
Report on the ISE activities, January-June 2016.

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1. ISE Expert Workshop on Science Advice in Europe. January 19-20, EMBL, Heidelberg.

As a result of the activity of the Research Assessment WG, a Meeting was organized with 24 experts participation. A report is under preparation to be distributed to policy makers and academic fora.

2. ISE General Assembly at Cologne, 9th March, 2016.

J.L. Carrascosa participated on behalf of EBSA. A number of actions were decided :

Approval of the new ISE Statues.

The ISE will move to new headquarters in Strasbourg, where it is legally registered. There is a liason between ISE and EuroScience which facilitates the new infrastructure of ISE at Strasbourg.

- **Funding and Fees.**

There are three fee bands : 1, 3 and 6 k€. EBSA remains at the lower 1 k€ band fee. Budget has been adjusted to new funding, and the contract for the Secretary has been cut to half time employment.

3. ISE Conference on « Is there a gap on collaborative research funding ? »

As a consequence of the work by the ISE WG on this topic, a meeting was hold in April 7th in Brussels. A discussion on the H2020 funding on collaborative basic research was done using documentation collected by the WG. Evidences were discussed showing that H2020 societal challenges misses out the potential for projects focusing on basic research. Also, the discontinuation of EUROCORES has left a gap for bottom-up directed collaborative research. Materials discussed can be seen at :

www.initiative-science-europe.org/2016fundinggap/conf-programme.html

A full Report is under preparation, and it will be presented at the Euroscience Open Forum in July in Manchester.

4. Manchester Euroscience Open Forum.

ISE WG on collaborative research is preparing materials, based on the above mentioned ISE Conference, to be presented in a specific Session of the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) in Manchester (July 2016).

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