



# ILASS-EUROPE

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## **Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA) of ILASS-Europe held on September 8<sup>th</sup> in Bremen, Germany**

The Assembly starts at 18:30 in the Saal 1 at the Conference Center of the Atlantic Hotel Universum, in Bremen, Germany with the attendance of 26 members.

### **Item 1** Opening and Approval of the Agenda.

In absence of our Chairman Oskar Haidn, the Vice-Chairman, 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 Chania.

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 Committee members whose term expires this year are Peter Walzel and Jan Jedelski. They have served for a single term and are entitled to re-election if they are willing to continue. Both of them have expressed to the Committee their availability to serve for another period. Besides, there is a vacancy position. The Committee proposes the renewal of Peter Walzel and Jan Jedelski, and the election of Raffaele Ragucci as new member. All of them are accepted by the Assembly.

### **Item 5** Treasurer's Report.

Our Treasurer, Lucio Araneo, has been unable to attend the Conference. His report explaining the financial situation of the Association is presented by Raffaele Ragucci. The initial assets of ILASS Europe were €14,800 at the beginning of January 2013, but could have been considered €29,800 due to the postponed payment from the Heidelberg conference. The final assets at the end of year 2013 were around €30,300, as the result of a compensation of incomes and expenses in the fiscal year 2013. During 2013 there were two incomes, the contribution from the previous Heidelberg conference (€ 15,000, registered in March 2013 but it was in fact a postponed payment from the year 2012), and the contribution from Chania meeting organizers (€ 8.200, registered in November 2013) that arrived shortly after the conference. The main expenses were the four PETA bursaries and the fixed costs (auditing, bank expenses and taxes). This year the assets kept substantially stable.

The main expenses foreseen for 2014 are € 4,000 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 fiscal year (December 2014) will probably be on the order of €22.300 plus the contribution from the Bremen meeting organizers (whose amount is not yet available).

### **Items 6** 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. People willing to receive the newsletter can subscribe in the Web pages. The Web pages Editor, Ilia Roisman, informs about their situation. They have been improved in form and contents. Members can now submit announcements of events, open positions, or other collaborations.

**Item 7** Situation of Atomization and Sprays.

The European Editor of Atomization and Sprays, Marco Marengo briefly summarizes the situation of the journal. It has improved since last year. The number of manuscripts that are being received is about 100 per year, and the rejection rate is now of 37%. The number of published paper is about 70 per year. The median time for manuscript reviewing is now of 6 weeks, and the online publication time has been reduced to 3 months. The impact factor has increased to 0.7, and in the Journal Citation Reports Chemical Engineering category, the journal has moved from Q4 to Q3. At the moment, two special issues are being prepared to be published in 2015, one on Flash atomization and the other on atomization of Non-Newtonian fluids. Special issues on specific topics are coordinated by Guest Editors who are in charge of inviting potential contributors and collect the papers. Marco is urging Begell House to define their policy about Open Access, because it can have consequences on journal subscriptions and submissions. Finally, members are again encouraged to cite recent A&S papers in their manuscripts when possible.

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

Selection Committee President, Joachim Dornick informs that he received 13 applications. Four of them were selected to receive the fellowships. For next year, the Committee has decided that four 1500 € fellowships will be available. Requisites for potential applicants will be to be Ph.D. students working in European institutions.

**Item 9** Miscellaneous

The Assembly is reminded that next year the 2015 ICLASS Conference will take place in Tainan, Taiwan, and for this reason, there will not be ILASS-Europe Conference. For 2016, the ILASS-Europe Conference will take place in Brighton, UK.

The Assembly congratulates on the great success of the current 2014 ILASS-Europe Conference. Details of its outcome will be included in the next newsletter.

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