

## **Report of the Secretary General to ECM 122 International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Braga, Portugal**

### **1. General**

This report covers the period from the fourth meeting of the triennium, ECM 121, in October 2015 to now (mid April 2016). First I would like to once again thank the American Vacuum Society for organizing an excellent ECM 121 in the nice surroundings of Morgan Hill. I would also especially like to thank the Organizers of ECM 121 for joining the IUVSTA Highlight Seminar to the 62<sup>nd</sup> AVS symposium in San Jose as an integral part of this successful conference. The seminar was an excellent opportunity for the nine IUVSTA divisions to showcase their activities in the ongoing triennium. Let me also thank our hosts for this meeting, the Portuguese Vacuum Society (SOPORVAC) for organizing this ECM here in Braga in the impressively equipped International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL).

### **2. Minutes and Communications**

The Minutes of ECM 121 were posted on the web site by the Recording Secretary. As so often, some reports are missing and I would urge all Committee Secretaries to ensure that the Recording Secretary receives these as soon as possible for posting.

Between ECM 121 and this meeting three important documents were sent to the presidents of the member societies as well as to their Councillors and Alternates, (i) the call for nomination of the president elect, (ii) the call for nominations to the IUVSTA prize, to be awarded at IVC 20 in Korea this August and (iii) the call for bids for IVC 22, due in 2022.

The results of these requests we will discuss in this meeting and I expect a lively process of narrowing down bids and nominations. The outcome of this process will be the persons who will be awarded the IUVSTA prizes for Science and Technology. This ECM will propose a candidate for the president elect of the Union to the General Meeting at IVC 20. Also suggestions for additional data for the bids for IVC 22 will be made so that a final decision on the venue can be made at our next meeting in Korea.

Furthermore the names of the future delegates of the member societies to the Executive Council as well as for the new division members were solicited. Only very few societies did not supply these data. These will be contacted once again after this meeting so that the Scientific Divisions can perform their elections and a proposal for the new Division Officers and Members of the Executive Council can be submitted to the 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Union in Busan, August this year.

### **3. Web Matters**

I use our web-site to post relevant up-to-date information. So please use the members section of the website to find information on e. g. the names and contact e-mails of all persons involved in the Union, Officers, Councillors and Alternates. Division Officers, Division Members and Committee Members can also be found there. PowerPoint presentations or flyers for printout which contain information on IUVSTA are available. I have recently posted some new presentations on the Union, courteously supplied by the French Vacuum Society which, I think, are of excellent quality and provide an up-to-date means to present our Union in front of any kind of Audience. All presentations can be freely used by members of the Union.

Many other sections of the web page still require updating, especially those of the divisions. Members who have forgotten how to log on to the Members' pages should contact me for the id and password. As always, I would like to thank the team at the University of Illinois, where the web page is hosted, Ivan Petrov and especially John Koudelka for always providing efficient help.

## **4. New Memberships**

After ECM 121, the following update on the negotiations concerning the membership of vacuum societies or of other national scientific societies to the Union can be given:

### **4.1 Bulgaria**

At ECM 120 the status of provisional membership was granted to the "Bulgarian Union of Physicists" by the Executive Council. All necessary documents have been received and are posted on the web. Bulgaria is willing to contribute one share if membership is granted at the General Meeting at IVC 20. The status of provisional membership allows attending all open meetings and sessions, including the ECM as an observer, i. e. with all rights of a member except for the right to vote.

### **4.2 Turkey**

According to a recent message from Mehmet Z. Baykara, Turkey is currently in the final stages of establishing the legal recognition of the "Surface Science Society of Turkey (SSSTu)", which will act as the member society of the Union, by the Turkish government. Following this a formal application to join IUVESTA will be submitted. This is expected to be done in 1-2 months from now, so that, if all relevant documents are supplied and certified, Turkey could be accepted as a member by GM 19.

### **4.3 Romania**

According to Joe Greene Romania was to launch the "Romanian Society for Vacuum Science and Technology" in the first half of 2015 and is interested in joining the Union. No new developments have been reported so far.

### **4.4 Philippines**

According to a mail dated April 07, 2016 by Magdaleno R. Vasquez Jr., the Philippines are finishing the relevant documents for membership application this time so that, as for Turkey, membership could be granted at GM 19, given the supplied documents are sufficient.

To conclude this point I would like to express my thanks to all persons, and especially to the members of the Emerging Societies Committee, for their continuous efforts in soliciting new members.

## **5. Interactions with other Bodies**

### **5.1 International Bodies**

Most material now comes from UNESCO, ICSU and ISO by email, although there is, however, some hardcopy material, especially from UNESCO. Concerning the liaison of the Union with ISO, there is action taken by VSTD to revive this link with TC 112 where the Vacuum Science and Technology Division is involved.

### **5.2 Commercial Bodies**

Many convention centres, travel agents, etc., contact me with offers to host conferences and meetings. If your Society is looking for a venue, contact me and I will check to see if I have any information on anything in your vicinity that might be of interest.

## **6. Future Executive Council Meetings**

During this ECM 122, bids for ECM 125, which is due in early 2017 and which is the first meeting of the next triennium will be discussed. Bids for ECM 126 and 127 will be solicited at ECM 125.

## **6. Finally**

I would like to thank all officers and representatives of the Union cumulatively. Whenever I contacted any person from this group I always received a very fast response and efficient help regarding all my questions and demands. Of course this is mutual, so whenever I can provide help to anyone it will be given, if I am able to provide it. I also would like to thank the representatives of the member societies, especially their Presidents, for timely supplying the data of the new IUVSTA representatives. This will make it possible to present the proposal for the new Executive Council and the new Divisional Officers at GM 19 in good time.

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