



Minutes of the general assembly at Cesenatico, April 2001

1. The results of IQSA elections 4.4.2001

Elected officers:

PRESIDENT (for two years): Sylvia Pulmannova

SECRETARY (for two years): Diederik Aerts

COUNCILLORS (for four years)

Karl Svozil
Stanley Gudder
Bob Coecke
Mirko Navara
Roberto Giuntini
Bassano Vacchini

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (for four years)

Jaroslav Pykacz
Jan Hamhalter

2. Report on the state of the budget by the treasurer: R. Greechie:

We have \$6800.

Membership successfully defuzzified.

We are a "tax exempt organization".

This induces that each meeting must be reported to the US government.

3. Discussion in the general assembly:

D. Aerts suggests:

- a system for presenting papers (preferably in PDF format) on the web and the creation of a chat room,
- specialized course of quantum structures (this should be the first topic discussed in the chat room).

R. Greechie:

Some web services (e.g. the abstracts from the conference) should be made available to members only.

R. Leporini:

The possibilities of exchanges should be explored and announced on the web page.

After some discussion it is decided that that a bulletin board will be opened that is freely accessible for members to post any kind of information that is interesting for IQSA

R. Leporini:

Members are encouraged to contribute to a list of open problems. Problems for students are also welcome.

S. Pulmannova:

Next IQSA conference: in 2002, probably in summer K. Svozil suggests Vienna. D. Aerts: This is a very attractive place; more expensive. J. Pykacz: K. Svozil is alone, while other organizers have the whole teams. A. Dvurecenskij proposes Liptovsky Jan, Slovakia. The advantage is that people remain together even after lectures.

D. Aerts: Brussels is possible, but no support seems to be currently available. This is important to attract new people.

R. Bishop: Avoid an interference with the congress Logic, Metodology and Philosophy of Science,



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J. Pykacz: The decision (in case of term 2002) should be clear by September 2001. There already was a meeting in Liptovsky Jan. "Changing place is also attractive" (D. Lodge).

D. Aerts:

The director of Kurt Goedel Institute in Vienna proposed a joint meeting of these two institutions.

J. Pykacz: Let us have a small joint meeting.

J. Butterfield: Not only a small one.

S. Pulmannova: We need more information and hence also more time.

R. Greechie:

In order to satisfy the requirements of US offices it is not good to elect new members immediately to the committee. Unanimously decided that candidates to committees must be members for at least one year.

F. Schroeck:

The application for money should be submitted at least one year in advance. One could apply to NSF, DFG, etc.

D. Aerts: Now it is easier to get money for a workshop than for a conference. We should think of organizing a workshop within the scope of the conference.

K. Hellwig:

The support of DFG requires a support of the organization (IQSA).

A. Wilce:

The conferences should be better advertized (to AMS etc.). R.

Greechie: This is possible, but we usually know it too late.

M. Navara:

Some institutions require different conference fees from members/non-members.

K. Hellwig: This makes things complicated.

F. Schroeck:

We should distinguish between members in "permanent" positions and those which get retired etc.

D. Aerts:

Until now we tried to have the fees as low as possible.

The regular conference fees should be higher in order to generate funds to run the conference. (A system of support for those members unable to pay should be created.) Decision: YES.

But it is only a suggestion for the future organizing committee.

J. Pykacz: An argument for: Some institutions do not have money at all.

M. Dalla Chiara: An argument against: Participants in Cesena paid for the accommodation, but not the conference fee.

F. Schroeck: There should be a very low fee for students. We should leave the fees to the local committee.

I. Pitowsky: The danger is that it should not be discouraging for external funding.

B. Legan: Suggests a questionnaire to find out what the situation is.

R. Greechie: We have some (sufficient) information.

K. Hellwig: We have to broaden our scopes to attract people from outside and get possibly also a support.

THANKS TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF CESENA 2001!