

## REPORT ON PS BUSINESS MEETING

EGU Assembly, 5 May 2010, 12 :15-13 :15, Room 28

Attendance: 80 members, 20 conveners/officers

### Agenda :

Report on 2009 PS Activities  
New office members election  
Medals/awards  
Publications  
Future activities

### Report on 2009 :

A. Coustenis reported on EGU 2009 activities:

- News from EGU :
  - o EGU is growing 14755 papers 8500 attendees
  - o Finances of EGU in good shape, new EGU President is D. Dingwell, there's a new EGU Executive Secretary : M. Gagen and the office is now in Munich.
  - o The EGU growth is also reflected at division level
- EGU/PS news:
  - o 26 sessions and 664 papers in 2010 – 37% increase (The President thanks the Conveners and Officers for their great work)
  - o PS is now in the top third of the 26 EGU Divisions
  - o PS has a problem with oral allocations : results from a very limited 2007 survey indicated that people did not want the last oral block to be maintained, so it was transformed to poster session. That and the increase in abstracts led to a reduction in oral blocks for 2010 ! EGU is heading towards 30% oral and 70% posters. A. Coustenis had to negotiate with the Programme Committee for extra oral blocks for PS. Also, only 15-mn and 30-mn oral blocks are permitted, no 5, 10 or 20 mns. She asks the conveners for feed-back on oral vs poster appreciation and also on the general program and PS sessions running this year. The members are also invited to contribute suggestions directly at : •<http://tinyurl.com/EGU2010Feedback>
- Vienna is likely to be the 2011 & 2012 EGU venue

### New office elections

Coustenis reminds the attendants of the terms for officers :  
each Division should appoint a Vice-President, "Science Secretaries" and "Outreach Secretaries"

So far, Division Presidents are elected in a general election amongst all EGU members for a period of 2 years with the possibility of an immediate re-election for another 2 years once only. The other Division officers are in general, appointed at the division business meetings. In order to organize appointments in a more transparent and bottom-up way,:

- the terms of office for the Division Vice-Presidents and Secretaries are also limited

- to max. 4 years
  - for each vacancy the community associated with a Division is invited to propose appropriate candidates in an “open call-for-candidates”.
  - the Division President is elected in a real election amongst the EGU members associated with the respective Division (At the moment each EGU member can only vote for one candidate in one Division).
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- A. Coustenis reminds the audience of the current office.
- President : new election, after Coustenis’ first 2-year term will take place in November 2010. Applications for this position can be submitted before August 20. All members can cast votes on up to three candidates from any Division. Coustenis is candidate for a second term
  - Vice-President: Manuel Grande has asked to be replaced. The President thanks him for his services to the EGU/PS community. Nomination for A. Chicarro. People validate the nomination. A. Chicarro is the new Vice-President of EGU/PS
  - Science Secretary for Plasmas is needed to replace H. Rucker who has asked to be relieved. Nomination for I. Dandouras. Accepted. I. Dandouras is the new co-officer of Plasmas.
  - EONS: The President, with J.-P. Lebreton and X. Moussas will work on PS Outreach. The EGU/PS Web site needs to be improved
  - Liaison officers:
    - o B. Foing (IAF, COSPAR)
    - o A. Bhadwaj, A. Chicarro (AOGS)
    - o M. Grande, A. Coustenis (EPSC, DPS)
    - o D. Winterhalter (AGU)

#### Reminder on terms for office

##### 1. Science Secretaries

The “Science Secretaries” should guarantee that the sciences associated with a Division are fully and as widely as possible represented in all of the activities of the Division and thereby of the Union. These are, e.g., the General Assemblies, the Topical Conferences, Workshops, Special Courses, Summerschools etc., the publications such as journals, book series and magazines, as well as the awards and medals. Either directly or via separate Division Committees and Boards, such as, e.g., the boards of editors or the awards & medal committees, these “Science Secretaries” would then “network” with the EGU Committees, such as, e.g., the EGU Meeting/Programme Committee, the EGU Publication Committee or the EGU Award & Medal Committee in a way we still have to determine.

##### 2. Outreach Secretaries

The “Outreach Secretaries” should guarantee that their Division is well represented in the more science-administrative and science-political as well as the outreach and educational activities of the Union. So, e.g., we SUGGEST that each Division appoints at least a:

- Secretary for News & Information for the Division Web-Site, for the EGU Newsletter or as contract partner for the EGU Media activities (media.egu.eu).

- Secretary for Education who will guarantee a sophisticated programme for the younger and more recently established geoscientists in form of special sessions at the General Assemblies, such as, e.g., Special Courses and Workshops, or Workshops and Summerschools outside of the General Assemblies, and who will foster a strong liaison to the universities, colleges and high-schools, and will serve as contact partner for the EGU programme “Geo-Information for Teachers (GIFT)” at [gift.egu.eu](http://gift.egu.eu).
  - Secretary for Outreach and International Affairs as the promoter for a tight liaison to industry, science-administrative and -political organizations on a European level, as well as to other scientific societies and unions. This secretary might serve as contact partner for Division and Union activities such as, e.g., job market, advertisements and sponsorship.
  - Secretary for Internal Affairs who would be responsible on the Division level for the finances, the nominations and elections, as well as for a close interaction and cooperation with the corresponding scientific community and with the various bodies of the Union.
- These “Outreach Secretaries” would then “network” with the EGU Committees, such as, e.g., the EGU Nomination Committee, the EGU Finance Committee or the EGU Forum on Education, Outreach, News & Sponsorship (EONS) in a way we still have to determine.

