

## IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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

**Also present:** Jens Atzrodt, Volker Derdau

**Apologies for absence:** Ruth Hough Engel

### 1. Heidelberg Update

VD updated the BoT on the current status of the Heidelberg meeting. Prior to the meeting JA and VD provided the BoT the most recent monthly report from the University on registrations, abstract submissions, exhibitor registrations and an updated budget. As of the most recent report there were 125 registrations with 16 exhibitors. There are currently 60 oral and 35 poster abstracts. VD stated that the preliminary scientific programme will be completed by the end of June. At this time it is planned to formally notify all the presenters their respective session information. VD also added that the length of some of the sessions may need to be adjusted depending on the number of abstracts received. There are a number of sessions that are currently over subscribed which is balanced by a few sessions which are still short of presentations.

€11,000 has been raised in sponsorship money with an additional €8,500 promised but not yet received. VD stated that currently it is estimated that an additional €30,000 in income will be needed to make the conference self financing, but also added that this number may be an overestimate once certain costs become clearer as the meeting time approaches. It will be necessary to give the final headcount for the conference to the University 3-4 weeks before the start of the conference. Space has been reserved on the Sunday before the conference opens for the BoT and joint BoT/ BoR meeting.

VD stated that nominations for the young investigator awards are needed and that they would welcome suggestions from members of the BoT for potential awardees. BM suggested following up with Bill Lockley, Kristiina Wähälä and Ken Lawrie for suggestions.

DH stated that he will take care of ordering the award plaques for the IIS and Melvin Calvin award recipients.

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

## **2. IAEA Proposal**

VD updated the BoT on the IAEA proposal. John Allen contacted the IAEA asking for financial support for scientists from developing countries wishing to present their work at Heidelberg. The IAEA responded that they may be able to give grants to participants from member states but also are requesting that registration fees are waived for any such participants along with any officials from the IAEA wishing to attend the conference. In addition the IAEA requested that in all announcements and other documents it is mentioned that the symposium is being organized in co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency. After a brief discussion, the BoT, JA and VD agreed that the terms of the IAEA's offer were acceptable and AS will contact John Allen to inform him of the BoT's decision so a response to the IAEA can be made.

## **3. Wuxi Beita Pharmatech**

The BoT briefly discussed the email that had been widely circulated from Catiah Li the Director of Sales of Wuxi Beita Pharmatech which announced that they are directly affiliated to the Chinese government supply of <sup>14</sup>C-barium carbonate. The email stated that Wuxi Beita products will be ready for distribution in late 2013.

## **4. Elections update**

BM updated the BoT on the 2013-2015 elections. As reported in the April minutes at the close of nominations, three candidate applications were received for President, one for Vice-President, one for Executive Secretary, one for Chief Financial Officer and two for the position of Regional Trustee for Europe. Following discussions with the Elections Committee, with the exception of the European Regional Trustee, as there were an equal number of candidates relative to the number of open positions, it was decided that it was not necessary to send out a formal ballot for these positions and that these positions will be announced as filled in June. Ballot forms were sent to UK and CED Chapter members to elect a European Regional Trustee in early April, with a May 31<sup>st</sup> postmark deadline for return. BM stated he will work with Slava to post the results of the elections on the website by the end of the week.

The BoT also discussed the formation of the new BoR. The Chapters will have until the end of the year to select or elect a BoR member. The new BoR will then need to elect a Chairman, who will become the BoT member for 2013-2015.

## **5. Membership Update**

DH reported that the renewal cycle is complete. Current paid membership for 2012 stands at 224. Total membership including Russia, Romania and E. China stands at 308. 42 2011 members have not renewed their membership in 2012 which is partially offset by 26 new paid memberships received in 2012. Non-members registering for the

Heidelberg meeting will be added to the membership renewal mailing in the autumn. DH also added that he did not receive any inquiries about membership from non-members registering for the conference despite the fact that a one year \$50 membership or even a three year \$100 membership was cheaper than the €100 registration surcharge for non-members.

## **6. Financial Update**

CL updated the BoT on behalf of RHE. There is a total of \$202,896.55 in the accounts directly managed by RHE. In addition there is \$18,537.48 in the NYCB managed by DH for memberships and the CED account has a current balance of €46,873.08.

## **7. 2015 Discussion**

The BoT discussed options for the 2015 meeting. It was agreed that despite falling attendance for the international meetings for a variety of reasons, including consolidation and downsizing of pharmaceutical isotope groups, more restricted travel budgets, etc, it was agreed that an international meeting will be held in 2015. The BoT will add a notation on the website with contact information to IIS members who may potentially be considering organizing the 2015 meeting.

## **8. AOB**

None

## **Next BoT meeting**

This will be held in early August and will be organized by AS and CL.

David Hesk  
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