



International Ragweed Society

Milan, 2022 January 11th

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Committee Conference call – 2022 January 11th - MINUTES

Date: January 11th from 5 to 6 PM.

Location: teleconference

Chairpersons: Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda

1. Financial statements.
2. IRS web site
3. Organization of the next IRS international symposium in Budapest on September 2022
4. Miscellaneous

Participants: Michel THIBAUDON, Sandra CITTERIO, Maira BONINI, Laszlo MAKRA, Gilles OLIVER, Uwe STARFINGER, Marilou MOTTET, Heinz MÜLLER-SCHÄRER (invited).

Justified members: Roberto ALBERTINI

1. Financial report.

Michel T. showed the current financial statements:

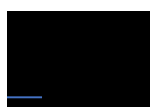
IRS financial statements (EUR)			
Situation at 1/1/2021		French bank account	
PostFinance	4'878.92		1382,78
2021			
Outcomes		Incomes	
<i>Account management</i>	32.00	<i>Membership</i>	280,94
<i>PostFinance Card</i>	27.29		
<i>Board expenses</i>			
Total outcomes	59.29	Total incomes	280,94
Situation at 1/9/2021	4819.63		1663,72
Swiss Bank plus Populaire Auvergne Rhône Alpes Bank			
Situation at 4/1/2021	6261.70		
2021			
Situation at 31/08/2021	4819.63		1663.72
Total 2 bank accounts	6483.35		

2. IRS web site

➤ Website (number of visits): update (December 2021)

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January		720	1664	2723	2593	126
February	426	632	1200	2180	3754	141
March	526	869	2551		4924	93
April	437	814	1638		4483	75
May	555	961	1613		5645	100
June	1 152	995	2544	2754	3397	146
July	642	1 951	4561	2435		89
August	1 124	3 786	4712	2476		82
September	1 020	3 842	5129	2798	224	135
October	698	1 548	4172	3249	142	208
November	707	1 944	2904	1864	135	83
December	681	1 935	3302	1642	130	97
Total	7968	19997	35990	21121	(25427)	1375



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

- ❖ Michel T. reminded that:
 - 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 proposed fee: 150€ for IRS members and 300€ for not IRS members (lunch and coffee break included)
 - The following agenda:
 - September 2021: proposal of title and topics to the scientific committee in Hungary
 - October 2021: first call for abstract
 - January 2022: second call for abstract
 - Beginning of March 2022: call for abstract
 - 2022, April 1st: deadline for abstract
 - From April to end of May: examination of the abstracts by the scientific committee
 - End of May: proposal of program, examination by IRS committee
 - June 2022: registration call
 - July 2022: registration call
- ❖ Laszlo M. intervened in the speech:
 - 1) confirming that the venue of the conference in Budapest will be the National Public Health Centre and that it will be for free. He added: “this is not in the very center but by metro the heart of the city is only 6 stop, I mean 10 minutes. So, this is no problem.”
 - 2) reporting:
 - “unfortunately, there is no support from the Mecenatura Fund, this is an official Scientific Fund in Hungary. We will try to get other sources but the chance is minimum. However we do not give it up.”
 - we collected many hundreds researcher name and email addresses. Of course, there are much more and, as we heard, the French colleagues will mine a very big source for email addresses.
 - we prepared a raw version of the conference circular. Only few points are questionable.
- ❖ Heinz M.S. suggested that the Local Organizing Committee contacts scientific foundations and the ministries of agriculture, environment and health for funding.
- ❖ Heinz M.S. proposed to add to the call:
 - information about accommodation
 - a preliminary program. He will prepare a proposal.
- ❖ Regarding the program Heinz M.S. proposed:

- a short session in Hungarian language dedicated to the local Bodies and Authorities
- an excursion (field trip and/or city tour) for Saturday to attract people.

- The Committee discussed on the fee: it decided: 150 € for IRS members and 200 € for not IRS members and 100 € for students (lunch and coffee break included)

- ❖ In order to spread the call as widely as possible, Marilou M. will prepared a shared file with the email addresses of scientists potentially interested in attending the Congress: all the members of the IRS Committee and the Local Organizing Committee are invited to contribute to the file by adding emails.

4. Miscellaneous

The next committee meeting will be on **March 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM.**