

Finance Committee Report

Thursday March 18, 2020

Online meeting

The finance committee met on Thursday February 25, 2021, through online conference at 1.00 pm CEST. Six members of the finance committee were present out of 8 (list in annex).

The finance committee report was presented to all on Thursday March 18, 2020, at 1.00 pm CEST, as part of the ECM134 online meeting.

2020 budget, realized

The accountancy was reviewed by Ms. Fischer from the company RSM audit on February 26th 2021. In a nutshell, the yearly income was high, as expected, with the important donation from IVC being received in 2020, in addition to the usual subscriptions and interests. A substantial amount of money was also transferred back from the general fund because some investment items came to term or were sold due to unsatisfactory performance. The expenses, though, were much less than initially budgeted, because many of the funded events were postponed to 2021 or even 2022 as a result of the COVID 19 pandemics. The difference, 84 k€, returned to the general fund, with a part of it reinvested in 2021, see infra.

2021 budget, provisional

The 2021 budget drafted by the committee on October 9, 2020, was revised according to some expected changes, essentially related to activities continuing to be postponed because of the ongoing pandemics. Yearly subscriptions, Welch donation and interest from the fund remain almost unchanged. Workshops and educational activities should amount to a total of 29 k€, still less than what was envisioned, based on activities accepted in ECM132, 133 or to be voted at ECM134 and on the decisions of the organizers to either conduct in 2021 or to postpone. Other lines of expenditure include IUVSTA highlights to be presented at the EVC16 conference (Marseille, November 2021) and a participation to the International Year of Basic Sciences and Sustainable Development (IYBSSD 2022). In order to meet the planned expenses, a total amount of 39 k€ should be transferred from the general fund.

Status of member society subscriptions

In 2020, certain societies have not paid their fees so that the total income in subscription fees is about 10% under the expected amount. The treasurer sent reminders and also started sending invoices to the national societies for 2021.

Status of financial accounts, general fund

The state of the general fund on December 31st, 2020 was presented. Over 2020 the value of the various stock and bond funds varied substantially, as one can imagine, with the development of the COVID 19 pandemics. However, the value of the general fund

has recovered and even increased in comparison with the situation of December 2019. Some bonds have come to term in 2020 and another investment in stocks was liquidated because of mediocre performance. Because of that and the reduced expense in 2020, IUVSTA has an excess of cash money that can be reinvested in the upcoming period.

New investments

Because of the large amount of cash on the accounts at the end of 2020 (~190 k€), new investments were decided with two directions in mind:

- “patchworking” our investments, in \$ and €, diverse geographic areas, activities, mixing shares and bonds, and in mutual funds. The obvious goal being to limit the risk of loss related to specific business difficulties.
- Invest ethically, support sustainable activity branches and invest in funds related to the IUVSTA activities in vacuum and surface science. (Bio)technologies, Health, IT should also be considered.

Following these lines, a total amount of 100 k€ was reinvested in stock funds (currently more profitable than bonds) with the advice of the committee and our advisor at Beobank. The list of new investments is in annex.

The treasurer reiterates that there is a need for financial advice from all over the world in order to optimize investments in the future.

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Arnaud Delcorte, treasurer

Annex: New investments on 19.02.2021

1) JPMorgan Funds - Asia Pacific Equity Fund C (acc) – EUR ** MS** (45% China/13% Australia/12% Korea/10% Taiwan/10% India...)

23% sustainable/ 21% IT...

Provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in companies in the Asia Pacific Basin (excluding Japan).

40 k€(All Asia-Pacific)

2) Schroder International Selection Fund Global Climate Change Equity A Accumulation EUR *** MS** (44% USA/10% Japan...)

Companies whose long-term outlook will be positively impacted by efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This centers around 5 key themes; clean energy, sustainable transport, environmental resources, low carbon leader and energy efficiency.

The portfolio comprises of 40-70 stocks which are weighted based on our risk-adjusted return expectations.

Microsoft, Alphabet, Alstom, Amazon, Vestas, Samsung, TI...

20 k€(Asia [Japan]: 2 k€USA: 8.8 k€Rest: 9.2 k€)

3) RobecoSAM sustainable water **(*) MS** (48% USA/7% Asia...)

The RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Strategy invests globally in companies offering products and services that address the challenges related to the quantity, quality and allocation of water.

Thermofischer, Agilent, Perkin Elmer...

20 k€(Asia: 1.4 k€USA: 9.6 k€Rest: 9 k€)

4) BlackRock Global Funds - Next Generation Technology Fund No note MS (49% USA / 21% Asia/6% Latin America...)

The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies globally whose predominant economic activity comprises the research, development, production and/ or distribution of new and emerging technology.

20 k€(Asia: 4.2 k€USA: 9.8 k€Rest: 6k€)

Total geographic: Asia-Pacific: 48 k€- USA: 28 k€- Rest: 24 k€

Note: We diverge from the past IUVSTA balance with an additional 100 k€ in stocks.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Status</i>
Arnaud DELCORTE	Treasurer	Excused
Anouk GALTAYRIES	President	Present
Anton STAMPFL	Member (Australia)	Present
Anton TADICH	Member (Austria)	Excused
Christoph EISENMENGER-SITTNER	Secretary General	Present
François RENIERS	President Elect	Present
Ana GOMES SILVA	Recording Secretary	Present
Jay HENDRICKS	Scientific Director	Present