



International Ragweed Society

Milan, 2021 February 3rd

<http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org>

Committee Conference call – 2021 February 3rd - MINUTES

Date: February 3rd from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Location: teleconference

Chairpersons: Michel THIBAUDON and Sandra CITTERIO

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the last committee meeting
2. Membership overview and Financial report.
3. Report on the last activities of IRS (IRS web site, scientific events and meetings, promotion etc.)
4. Organization of the next IRS international symposium in Budapest on September 2022
5. Miscellaneous

Participants: Michel THIBAUDON, Sandra CITTERIO, Maira BONINI, Gilles OLIVER, Sevcen CELENK, Laszlo MAKRA, Olivier PECHAMAT, Marilou MOTTET (invited).

Justified members: Uwe STARFINGER, Roberto ALBERTINI

Chairperson: Michel THIBAUDON

1. Approval of the minutes of the last committee meeting

Approved

2. Membership overview and Financial report.

Michel T. showed the financial situation at the end of 2020 and the list of IRS members:

IRS financial statements (EUR) 2020	Swiss bank		TOTAL	French Bank		TOTAL
Swiss Bank and French Bank						
situation at 31/12/2019			5074,97			777,75
mouvement 2020	<u>OUTCOMES</u>	<u>INCOMES</u>		<u>OUTCOMES</u>	<u>INCOMES</u>	
Account management	88,78			63		
Account transfer*	107,27				100	
Board expenses	0					
IRS Activity	0			24,17		
FEES	0				592,2	
Total	196,05	0	-196,05	87,17	692,2	604,83
Situation at 31/12/2020			4878,92			1382,78
TOTAL at 31/12/2020						6261,7

IRS members 2019-2020

- R. Albertini (I)
- B. Augustinus (CH)
- M. Bonini (I)
- B. Clot (CH)
- G. Karrer (A)
- P. Leru (Ro)
- L. Makra (H)
- H. Muller-Sharer (CH)
- E. Niederberger (CH)
- U. Schaffner (CH)
- S. Citterio (I)
- G. Oliver (F)
- O. Pechamat (F) + FREDON
- V. Rodinkova (Uk)
- B. Rubin (Il)
- P. Tarrade (F)
- M. Thibaudon (F) + RNSA
- U. Starfinger (D)
- F. Zemer (I)
- S. Celenk (Tu)

- **20 members + 2 institution 9 countries**

IRS members 2021-2022

Current members:

Erny NIEDERBERGER (CH) 200€

Mohammed OSMAN (H)

Ingrida SAULIENE (Lt)

Michel THIBAUDON (F)

RNSA (F) 200€

- Michel asked Committee Members to pay the fee.
- A remind will be sent to the other 2020 members and an invitation to join IRS to other potential members.

3. Report on the last activities of IRS (IRS web site, scientific events and meetings, promotion etc.)

Michel T. summarized the activities:

- IRS committee meeting:
 - 2019, February 11th
 - 2019, May 28th
 - 2019, September 7th (Parabiago, Italy)
 - 2020, February 4th
 - 2020, June 20th
 - 2020, September 14th
 - 2020, November 16th

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- Events:
 - EMAPI 75, Prague 2019, September (poster)
 - WAC 2019 December in Lyon (poster + stand)
 - Ragweed Round table in Lyon, 2020, January 27th: co-organization, oral presentation
 - One page in IAA newsletter in 2020
 - IRS symposium 2020, September 14th
 - About the IRS Symposium:
 - 9 oral presentation
 - 3 European videos made by French Ragweed Observatory
 - 32 + 31 auditors = 63 Thanks to French Ragweed Observatory
 - More than **209** YouTube visualizations
 - Gilles presentation at the 7th European Symposium on Aerobiology (November 16th to 20th, 2020 in Cordoba, Spain).
 - http://www.esacordoba2020.com/poster-gallery#prettyPhoto/gallery_11/37/

➤ Website

IRS website – number of visits

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January		720	1664	2723	2593	126
February	426	632	1200	2180	3754	
March	526	869	2551		4924	
April	437	814	1638		4483	
May	555	961	1613		5645	
June	1 152	995	2544	2754	3397	
July	642	1 951	4561	2435		
August	1 124	3 786	4712	2476		
September	1 020	3 842	5129	2798	224	
October	698	1 548	4172	3249	142	
November	707	1 944	2904	1864	135	
December	681	1 935	3302	1642	130	
Total	7968	19997	35990	21121	(25427)	

— Previous tool
— New tool

The previous tool to statistically analyze visits to the IRS website has been disabled by the host (Go Daddy). New tools have been implemented but they show different results (about 20 times fewer visits). It is difficult to say which tool represents the real number of visits, although lower numbers of visits are shown by many of the tools tested so far.

4. Organization of the next IRS international symposium in Budapest on September 2022

- The next 2-day International Ragweed Conference (including the next IRS General Assembly) will be held in Budapest on 8-9 September 2022.
- The conference venue will be in the center of Budapest at the “National Public Health Center, Hungary”
- The local organizing committee:
László Makra, Donát Magyar and Tamás Szigeti
- The local scientific committee:
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- Heinz M.S. and Maira B. will help to contact the scientists and will propose, with the help of local scientific committee, a IRS conference programme: a specific conference call will be organized by Michel T to this purpose.
- Marilou Mottet prepared the following attractive flyer for the call with the objective to increase the attending number of people.

<http://internationalragweedsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/save-the-date-IRS-002.pdf>

The flyer will be sent before the end of February.

5. Miscellaneous

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