



Minutes of IQSA General Assembly, Olomouc, Czech Republic, June 26, 2014

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0. OPENING

At the beginning, the late secretary, Bart D'Hooghe, was commemorated.

1. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

(presented by Sandro Sozzo)

President: John Harding

Vice-President: Karl Svozil

Secretary: Sandro Sozzo

Treasurer (not subject to elections):
Richard Greechie

Editor (not subject to elections):
should be assigned by the Council

Councillors serving till 2016 Biennial IQSA Meeting (they cannot be re-elected):

Paul Busch
Ivan Chajda
Sonja Smets
Stanley Gudder
Mazanao Ozawa
Zdena Riečanová

Councillors serving till 2018 Biennial IQSA Meeting:

Roberto Giuntini
Lev Levitin

Jan Paseka
Sylvia Pulmannová
Frank Schroeck
Thomas Vetterlein

Members of the Nominating Committee serving till 2016 Biennial IQSA Meeting (they cannot be re-elected):

Roberto Leporini
Anatolij Dvurečenskij

Members of the Nominating Committee serving till 2018 Biennial IQSA Meeting:

Maria Luisa Dalla Chiara
Jaroslaw Pykacz

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

(presented by Sandro Sozzo)

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

In Ruston	22,901 USD
In Berlin	1,660 USD
Euro-based Barclays' account	6,545 USD
UK-based Barclays' account	12 USD

In sum, the IQSA treasury now holds (the equivalent of) 31,118 USD.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Sozzo: It is proposed to have:

- only one European account (close the Berlin account)
- 2 eligible people for each account (add R. Greechie to the European account and John Harding to the American one)

Pykacz: The president always has access to all accounts.

Svozil: It is better to have three eligible people for all accounts, even if it is more expensive.

Decision:

- The Berlin account will be closed and only one European account kept.
- For both remaining accounts, three eligible users will be:
R. Greechie, S. Sozzo, J. Harding

4. PROPOSAL FOR THE NEXT IQSA BIENNIAL MEETING

S. Sozzo introduced the proposal to organize IQSA Biennial Meeting 2016 in Leicester, UK.

They already have experience with organization of conferences.

Emmanuel Haven represented the preparation team and presented the basic concepts and some details of the proposal.

M. Navara recalled his experience from EUSFLAT 2001 conference in Leicester.

E. Haven: That was at De Montfort University, different from University of Leicester.

Suggested terms:

End of June or beginning of July.

They will try to avoid overlap with other related conferences.

The availability of dormitories has to be negotiated.

Decision:

IQSA Biennial Meeting 2016 will be held at University of Leicester.

5. BIRKHOFF-VON NEUMANN PRIZE 2014

(presented by John Harding)

The prize was awarded to:

- Weihua Liu, Univ. of California, Berkeley, USA

- Anna Jenčová, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia

6. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of QS 2014.

Decision:

Anatolij Dvurečenskij and Jan Kühn were assigned the guest editors of the Proceedings of QS14 in IJTP.

Instructions will be presented at the conference web page.

7. MEMBERSHIP DUES

K. Svozil suggested to reduce the dues to minimum because we do not need to collect more money.

J. Pykacz proposed to offer the rest of income to the organizers of the next IQSA Biennial Meeting who should spend it on reduction of conference fee to participants who do not have sufficient sources. There is no need to increase the money on the account, keep only necessary minimum there.

L. Levitin: There are good years and bad years. We should keep substantial money in order to get prepared to bad times. He is against the reduced dues. Some organizations require several times more.

S. Gudder: We do not have enough young people. Money (in the order of thousands of USD) should be used for their support.

K. Svozil: We should invite students, but which? This is difficult to decide.

M. Navara: It is good to support young researchers, also by travel grants. We can afford it in the forthcoming years. It is better to have a large (possibly "poor") organization than a small, rich, and selective because of high membership dues. He supports their reduction.

J. Harding proposed reduction, e.g. to 20 EUR.

J. Paseka: The students dues should be reduced, say, to a half.

M. Navara: Our organization cannot be compared to IEEE which is large, has its own journals, and offers high membership benefits. Its membership dues are often paid by the universities, not individual members.

L. Levitin: We could initiate our own journal.

M. Navara: This is a good idea at an improper time. It is difficult to start a new journal.

Decision:

The fee is decreased to:

- 20 USD/year (full)

- 5 USD/year (reduced, applicable to students until PhD. and unemployed)
or the current equivalent in EUR.

We should spend reasonable money (=comparable to the dues collected) before the next Biennial IQSA Meeting.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Introductory speech by the new President.

President: This organization provides good environment for exchange of information between these disciplines and it should continue.

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