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## **Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on September 5<sup>th</sup> in Heidelberg, Germany**

The Assembly starts at 18:00 in Lecture Hall 6 at the Neue Universität in Heidelberg with the attendance of 22 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 Estoril.

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.

On behalf of our President who had to leave before the meeting, Oskar Haidn acknowledges the excellent work of the Conference Organizing Committee and congratulates them on the high attendance.

### **Item 4** Treasurer's Report.

Our Treasurer, Raffaele Ragucci reports on the financial situation of the Association. The assets at the end of 2011 were about 15,000 €. At the beginning of the year, 4,500 € were transferred from the Organizers of the 2011 Conference in Estoril. The main expenses during 2012 correspond to the payment of 3 Paul Eisenklam Travel Award Bursaries that add up to a total of 3,000 €, and 2,000 € for auditing, taxes, bank expenses and a 4-year web domain registration.

The Assembly is informed that Will Bachalo, recipient of the Arthur Lefebvre Award has donated the 1,500 € corresponding to the Award to the Paul Eisenklam Travel Award Fund. His gesture is most appreciated by the Assembly.

Due to the high success of the ICLASS meeting, a considerable contribution still to be exactly defined is foreseen by the Organizers. Accounting for all these amounts, a final budget over 29,000 € could be expected by the end of the year. The budget is unanimously approved.

The Assembly is reminded that, as discussed in the last meeting, replacement of the current Treasurer by Committee member Lucio Araneo will be proposed in the next AGA.

### **Items 5** Situation of the Web pages and Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor, Ana Moita, informs that, as usual, 3 to 4 issues are being distributed each year. All the Newsletters are available now in the Web pages. With respect to the Web pages, the Editor Ilia Roisman has been reminded to include the proceedings of the past Conferences and the information of the next Conference in Crete. The possibility of including Conference presentations is also suggested. Ilia Roisman will work to improve the general aspect of the pages. A Committee formed by Ana Moita, Manolis Gavaises, Chawki Habchi and Ilia Roisman will study possible additions and modifications to the current contents.

**Item 6** Situation of Atomization and Sprays.

In absence of Marco Marengo, European Editor of Atomization and Sprays, Oskar Haidn and Antonio Lozano briefly summarize the situation of the journal. In the last years, the number of papers per year has increased from 40 to 66. In this way the accumulated backlog that was one of the pending problems has been completely eliminated. However, this has caused two new critical issues, a shortage of papers and a strong decrease in the journal impact factor. As the impact factor reflects the number of citations divided by the number of published papers, the increase in the denominator has lowered the I.F. from 0.928 to an alarming 0.51. It is to be noted that the rejection rate has not been reduced, and for the last year was close to 33%.

Several suggestions are proposed to improve this situation, for example edition of special issues on specific topics coordinated by Guest Editors, increase of review papers, proposal of experimental test cases to be modelled, etc. It is also suggested to negotiate with Begell House to ensure full and easy access to the journal papers. In this sense, the Assembly is informed that the former ILASS International President, Will Bachalo was studying the possibility of purchasing an institutional license, initially for ILASS-Americas.

The Assembly is informed that Marco Marengo will finish his term as European Editor next year.

**Item 7** Report from the ICLASS 2013 Conference Chairman

Manolis Gavaises, Chairman of the ILASS-Europe 2013 Conference, shows a brief presentation of the event. The Conference will take place in the Conference Centre of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Crete, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The Conference centre has a large Auditorium and several conference rooms adequate for the plenary lecture and parallel sessions. Apart from hotels in Chania, the Conference center has a residence for 80 students. An advertisement flyer is ready and soon the Web pages of the conference will also be available.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is still to be determined by the Organizing Committee.

**Item 8** Situation of the Eisenklam Travel Fund

At the beginning of the year, Joachim Domnick, President of the PETA Selection Committee, prepared a document explaining the regulations of the award. 15 applications were submitted, 4 of which were approved and provided with 1000 € each. Unfortunately, one of the selected students has been finally unable to attend the Conference due to Visa problems.

For the next year, 5 awards instead of 4 will be available, thanks to the 1,500 € donation by the Lefebvre Award recipient, Will Bachalo.

As next meeting is an ILASS-Europe Conference, applications will be limited to European students (or foreign students working in Europe).

Joachim Domnick has been asked to serve again as President of the Selection Committee.

**Item 9** Miscellaneous

It is reminded that the 2014 Conference will take place in Bremen, organized by Udo Frischting.

Finally, the Chairman thanks the audience again for their attendance and closes the meeting at 19:45.