

1st IFMBE AC (2009-2012) Meeting
10 Sept 2009
8.15am to 11am
Munich

Present:

H Voigt (Chair), M Kikuchi, Ratko Magjarevic, Guru Madhavan, Shankar Muthu Krishnan
Marc Nyssen, Luis Kun, Olof Lindahl, James Goh, Akos Jobbagy, Calil, Sun I Kim, Jan
Wojcicki, Luis Kun

Items:

1.0 Appointment of Committee Chairs

The candidates for the IFMBE Committee and Working Group Chairs, Co-Chairs and members were discussed. The proposed list is attached.

Some discussions on the following were made:

a. Publication and Publicity

- Alan Murray was proposed as the Editor for the Book Series.
- Ratko Magjarevic will continue to be the Editor for the Conference Proceeding Series. He will work with Dr Baumann (Springer) to publish as least 4 volumes a year. He will also be working on getting the conference series listed in Scopus and Pubmed.

b. Women in MBE

- To ask Adriana Velazquez (WHO) for nominee from middle east as a member of this Working Group

c. Conferences and Events

- The in-coming committee will work with IUPESM to address some issues on the organization of the World Congress and revision of the conference application form. Luis Kun urged for better linkage with other societies for collaboration and avoiding conflict.
 - The committee will work towards avoiding conflict of meetings.
 - Impress on congress organizers to prioritize IFMBE business meetings
 - Better and reasonable hotel arrangement (ie lowest room rates)

d. Developing Countries

- To recruit member from Latin American countries

- To work towards setting up 15 Travel Supports for participants to World Congress
 - Organize special program for developing countries in the World Congress
 - To obtain support from WHO for education in BME engineers / technicians
- e. Cellular and Stem Cell Engineering
- The group will be organizing a conference in Dublin next year – June 2010
 - The group requests for a loan of 5k euros
 - a. This was discussed and put to a vote.
 - b. Result : 13 agreed and 1 abstained
 - c. The loan is approved. (Action: Krishnan)
- f. Industry
- The group plan to organize a Symposium on Practical Education next year.
- g. Clinical Engineering Division
- Calil made a request for 640 euros to pay for on line connection for conference call to be held on 10 Sept 2009 from 11am in Munich
 - All agreed.

2.0 New Working Group

James Goh proposed the setting up of a new working group to promote and nurture young investigators. This was seconded by Akos Jobbagy. All agreed.

The name of the working group, the composition and terms of reference will be discussed at the next meeting.

3.0 New Initiatives

The Chair, Herb Voigt proposed two new initiatives: (1) Synthetic Biology and (2) Genetically Modified Food. All agreed.

This will be discussed further in the next meeting.

4.0 Any other business

- a. Ratko Magjaveric proposed to present appreciation plaques for all Editors and Deputy Editors. This was seconded by Guru Madhavan. All agreed.

- c. President Herb Voigt will write to appoint and charge all the committees, working groups, divisions and academy chairs. The chairs will be asked to provide budget request, Terms of Reference and goals for the term.
- d. Due to the election of James Goh as Secretary General, he will automatically be a member of the IUPESM Council. Therefore creating a vacancy for one IFMBE nomination. Ratko Magjaveric proposed Shankar Krishnan. This was seconded by James Goh. All agreed.