



ILASS-EUROPE

Institute for Liquid Atomization and Spray
Systems - Europe

Secretary c/o A. Lozano
LIFTEC/CSIC
María de Luna, 10
50018-Zaragoza, Spain
Tel. +34 976 506520, FAX: +34 976 506644
alozano@litec.csic.es

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on September 2nd in Chania, Greece

The Assembly starts at 18:00 in the Socrates Room at the Conference Center of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, in Crete, Greece with the attendance of 21 members.

Item 1 Opening and Approval of the Agenda.

In absence of both our Chairman Iskender Gökalp, and our Vice-Chairman Oskar Haidn, the Secretary Antonio Lozano 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 Heidelberg.

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.

To avoid exceeding the estimated Assembly duration, this item is skipped.

Item 4 Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Officers and Committee members whose terms expire this year are:

Officers: Chairman Iskender Gökalp, Vice-Chairman Oskar Haidn.

Committee Members: Joachim Domnick, Michael Gorokhovski, Chawki Habchi, Arvind Jasuja, Mark Linne, Armin Müller and Philip Stopford.

Of all these members, Iskender Gökalp, Oskar Haidn, Joachim Domnick, Arvind Jasuja and Philip Stopford have already served for two consecutive terms, while Michael Gorokhovski, Chawki Habchi, Mark Linne and Armin Müller are entitled to re-election if they are willing to continue. Only Chawki Habchi and Mark Linne have expressed to the Committee their availability to serve for another period. Armin Müller has moved from Lechler to another Company which is not related to the Atomization and Sprays field and he will not be working on the subject in the near future.

The Committee proposes the Candidacy of Oskar Haidn as new ILASS-Europe President and Antonio Lozano as new Vice-President and the Assembly votes favorably. With this election, the position of Secretary becomes vacant, and the Committee proposes Manolis Gavaises to occupy it. The Assembly unanimously accepts the proposal. In the last meeting in Heidelberg it was also accorded to propose this year the replacement of the current Treasurer Raffaele Ragucci by Committee member Lucio Araneo. The Assembly agrees with the proposal. Finally, the Committee presents the renewal of Chawki Habchi and Mark Linne, and the election of Günter Brenn, Christophe Dumouchel, Eva Gutheil, Jerome Helie and Qiaoyan Ye as new members. All of them are accepted by the Assembly, that thanks the leaving members for their contribution and efforts.

Item 5 Treasurer's Report.

Our new Treasurer, Lucio Araneo, presents the report prepared by Raffaele Ragucci explaining the financial situation of the Association. The final assets of ILASS Europe at the end of year 2012 were

of about 14,800 € This is the result of a compensation of incomings and expenses in the fiscal year 2012. In fact, during 2012 the contribution from the Estoril meeting organizers (4.200 €) was the only incoming and the main expenses were the PETA bursaries and the fixed costs (auditing, bank expenses and taxes). The contribution of € 15.000 from Heidelberg organizers (which was delayed to the beginning of the year 2013) will be included in the financial report relative to the year 2013.

After the payment of the contribution, the available budget for the association at beginning of the year 2013 was about 29,800 € The main expenses in 2013 are 5,000 € for the PETA program and about 2,500 € for auditing, taxes, bank expenses and web domain registration. The final assets of the association at the end of the fiscal year (December 2013) should be in the order of 22.300 € plus the contribution from the Chania meeting organizers (whose amount is not yet available). This is a significant increase with respect to the previous years that should be further prosecuted in order to give more strength to our activities while ensuring the sustainability of our financial conditions.

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. She has received requests to be included in the distribution list, which is indicative of the interest in the newsletter. The Web pages Editor, Ilia Roisman, is not present. Ana Moita and Jan Jedelski inform that they have sent Ilia the Proceedings of the Conferences in Brno and Estoril so that they are included in the ILASS-Europe data base instead of being accessed by a link to local accounts of the Conferences, that are going to be cancelled. Ilia Roisman will be contacted so that he can provide information about the situation of the Web pages.

Item 6 Situation of Atomization and Sprays.

The Assembly is informed that the Committee has re-elected Marco Marengo as European Editor of Atomization and Sprays, thanking him for his excellent job all these years. Marco briefly summarizes the situation of the journal. In the past year, the number of journal issues has increased from 8 to 12, and the number of papers has also been increased from 60 to 92. The median time for manuscript reviewing is now 50 days, and the publication time has been reduced to 3 months, but for the moment the number of submitted manuscripts is sufficient to maintain this publication rate. However, this increase in papers has caused a 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 25%.

Several actions have been taken to improve this situation. Two Review papers have been published, and three special issues are being elaborated. Special issues on specific topics are coordinated by a Guest Editor who is in charge of inviting potential contributors and collect the papers. Some other measures will be studied, as paying the fee to grant open access to some selected papers. Members are also encouraged to cite recent A&S papers in their manuscripts when possible.

Item 7 Report from the ILASS-Europe 2014 Conference Chairman

Udo Fritsching, Chairman of the ILASS-Europe 2014 Conference, briefly explains the event. The Conference will take place in Bremen, from September 8th to 10th. An advertisement flyer is ready and soon the Web pages of the conference will also be available.

Item 8 Situation of the Eisenklam Travel Fund

Selection Committee President, Joachim Domnick informs of the situation. This year, 5 awards instead of 4 have been available, thanks to the 1,500 € donation by the Lefebvre Award recipient, Will Bachalo. As decided in Heidelberg, applications have been limited to European students (or foreign students working in Europe). 12 applications were submitted and the 5 of them selected by the Committee have been provided with 1000 € each. It is decided that for the next year, only 4 awards will be assigned, with the purpose of saving some money to be able to award a higher number of fellowships for the 2015 ICLASS Conference.

Joachim Domnick has been asked to serve again as President of the Selection Committee, and he has kindly accepted. The Assembly acknowledges his good work in the past years.

Item 9 Report from the ILASS-Europe 2013 Conference Chairman

Manolis Gavaises, Chairman of the ILASS-Europe 2013 Conference, reports about its outcome. Finally the number of registered participants was 178, 50% of them students. The number of papers to be presented has reached 142. He informs that an ISBN number will be assigned to the Proceedings. The Assembly congratulates on this great success.

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

Zaragoza, September 2013

Dr. Antonio Lozano