

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 9th September 2012

Present: Dave Hesk, George Ellames, Crist Filer, Carolee Lavey, Brad Maxwell,

Also present: Jens Atzrodt, Volker Derdau, John Allen

Apologies for absence: Alban Allentoff, Alex Susan

1. Heidelberg Update

JA and VD updated the BoT on the current status of the Heidelberg meeting. A total of 230 have registered as participants in the meeting. This total includes non-paying registrants such as Plenary speakers, award winners, etc. Despite efforts by the organizers to broaden the scope of the conference, reaching this total was still a significant challenge due to company travel restrictions. By and large the conference delegates are from the traditional pool of IIS members with relatively few new attendees. While few delegates were from areas outside the traditional IIS pool, the BoT agreed that it is worthwhile to continue efforts to broaden the conference scope at future events. The majority of delegates paid for the entire week, but there were a few one day passes sold. To assist in planning for future meetings it was suggested a brief survey be sent out at attendees soliciting feedback on the conference.

JA and VD also updated the BoT on the projected conference budget, which depending on the expenses incurred during the banquet is projecting a surplus in the range of €10,000.

Approximately half the conference delegates signed up for the banquet. The IIS awards will be given out at the banquet following the main course of the meal. The Melvin Calvin award will be presented at a special session of the conference on Wednesday morning and will be followed with a lecture from the award winner. The three Wiley young Chemist awards will also be given out on Wednesday morning and each award winner will give a 15 minute presentation. The 4th Wiley award will be given out to the best poster as judged by the organizers of the Monday evening poster session.

The IIS business meeting will be held over Monday lunchtime with lunch donated by the North East US Chapter and will be run by CL in the absence of AS.

VD and JA stated that they will be putting together a 'lessons learned' document 1-2 months after the conclusion of the conference which can be forwarded to future conference organizers. JA and VD stated one key 'take home message' is to have professional help with the organization of the conference such as that provided by the University. JA and VD also stated that they felt the SAB worked well and offered special thanks to Thomas Moenius for his efforts in leading the SAB.

At the conclusion of the discussion the BoT thanked JA, VD and John Allen for all their efforts in the organization of the conference.

IIS BoT and BoR Joint meeting

Present: Jens Atzrodt , John Allen, Boris Czeskis, Volker Derdau, George Ellames, Crist Filer, Dave Hesk, Carolee Lavey, Ken Lawrie, Brad Maxwell,

Apologies for absence: Alex Susan, Corina Simeon, Keith Garnes

1. 2015 International Symposium Presentation

DH and CL presented a proposal to the joint BoT/BoR to host the 2015 meeting at Princeton University in June 2015 with Eric Soli from Merck as a co-organizer. Information on the venue, potential hotel options, an outline on the scientific programme, geographic location and a preliminary budget were presented. After a brief discussion and some suggestions for additional costs to be included in the budget, the joint BoT and BoR approved the proposal.

2. Financial update

DH presented the financial update to the BoT on behalf of AA. As of Aug 15th there is a total of \$258,063 in the USA based accounts. This is virtually unchanged from the Jan 1st 2010 figure of \$256,166.

3. Membership Update

DH stated that membership remains virtually unchanged since the last BoT meeting, with current paid membership for 2012 standing at 226. Total membership which includes members who have not yet renewed in 2012 and also includes Russia, Romania and E. China stands at 355. Non-members registering for the Heidelberg meeting will be added to the membership renewal mailing in the autumn.

4. BoR Update

GE updated the BoT on progress towards forming a BoR for the 2013-2015 term. GE stated that BC has agreed to serve as the Central US Chapter Rep pending the proposed merger of the North East US, Central US and Canadian Chapters into a North American Chapter in 2013, which will be managed by the 2013-2015 BoT. CL and DH will be contacting the NE US President to solicit individuals who are interested in serving on the BoR for the North East US.

Post Meeting note: Thomas Moenius will replace VD as the CED BoR rep in 2013.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in late 2012 and will be coordinated by AS and CL.

David Hesk
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