



Minutes of the Second Lisbon meeting of the EBSA Executive Committee

Location: Meeting room, Parque des Nações, July 17, 2013, 12.45 to 2.15 pm.

Present:

- *The Executive Committee:* Manuel Prieto (President), László Mátyus (Past President), John Seddon (Secretary), Anthony Watts (Managing Editor EBJ), Jose Carrascosa, Andre Matagne, Pavol Miskovsky, Ilpo Vattulainen (Co-opted)

- Observers: Erick Dufourc, Petra Kellers

1. Welcome and Apologies (MPr)

Manuel welcomed the new EC members, and reported that Apologies were received from Helmut Grubmüller (Vice President) and Tony Wilkinson (Treasurer).

2. Report on 9th European Congress (MPr)

Manuel confirmed that this had already been covered at the first EC meeting on July 14th. He and Manuela will send suggestions to Helmut to help him with planning the Dresden 2015 Congress. This afternoon the Poster Award Committee will meet to confirm the Poster Prize winners.

3. Report of ISE activities (JC)

Jose reminded the EC that the ISE is an independent platform of European Learned Societies whose aim is to promote support for science and social science. It was involved in lobbying for Horizon 2020 to maintain its budget. Its 1st General Assembly was held in January 2013, and a Newsletter has been distributed. There have been a number of meetings with EC officials. EMBO is willing to continue to act as administrator for ISE. By October a new constitution will be in place. It costs something over €1,000 per year for Jose to attend the two one-day meetings in Frankfurt. ISE is mainly funded by EMBO and FEBS. In November there will be a meeting in Vilnius focused on Young Researchers.

4. EBSA representatives at IUPAB Congress in Brisbane, 2014

The three EBSA votes at IUPAB 2014 will be cast by three out of the following: Tony Watts, John Seddon, Jose Carrascosa and/or Ilpo Vattulainen.

5. EBSA Website (LM) and Newsgroup (IV)

László is happy to continue to host the EBSA website at Debrecen. It was stressed that care must be taken to ensure that any annual hosting payments are kept up to date. We also need proof of ownership of the domain name. Two people should be nominated as Administrators of the EBSA Website, ideally László and John. All EBSA documentation should be stored in a password-protected part of the site.

Action: László

Antoinette Killian will forward copies of all her EBSA Secretary's files to John.

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Action: Antoinette.

The Newsgroup (Ilpo) should be circulated to the EBSA emailing list every 2 months, and should be text-only with no adverts (other than info about forthcoming biophysics meetings or workshops). The National Societies should be asked to consult their members to ensure everyone is happy to be contacted in this way.

Action: Manuel to send Lisbon Congress email list to Ilpo.

Action: Ilpo to send round first email in September.

6. Requests for EBSA support

Leiden 2014 (3 – 7 Feb) Workshop on 'Form and Function of Protein Nanoscales'.

EBSA is happy to support this by awarding student travel bursaries up to a total of €1,600, with the amount per bursary to be decided by the organizers. Conditions of the bursaries are on the EBSA website. EBSA is also prepared to provide up to €800 for a named speaker. Yves Engelborghs can represent EBSA at this Workshop. The EBSA Dresden Congress should be advertised at the Workshop, along with literature on EBJ.

Action: Tony Watts to request a supply of EBJ literature to Yves.

Action: Helmut to supply Dresden leaflets to Yves.

Lausanne 2014 CECAM Workshop (www.cecarn.org).

EBSA will consider awarding student travel bursaries but we would like more information on the Title and programme of the Workshop.

Action: John to contact organizers for more info.

7. Future EBSA Schools / Biophysics Courses

Bordeaux-Lacanau Membranes School (ED/MPr)

It is planned to run this school again in June 2014, and €25,000 of support from EBSA is requested. The total charge, including accommodation, will be €300 per student. This request was approved, on the understanding that those attending are new students. Students can gain ECTS from attending.

12th Greta Pifat Mrzljak International School of Biophysics in Primosten, Croatia (Tomislav Vuletic, chair of the organizing comm.)

This biophysics school will be held from 27th September – 6th October 2014, with 20 lecturers and 80-90 students. €5,000 support from EBSA for students was approved. ECTS can be awarded from Debrecen University through LM.

Action: Laszlo to contact Tom Vuletic

Portuguese Biophysics School (MPr)

The Portuguese Society would like to run a school in 2016 in a research institute close to Lisbon. Students would be able to gain ECTS by attending. It was agreed that a plan will be presented at the next EC meeting in Dresden.

Action: Manuel and Manuela to prepare plan.

8. Next EBSA Congresses

2015 Dresden (HG)

A detailed planning timetable should be discussed at the next EC.

Action: Helmut/Petra to prepare.

2017 Edinburgh (AW)

Planning is already underway, and the venue plus 3,000 rooms have already been provisionally booked.

9. 2019 EBSA Congress

The Turkish Society are keen to bid to host the 2019 EBSA Congress in Istanbul. However, there are a number of other possibilities, including Spain and Scandinavia.

10. Co-opted members of the EC

Cathy Royer was co-opted, with responsibility for student bursaries;
Manuela Pereira was co-opted, with responsibility for the 2016 Portuguese School, and to provide advice in planning the 2015 Dresden congress.

There is the possibility of co-opting two further members to the EC, and this will be discussed later.

11. Date of next EC meeting

The next EC meeting will be held in Dresden on Saturday 2nd February 2014.
Committee members should plan to arrive on the Friday evening (a dinner will be booked), and depart on Sunday morning. It is advisable to book air tickets early to get the cheapest fares.

12. Any other business

Tony pointed out that 4 travel bursaries were awarded to UK students, but that these students should have applied to the British Biophysical Society (BBS) for support rather than to EBSA.

Any changes to the EBSA website should be notified to László.

The meeting closed at 14.40.
