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LYON FRANCE

Committee meeting- 2016 July 19th - MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 2016 July 19th 18:00

Location: Lyon University, France

Chairpersons: Maira BONINI, Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER and Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda:

- Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held in Bern, February 28th, 2015
- Communication of the President
- Report of the Treasure on the financial balance
- Report of the Secretary on the IRS members (book of members)
- Membership fees
- Next General Assembly: location and agenda
- IRS website (with Gilles Oliver as invited person)
- IRS Statute and next election for the board (2018)
- Results of International Ragweed Day (IRD) 2015 and 2016
- Miscellaneous (COST SMARTER etc.)

Participants: Maira BONINI, Roberto ALBERTINI, Michel THIBAUDON, Marie-Agnes CHAPGIER, Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER, Gilles OLIVER (invited), Franziska Zemmer (auditor)

Meeting: Chairperson: Maira BONINI (President)
Secretary: Michel THIBAUDON

1. Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held in Bern, February 28th, 2015):
Approved (Uwe Starfinger sent an approving e-mail)
2. Communication of the President: The president explains the different actions made during the last two years. The most important points are:
 - a. Signed the press release joint to EAACI, EAS and EFA in the occasion of IR day 2015 (attached)
 - b. The preparation of an IRS-COST-SMARTER meeting during ESA in Lyon in July 2016.
 - c. Migration of the IRS website. Necessity to discuss the link of our website with the SMARTER website after the end of the COST Action
 - d. Delivery of Grants (450 € each) for 2 persons for ESA. IRS Grants 2016: 2 posters (1 grant for oral presentation: cancelled, because the winner – Claudia



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Testoni - changed job and refused the grant; no other eligible people presented the application). Winners: Aydan Acar and Olga Ritenberga

- e. Migration of COST members and website: a proposal of the IRS President (previously agreed by e-mail among the IRS board) was presented during the SMARTER Core Group meeting in Turin on March 22nd 2016
 - f. International Ragweed day in some countries
 - g. Decision to organize the next General Assembly in Vianden on September 13th during the last COST SMARTER meeting and before Neobiota meeting. The objective is to increase the number of IRS members.
 - h. Maira BONINI and Heinz MUELLER-SCHARER must send in August a common letter to each COST SMARTER members to ask them to participate at the GA and become members for the next two years period. They will pay the new fees in January 2017.
 - i. Remark: few reply from board members to the mail sent by the President
3. Report of the Treasure on the financial balance: the banks account at the end of 2015 was 3912,11 €. In 2016 we must collect the 2015-2016 fees. The amount collected by Alphavisa at the date of the meeting is 360 € (-10%=342 €). We spend 900 euros for IRS Grants for ESA. The finance balance at this date is 3354,11 €.
 4. Communication of the Secretary: Since last committee meeting, there were no dissemination works from the Secretary. He thinks that the number of members who have paid their fees for 2015-2016 is very low. We must discuss this point at the GA, ask to members to pay theirs fees before the GA. It is accepted that Alphavisa can continue for the next two years to collect IRS fees. Maira BONINI remarks the necessity to update the book of members. She checked with the help of Roberto ALBERTINI the two files received: she will prepare and send to the secretary and the treasurer a joint file to keep update.
 5. Membership fees: The committee will do a proposal for the next General Assembly to modify the annual fees from 20 € to 25 €. Remember that the fees may be paid only for 2 years period, the next one will be 2017-2018.
50% of reduction for student (before the end of their PHD) and retired persons.
 6. Next General Assembly: location and agenda: The next General Assembly will be in Vianden (Luxembourg) on September 13th at 14:00. The invitation with the agenda will be sent by the secretary before August 14th. In that occasion the IRS President will also have time to present the IRS.
 7. IRS website (with Gilles Oliver as invited person): As Tamas KOMIVES was not able to continue the updating of the network, it was asked to Gilles OLIVER from RNSA to transfer the initial network to a new company and he started in February to update all the website with the help of Maira BONINI. Perhaps it will be interesting to gather the COST SMARTER website and the IRS Website after the end of COST SMARTER action. Before to do anything, it will be necessary to join Christian REES. Nothing can be done before July 2017.



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8. IRS Statute and next election for the board (2018): Modification of the Statutes; on § 12, we propose the following text:
“The committee consists of at least three and at most nine members. They are appointed for a period of four years and may be reappointed, except the President. At the end of the four-year mandate, the President becomes Past President. The Past President will automatically remain a member of the committee for the subsequent four-year period.” The rest of the § stays as in the previous version. This proposal of modification will be proposed for vote during the next GA.
The next election of the committee members must be before ICA in Parma in 2018 (3-7 of September 2018) to be approved by the General Assembly, which will be organized at this occasion. The new board (President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster) will be elected by the members of the new committee.
9. Results of International Ragweed Day (IRD) 2015 and 2016: It has been difficult to gather the different actions, which was done at this occasion in the different countries. For instance every years, in France, 8 to 10 specific action are made, there is a press release at this occasion, and the French Ministry of Health is involved in these actions. Franziska ZEMMER has organized a specific IRD action in Istanbul.
10. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Maira will prepare an invitation letter for COST SMARTER members inviting them to become IRS members (what they get if they become members; fact sheet; how and why participate etc.); this letter will be signed by Maira BONINI as IRS President and Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER as chair of COST SMARTER
 - b. Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER and Roberto ALBERTINI will ask an estimate for 500 flyers on IRS action.
 - c. The next committee meeting must be organized in 2017 in Lyon or Milano.

End of the committee meeting at 19:30.

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