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Minutes of 21th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on September 6th in Orleans, France

The Assembly starts at 15:45 in the Cabannes Lecture Room in the Léonard de Vinci Building of the École Polytechnique de l'Université d'Orléans, with the attendance of 44 members.

Item 1 Opening and Approval of the 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 Nottingham.

As the minutes of the last AGA have already been sent to all the members by e-mail no copies are distributed to the attendees, although a number of them are available in case they are requested. Nobody formulates any objection and the minutes are accepted unanimously.

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

Prof. Cavaliere and Vice-Chairman, Iskender Gökalp, very briefly address the audience.

Item 4 Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci, informs of the current financial situation. At the end of last year the total balance was 14200 € ILASS-Europe has also received 5600 € from the membership fees collected at the ILASS-Europe 2004 Conference at Nottingham and 1340 € that remained from the old ILASS-Europe bank account in Germany. From the resultant 21140 € the following amounts have to be subtracted: 1700 € from accountant expenses, 600 € from bank expenses and 400 € from other concepts. The resultant balance is 18440 €. There are some concerns expressed about the apparently high figure corresponding to bank expenses. The Treasurer indicates that he will study the possibility to reduce it in the next year. The budget is approved.

Item 5 Report of Newsletter Editor.

Dr. Marengo explains that this year he has prepared two newsletter issues that have been distributed to over 1,500 people. He also offers the possibility to use this distribution list to broadcast news if requested.

Item 6 Report from the Web-Pages Editor

The Web Pages Editor, John Shrimpton is not present at the meeting. The Secretary, Antonio Lozano, reminds that the on-line subscription pages can be accessed from a link in the ILASS-Europe Web pages.

Item 7 Message from the European Atomization and Sprays Editor

Our European editor, Joachim Domnick, states that to reduce the waiting list for publication of accepted papers, the number of issues per year will be increased to eight. Also, an electronic submission procedure is going to be implemented.

The Editor Norman Chigier, present in the ACM adds that a current problem might be an excessively low number of rejections, and warns about a possible decrease in scientific quality. He also reminds that the journal is now available in electronic format.

Item 8 Election of officers and committee members

Antonio Cavaliere explains a point discussed at the Committee Meeting. As it was decided not to celebrate Annual European Conferences those years coincident with ICLASS Conferences, a problem arises to renew the Committee members whose term expires precisely these years without ILASS-Europe Conference. To avoid this problem, the Committee proposes to extend the term of officers and Committee members from two to three years. The service terms for Secretary and Treasurer that were of four years should also be extended to six years. Together with these modifications, it is also suggested to limit the maximum number of years of permanence as Committee members to six to encourage renewal and participation. The Assembly unanimously accepts all these proposals.

The Committee Members whose term expires this year are: Udo Fritsching, Eva Gutheil, Eran Sher, and Graham Wigley. Udo and Eva have expressed their will to be re-elected and their candidacy is supported by our Chairman, Antonio Cavaliere. Graham Wigley has decided not to opt for the re-election and he proposes Graham Pitcher from Lotus Engineering as candidate. Finally, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman propose the candidacy of Luis Moreira, and remark that Portugal does not have any representative in the Committee despite the important participation of Portuguese scientists in the last ILASS-Europe and ICLASS Conferences. The four candidates are approved unanimously.

Item 9 Decision on membership fees

The Secretary reports that in past years it was decided to establish a membership fee of 40 € although there had been some doubts about the payment method. He explains that it has been decided to include the whole membership fee in the registration fee of the ILASS-Europe Conferences. The local Organizers will be in charge of transferring the 40 € per participant to the ILASS-Europe account after the conclusion of the Conference. Delegates to ILASS-Europe Conferences should be aware of this additional amount that is added to the registration total but does not contribute to the local organizational costs. In ICLASS Conference years the European meeting will not be celebrated. In this case, participants in ICLASS will automatically be considered to have renewed their affiliation to ILASS-Europe (although ILASS-Europe will not receive any contribution from the ICLASS Meeting organizers if they are not European). This can be considered a further effort from ILASS-Europe to promote participation to the ICLASS Conferences. If anybody not attending the ILASS-Europe Conference is willing to satisfy the membership fee, the Secretary or the Treasurer will indicate him/her an alternative way of payment.

Item 10 Message from ILASS-Europe 2005 Chairman

The Chairman of the 2005 ILASS-Europe Conference, Prof. Christian Chauveau, informs of the success of the Conference. There are 120 delegates, 10 exhibitors and 83 papers will be presented. Prof. Chauveau indicates that a CD containing the papers presented will be provided on request. In any case, the files containing the accepted papers will be posted in the web.

Item 11 Celebration of Annual Meeting in 2007

There are two candidacies to organize the 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting: Mugla University (Turkey) and Bergamo University jointly with Milan Politecnico (Italy). Prof. Sener Oktik, rector of Mugla University briefly presents the candidacy of his University. The Conference would be supported by the University so that the sessions would take place there, while participants could be lodged in Antalia, a nearby seashore resort. Marco Marengo and Elvio Cossali outline the characteristics of the Italian candidacy. The Conference would take place in Villa Olmo on the shore of Como lake. Coinciding with the Committee, the Assembly unanimously supports celebrating the 2007 Conference in Mugla, and the 2008 Conference in Como.

Item 12 Situation of the Arthur Lefebvre Award

Antonio Cavaliere briefly informs of the situation of the Arthur Lefebvre Award. He explains that the ILASS-Europe Committee has approved the award regulations. The Award Committee will take a final decision on the 2006 recipient.

Oskar Haidn suggests to send a copy of the award regulations to ILASS-Americas and ILASS-Asia.

Item 13 Miscellaneous

The Treasurer explains the plans to assign part of the ILASS-Europe assets to finance student trips to attend ICLASS Conferences. The Committee has accorded to name these fellowships after Paul Eisenklam, constituting the Eisenklam travelling funds. The proposal is accepted unanimously. A Committee presided by Wamadeva (Bala) Balachandran and integrated by Raffaella Ragucci and Christophe Dumouchel will be in charge of assigning the fellowships.

Finally, the Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance and closes the meeting at 16:35.

Zaragoza, October 2005

Dr. Antonio Lozano