



Committee Conference call – 2022 May 13th –

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Date: May 13h from 5 to 6 PM.

Location: teleconference

Chairpersons: Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda

1. Access to the IRS website
2. Organization of the IRS Congress in Budapest
 - List of received abstract
 - Repartition Oral/poster
 - Repartition / topics
 - Role of scientific committee
 - Subventions
 - Registration fees
3. Election of the new Committee members
4. Miscellaneous

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

1. Access to the IRS website

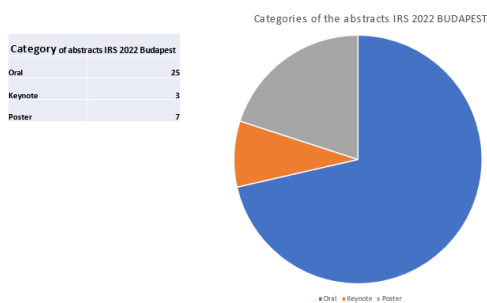
Michel T. communicated that the IRS website is not secure and the access is difficult from some Countries. After discussion, the members agreed to pay an amount of 196.29 € for 3 years to improve security and ensure access to the website. The amount will be paid by Gilles then reimbursed by IRS.

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

❖ Michel T. reminded that:

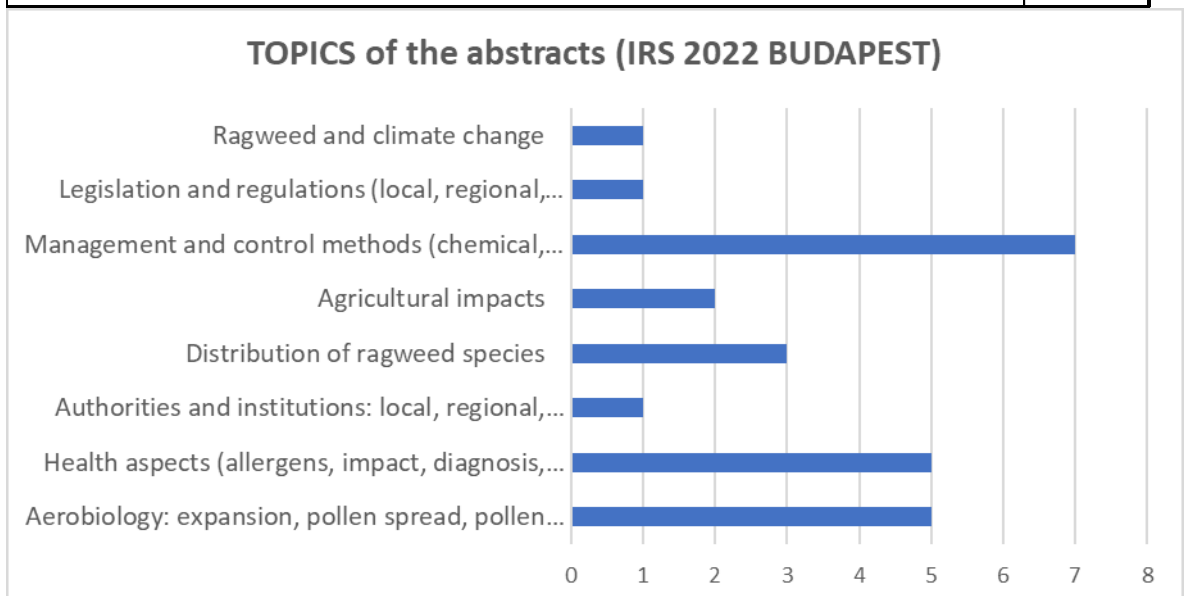
- The next 2-day International Ragweed Conference (including the next IRS General Assembly) will be held in Budapest on 8-9 September 2022.

