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Minutes of the 26th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on September 6th in Brno, Czech Republic

The Assembly starts at 17:45 in Room P2 at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at Brno University of Technology with the attendance of 28 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 Vail.

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.

On behalf of our President, Oskar Haidn acknowledges the excellent work of the Conference Organizing Committee and congratulates them on the high attendance.

Item 4 Election of Officers and Committee Members.

The Committee Members whose term will expire this year are:

Chairman: Iskender Gökalp

Vice-Chairman: Oskar Haidn

Treasurer: Raffaele Ragucci

Committee Members: Günter Brenn, Joachim Domnick, Christophe Dumouchel, Arvind Jasuja, Leif Rackwitz, and Philip Stopford.

It has to be remembered that in our 2005 Assembly in Orleans it was decided to limit the maximum number of years of permanence as Committee members to two terms to encourage renewal and participation. Iskender Gökalp and Oskar Haidn have served only for one term in their present position. Joachim Domnick, Arvind Jasuja and Philip Stopford are in the same situation. Günter Brenn, Christophe Dumouchel and Leif Rackwitz have completed at least two, and their renewal is conditioned to the absence of new candidacies. All the members entitled to renewal have expressed their will to continue. The Committee proposes to renew their membership, and the Assembly accepts unanimously. The Treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci, has also served for two consecutive terms. However, exceptionally, the Committee proposes extending his term until a decision is taken about the details of the way to transmit his responsibilities (bank account, association bookkeeping, etc.). The Assembly accepts the extension. The Committee has also received the following candidacies: Prof. Mikhael Gorokhovski, Dr. Chawki Habchi, Prof. Mark Linne and Dipl-Inform. Armin Müller. Their acceptance is proposed to the Assembly that expresses its agreement.

Item 5 Treasurer's Report.

Our Treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci reports that according to the provisional balance presented at the previous AGM in Veil, the year 2009 has been closed with total assets of about €19,000. In the year

2010 the total expenses will be those connected to the payment of the Paul Esenklaam Travel Award (PETA) Bursaries that will be about €2,400 plus about €2,200.00 for auditing, taxes and bank expenses. On the other hand, the incoming from the Brno meeting organisers should be about €6,400. If this will be the final situation we should expect at the end of year 2010 a relatively good situation of Association assets in the order of €20,800. To this respect it has to be noted that the financial situation of the Association has been almost stable in the past 6 years and future perspective should confirm this situation.

This is a good position indeed to face with the need to provide financial resources for the next PETA awards (that starting from this year will be given also in occasion of European ILASS meetings). In consideration of the decision to raise the contribution recognized from the European meetings and ICLASS in Heidelberg organizers to €50 for paying participant, the Association should also be in the position of considering the possibility of other initiatives in the framework of its statute aims. The budget is approved by the Assembly.

Items 6 Situation of the Web pages and Newsletter.

The new Web pages Editor, Iliia Roisman, informs about their situation and the renewal process. It is suggested to buy the domain name, proposition that is accepted by the Assembly. The Committee informs of the appointment of Dr. Ana Moita as the new Newsletter Editor.

Item 7 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. The impact factor has increased from 0.45 to 0.75 and the average reviewing time is now of 57 days, although it is expected to reduce it to 6 weeks. The average time for author corrections is 71 days, and this gives an estimate for the average final online publication of 200 days. The Editor insists on the need of increasing the number of submissions to avoid a shortage of papers now that the publication time has been so significantly accelerated, and on the convenience of receiving more review papers that would help to increase the impact factor.

Item 8 Report from the ILASS-Europe 2011 Conference Chairman

On behalf of Prof. Antonio Moreira, Chairman of the ILASS-Europe 2011 Conference, Ana Moita shows a brief presentation of the event. The Conference will take place in Estoril, Portugal, from September 5th to 7th at Palacio Estoril Hotel. Dr. Moita shows some pictures of the venue.

Item 9

It is reminded that the next ICLASS 2012 Conference will take place in Heidelberg.

Item 10 Situation of the Eisenklaam Travel Fund

Contrary to the case of the ICLASS 2009 Meeting, this year four applications to the Paul Esenklaam Travel Award (PETA) were submitted requesting support for students attending the ILASS-Europe 2010 Conference. A fifth application was received after the official deadline, and was rejected for this reason. All the applicants were considered eligible, and each one of them was awarded the amount of 600 €

The Assembly is informed of the composition of the PETA Selection Committee for next year, that will be formed by Profs. W. Balachandran, Joachim Domnick, Marco Marengo, Mikhael Gorokhovski and Eva Gutheil.

Item 11 Miscellaneous

The Vice-Chairman proposes to the approval of the Assembly the appointment of Prof. Antonio Cavaliere as Honorary Member of the Committee. The motion is approved.

Finally, the Vice-Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance and closes the meeting at 19:00.