

ESPC board meeting

Time: May 31, 2012, 08:00-09:00

Location: Primus Hotel, Valencia, Spain

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Minutes:

The participants were welcomed and the meeting was opened.

As the first action the new chairman was elected. George Havenith accepted to be the chairman for the following period until the next conference.

René suggested moving points 8 and 10 of the agenda to the beginning of the meeting. Suggestion was accepted and the agenda was adopted.

Proposals for the next meeting venue and organisers were considered. It was decided that the next meeting will be organized by CENTEXBEL, Belgium in May 2014. Jean Leonard will inform on progress and specific dates.

As Bengi Kutlu representing Turkey, showed interest to compete already for the next meeting then it was suggested that the following meeting could be organised there. Dr. Kutlu will collect more information, and a confirmation or the information is expected from them by October 2012. Any other applicant should send the information by October, too.

Discussion round points 8 and 4 stressed on the need for stronger links between the regions (Europe, America, Asia), however, several arguments were put forward suggesting that at the moment ESPC should not move to ISPC (e.g. manageable size of meeting; problems for European members to visit conferences outside of Europe). The links with Asia and the USA should be promoted by informing each other of regional activities and cross-participation on the conferences. Webpage would be a tool enhancing this.

It was stressed importance of keeping good connections with industries, however, the main aim should be promote science and research related activities.

A suggestion was made by Helmut for a list of experts who could be contacted by industries for specific lectures. Several problem areas / alternative suggestions were pointed out: no authority to suggest the list of trusted experts, make member lists, list the organisations instead on webpage etc. This should be discussed further. Responsible Niels, Emiel, Helmut, George.

In the case of need for board meetings online meetings were suggested, especially in the case of smaller work groups in specific areas. One option could be Skype. Hilde promised to check out and send information on the file sharing system that is used in SINTEF (create an e-room).

Webpage is hosted by EMPA. Site is secured until 2020. Webmaster has been Niels (no changes were discussed). ESPC website should attract more activity by generating links on website. The idea of intranet was at a moment disregarded. Listing relevant journals for publications and links to ECPC publications and eventually presentations could be a way to promote people visiting the site. However, the presentations need to get the permission from the authors due to potential copyright issues. Also, adding presentations to website may require special passwords and does complicate the administration of the pages. An option is to film the next conference lectures (a technology is in use at Loughborough University).

All conference participants should be encouraged to submit minipapers. The abstract book on the net should also include the minipapers (no deadlines were discussed). However, no special journal issue is possible due to various reasons related to ranking and journal point systems that force journals to avoid special conference issues. (JOSE is happy to publish the selected papers but not as a special issue.) Therefore, the conference participants should be encouraged to submit their conference related papers to journals and giving a note to ESPC about their publication (what, when, where) for linking from the webpage.

Niels suggested a survey/feedback on ECPC about how it worked and what is expected. Raquel promised to deal with it and Bengi promised to check up and send a questionnaire form that they have available.

E-mail lists of should be made available for board and the next organizers.

Statute of ESPC should be set up on website to make clear what we deal with. Helmut prepares it and circulates. In addition to Helmut are Emiel, Peter, Niels and Henk in the statute group.

As the time for morning session start approached then the meeting was closed just before 9 o'clock. The further communication and follow-up mean is e-mail.

At protocol:
Kalev Kuklane

Chairman:
George Havenith