

**Ninety-sixth meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Virtual Meeting of 6 Feb 2014**

Attendees:

- Stefano Borgo
- Michael Gruninger (Chair)
- Marion Haemmerli
- Janna Hastings
- Oliver Kutz
- Frank Loebe
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu (Treasurer)

The President reported on the search for a Swiss institution interested in hosting the IAOA. According to the collected information, hosting an association in Switzerland is simple and low demanding. Several options are being considered.

The EC aims to have a detailed plan for moving during April, when there will be the 2014 IAOA budget approval. The EC is considering to open an IAOA association in Switzerland before closing the Association in Italy. In this case IAOA will be both active as Italian and as Swiss association for a short period of time. Prior to these steps, the Statute and Bylaws will be revised in accordance with the Swiss national laws.

The Treasurer verified that the Italian IAOA bank account can be managed entirely in English, including times for phone service in English. This opportunity allows the new Treasurer to act with the current bank account. Hence, the change of the IAOA bank account can co-occur with the overall change of the IAOA location. The EC decided to update the Bylaws to include a paragraph on the new position of Membership Officer with its rights and duties.

The FOIS organizers announced that Nicolas Asher will be the third keynote speaker at FOIS 2014. The list of FOIS workshops is almost complete and will be distributed soon. Moreover, the EC was informed about the schedule for early and regular registration. Further discussion is required for scheduling the assignments of the student grants. Tentatively, registration fees shall be fixed by end of April, such that early registration can start in May.

The EC was updated on the second meeting of the SIG "Semantic Web – Applied Ontology" (SWAO). Elie Abi-Lahoud, Mike Bennett, and Andrea Westerinen act as co-chairs of the SWAO SIG, Leo Obrst is the IAOA EC liaison. A request for a dedicated mailing list is under consideration. The SWAO SIG has decided to support the Ontology Summit 2014 because of the topic of this year, namely "Big Data and Semantic Web Meet Applied Ontology". The SWAO SIG further considers organizing a workshop at the International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC) 2014. IAOA members interested in the SWAO SIG and its activities are invited to contact the SIG chairs.

The Secretary proposed a new IAOA position for a "Public Relations Officer" ("PR Officer"), in order to overcome bottlenecks with website updates and news distribution. The EC agrees with the proposal. Filling this position will be pursued in coordination with the Public Relations Committee. Overall, the EC agrees to examine the Standing and Technical Committees of IAOA, e.g., for due membership updates.

(End of Report)

President

Secretary
