

European Astronomical Society

2nd Business Meeting
Lisbon, September 7, 2010

Minutes

Attendance: Name list available on request from EAS

The Session was opened by the President, Joachim Krautter, at 13h45.

This was followed by each participant presenting him or herself, and stating the Affiliated Society being represented.

1. Welcome by the president

The President explained that the Agenda was drawn up in such a way as to avoid too much overlap with those items that will be discussed at the EAS General Assembly.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unchanged.

3. Status of Astronomy in Europe

Vice-President Martin Huber presented a progress report on the working group reviewing the Status of Astronomy in Europe. This report follows naturally the first such exercise undertaken by EAS resulting in the paper authored by Thierry Courvoisier on the ['European Astro-political Landscape'](#)

The goal is to have this paper ready in draft form by next year's EAS GA. The suggestion was made for Huber to talk, among others, to Johannes Anderson regarding the relation between EAS and ASTRONET and the plans for ASTRONET2. Jan Palouš stressed that it was important not to duplicate work done by ASTRONET, but rather to complement it. In that respect, as mentioned by the representative of the Italian Affiliated Society, EAS is in a better position to reach out to and involve those countries in the Eastern region.

4. Launch of the EAS Brochure

Vice-President Jan Palouš presented the new EAS Brochure and invited feedback that will be taken into account when preparing a new edition at some future date. The brochure is available as hardcopy and electronically, via the EAS Web.

Birgitta Nordstrom offered a vote of thanks for a job well done!

The President joined in thanking Jan for his efforts, and ESO for generously offering their expertise in the area of graphic design.

Affiliated Societies were asked if they were prepared to send the brochure to their members, thus bringing the EAS to their attention. The German AG agreed.

Birgitta Nordstrom concurred that the Affiliated Societies should distribute this, at the very least electronically. An Action was left with EAS Council to follow this up.

5. Communication strategy

The Secretary, Elias Brinks, urged the Affiliated Societies to forward EAS copies of those messages sent to their members, that might be of interest to the EAS membership at large.

6. Discussion on funding climate

In order for the EAS to be able to support more activities, its financial basis will need to be broadened. EAS will focus in the short term on what opportunities arise at EU level, for example within FP7 or similar programmes. Affiliated Societies are asked to share their fundraising experience with the EAS and their sister societies.

7. Joint Division EAS/EPS

The President is pleased to announce that an agreement has been signed with the EPS for a Joint Solar Physics group.

8. Lodewijk Woltjer Lecture

The President presents the idea behind the Lodewijk Woltjer Lecture, an EAS prize awarded by Council. He also announced that Lodewijk Woltjer will be made Honorary Member of the Society at tomorrow's GA.

Birgitta Nordstrom asked about the criteria for this award. It was explained that this is posted on the EAS Web.

Thierry Courvoisier mentioned that the Lodewijk Woltjer Lecture will be published in the EAS Newsletter.

9. EWASS 2011, St. Petersburg

Alexander Stepanov, who is LOC Chair and SOC Co-chair for the EWASS (formerly JENAM) to be held in July 2011 in St. Petersburg, presented the current status of where the preparations stand.

Birgitta Nordstrom expressed her concern about the steep cost of accommodation. Alexander replied that hotel block bookings will be made, and that for young participants there will be the option of staying at Pulkovo Observatory at very competitive rates.

10. Any Other Business

This was the last Business Meeting under the current President. Joachim Krautter thanked Tino Oliva, Martin Huber, and Alexander Stepanov, the outgoing Council members, and wishes the new EAS Council success in its endeavours.

In turn, Joachim was thanked by all present for his many years of service to the EAS, the last four years as its President.

As no further issues were raised, the President closed the session, thanking all attendants for their participation, at 14h30.

Elias Brinks
Secretary EAS