

12th Young Minds Action Committee meeting

Saturday 28th November 15, 9:30-17:00
Konstanz, Germany

Committee members:

Christophe Rossel, Ophelia Fornari, Fülöp Zsolt, Ulrike Ritzmann, Eva Salvador Balaguer, Enrique Sanchez, Bence Godó, Roberta Caruso, Jonas Berzinš, Antigone Marino

Invited Participants:

Karl-Philipp Strunk

Decisions:

- The AC approves Roberta and Jonas as new members of the YMAC.
- After the experience at EuNPC 2015, the AC evaluated the possibility to have special Young Minds Sessions at EPS conferences. We agreed to contact the EPS conferences committee and propose them a format for a "Career in Physics" YM session, than can be time to time organized by YM. Zsolt and Ulrike will write the text for the proposal. The same proposal should be forwarded to national societies in order to have a YM event at their conferences.
- YM is interested to collaborate with the Physics for Development division. Several proposal were done during the meeting, however we first need to contact the new chair of the division. Chris will contact him.
- YM recognized the importance of the EOC and its activities. Two portraits of young woman in physics had been already provided by YM to EOC, and more have to come. However the YM AC believes it would be important to have a male representation on the EOC committee, that is completely missing. Antigone will write a letter to the EOC Chair and the ExCom with some suggestions. Before to send it, it will be shared and discussed with the other YMAC members.
- Eva will continue to take care of the e-EPS pills from YM. In this year we will try also to publish an article on EPN.
- We need to be more active on the socials. After the January grant deadline, we will launch the "Present yourself in 5 keywords". Every YM member on FB will be asked to presents him/herself with a short post. Jonas will take care of this initiative.
- The YM goal for 2016 is to arrive to 40 sections. This goal makes sense only if the EPS increases the annual budget for YM grants up to 25k€. We want to arrive to missing countries: Chris will contact Nordic Countries, UK, Irland and France; Zsolt has some contacts in Romania; Jonas will promote YM around the Baltic countries.
- The bylaw we suggest to Section is an old one that we took from the OSA template. Enrique will write a new one that better fit the YM goals.
- Antigone and Ophelia will write a full report on YM grants from 2010 to 2015. This analysis will be submitted to the EPS ExCom with the aim to get more economical support to cover the increase on YM Sections.
- Antigone and Ulrike will write the draft of the YM-jDPG Addendum, where technical details will be fixed as missing in the previous agreement. After the draft has been approved from the YMAC, it will be forwarded to the DPG (to Anja Metzelthinn and Michaela Lemmer, responsible for the jDPG)
- The YM project will not actively search for non-European countries, but we will accept their applications time to time depending on the country. For example, countries like Morocco, Armenia and Israel, that expressed an interest will be accepted.
- The 5th YM Leadership Meeting will be organized. We are looking for a capital (as the connections are faster and cheaper) and a place where a YM section can help us to keep a low budget. Ulrike will ask to DPG if there is a possibility to do it in Berlin. Bence will ask to the Budapest section.
- For the next grants deadline the procedure will change. In order to apply for grants, every section need to upload two documents: a) the new members list; b) previous activity report. Antigone will prepare a form on the website. Ophelia will advice all the sections.
- Eva and Roberta will write a new document about the YM grants criteria, on the basis of the AC discussion. About the money as awards in YM activities, it was decided that if money generated more participation, it can be accepted. We have to remind the YM sections to use the EPS-YM logo for all the YM activities.

- Antigone will ask to Gina to have a better visibility on the EPS website.
- The YM website needs a lot of work. As the support from the EPS staff is limited, we renounced to have single YM section website. Bence, our new webmaster, has a lot of ideas that will be developed starting from January 2016.

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