

ASTIN Board Meeting – Zoom Call April 2021

1. Annual Report: Status/update Brian (10min); Eberhard (10min)

Update from Brian: Axel, Christian and Bill should deliver their photos with a minimum resolution of 200 dpi. For the highlights section more pictures are needed: everybody free to contribute; furthermore there will be a meeting with the designer today on that regard. The texts from Miyuki on the Japanese chapter and from Salma on the Paris colloquium are there. Pierre organized a further article of two pages by Stephane Loisel which is on some math but nevertheless entertaining. This will be delivered today and be read before published.

The source of filling the activities section was taken it from the newsletters. Furthermore each board member should send mails to Brian on their ASTIN related activities as this will work as a yearly memory.

Update from Eberhard: For 2019 the budget target of a reduction of the available financials was missed. This happened for 2020 again: We have an increase instead driven by Paris colloquium virtually, Covid impact on masterclasses and more unrealized gains of assets. For the budget 2021 the plan is again a reduction but so far this seems not realistic. Therefore, all are asked to generate ideas, within or beyond the context of the Committee(s) there are chairing, to spend some money for projects with value creation.

With respect to this situation Eberhard should be prepared if during the AGM some criticism would come up regarding the increase of the membership fees (aligned to other sections, stable at 50 for 10 years...).

The number of members increased in 2020 to 1336 whereof we had 19 new entries from 5 new country associations and further 12 members from Japan.
2. May colloquium: update website, registrations, submissions etc Christian (10min)

Update from Christian: Registration is open since last week, 56 registered so far. Everybody should approach the own association to promote our colloquium. More announcements are to come on the program.

Update from Bernard: There are 47 submitted abstracts, whereof only a few have to be rejected as not related to ASTIN so that all 44 slots will be filled. Time zones have to be managed for example by using European afternoon which is US morning.

The Best Paper Award will be defined after the colloquium as otherwise the scientific committee would have only one week to check all applications. It was discussed to hand out two prizes for best paper and best presentation.

Furthermore it was decided to mention these and prizes from Paris in our Annual Report.
3. Preparation of AGM, Board meeting May all (10 min)

The AGM will be on May 21 at 11am CET. Frank and Axel will coordinate their presentations. Registration for the AGM is part of the colloquium registration.

The Board meeting will be on Friday and Monday before the colloquium (3 hrs each day, not 4 as Frank mistakenly stated). Christian will send an invite. Miyuki will ask Jed explicitly to join the May Board meeting.

Each chairman committee is asked to fill at most 15 min (if more time needed Axel should be



informed) with what they did, which plans, ambitions, challenges.

As Jan Kahrs will join, he will contribute something as well.

If anybody would like to add something to the agenda Axel should get this information.

Regarding the Board elections Frank will provide some text on each candidate which will be discussed in the ALF meeting next week and then sent around to the Board. Furthermore this will be sent to all members on April 22 as the elections will start on April 28.

4. IAA update Michiel (10 min)

As Michiel was not able to attend this is shifted to a next meeting.

5. AOB all (10 min)

Nothing was mentioned.