- The conference venue will be in the center of Budapest at the “National Public Health Center, Hungary”
 - Regarding the time schedule for the conference organization, we are now at the end of the postponed deadline for abstracts.
- ❖ Michel T. communicated the list of the abstracts received:
- 2 keynotes +1
 - 27 talks
 - 8 posters

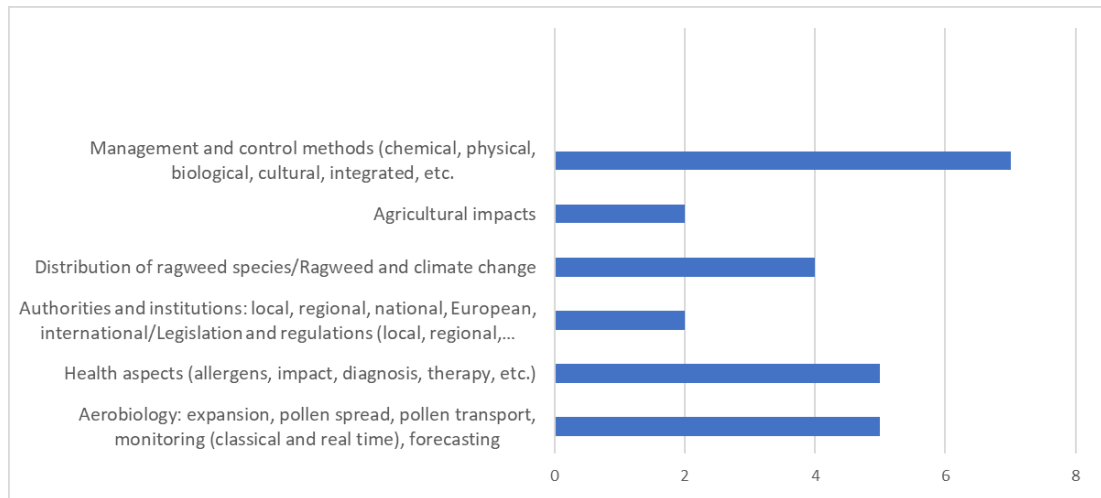


- ❖ Michel T. communicated that the number of abstracts proposed is sufficient to continue the organization of the congress and that their repartition by topics is:

TOPICS of the abstracts IRS 2022 BUDAPEST	
Aerobiology: expansion, pollen spread, pollen transport, monitoring (classical and real time), forecasting	5
Health aspects (allergens, impact, diagnosis, therapy, etc.)	5
Authorities and institutions: local, regional, national, European, international/Legislation and regulations	2
Distribution of ragweed species/Ragweed and climate change	4
Agricultural impacts	2
Management and control methods (chemical, physical, biological, cultural, integrated, etc.	7



Heinz M.S. suggested merging the following topics to have 6 sessions in total:
 -Authorities and institutions with Legislation and regulations
 -Distribution of ragweed species with Ragweed and climate change



The Committee approved

- ❖ Michel communicated the next scheduled steps are:
 - during May: examination of the abstracts by the scientific committee
 - end of May: proposal of the program, examination by IRS committee (by email)
 - mid May: first registration call
 - June 2022: second registration call
 - July 2022: third registration call

- ❖ Regarding the registration fees, the Committee decided that:
 - Regular registration (to be received by 30 June 2022): € 300.00
After 30th of June the fees will be 350 €
 - International Ragweed Society (IRS) members: € 150.00
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 - On-Site Registration: € 350.00
 - Student Registration: € 150.00 International ragweed Society student members: €100
After 30th of June the fees will be 200 €
 - Accompanying Person Registration: € 120.00

- ❖ Michel T. communicated and discussed the main financial issues of the conference:
 - Room rental: it will be provided free of charge by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità Ambientale;
 - Book of the conference abstracts: they will be provided free of charge by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità Ambientale;
 - Food Procurement: Negotiations are being made with a catering company for expenses. So far no details. As soon as there is new information, it will be communicated.

- Gala dinner: the Committee proposes 30 euros per person (wine not included).

3. Election of the new Committee members

Michel T. reminded that the electronic ballot for the election of the members of the new IRS Committee must be organized during the next months

4. Miscellaneous

Nothing

The next committee meeting will be on July 5th at 5 PM