

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 19th October 2017

Present: Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Marwan ElMasri, Bruce McKillican, David Schenk, Tomas Elbert.

Apologies for absence: Jens Atzrodt, Alban Allentoff, Volker Derdau.

1. Prague Update

TE updated the BoT on the current status of the Prague meeting. Both the local organizing committee and SAB have recently met. The State Office for Nuclear Safety and the Mayoress of Prague have both granted an aegis over the symposium. The symposium budget has been finalized along with the registration fees. Early registration for IIS members will be 12,420 CZK which equates to \$563 at current exchange rates. Registration for non-IIS members will be 13,800 CZK (\$626) and registration for academics and students will be 6,210 CZK (\$282). After the early registration deadline of April 27th, fees will increase by 20%. The second circular is being finalized and will be sent out in late October. Once registration has opened on the conference website, in addition to registering for the conference, it will also be possible to reserve accommodation at a selection of hotels with different price points and access information about the programme for accompanying persons. It will also be possible to upload abstracts when registering. The conference banquet will be held at Martinicky Palace on the Wednesday evening and will be preceded by a 1-2 hour sightseeing tour in the Prague Castle district. Development of the scientific programme is well advanced and all plenary speakers have been contacted asking for the titles of their respective presentations which will be included in the second circular.

TE also reported that the conference is being actively promoted via the IIS master mailing lists and from the list of attendees of the 2017 local chapter meetings in addition to various websites such as IIS and IUPAC.

TE also reported that efforts to generate sponsorship funds for the conference are well underway under the leadership of Crist Filer in the US and Dietrich Seidel in Europe. In addition details about sponsorship opportunities can be found on the conference website. TE stated that he would forward copies of the sponsorship and advertisement forms to the BoT.

Action: BM will provide a copy of the sponsorship letter used by Crist Filer to members of the BoT.

2. Melvin Calvin and IIS Awards

Based on votes from members of the BoT, recipients for the 2017 Melvin Calvin and IIS awards have been selected. BM is in the process of notifying the award recipients. The

awards will be given out at the Prague meeting and the recipient of the Melvin Calvin award will be making a presentation at a special plenary session.

3. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. The membership renewal process for 2018 will begin shortly. Current membership stands at 147 members paid through 2017 with 82 paid through 2018 and 20 paid through 2019.

Action: BM to provide DH with the Presidents letter for the membership package.

4. Financial update

BM reporting on behalf of AA stated that there is currently about \$201,327 held in the main IIS accounts. Additional funds, which currently include the registration fees for the North American Chapter, are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is primarily used to collect membership dues via credit card payments. These funds are periodically transferred to the main accounts. Of the \$201,327 in the main account, a total of \$74,955 is being set aside for supporting the international meeting and \$118,755 is located in a business investment account to achieve a better rate of return than a standard money market account. The 2016 audit and tax return performed by Clarke Nicolini and Associates were completed.

5. IIS Chapter in India

DH reported that he had been contacted by an individual from India expressing potential interest in starting a chapter in India with known peers working with isotopes in India. The BoT agreed that this should be explored further and DH agreed to contact the individual to explore the next steps. DH also agreed to forward the contact information to TE.

6. IIS Website

The BoT discussed the new website which has been designed by the IIS webmaster. The website has been completed and BM is in the process of providing updated contact information to the webmaster. The BoT then held a substantive discussion as regards options for further enhancing the website. One idea includes hosting training documents which BMK stated he would be happy to provide once he receives internal clearance. Further discussion on this topic was held over until the next BoT meeting

7. 2019-2021 BoT Elections

BM stated that he has completed the formation of the 7 person Election Committee to oversee the elections to the 2019-2021 BoT. BM stated that one of the goals of the committee will be to increase participation in the election process by the IIS membership. The election committee will shortly be posting the nomination form on the website and DH will also distribute the form by email. BM will provide the names of the election committee to DH to allow updating of the nomination form. It is planned to

run the nomination process between Nov 1st and Jan 31st, with voting to follow in March. Results will be announced prior to the Prague meeting.

8. Isotope Publication 2017 Award

BM stated that two papers have been selected as finalists for the best isotope publication award. BoT members were asked to vote on their selection by sending their vote by email to BM. The corresponding author of the paper receiving the most votes will then be contacted by BM and invited to give an oral presentation at Prague.

Action: BoT members to provide their votes to BM by Nov 3rd.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in early 2018 and will be organized by JA.

David Hesk
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