Minutes of the 15th IUIS General Assembly

Time: 13:35 – 16:30
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2013
Location: Room "Amber 4", MiCo, Milan
Attachments: http://www.iuisonline.org/iuis/

INVITED:
- General Assembly delegates from all member societies (voting)
- Executive Committee 2010-2013 (elected at the 14th General Assembly on August 22, 2010) (voting)
- Council members 2010-2013 (elected at the 14th General Assembly, 2010) (voting)
- Committee chairs (voting)
- Regional Federations (voting)
- Delegates from Affiliated organizations (voting)
- Representatives of applicants for ICI 2019 meeting (Beijing, Berlin, Kos, Moscow – non-voting)
- Representatives of the 15th ICI 2013 in Milan – Luciano Adorini, Alberto Mantovani (non-voting)
- Representatives of the 16th ICI 2016 in Melbourne – José Villadangos, Ian Barr, Andrew Lew, Karine Bulger, Maria Rigas, Natalia Ferreira, Roslyn McLeod, Arinex (non-voting)
- Jean-Loup Romet-Lemonne, IUIS Program Director (non-voting)
- IUIS Central Office secretary, Gerlinde Jahn (non-voting)

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AGENDA
1. Introduction (President Stefan Kaufmann)
The IUIS President Stefan Kaufmann welcomed all participants and introduced the agenda

2. President’s report
Stefan Kaufmann presented the main achievements of IUIS activities during 2010-2013. He included increasing the visibility and image of IUIS, communication, activities of the IUIS Program director, International Day of Immunology, Else Kröner–Fresenius Award and the IUIS journal: Frontiers in Immunology. The main emphasis of the current GA is in the ratification of the venue for the 17th ICI meeting in 2019 and election of the new officers and Council for IUIS.

3. Secretary General’s report (Seppo Meri)
Seppo Meri presented highlights of his report. In addition to the key operational activities it included the site visits to places that had sent bids for ICI 2019.

4. Treasurer’s report (Nick King)
Nick King presented the report of finances from 2012, which was approved.

5. Report on congresses
a. ICI 2013 Milan (15th ICI Congress) Presented by Luciano Adorini/Alberto Mantovani
b. ICI 2016 Melbourne (16th ICI Congress) José Villadangos gave an overview of the city of Melbourne, the meeting venue, logistics, and showed a spectacular video. Finally, he welcomed all to the 16th ICI Congress.

6. Bids for the 17th International Congress of Immunology (Beijing, Kos, Moscow, Berlin) - voting
   The Council had voted among the 4 candidates in two rounds. In the final round Beijing got the most votes (14 out of 20 votes). This decision in pending until the GA ratifies it. The decision can only be overturned by a 2/3 majority vote in the GA. The GA had 107 eligible votes. Thus, 72 votes would be needed to override the Council’s decision.

   Revaz Sepiashvili (Moscow, CIS) requested that the bidders for ICI2019 should give their presentations to the GA. The request was approved. Thereafter, the four bidders, in an order determined previously in the Council meeting by raffle (1. Beijing, 2. Kos, 2. Moscow, 4. Berlin), each gave their short presentations. After the presentations a general discussion followed.

   In a secret ballot voting 107 votes were given. 81 were to approve the Council’s decision and 26 were against the approval. Thereby, the Council’s decision was ratified, and Beijing (Chinese Society for Immunology) was chosen as the organiser of 17th ICI meeting in 2019.

7. Election of officers (ExCo)
   a) Vice-President
      Stefan Kaufmann will complete his term as President of IUIS at the General Assembly and become Past President. The Vice-President Jorge Kalil will commence his term as President from that date until the next General Assembly in 2016. The Vice-President elected at the General Assembly will become President at the next General Assembly in 2016.

      Candidates for the position of Vice-President for 2013-2016 are:
      1) Eddy Foo Liew (UK)
      2) Xuetao Cao (China)
      3) Ian Frazer (Australia) – not present
      4) Alberto Mantovani (Italy)
      5) Chris Rudd (UK, Canada)

      Each attending candidate gave approximately 5 min presentations. Ian Frazer had been unable to travel to Milan. Thus, Nicholas King read the letter Ian Frazer had sent to the GA. Thereafter the 107 participants of the GA voted in a secret ballot. If nobody won a simple majority during the first round, a second voting between the two with most votes would follow.

      Results of the first round were the following:
      Eddy Foo Liew 24, Xuetao Cao 17, Ian Frazer 4, Alberto Mantovani 44, Chris Rudd 18 (n=107)

      After the second round of voting Eddy Foo Liew received 39 votes and Alberto Mantovani 68 votes. Thereby Alberto Mantovani, Milan, Italy, became elected as the new Vice President for IUIS (2013-2016).

   b) Candidate for the position of Secretary General for 2013-2016:
      The current SG Seppo Meri (Finland) was the only candidate. GA approved his election as the Secretary General for 2013-2016. Seppo Meri left the room during the vote.

   c) Candidate for the position of Treasurer for 2013-2016:
      The current Treasurer Nicholas King (Australia) was the only candidate. GA approved his election as the Treasurer for 2013-2016. Nicholas King left the room during the vote.
8. Election of Council members
Following the protocol detailed below the GA voted for the new Council. The results are shown in the attachment.

9. Any other business
No other issues were raised

10. The Chairman thanked all the bidders for ICI 2019 and candidates for the VP and other positions and closed the GA meeting

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