

EuSSS Steering Committee meeting of 13 December 2009 at Knauer offices Berlin

Edited to include the views of Bevan, Felinger and Frank 20/12/09

Present:

Prof. Dr Hartmut Frank

Prof. Dr Boguslaw Buszewski

Prof. Dr Attila Felinger

Dr Christopher Bevan

On 13 Dec 2009, 09:00 - 13:00

At Herbert Knauer GmbH, Hegauer Weg 38, 14163 Berlin

Agenda and actions of the Steering Committee of EuSSS,

General Discussion on Future Priorities/Activities

All EuSSS statutes are now enshrined in German charity taxation laws.

Distribution of Tasks

ISC-meeting Valencia 2010

EuSSS will fully support this meeting and provide a prize for a scientist and a young scientist to be presented at the meeting

ISS-meeting Rome 2010

EuSSS will fully support this meeting and provide two prizes for a scientist and young scientist to be presented at the meeting

HPLC Boston 2010

EuSSS will fully support this meeting with advertising and promotion

Membership of new countries; membership fees.

Agreed a flat rate for countries joining EuSSS at 250 Euros per annum per country irrespective of number of members in the country's society.

Updates and News:

Russia and Rumania have joined EuSSS.

Ireland and Switzerland have expressed an interest in joining EuSSS.

EuSSS currently has 15 member countries.

Memberships of commercial companies.

Actively seek support from commercially interested companies to assist in shaping the policies and enable future funding for EuSSS.

Discussion after this meeting with Imre Molnar of the Molnar Institute; Imre Molnar declared his intention to become a member and suggested an annual fee of 100 Euros, breaking down to 10 € per employee.

Workshops to be organized in the next years.

Decision to organise, publicise and support ISC-2012 in Torun, Poland.

Still awaiting official minutes from K. Bischoff from 2009 summer ISC meeting in Munster of the countries comprising UK, France and Germany, the original controlling countries for ISC series plus other representatives from separation societies in Europe. Decision taken to widen the controlling group from 3 original founding countries to all European countries and new steering group to be formed.

The structure of the ISC series was reformed during the discussion of the international scientific committee of the 2009 ISC meeting in Münster.

In Münster, the following permanent scientific committee was decided for the

ISC series: Namely: Hennion, Lough, Karst, Felinger, Grimalt, Riekkola.

The majority of the societies represented by this group are represented on the EuSSS committee and therefore EuSSS is in a strong position to influence and drive decisions regarding future shaping of ISC series.

Compilation of a comprehensive database of all EuSSS members and contact names and addresses to facilitate efficient communications for EuSSS functioning. Boguslaw volunteered Agnes, his university secretary, to compile and maintain this database.

Agreed to maintain 2 prizes for young separation scientists and established scientists. Suggested the use of the Tswett name for the prize and decision to consult V. Davankov about this.

Thermo has a contractual obligation to EuSSS to provide funds [3 x 2000 Euros] for prizes over the next few years as part of the science for life agreement. One prize already awarded at ISC2006 Copenhagen.

Boguslaw is designing a suitable iconic trophy to physically represent the prize. Steering committee was asked to suggest a suitable theme for the prize and the science-for-life theme was regarded as a strong contender.

Attila Felinger volunteered to arrange for EuSSS to have a website domain name registered in Hungary so that a fresh website can be constructed that will allow better communication of activities to member countries and collaborating organisations.

Hartmut to send a High resolution logo of EuSSS (attached, that's all he has presently, if he finds a better one he will send it) to steering committee.

Hartmut to introduce Boguslaw to Fabrizio Moltoni, the MD of Thermo Italy to continue to harmonise good connections with the company.

Hartmut to write to thank Armin Maerk for his support over the past years as webmaster.

Boguslaw to write an article for LC-GC on future EuSSS plans.

Hartmut and Boguslaw are producing an interview by Frantisek Svec with both of them being interviewed (BB, HF) but we pose and phrase the questions to make it easier for FS (and us).

Next meeting of EuSSS steering group will be 4th June 2010 in Torun from 2 pm.

At the meeting of EuSSS on Afternoon of Wednesday 15th September 2010

Elections for two steering group members.

Reminders to be sent beforehand to all country representatives eligible to stand for office.

Get formal agreement for the ISC in 2012 to be held in Torun.

The steering committee wishes to acknowledge the kind generosity and help of HERBERT KNAUER for the use of his company's offices and restaurant for the steering committee meeting of 13th December 2009.