

## **IUVSTA Publication Committee Report**

**ECM 125, Rogla, Slovenia, March 2017**

Committee activities:

1. Maintaining the IUVSTA website
2. IUVSTA directory
3. Calendar of events
4. News bulletin and news flashes
5. Future directions

### 1. Maintaining the IUVSTA website

The main purpose of the IUVSTA web-site has been to facilitate communication among the active IUVSTA members. It houses official minutes and records in the members only area, dating back to 2001, which is constantly updated by the Secretary General Christoph Eisenmenger-Sittner, Scientific Secretary Andrej Vincze, and the Recording Secretary. The left panel of the front page of the web-site informs about future events and forums including workshop and schools, while the right panel is dedicated to news. The website provides general information about the Union, its history, governing documents, scientific and educational activities, IUVSTA publications and awards and prizes. The website is maintained and developed by webmaster John Koudelka, who is available to assisted Committees and Divisions who wish to use the web-site as a means of communication for their activities.

### 2. IUVSTA directory

The IUVSTA directory has been updated at the beginning of this triennium with information provided by the Secretary General with names, emails, and country for the people active as councilors and scientific division representatives. The webmaster created web-based data entry form, has more fields: first name, last name, email, country, institution, IUVSTA position, expertise.

<http://iuvsta-us.org/iuvsta2/index.php?id=2043>

It was up to the individuals to check and complete their entry with key word describing their interests. The directory is accessible in the “members-only-area”, i.e. protected by a password.

The directory is searchable.

<http://www.iuvsta-us.org/iuvsta2/index.php?id=254>

As a reminder the IUVSTA web-site member section can be accessed by entering

Username: iuvtsa Password: 1qaz2wsx

### 3. Calendar of Events

Future events can be found on the left panel on the main page, on the Calendar of Events, as well as on the calendars of workshops and schools. Reports for workshops and schools are posted where available.

<http://iuvsta-us.org/iuvsta2/index.php?id=508>

<http://iuvsta-us.org/iuvsta2/index.php?id=22>

<http://iuvsta.org/iuvsta2/index.php?id=640>

#### 4. News bulletin

The publication of the News bulletin resumed in 2011 and continues without interruptions. The newsletter is distributed through email to all people active in IUVESTA and posted on the web-site. The feedback is positive and the newsletter seems to play a useful role in keeping everyone informed. It provides a summary of recent activities at a glance, which otherwise may be found in the “Records” sections. The volume of the news bulletin has grown and includes reports from IUVESTA ECMs, conferences, workshops, schools but also information from Member Societies.

Since the new triennium we have launched a new form for rapid communication, “News Flash”.

#### 5. Future directions

The publication committee is working on a Wikipedia entry on IUVESTA.

President Elect (2016-2019) Anouk Galtayries launched an initiative to modernize the IUVESTA web-site so that it communicates with the outside world; the publication committee will work on the project.

**With this project the character of the committee will change. Even the current activities, as outlined in the beginning, are dominated by communication within the union. In the future we expand the scope to communication with the outside world. This committee does not per se deal with publications. The Highlight Seminar Publication is in fact driven by the Education Committee. The News Bulletin is not intended as a “publication” but rather as a “communication”.**

**In view of the above, as a Committee chair, I propose that the Executive Council and the President to consider renaming the Committee from “IUVESTA Publications Committee” to “IUVESTA Communications Committee” which more accurately reflects the nature of our activities.**

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