

Report of the Secretary General to ECM 130 Hotel Malmö LIVE, Malmö, Sweden

1. General

This report covers the period from ECM 129 in Regensburg, Germany, in March 2019, to now, June 2019. I sincerely would like to once again thank the German Vacuum Society for organizing ECM 129 in Regensburg, in conjunction with the Spring Meeting of the German Physical Society (DPG), which featured a "Day of Vacuum" on April 1st, embedded in the meeting of the condensed matter section of DPG. As regarding ECM 130, I would like to thank Swedish Vacuum Society for taking the effort to organize ECM 130 here in Malmö, in conjunction with IVC 21 which is the highlight conference of the Union, featuring many special events associated with the IUVSTA 50th anniversary, the IUVSTA prizes for Science and Technology and the newly inceptioned IUVSTA EBARA award. I think that many of the persons present here are looking forward to this meeting with great interest.

2. Minutes and Communications

The Minutes of ECM 129 were posted on the web site by the Recording Secretary. I urge all Committee Secretaries to ensure that the Recording Secretary receives their reports as soon as possible for posting. Our minutes bear official value and may have to be supplied to authorities on short notice, so these should be easily accessible by our members.

Our 20th General Meeting (GM 20) is due during IVC 21, on Wednesday, July 3rd. I have solicited the data of the new National Representatives, the new Division Representatives and the members of the delegations to GM 20 which I have received these from all member societies except for India. I would like to thank all Societies and all nominated persons for their willingness to serve the Union. The Agendas of GM 20 and ECM 131, directly after GM 20 were distributed and no changes are reported.

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. All relevant data have been updated, but if any of you spots errors or inconsistencies, please let me know.

Electronic submissions are now possible for all awards and scholarships of the Union and this possibility obviously found great interest, because for all these items a considerably increased number of applicants could be recorded. As a plan for the future, it is also anticipated to make electronic submissions possible for our workshops, schools, technical training courses and short courses. For timely response whenever troubles occur I convey special thanks to our Webmaster, John Koudelka.

4. New Memberships

It is my pleasure to report that, in close collaboration with the emerging Societies Committee it was possible to solicit a new tentative member, the Cuban Physical Society. All official papers required from the new member society were found to be in order formally, so during this meeting we will have a vote to accept the Cuban Physical Society as a provisional member. At GM 20 we will then vote on full membership of the Cuban Physical Society, who is willing to contribute one share as a membership fee. 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, ISC and ISO by email, although there is, however, some hardcopy material, especially from UNESCO. Within the liaison of the Union with ISO, ASSD and VSTD links to selected technical committees.

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

For this meeting a call for bids for ECM 133, due fall 2020 was issued. All future ECMs before ECM 133, i. e. ECM 131 (first formal meeting of the new triennium; July 3rd, 2019, right after GM 20), and ECM 132 which will be held in Annecy, France 20 – 20th March 2020 by invitation of the incoming President, Anouk Galtayries, are fixed.

8. Finally

IVC 21 right after this meeting will be the culmination point of the triennium, and during the Congress also the events related to the 50th anniversary of IUVSTA will come to an end with the special IUVSTA session on Monday, July 1st, afternoon. During this session the newly founded IUVSTA EBARA award will be given,. Entry to this session will be free of charge for the participants of this ECM and also for delegates to GM 20 and ECM; 131. So, I am looking forward to meeting many of you there.

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