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Minutes of the 22th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on August 30th in Kyoto, Japan

The Assembly starts at 11:25 in Room C of the Kyoto Terrsa Complex in Kyoto, with the attendance of 21 members.

Item 1 Opening and Approval of the Agenda.

Our Chairman, Antonio Cavaliere, opens the meeting thanking all the attendees for their presence. The agenda is approved as tabled.

Item 2 Approval of the minutes of the last AGA in Orleans.

The minutes of the last AGA had already been sent to all the members by e-mail. Nobody formulates any objection and the minutes are accepted unanimously.

Item 3 Message from the Chairman.

Prof. Cavaliere expresses his satisfaction for the important participation of ILASS-Europe members in the ICLASS 2006 Conference, which he thinks has been positively influenced by the decision of not having a European Conference this year.

He also informs of his election as President of ILASS International. Considering the substantial number of ILASS-Europe members who have not been able to come to Kyoto, he proposes to postpone the election of a new ILASS-Europe Chairman to the next meeting in Mugla in 2007. Until this time he will remain as Chairman, but the Vice-Chairman will assume part of his duties if needed.

Item 4 Treasurer's Report.

The Chairman presents a report by our treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci, informing of the current financial situation. In the past year we received the contribution from the ILASS-Europe Conference in Orleans (4560 €) to be added to the 18440 € balance from the last financial statement. From the resultant 23000 € the following amounts have to be subtracted: 650 € from financial consulting expenses, 300 € from bank expenses, 250 € from taxes and 150 € from other concepts. The resultant balance is 21650 €. This amount will be mainly used to face the expenses connected to the Arthur Lefebvre Award (1000 €) and the Paul Eisenklam Travelling Funds (estimated in 6575 €), together with the fixed costs of the Association (about 2000 €/year). The budget is approved.

The Treasurer considers that having in mind the need for a non-profit association of limiting the balance surplus, the situation is satisfying, although stresses out that the incoming from the annual European meeting organizers is vital to the subsistence of the Association and the continuation of the Lefebvre Award and the Eisenklam Travel Funds.

As member of the Eisenklam Travel Funds Committee, Wamadeva Balachandran informs that the applications of six students were approved for financing, but one of them finally renounced due to personal reasons that prevented him from attending the Conference.

Item 5 Report of Newsletter Editor.

Dr. Marengo explains that the first issue of this year newsletter that he expected to have sent in June will be distributed in September, because he waited until the last moment to include the ICLASS 2006 Final Program and updated information on the ILASS-Europe 2007 Conference in Mugla, but these documents did not arrive on time. A second issue is planned to be mailed in December.

He informs that his distribution list includes now over 1,350 addresses, and again offers the possibility to use it to broadcast news if requested.

Item 6 Message from the European Atomization and Sprays Editor

Our European editor, Joachim Domnick, informs of the outcome of the Atomization and Sprays Editorial Board Meeting celebrated on Monday 28th. In this meeting, a report elaborated by Marco Marengo and Günter Brenn reflecting the ILASS-Europe strong concerns about the journal situation was given to the Editor Norman Chigier, urging for specific solutions. Currently, the journal accumulates a stock of accepted papers that would last for one and a half years, so that the average waiting time for a paper to be published is nearly two years. These conditions are deemed unacceptable.

Following last year discussion, it will be tried to increase to eight the number of issues per year. Also, an electronic submission procedure is going to be implemented that should reduce the waiting list. Extra especial issues dedicated to specific topics could improve the journal impact factor. Norman Chigier suggests that the Editorial Board should be more active. Finally, three Associated Editors will be appointed, elected by each one of the ILASS Sections (Americas, Asia and Europe).

Some ideas proposed in the AGM are to split the position of Editor into a Honorary and a Technical Editor, to establish a deadline for the Editor to improve the journal situation, and to introduce new formats as brief communications, letters or review papers.

Item 7 Information of the new edition of the Arthur Lefebvre Award

Antonio Cavaliere briefly informs of the new edition of the Arthur Lefebvre Award. The Award Committee will be formed by Graham Wigley and Oskar Haydn as European representatives plus two Asian and two American Members yet to be appointed by each Section. Each one of the ILASS Sections should present to Award candidates by year 2007.

Item 8 Policy about availability of past ILASS-Europe Conference Proceedings

The ILASS-Europe Web Pages Editor, Dr. John Shrimpton indicated the convenience to establish an accorded policy for the distribution of the Proceedings of past ILASS-Europe Conferences, in particular considering the possibility to have them freely accessible in the web pages. It is proposed to give the Organizers of the Annual Conferences the possibility of selling the Proceedings for one year after the Conference. Finished this period, the Proceedings will be posted on the web. The proposal is accepted. It is also suggested the convenience of requesting to authors of papers to be presented in the Conferences to sign a copyright form in favour of ILASS-Europe.

Item 9 Miscellaneous

No new topics or questions are formulated.

Finally, the Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance and closes the meeting at 12:45.