

## IIS Board of Trustees Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Present:** Crist Filer, George Ellames, Dave Hesk, Carolee Lavey, Brad Maxwell, Jens Atzrodt, Volker Derdau

**Apologies for absence:** Ruth Hough-Engel, Alex Susan

### 1. Heidelberg Update

JA and VD updated the BoT on the status of the Heidelberg meeting. The scientific advisory board has been expanded to include Joel Krauser from Novartis who joins the recently added Ulrich Kuetzel. Prof. Leisinger has accepted an invitation to give a key note lecture on Monday afternoon prior to the poster session and reception. In addition Profs Beller, Fürstner, Maas, Langstroem, Glorius, Rowland and Guengerich have accepted invitations for Plenary lectures. As discussed at the March BoT meeting, the conference will have a chemistry focus on days 1 and 4 and more of a DMPK focus on days 2 and 3. JA also described the proposed make up of the scientific sessions.

JA reported that the scientific advisory board next plans to meet on June 16<sup>th</sup> and will also meet in person at the Bad Soden meeting in September. Identification of session chairmen will be one of the topics discussed at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. At present the organizers have a number of suggestions for session chairmen under consideration, but are also looking for additional names to add.

Sponsorship letters have been sent out to potential sponsors and exhibitors with CF covering North America and Dietrich Seidel covering Europe. To date four exhibitor booths have been reserved with space available for about 20 booths in total although it would be possible to add 4-5 additional booths if needed. Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Cost for a booth will be €3,000, which also includes two registrations

JA and VD also presented the budget for the meeting.

In response to a question from GE whether they have had any contact with WCI on involvement with the conference, JA and VD stated that there has been no contact to date, but the organizers are open to adding additional sessions should WCI express an interest in having greater involvement than organizing the typical 'Production of Isotopes' session. BM also suggested that anyone with names of WCI members who could potentially be approached about serving as session chairmen should forward these to JA and VD and also to BM to allow for follow up by BM in Moscow while at WICI.

Plans are to have the registration template go live in November or December of this year. The organizers also plan to have one day registration options available to allow for people to attend selected parts of the conference if they wish.

## **2. Melvin Calvin and IIS award nominations**

BM briefly updated the BoT on the status of the Melvin Calvin and IIS award nominations. Nominations have been received for both award categories and have been circulated to the BoT. The goal will be to reach a final decision on the award recipients by the next BoT meeting to allow ample time to notify the selected award winners. CF noted that there is precedence for giving more than one award for each category.

## **3. BoR Update**

For the BoR update, GE reported that most of the discussion has centred around setting up the IIS website to accommodate the Discussion groups, which is covered in the Goals section of the minutes. GE stated that BoR members would find it useful if they were supplied with a current email contact list for the members in their chapter. This would enable the BoR to take a more active role in generating ideas to generate more IIS members. CL also suggested that the BoR members could send out the results of the Constitution reform election as part of the communication to their chapter membership.

**Action:** DH to supply BoR members with chapter email lists.

## **4. Membership update**

DH stated that 2011 paid membership currently stands at 231, with a total of 316 if members from China, Russia and Romania are included. In comparison from 2008, approximately 108 members have since not renewed their membership in the society due to a multitude of reasons, but consolidation and reduction in size of isotope groups by Big-Pharma being a primary reason. In contrast only 17 completely new memberships have been recorded in 2011.

## **5. IIS Constitution and Bylaws Update**

BM noted that the results of the ballot were posted on the website which showed an overwhelming majority of the membership who voted were in favour of the new constitution. As a result, the new constitution has been adopted and is now posted on the website. The turn out was around 25% which is roughly in line with the turn out for BoT elections.

## **6. 2012 Election Committee Update**

BM stated that he completed the process of contacting individuals to serve on the Elections Committee. Agreeing to serve are Keith Garnes, Bill Wheeler, Wayne Stolle, Raymond Oekonomopulos, Corina Simeon, Ken Lawrie and Mike Chappelle. BM will also serve on the committee as chairman. Hence the requirement to have this in place 18 months before the term of the current BoT expires was met.

## **7. Radwaste Committee inquiry**

BM stated that he had been contacted along with DH and CF by Mike Marx to enquire about the status of the LLRW committee. It was noted that the committee was very active several years ago in response to radwaste issues in the US. However with an apparent easing of the situation, the committee has not met in several years. BM will follow up with Mike for more details about the nature of his enquiry.

## **8. <sup>14</sup>C Shortage update**

CF stated that he has continued his dialogue with one potential supplier and that while things are moving slowly, the discussions are trending favourably. DH noted that in recent weeks, the supply and pricing of certain <sup>14</sup>C intermediates appears to have improved, but added that he is not aware that the overall situation has changed with the existing supplier.

## **9. WCI Update**

CF and DH reported they had nothing new to report. BM added that he had been in contact with the organizers of 7ICI several weeks ago and the requested waiver of the registration fee was approved by the organizers. He did however add that responses to several more recent emails have gone unanswered, hence he is holding off booking his travel until it is confirmed that the meeting is still on as scheduled.

## **Post meeting note:**

BM reported that he has received a response from the 7ICI organizers, which confirmed that the visa application is being finalized. The programme committee is due to meet on June 16<sup>th</sup> at which point additional information about the scientific programme will be forthcoming. BM also reported that his paper has been accepted and will be placed in the "Application of Isotopes (In Medicine)" section.

## **10. 2011 Goals Update**

BM reviewed the list of 2011 goals as captured in the December 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 minutes and progress against them to date. Already completed are the Constitutional Reform and formation of the Election Committee, with good progress being made in all other areas. In response to a question from GE regarding the discussion groups and setting up the website to allow for secure access for members to these groups, BM responded that he has had some preliminary contact with Slava for ideas on how to set this up, but this effort has been de-prioritized relative to the Constitutional Reform efforts. BM added with this project now complete, he will renew efforts on the website update with Slava. It was also added that if this can be completed by the time for membership renewals in the autumn, this can be added as a benefit of IIS membership. CL also noted that it will be important to ensure only current members have access.

**Post meeting note:**

BM reported that he has received a response from Slava and that he is actively working to establish the Discussion Groups on the website.

**11. Financial Update**

BM reported on behalf of RHE that the 2010 audit is currently in progress. DH also added he is in the process of supplying membership information for the accountants for this audit.

**Post meeting note:**

RHE reported that the IIS main accounts contain a total of \$182,586.18. In addition DH reported that the Synergy account contains \$42,000. DH will transfer the bulk of these funds to RHE for deposit in the main accounts.

**12. AOB**

None

**Next BoT meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the BoT will be in August and will be coordinated by BM.

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