

# MINUTES

## ASC Meeting ECM 116

Versailles, France  
September 6, 2013

ASC meeting was opened at 5.15 pm by Frank Richter. The attendance was circulated. The attendees were:

ASC Members: Ron Reid, Jean-Jacques Pireaux, Mariano Anderle, Monika Jenko, Martin Wüest, Daniel Verniere, Frank Richter

Observers: Javid Bhatti, Manfred Leisch, Christoph Eisenmenger, Divid Rusic, David Sykes, Francois Reiniers, Ivan Petrov, Laslo Köver, Nikola Radic, Pedro Nascente, Andrej Vincze, Zafarallah Khan,

There were no suggestions to change the agenda. The minutes of ASC Kraków meeting, posted on the web, were approved.

### ***IUVSTA-Elsevier Student Award:***

The new *Memorandum of Understanding* has been finalised and will be signed just before the General Meeting (Sep. 11) by Mariano Anderle (IUVSTA) and Jan-Willem Wijnen (Elsevier). New regulations include:

- The strict assignment of the money to the years has been suspended. Now it reads “Elsevier will support up to two conferences per year with a total amount of up to 10,500 € in the IUVSTA triennium”.
- The strict limitation that only young scientists from the least developed countries can be supported has been changed. If there are no applications from those countries, conference organizers can now also support students from other countries. Also in those cases, however, the leading motive should remain supporting students who do not have sufficient means to attend the meeting.
- For the next triennium the following financial support was decided:
  - 2014: ICTF Dubrovnik (Croatia) and EVC Aveiro (Portugal), 2,000 € each,
  - 2015: ECOSS 2,000 €,
  - 2016: IVC Busan (Korea) jointly with VASSCAA, 4,500 €.

This ensures that the available money is not split into too small amounts but each of the eligible conferences is at least supported once within the triennium.

### ***Welch Scholarship:***

F. Richter reported about the discussion of the Welch trustees, the Welch administrator F. Shepherd and himself about conclusions to be drawn from the financial situation of the award. Main results of this discussion were:

- The scholarship shall be not awarded in 2013. In future it shall be awarded only every second year.
- As a result of this we shall increase the prize money considerably, e.g. to 24.000 \$.

The latter point was discussed by the audience. Finally the participants agreed that the amount of money to be awarded should be high enough (e.g. 24.000 \$) to cover the expenses without additional support in order to attract many good applicants.

The considerations given above are not compromised by the message that Mrs. Bro who had donated 12.000 \$ every year passed away recently. Lawyers of her family have contacted the AVS (which takes care of money for the Welch scholarship) and conveyed that the family wants to move away from the yearly donation but to endow the award. This topic is now to be treated by the treasurer and other IUVESTA officers which will negotiate with the lawyers of the Welch family.

***IUVSTA Prizes:***

Frank Richter informed the committee that letters were sent on time to all national societies to encourage them to suggest candidates. By the deadline (Jan. 25, 2013) two good suggestions had been obtained, one for each prize. Corresponding to the IUVESTA procedures, the next steps are the following:

- “Judges for the Prize will be a committee appointed by the IUVESTA President and chaired by the IUVESTA Scientific and Technical Director.”
- Finally, the ASC “Selects winners of the IUVESTA Prizes”, i.e. formally confirms the decision of the judges.

There was no other business. The chair expressed his thankfulness to the participants and closed the meeting at 6.00 pm.



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Awards and Scholarship Committee