

REPORT ON PS BUSINESS MEETING

EGU Assembly, 22 April 2009, 12 :15-13 :15, Room 16

Agenda :

Report on 2008 PS Activities
President transition
New office election
Medals/awards
Publications
Future activities

Report on 2008 :

Manuel Grande reports on EGU and on 2008 PS results:

- EGU is growing 13000 papers 9000 attendees – reflected in three ‘legs’ of organisation – Program committee, Publications, EONS
- This should be reflected at division level to maintain ‘bottom-up’ approach
- 21 sessions and 542 papers in 2009 – slightly down
- Finances in good shape – Vienna makes a surplus New EGU President Tuija Pulkinen
- Vienna is likely 2010 & 2011 venue
- New Executive secretary approached to replace retiring Arne Richter

President transition

Manuel Grande talks about the nomination of 3 candidates for PS President and the elections. He hands over the Presidency to new elected President, Athena Coustenis. Coustenis asks Grande to take the position of Deputy President. Grande accepts for at least one year.

New office

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

1. So far, Division President 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, we propose the following for the future:
 - 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).

2. 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.

3. 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.
- 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.

Proposal to have separate people responsible for Program, Publications, Outreach Program Committee and secretaries for :

Plasmas, Outer Planets, Dust and small bodies, Terrestrial Planets, Techniques/exploration, Origins, Exoplanets

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

President & Programme Chair: Athena Coustenis (LESIA, Paris-Meudon Observatory, France; athena.coustenis@obspm.fr)

Deputy President & EONS representative: Manuel Grande (Univ. of Aberystwyth, UK; mng@aber.ac.uk)

Science Secretaries by themes:

Plasmas/magnetospheres: H. Rucker (SRI, Austrian Academy of Sciences; helmut.rucker@oeaw.ac.at) / H. Opgenoorth (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; Hermann.Opgenoorth@esa.int)

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Terrestrial Planets: R. Ziethe (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; ruth.ziethe@esa.int) / O. Karatekin (Royal Observatory, Brussels, Belgium; ozgur.karatekin@oma.be)

Techniques/exploration: Ch. Erd (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; cerd@rssd.esa.int) / L. Richter (DLR, Berlin, Germany; Lutz.Richter@dlr.de)

Origins & Astrobiology: H. Lammer (SRI, Austrian Academy of Sciences; helmut.lammer@oeaw.ac.at) / F. Raulin (LISA, Univ. Paris 12, Creteil, France; raulin@lisa.univ-paris12.fr)

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Outreach/Web site: M. Grande, A. Coustenis, J-P. Lebreton, S. Limaye (SSEC, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA; SanjayL@ssec.wisc.edu)

Publications : H. Svedham (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; hsvedhem@rssd.esa.int)

Liaison officers: M. Grande, A. Coustenis, I. Dandouras (ST President, CESR, France; Iannis.Dandouras@cesr.fr), B. Foing (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; Bernard.Foing@esa.int), A. Bhardwaj (SPL, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum, India; anil_bhardwaj@vssc.gov.in), A. Chicarro (ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands; agustin.chicarro@esa.int), S. Limaye

Award/medals nominating committee : A. Coustenis, B. Foing, R. Greeley (SESE, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, AZ, USA; greeley@asu.edu), A. Coradini (IASF, Rome, Italy; angioletta.coradini@iasf-roma.inaf.it), Ch. Sotin (JPL, Pasadena, CA, USA; Christophe.Sotin@jpl.nasa.gov)

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 award/medals committee should provide PS names for the following to be forwarded by the President:

- The Cassini medal (ST+PS)
- The Bates/Runcorn/Florensky medal
- The Huygens medal

Publications

Publications : Haken Schwedem is appointed as corresponding officer

Investigate need/desire for a PS EGU dedicated Journal or

To continue with current publications of proceedings and papers in general interest Journals - request open access (PSS has since then offered such a possibility – to be looked further into)

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 and M. Grande to look into the PS Web site question for content and implementation

Future

Increase PS visibility, number of abstracts, improve session organization

- We had 542 papers in 21 sessions in 2009

- Strategy core plus special sessions to be implemented by June 2009
- Secretaries to ensure focus and completeness of sessions in their themes

To improve (suggestions from the audience):

- Posters : more attractive sessions
- Combine sessions in a given theme?
- Ask for session proposals well before call
- Get report on current sessions from conveners

Participation of PS in meetings:

- EGU Assemblies
 - 2010 = Vienna
 - 2011 = Vienna
 - 2012 = ?
- Topical conferences
- Workshops
- Summerschools
- Other major meetings: EPSC, DPS, AOGS, IAMAS, IAF, COSPAR