

IIS Joint Board of Trustees Board of Representatives Meeting

3rd, 4th June 2018

Present: Jens Atzrodt, Marwan ElMasri, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Bruce McKillican, Tomas Elbert, Corina Simeon.

Apologies for absence: Alban Allentoff, Volker Derdau, David Schenk

1. Prague Update

TE updated the BoT on the current status of the Prague meeting. TE reported there were 190 registered participants as of June 3rd, which is a similar number of attendees at the Princeton meeting. There were 16 exhibitors and 8 sponsors including Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsors. He also reported that while the exact budget details are still to be finalized, overall the budget will essentially be balanced. TE also reported that conference participants have all been issued with a pre-paid travel pass that will allow unlimited travel on the tram and subway system during the conference. This will provide delegates a convenient option to travel to the location of the Prague Castle District walking tour and Symposium banquet. Delegates have been provided details on travel options to and from the banquet in their registration packets.

In terms of awards, The IIS award will be presented to Dr. Ken Lawrie during the Symposium banquet and the Melvin Calvin award to Professor Troels Skrydstrup on Wednesday afternoon at the conference centre. In addition an award for the IIS best paper will be presented to Prof. Paul Chirik on Wednesday morning and on Thursday morning JLCR Young Chemist awards will be presented to Mègane Valéro, Gianluca Destro, Adele Queen and Antonio Del Vecchio.

TE also reported that he plans to serve as guest editor for the conference proceedings which will be published in the form of full peer reviewed papers in a special edition of JLCR. Publication will likely take place during 2-3 Q 2019.

2. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on membership figures from 2015-2018. Paid membership at the time of the Princeton meeting was 169, with 155 in 2016, 147 in 2017 and 144 in 2018. This compares to a paid membership of 301 in 2003. DH stated that as for past meetings he plans to add Prague meeting attendees, who are not currently IIS members, to the master IIS membership mailing list.

3. Financial update

BM reporting on behalf of AA stated that there is currently about \$196,137 held in the main IIS accounts. Of this about \$75,000 was contributed from the Heidelberg meeting which is used to support expenses from international meetings that followed. Additional funds, (ca. \$30,000) 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.

4. BoT Elections

BM reported on the elections for the 2019-2021 BoT. While the goal to have all the BoT posts have more than one candidate was not met, the office for BoT President attracted four candidates for three positions which meant an election with postal ballots was held. JA, VD and Matt Hrapchak were elected to the post of IIS President, BMK to Vice President, BM to Chief Financial officer, DH to Executive Secretary, ME to North American Regional Trustee and Chad Elmore to European Regional Trustee. No nominations were received for the post of Asia Regional Trustee. BM reported that a chairman will need to be selected by members of the BoR who will then serve as a member of the BoT.

5. IIS Business meeting

The IIS Business meeting will be scheduled after lunch on June 5th immediately preceding the afternoon plenary lecture. A total of 45 minutes will be allocated in the schedule. The agenda will be as follows:

- a) Prague update
- b) Membership update
- c) Financial update
- d) 2019-2021 BoT election results
- e) 2021 IIS Conference
- f) AOB

6. IIS Website

The BoT held a substantive discussion about updating the website. It was agreed that despite the recent overhaul of the site, more needs to be done to further enhance the site and that a key requirement will be to do a much better job of keeping the site up to date. ME presented an outline of a proposal to the BoT to formally upgrade the website. As part of this proposal, one member of the BoT will need to be responsible for providing regular content updates. DH as secretary will take this on. After a substantive discussion, the BoT asked that ME further define his proposal with detailed specifics for a formal presentation to the BoT at the next meeting.

7. 2021 Meeting location

BMK presented a proposal to the joint BoT/BoR to host the 14th International Isotope Symposium at the McKimmon Centre at North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC from June 6th- June 10th 2021. The meeting venue can be conveniently accessed from Raleigh/Durham international airport which has connecting flights to most major international airports in the US. The location is also adjacent to Research Triangle Park and close to several other major universities in addition to NC State including

University of North Carolina, Duke University and Wake Forest. After a question and answer, session the BoT agreed to the proposal.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held 3-4 Q 2018 and will be scheduled by JA.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary