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1. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

(reported by Sandro Sozzo)

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Anna Jenčová
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2. BIRKHOFF-VON NEUMANN PRIZE 2024

(reported by Sandro Sozzo)

The “Birkhoff-von Neumann Prize 2024” was awarded to Andre Kornell.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

(reported by John Harding)

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

In Origin Bank	23,330 USD
Euro-based Barclays' account	3,768 USD
UK-based Barclays' account	578 USD
Paypal account	1,532 USD

In sum, the IQSA treasury now holds (the equivalent of) 29,208 USD.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(reported by John Harding)

Sandro Sozzo reminded the different ways in which membership dues can be paid. In particular, we keep an account in UK which is almost for free. It has two entries, one in EUR (IBAN announced on the IQSA webpage) and one in GBP (contact Sandro Sozzo for access).

John Harding suggested that we should consider investing the money, as this could help supporting conference organizers. He also reminded that IQSA money has recently been used to support (1) the winner of the “Birkhoff-von Neumann Prize”, (2) the organization of the biennial meetings of the IQSA, and (3) the invitation of two early career researchers in some IQSA meetings.

5. MEMBERSHIP DUES

(reported by Sandro Sozzo)

Membership dues are 20 USD or an equivalent amount in Euro (at the current exchange rate) per year. Reduced dues (5 USD/year) will be accepted from students till PhD or unemployed. Dues can also be paid through the PayPal system. The IQSA is a US tax exempt organization, and donations can be deducted from US income tax.

6. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

(reported by Sandro Sozzo)

The proceedings of the Conference Quantum Structures 2024 will be published in a special issue of the *International Journal of Theoretical Physics* (Springer), Guest Editors Diederik Aerts, Emmanuel Haven, Sonja Smets, Sandro Sozzo, Tomas Veloz. Submission instructions and deadlines will be provided in the next weeks.

The special session “Quantum Across Boundaries” will be published in two special issues:

- *Quantum Economics and Finance* (Sage), Guest Editors Diederik Aerts, Emmanuel Haven, Sonja Smets, Sandro Sozzo, deadline 31 December 2024.
- *Theoretical Computer Science* (Elsevier), Guest Editors Diederik Aerts, Emmanuel Haven, Sonja Smets, Sandro Sozzo, deadline 31 December 2024.

In the latter cases, publication is not limited to the conference participants.

7. PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT IQSA BIENNIAL MEETING

Two official proposals have been received till now.

Roberto Beneduci offered to organize an intermediate meeting in Tropea, Italy, in June 2025. Navara informs that Middle European universities can afford it in the last week of June or later.

Emmanuel Haven presented the candidacy of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Saint John's, Canada, for Quantum Structures 2026, July 20-25.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Mirko Navara reminded that there is an initiative to update the Constitution of IQSA. We missed the opportunity to do it now, the next possibility for a change is on the next General Assembly. Proposals should be collected by Sandro Sozzo.

Sonja Smets reported that, on the web site, members and friends are listed with their e-mail addresses. The suggestion is hiding the addresses. Sandro Sozzo pointed out that e-mail addresses can be in a hidden format. Mirko Navara suggested to hide the addresses and encourage people to put links to their personal webpages instead.

Roberto Beneduci reported that the United Nations has officially declared 2025 to be the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology. We should not miss this opportunity. Sandro Sozzo advised that an exercise of branding would be beneficial to the association. Discussion was run about another form of the webpage (a paid one, Wikipedia page, etc.). It will be more visible if people put links to it.

Mirko Navara suggested to re-establish a “Best Student Paper Award” to encourage for new fellows. John Harding indicated that financial support is also available. The final suggestion was to assign a committee, possibly including a question in the reviewing process “is this a candidate for the student's prize”? The initiative can be proposed already in the next intermediate meeting.

(Recorded by Mirko Navara, edited by Sandro Sozzo.)