

*Twenty Fifth meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Virtual Meeting of 14 July 2010*

Attendees:

- Nicola Guarino (chair)
- Stefano Borgo
- Michael Gruninger
- Riichiro Mizoguchi
- Leo Obrst
- Peter Yim

Since IAOA membership goes from January to December, the EC discussed a proposal for a reduced membership fee for people that register after August. The change, if approved, applies only to new members. The EC will make the decision official only after the treasurer's verification of the administrative and legal aspects.

The EC continued the discussion of the committees as reported in the previous public report. In this initial stage, committees' chairs will be appointed by the EC. When committees are at a mature stage and enough people are involved, chairs can be selected by other means, e.g. election. The EC is monitoring the whole process in order to develop the IAOA official policy on committees. This policy will be included in the IAOA bylaws.

For some committees and subcommittees candidate chairs have been already identified among the volunteers and are being contacted. However, most committees are still at an initial stage and will be discussed at a later EC meeting.

The rest of the discussion on committees focused mainly on (sub)committees for summer school and PhD consortium since the EC believes these activities should start quickly.

The IAOA reminds members that want to contribute to one or more committees to write to info@iaoa.org

Please, put the committee name/topic in the subject of the email.

The list of committees foreseen/discussed at the moment is reported at the end of this report. It was decided that Michael Gruninger will be joining Leo Obrst as co-EC-Liaison for the Education Committee. The formation of some initial sub-committees within the "Education Committee" were also discussed (see details at the end of this report). The list is temporary.

The EC takes the opportunity to publicly thank the members that have already volunteered.

Beside committees (and sub-committees), the IAOA is going to form "special interest groups" (SIGs). These groups are more oriented toward scientific domains, and external communities and activities relevant to our charter. SIGs differ from committees in their goals:

Committees will generally have initiatives to implement; SIGs will generally coordinate activities that already exist in communities, fields or topics. Anyhow, both IAOA "Committees" and "SIGs" will essentially operate under the same processes.

New IAOA supported event:

- International Conference on Biomedical Ontology (ICBO), July 2011 (IAOA champion: B. Smith, M. Musen)

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Initial list of IAOA committees (in brackets the EC-Liaison):

1. Publicity, Image and Visibilitiy - (Guarino and Bateman)
2. International Promotion Committee - (Mizoguchi and Guizzardi)
3. Education - (Obrst and Gruninger)
 - 3.1 Summer School
 - 3.2 PhD consortium / Doctoral Colloquium / Student exchanges
 - 3.3 Curricula, Certification & Accreditation
 - 3.4 Textbook / Handbook
4. Membership - (Vieu)
 - 4.1 Interface with members - (Borgo)
5. ByLaws - (Borgo and Yim)
6. Ontology registry and repository - (Gruninger and Bateman)
7. Infrastructure - (Yim and Bateman)