cavaliere reports that the terms of the following committee members will end today:

Eva Gutheil
Graham Wigley
Eran Sher
Günther Schulte

Eva Gutheil, Graham Wigley and Eran Sher had expressed their interest to serve for another term in the Committee. Guenter Schulte who has been a Committee member for many years had indicated his intention not to run again but nominates Udo Fritsching, of the same Institution, the University of Bremen. Udo briefly introduces himself and accepts the nomination.

Having asked the audience for other proposals, all these candidatures are accepted unanimously. Antonio Cavaliere proposes to appoint our last Chairman, Lothar Bendig as Honorary Member. The proposal is approved unanimously.

Item 10 Location of next Annual Scientific Meetings

Barry Azzopardi briefly presents the next 2004 Conference that will take place in September in Nottingham, U.K. The local organizing committee also includes Graham Wigley and Andrew Yule. The next 2005 Conference will take place in Orleans, France, organized by Iskender Gökalp.

It has to be decided about the convenience to celebrate an Annual European meeting in 2006, as this is the year for the next ICLASS Conference in Kyoto, Japan. Arguments for and against organizing the AGM are presented. It is accepted that before the next AGM in Nottingham, an e-mail poll will be conducted among the ILASS-Europe members to collect their opinion about this matter.

Item 11 Miscellaneous

Iskender Gökalp remarks again that despite the scientific and industrial interest on atomization and sprays, our presence and influences in the European Commission are minor. He suggests that this point should be studied. Industries related to the field should be contacted, and it might be advisable to create a lobbying group and to elaborate a “white book” on the subject to be presented to the Commission.

Finally, the Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance, which shows their commitment to our organisation and closes the meeting, at 19:30.

Zaragoza, August 2003

Dr. Antonio Lozano