

EPS YM committee meeting report #2

Thu May 27, 2010, 09h00-15h00

ICFO - The Institute of Photonic Sciences, Barcelona

Committee members: [all present]

Armand Niederberger (Chair), Giovanni Volpe (Web,YearlyMeeting), Antigone Marino (Communication), Maciej Kolwas (EPS President), David Lee (EPS Secretary General), Ophelia Fornari (EPS staff, YM logistics)

Visitors: [partial presence]

Lluis Torner (Director of ICFO), Romain Quidant (Group Leader ICFO; ICFO Young Minds Advisor), Giorgio Volpe (ICFO Young Minds President), Jan Gieseler (ICFO Young Minds Vice President), Rafael Betancur (ICFO Young Minds Treasurer), Michael Geiselmann (ICFO Young Minds Member), Marina Mariano (ICFO Young Minds Member), Jens Biegert (ICFO Student Advisor), Lars Neumann (International IONS Coordinator)

Updates:

- * We have now four Young Minds Sections: Barcelona, Naples, Galway and Moscow.
 - * Presidents of National Societies know about YM, DPG even maintains a young society called "junge DPG" (young DPG)
- * EPS ExCom approved a YM Budget of 15kEUR for the first year, Maciej is responsible for reporting about YM to ExCom
- * Website is technically ready, last changes being done now; sections and committee members will receive login parameters
- * Application process for students is sometimes perceived as difficult; the website shall be used to simplify participation as well as enforce correct applications and reporting of grants
- * Antigone will meet Luisa Cifarelli (next EPS President) in Bologna on June 19 to talk about YM

Decisions:

- * Young Minds Section members are, by definition, university students in science (or equivalent) or people with a university degree in science (or equivalent); typically undergraduate students, graduate students or postdocs.
- * The Katowice application does not meet the requirements for constituting a Young Minds Section and therefore has to be turned down.
- * We will approve YM applications from non-european groups but will currently not advertise them on a large scale
- * We encourage members to be open towards other professional organizations (OSA, SPIE, etc) and seek collaboration with all bodies working to support students and young scientists.
- * We are organizing a yearly leadership summit (Young Minds Meeting) in the YM framework. Participants will get in touch with industrial partners, learn about YM activities, leadership and communication as well as form a personal network between the different YM Sections. One member per YM Section shall be invited per year.
- * All activity grant applications were approved unanimously. The total amounts per section are: ICFO 1000EUR; Naples 950EUR; Galway 700EUR; Moscow 1000EUR.
- * IONS-8 is granted 1000EUR to support their conference.

Actions: [all due asap; at the latest by next meeting]

- * Giovanni - responsible for leadership meeting, check feasibility for april 2011 in Stuttgart; responsible of web-development.

- * David - assist Giovanni in leadership meeting from the EPS side, in particular with industrial contacts.
- * Antigone - Inform sections about grant acceptance and their reporting duties; work out coherent PR and Documentation Strategy for YM Project; e.g. guidelines for grant applications, communication with national societies (together with Maciej) etc.
- * Maciej - inform the Katowice applicants about our negative decision regarding their application and encourage them to team up with university students in order to constitute a Young Minds Section; assist Antigone for communication on the YM Project.
- * Ophélie - assist Antigone and Maciej to work on National Societies

Next Meeting: Friday 17 Sept 2010 in Naples

Backup date: Friday 24 Sept 2010 in Naples