

Minutes of IQSA General Assembly, Cagliari, Italy, July 26, 2012

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1. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

The total number of valid votes is 33. The new elected IQSA president is Karl Svozil.

J. Pykacz: since K. Svozil is president, he cannot serve as a councilor. According to the constitution, the first non-elected member of the previous elections becomes a councilor. P. Busch is then elected as a councilor.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT [**this is an unofficial transcription by R. Giuntini of the secretary's report; it should have been checked by Bart**. His sudden loss prevented such a control***]

B. D'Hooghe illustrates the financial situation of IQSA. According to the last bank statements, IQSA has in its coffers the following amounts:

In Ruston 22,625 USD

In Berlin 1,674 EUR ~ 2,035.13 USD

In Brussels: 4897,30 EUR ~ 5,953.80 USD

In sum, the IQSA treasury now holds (the equivalent of) 30613,93 USD \sim 25 181,49 EUR

According to the last bank statements, IQSA had in 2010 in its coffers the following amounts:

In Ruston 10,000 USD

In Berlin >9,000 USD

3. NEXT IQSA MEETING

J. Paseka suggests Olomouc as a venue for the next IQSA meeting. J. Pykacz asks for a tentative date. J. Paseka suggests the end of June 2014. R. Giuntini asks a question about travel connections to Olomouc, and



J. Paseka provides the necessary details. M. Navara supports the candidacy of Olomouc. No other proposal is advanced. By consensus, it is decided that the next IQSA meeting will be held in Olomouc.

4. BIRKHOFF-VON NEUMANN PRIZE COMMITTEE

R. Giuntini suggests to reconfirm the present committee for the next term. E. Beltrametti asks if it is possible to be replaced by M. Dalla Chiara as a member, and M. Dalla Chiara accepts. F. Schroeck proposes to enlarge the committee to also include J. Hamhalter. It is decided by consensus that the new committee is composed by 4 members: J. Harding, S. Pullmanova, J. Hamhalter, M. Dalla Chiara.

5. PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Cagliari conference will be published as a special issue of the *International Journal of Theoretical Physics,* with R. Giuntini and F. Paoli as guest editors. The deadline is set to February 15, 2013. J. Pykacz remarks it could be too late for timely publication, unless it is meant as a strict deadline. R. Giuntini provides assurance that the deadline will be strict.

6. IQSA WEBSITE AND LOGO

A discussion is opened about the new IQSA website and logo. R. Giuntini explains the features of the new website. He suggests to send feedback till September, 30 to <u>Giuliano.vivanet@unica.it</u> .

K. Svozil raises a question concerning the Archives section. Giuntini explains that the Archives section is not meant as a scientific archive but as a collection of more personal items concerning conferences etc.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

B. D'Hooghe asks all members to duly communicate to him any e-mail address changes.

J. Pykacz remarks that the turnout at the election was too low. The nominating committee should announce the elections fairly in advance. A short discussion is held concerning the possibility of voting via e-mail (B. D'Hooghe, J. Pykacz), but it is decided not to do so.

M. Navara suggest to reduce the subscription fee, to encourage younger members to join. He also suggests to pay the conference fee together with the subscription fee. L. Levitin advances the contrary suggestion to increase the fee, because it is low compared to most scientific societies. K. Svozil agrees with M. Navara's proposal. B. D'Hooghe suggests to restore the old fee in vigour before it was raised in Boston. R. Giuntini suggests to have reductions for young people as benefit for the subscription fees. M. Navara claims that the newsletter should be sent more frequently.

At the end it is decided, by consensus, that the subscription fees will remain the same but more benefits will be given for membership in the organization.

At the end of the session, Svozil gives a short acceptance speech for the next term as a President.