

Report from the WiMBE (IFMBE) and WiMPBME (IUPESM) Business meeting in Toronto (WC2015)

My mandate as Chair of both committees ended in Toronto at WC2015. I am very pleased to announce that there are two Co-Chairs who will be taking over the leadership of the committee: Birgit Glasmacher (Germany) and Eleni Kaldoudi (Greece). For IUPESM, Eva Bezak is the new Chair of the WiMPBME Task Group.

We had a very good business meeting in Toronto on June 11. There were 18 persons (17 women and 1 man). I explained the main activities of the past three years. Everyone said a few words about who they are and we have a list of the participants. They all responded that they were interested in participating in the activities of the Committee and Task Group.

For WiMBE (IFMBE), Birgit Glasmacher (Germany) and Eleni Kaldoudi (Greece) will develop two lists in the coming weeks. One will be a small number of committee working members and the other will be a list of contact persons. The latter will be informed of all activities and plans developed by the committee and it is expected that these persons will communicate with the committee co-chairs by sending news, pictures, announcements and articles for the newsletter. In this manner, the WiMBE will be able to reach a much broader audience than previously and everyone will be involved very much in all WiMBE activities. We also want to build on what is on the website so please send in some links of resources, programs that you know could be of interest to the group.

I have been elected as Chair of the Council of Societies of the IFMBE, so will be very busy in this new role. However, I promised Eleni and Birgit to continue my participation with the WiMBE and help when needed.

I thank Eleni and Birgit most warmly for having accepted this leadership role at IFMBE and Eva Bezak for IUPESM. I know they will do an excellent job for the next three years. I also want to thank everyone who helped out in the past several years!

I wish everyone a nice summer!

Monique Frize, Past Chair WiMBE and WiMPBME