

International Ragweed Society (I.R.S.)

RHO - ITALY

Committee meeting- April 2nd 2014 - MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 2014 April 2nd

Location: Parabiago, Milano, Italy

Chairpersons: Tamas KOMIVES and Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda:

1. Discussion on the program of the General Assembly and the International Ragweed Conference
2. Membership overview
3. Financial overview
4. Results of the election of the committee members
5. Miscellaneous

Participants: Maira BONINI, Roberto ALBERTINI, Michel THIBAUDON, Tamas KOMIVES

Meeting: Chairperson: Tamas KOMIVES
Secretary: Michel THIBAUDON

1. Discussion on the program of the General Assembly and the International Ragweed Conference: Maira Bonini presented the program of the International ragweed Conference: lectures, oral presentation and poster session. The president congratulated Maira for program quality and the organization of this congress and wish a best success to this symposium.
2. President and membership overview: The President Tamas Komives who is finishing his mandate think that the IRS exists but is not enough active. Only the two IRC were nice activities during these four years: Lyon in 2012, and Rho in 2014, and the creation of the International ragweed day.
Only 15-20 visitors a day on the website. It is not sufficient; we need to increase the number of visitors and perhaps to ameliorate the website. There will be a possibility with Tamas Komives and Gilles Oliver (RNSA).
One problem is to explain why to be IRS member:
 - To go to the conference at a lower price
 - To receive regularly information about ragweed
 - To gather pluridisciplinary
 - To be a representative body to discuss with politician about ragweed
 - Development and continuation of International ragweed Day
 - Organization and participation at the IRC

- Increase the information on the website adding information on ragweed data of each country
- Create a restricted area for members with some information, IRC presentation and maps of each country with some local information and data on ragweed
- Necessity of modernization of the website
- During the next international exposition in Milano in 2015, IRC may participate creating a specific webpage
- Preparation of a flyer for the next Weeds congress in Montpellier
- Add the IRS logo in all Cost Smarter action, i.e. for Ophraella action
- Proposition for the next events of IRS:
 - o One day during the EAS congress in Lyon in July 2016
 - o Next IRC in 2017 for instance in Budapest
- Try to increase the number of young members

3. Financial overview: As Christian Boehren is not present and cannot continue to be the treasurer we need to find a new treasurer among the committee members; A proposal is made for Mrs. Marie-Agnes Chapgier. The members agree this proposal, we need to ask her. The financial presentation show:

- No debits, only some bank costs for international bank transfer
- Credits with the fees and 2000 euro from RNSA corresponding to the benefits of the 2nd IRC in Lyon in 2012.

Proposal to increase the IRS fees from 10 to 20 euro a year at the beginning of 2015.

The fees for retired and student and for association will not be moved.

Receipt dues must be sent to the members by treasurer.

4. Election of Committee Members

The results of the elections of the committee members are:

Candidates	Results (number of votes)	Elect
R.ALBERTINI	12	YES
M.BONINI	15	YES
M.CHAPGIER-LABOISSIERE	13	YES
P.COMTOIS	11	YES
JL.DA PASSANO	7	NO
T.KOMIVES	15	YES
L.MAKRA	11	YES
H.MUELLER-SCHAERER	14	YES
U.STARFINGER	11	YES
M.THIBAUDON	16	YES

F. Zemmer ask to be a new auditor of the IRS

5. Miscellaneous:
No question

The President
Tamas KOMIVES

The Secretary
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