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Minutes of the 25th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on July 29th in Vail, USA

The Assembly starts at 17:30 in the Sun Up Room at the Vail Marriot Mountain Resort, with the attendance of 19 members.

Item 1 Opening and Approval of the Agenda.

In absence of our Chairman, Vice-Chairman Oskar Haidn opens the meeting thanking all the attendees for their presence. The contents of the agenda are approved.

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

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 Messages from the Vice-Chairman.

The Assembly is informed of two agreements adopted in the last ILASS International Board Meeting: the election of Will Bachalo as the new President of ILASS International, as well as the approval of the candidacy of Heidelberg to host the next ICLASS 2012 Conference.

Item 4 Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary presents a report sent by our Treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci, summarizing the situation of the Association economy. The final assessment of year 2008, as of December 31st (which is the date of release of the official balance of the Association) reported a total asset of 32,991 €. At that date there were still some payments to be made, corresponding to some residual expenses of the ILASS Europe 2008 Conference organization and due taxes. After completing these payments in 2009, the present assets of the Association are about 23,915 €. During this year, about 2,000 € will have to be paid in concept of auditing and bank expenses, 1,500 € for the Lefebvre Award and 1,500 € for the travel expenses of the European Editor of Atomization and Sprays, Marco Marengo to the Editorial Board Meeting. Since there were no applications to the Paul Eisenklam Travel Fund, the amount assigned to them (about 6000 €) has not been spent. In consequence, in the absence of any unpredictable event, at the end of this fiscal year, the Association assets should be equal to about 18,900 €.

While the current situation of the Association is surely wealthy, the Treasurer estimates that, in order to support and possibly extend future initiatives, an yearly income of about 4,000 € will be required. This objective should be feasible if the organizers of the next ILASS Europe Conferences continue including in the registration fee a contribution to the Association of 40 € per participant, as has been done in the past six years.

The budget is approved by the Assembly.

Items 5 Situation of the Web pages and Newsletter.

Since the last ILASS-Europe Conference in 2008, John Shrimpton has been acting as Newsletter editor and Web pages editor simultaneously. However, the Newsletter contents have been integrated in the web pages, without sending the bulletin to a distribution list as it was done in the past. The fact that

nobody applied to the Eisenklam Travel Fund indicates that visits to the Web pages are probably scarce. It is a general opinion of the Assembly that the personalized distribution of the Newsletter was a more effective way to disseminate the Association news. For this reason it is decided to retake the elaboration and distribution of the Newsletter. As this requires an additional effort compared to the current situation, it is decided to elect a new Editor. Antonio Moreira volunteers to assume this task, and his offer is approved unanimously by the Assembly. The Vice-Chairman will consult John Shrimpton to discuss possible improvements of the web pages. It is suggested to include announcements for job offers and fellowships. Another suggestion refers to the possibility of creating a database to exchange information, for example datasets of experimental measurements that could be used to test models or numerical codes. A Committee will be formed to study all these possibilities.

Item 6 Situation of Atomization and Sprays.

Marco Marengo, European Editor of Atomization and Sprays briefly summarizes how the situation of the journal has improved in the last year. To expedite the submission and review process, an electronic procedure has been implemented and is now operative. 12 issues will now be published each year with a larger format that will accommodate a higher number of papers. In order to increase the impact factor, extra issues dedicated to selected papers from ILASS Conferences, specific topics, review papers and technical notes will also be accepted for publication. During the past year the number of contributions has increased in 20%, rising up to 50% if only contributions from European Countries are considered. A special effort has been devoted to reducing the publication time. Right now the average revision time is 3.4 months, and the online publication time (with assignment of a referenceable DOI number) has been shortened to 12 months. With this short delay, all the accumulated backlog will be eliminated by the end of 2009. By 2010 it is expected to further reduce the online publication time to an average of 8 months. The Editor indicates that once the backlog is eliminated to sustain these publication rates, the number of contributions will have to grow accordingly.

Item 7 Report from the ILASS-Europe 2010 Conference Chairman

Prof. Jan Jedelsky, member of the Steering and Organizing Committees on behalf of Prof. Miroslav Jicha, Chairman of the ILASS-Europe 2010 Conference shows a brief presentation of the event. The Conference will take place in Brno, Czech Republic, from September 6th to 8th in the Lecture Halls of the Brno University of Technology. Prof. Jedelsky shows some pictures of the University, the City and the surroundings, and informs about transportation and lodging.

Item 8 Situation of the Arthur Lefebvre Award

As announced at Lunch time on Wednesday, July 28th, the 2009 Arthur Lefebvre Award has been conferred to Prof. Franz Durst. Oskar Haidn, Chairman of the Arthur Lefebvre Award Committee, informs that neither the American nor the Asian representatives had presented any candidacy. To avoid this situation in future editions it is decided to provide the means to distribute the information earlier, clearly fixing the deadlines for each step of the procedure to be completed.

Item 9 Situation of the Eisenklam Travel Fund

As already mentioned, there were no applications for the Eisenklam Travel Fund to support students attending the ICLASS 2009 Conference. Instructions were posted in the ILASS Europe Web pages, but evidently the dissemination of the information has been insufficient. Oskar Haidn will ask Prof. W. Balachandran about further details of this situation. The Treasurer will be consulted about the possibility of adding the amount assigned to 2009 to the one for the next ICLASS Conference.

Item 10 Miscellaneous

No new topics or questions are formulated.

Finally, the Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance and closes the meeting at 18:45.

