

*Fifty-fifth meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Virtual Meeting of 14 Mar 2012*

Attendees:

- Nicola Guarino (chair)
- John Bateman
- Stefano Borgo
- Michael Gruninger
- Ali Hashemi (invited)
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu
- Peter Yim

The EC looked at the development of the IAOA Summer School organization, see <http://iaoa.org/isc2012/index.php>

The EC favors wide participation to the school in accordance to the Association goals of spreading formal ontology, and suggests the Education Committee to opt for low registration fee.

Regarding activities organized by IAOA Committees, the EC delegates the decision making: the Committees are free to make their organization choices. In general, the EC provides guidelines and will not intervenes unless there are problems. The Bylaws will be drafted to portray the roles and responsibilities as such and will set policies in that spirit.

The IAOA treasurer and FOIS General Chair will discuss grant distribution at FOIS 2012.

Status of IAOA infrastructure: we are in the process of gathering material. We should have all in place by the end of March.

The EC was updated on the status of the ongoing Ontology Summit 2012. The registration to the Ontology Summit Workshop and Symposium (12 & 13-April-2012) is now open. Both on-site (at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA) and remote participation are supported. Members are encouraged to participate in the weekly virtual panel sessions and at this workshop and symposium event, see: <http://www.iaoa.org/iaoaevents/iaoaevents.php?id=4811703651443443205>

The EC checked the status of the IAOA Statute and Bylaws. The Statute has been distributed and feedbacks have been received. The final version will be distributed well before the IAOA Assembly in July.

The Bylaws will also be ready for members' feedback and will be presented for voting at the IAOA Assembly.

The IAOA Assembly organization is proceeding.

The EC will try to organize a special session on SIGs at FOIS to present goals and activities.

All SIG chairs are requested to be and remain IAOA members while on duty. This ensures they can access all the "member only" tools.

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