

MINUTES  
LRPC Meeting ECM 120  
Hotel Das Weitzer, Graz, Austria  
April 18, 2015

1. Opening

*The meeting was opened*

2. Attendance

*The attendance was noted*

3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda was approved.*

4. Minutes of Long Range Planning Committee (ECM-119)

*The minutes of the last LRPC (Dubrovnik) meeting, posted on the web, was approved.*

5. Chairman's Report

6. Discussion on future actions:

- a. Global Development Conference Series: A proposal for a new series of conferences associated to the IUVSTA with high scientific content and a solid Social impact.
- b. Working Group on Future Directions on Science and Technology
- c. Proposal for renewed structure for ECMs
- d. Other initiatives

*The Chairman report was centered around "Improving our offer" and to improve our ability to articulate our "Reason for being", both being of large concern for a sustainable development of IUVSTA.*

*In this context three topics were discussed:*

- a. *Global Development Conference Series: A proposal for a new series of conferences associated to the IUVSTA with high scientific content and a solid Social impact.*
- b. *Working Group on Future Directions on Science and Technology*
- c. *Proposal for renewed structure for ECMs*

*IUVSTA could benefit by promoting activities being related to more high societal challenges. It was discussed that, due to*

*our worldwide structure, IUVSTA is well aligned for such activities. Such engagement may bring higher interest from the society towards our organization, enabling a chance for creating an increased interest from the society as well as from individual professionals. It was noted that the WG lead by Ulf Karlsson is to some extent, based on the same foundations.*

*The Chairman discussed about the ECM to become more efficient. If so, time would be released that would offer possibilities for increased mutual interactions on various subjects, such as emerging topics, hot news, research policies etc. No firm conclusions were taken.*

#### 7. Any Other Competent Business

*The idea from last LRCP, the installment of a IUVSTA PHD PRIZE (replacing our Scholarship programs) was discussed. The rationale being a possibility to increase our attractiveness that eventually may lead to new income sources.*

#### 8. Closing Remarks

*Outstanding actions were re-iterated (see below).*

#### 9. Adjourn

*Meeting was adjourned.*

#### **Outstanding actions:**

- Follow up WG led by Ulf Karlsson on Future Directions on Science and Technology.
- Chairman start & lead WG on the Global Development Program: develop the concept and make a concrete suggestion on how to proceed at next ECM.
- Chairman start & lead a WG on how we can make our meetings more effective.
- The Chairman will send out a web-based questionnaire regarding our “operations”
- The Chairman will initiate discussion forum dealing with our operations.