Following several on-spot proposals and later acceptances the updated office is as follows:

*President & Programme Chair:* Athena Coustenis ([athena.coustenis@obspm.fr](mailto:athena.coustenis@obspm.fr))

*Deputy President & EONS representative:* Chicarro Agustin ([agustin.chicarro@esa.int](mailto:agustin.chicarro@esa.int))

*Science Secretaries by themes:*

Plasmas/magentospheres: I. Dandouras ([Iannis.dandouras@cesr.fr](mailto:Iannis.dandouras@cesr.fr)) / H. Opgenoorth ([Hermann.Opgenoorth@esa.int](mailto:Hermann.Opgenoorth@esa.int))

Outer Planets: J-P Lebreton ([Jean-Pierre.Lebreton@esa.int](mailto:Jean-Pierre.Lebreton@esa.int)) / G. Orton ([go@orton.jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:go@orton.jpl.nasa.gov))

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*Outreach/Web site:* A. Coustenis, J-P. Lebreton, X. Moussas & team

*Publications :* A. Chicarro, H. Svedham ([hsvedhem@rssd.esa.int](mailto:hsvedhem@rssd.esa.int)), A. Coustenis

## **Public Contact**

will be assumed by the President and outreach officers

The contact of a Division with the public is, first of all, via its web site including news items, adverts, vacancies, product placements etc. Moreover, we have identified the association of

each of our almost 45.000 EGU “members” to our various Divisions; in most cases this is an association to more than one Division and the result of a first run is shown in the attached pdf file. Thus, direct mailing and open-calls for candidates and suggestions can be distributed. Open forums and the open business meetings once-a-year at our General Assemblies complement the possibilities to contact the public. Finally, there is the EGU Newsletter and the EGU Media platform to distribute Division news amongst the scientific community and the national and international media.

## **Awards/medals from PS**

The 2010 awardees were:

2010 medal : Bates medal, Th. Encrenaz

2010 Cassini Medal : G. Haerendel

2010 Runcorn/Florensky: J. Head

The President congratulates the recipients

PS Medal committees exist for:

The Cassini medal (ST+PS) : M. Grande (Chair, needs to be replaced for 2011 onwards)

The Bates/Runcorn/Florensky medal : D. Bockelée-Morvan (Chair)

The Huygens medal : A-M. Harri (Chair), PS contributes

The Young Scientist medal, The YSOOP medal

The award/medals committees, but also all members should provide names for the following :

The Cassini medal (ST+PS)

The Bates/Runcorn/Florensky medal

The Huygens medal

At : [awards.medals@egu.eu](mailto:awards.medals@egu.eu) cc Chairs, P, VP

## **Publications**

The audience agrees to continue with current publications of proceedings and papers in general interest Journals - request open access (PSS has since then offered such a possibility – it is currently working for a special issue on Giant planets systems edited by A. Coustenis et al) Additional special issues to PSS are invited to be coordinated by the Vice-President and the Thematic Officers. Calls to be issued soon after EGU Assembly.

## **Newsletter/Web site**

<http://www.egu.eu/inside-egu/general-structure.html>

The web site should address the following items and more:

- Office
- Meetings/sponsors

- Workshops
- Other major meetings, DPS, EPSC
- Job market
- Advertisement
- Products
- Involvement of the community: calls, elections, polls

J-P. Lebreton, X. Moussas and his team from Univ. Athens and A. Coustenis to look into the PS Web site question for content and implementation. Also search for ideas to improve our outreach. Organize Outreach PS session for 2010.

## Future

Increase PS visibility, number of abstracts, improve session organization

- Increase abstract submission but also ask for more oral blocks
- We had 664 papers (after withdrawals) in 26 sessions in 2010 (including joint sessions). We had started out with 10 more and had to merge several sessions
- Strategy core plus special sessions to be implemented by October 2010
- Secretaries to ensure focus and completeness of sessions in their themes (to be supervised by Vice-President)

*To improve (suggestions from the audience):*

- Posters : more attractive sessions – next year we will not be able to have even the OBs of this year ! Please think about interesting posters / poster presentations
- Conveners : do not invite too many oral talks, leave room for contributions
- Set up session proposals well before call (we finalize the program in October 2010)
- Ask for session proposals well before call
- Get report on current sessions from conveners

*To do list:*

- •Propose special issue for PSS from your session or combination of sessions like :
- •Outer planets systems (A. Coustenis, S. Atreya et al)
- •Terrestrial planets (A. Chicarro, PS Officers?)
- •Get report on current sessions/programme/ideas from conveners
- •Go see the posters and be active!
- •Go see Geocinema and send ideas on Education/Outreach
- Participate and represent PS within EGU

*Participation of PS in meetings:*

- EGU Assemblies
  - o 2011 = Vienna
  - o 2012 = Vienna
  - o 2013 = ?
- Topical conferences
- Workshops
- Summerschools

- Other major meetings: EPSC, DPS, AOGS, IAMAS, IAF, COSPAR

The meeting was adjourned at 13:15