

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 20th October 2016

Present: Alban Allentoff, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Bruce McKillican, Marwan Elmasri, David Schenk, Tomas Elbert

Apologies for absence: Thomas Moenius, Jens Atzrodt, Volker Derdau

1. Membership update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. Currently there are 157 members paid through the end of 2016. DH stated that he will begin the annual membership renewal process in November.

2. Financial update

AA stated that there is currently about \$230,000 in the main IIS account. Additional funds (ca. \$40,000) are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is used to collect membership dues and conference registration fees via credit card payments. These funds are periodically transferred to the main accounts. A discussion was held regarding investment options for a portion of the IIS funds to generate a better return than is currently being realized.

Action: AA to investigate investment options for a portion of the IIS funds.

3. JLCR Award

BM outlined a proposal for an award for best scientific paper published in JLCR along similar lines to an award that is presented by the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry. BM approached VD and Ken Lawrie who are supportive and subsequently Ken will approach Wiley with this idea. Given that Wiley already fund the Young Scientist Awards which are presented at each international meeting, funding would be left to the IIS. There was general agreement by BoT members that this is a good idea. The BoT discussed mechanisms for selecting papers and ultimately the award recipient. BM suggested that the JLCR editors would be the most logical ones to select a short list of outstanding papers which would then be forwarded to the BoT to pick a final winner. It was agreed that this award would be given out yearly beginning in 2017. The award winner would be invited to give a plenary lecture at either a local chapter meeting or an international meeting with the IIS covering travel expenses. It was agreed that in order to give out the first award at Prague 2018, in order to allow the recipient time to plan their schedule, papers submitted from Oct 2016 through Sept 2017 would be eligible. It was also agreed that papers submitted to JLCR from current BoT members would not be eligible. It was agreed that Wiley should be contacted to ask them to advertise this award on their website, in addition to advertising on the IIS website.

4. Prague 2018 update

TE updated the BoT on the current status of the Prague meeting. The contract between the Czech Chemical Society and the IIS has been reviewed by both sides and is ready for signature. The deposit for the venue has been paid from IIS funds. The SAB has been set up and last met by teleconference in July and plan to meet again in November. A total of six plenary lectures are planned. Seven oral scientific sessions are being planned, plus a poster session. The conference website is up and running. TM plans to open registration for the meeting about one year in advance. In response to a question from BMK about accompanying person's activities, TM confirmed these are in the organizers plans. TM also plans to aggressively advertise the conference in multiple forums. DH will also send out a 'save the date' email to IIS members in early 2017. The conference details and a link to the Prague 2018 website are on the IIS website. Details on the conference as well as the best scientific paper award will also be included in the President's letter which will go out in the membership renewal mailing.

5. IIS website update

DH and BM will contact the webmaster for ideas on updating the IIS website as it has been at least 10 years since the website appearance was updated.

Action: DH and BM to contact the webmaster to ask for designs for an updated website

6. BoR update

Formation of the BoR is overdue. Reps from the Chapters, once selected, need to select a Chairman to serve on the BoT. It was agreed to contact the individual chapters to follow up on the status on their respective BoR reps.

Action: DH to contact individual chapters to follow up on BoR status.

7. OAB

DH updated the BoT on the status of the Princeton proceedings which will be published in a special edition of JLCR. All submissions have been reviewed and accepted and will be published in early 2017.

The BoT held a substantive discussion in response to a comment from ME about his company having difficulty finding suitably qualified candidates for open isotope synthetic chemistry positions. It was agreed that the IIS could do a better job about promoting these types of opening both via the website, but also consider new forums such as job posting boards at local and international meetings. It was also agreed that for future meetings, exhibitors with openings should be made aware that they can use the meeting as a forum to advertise their openings.

BMK also mentioned that his company is putting together a basic training course on the principals of isotope chemistry that he is willing to share that could potentially be posted as a training document on the IIS website.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in January and will be organized by BM.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary