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ESIS Council Meeting

ECF23- Funchal, Madeira

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MINUTES

Attendees: There were 45 attendees, including 40 eligible voting representatives.

1. Welcome, Francesco Iacoviello

The president, Francesco Iacoviello, chaired the meeting and thanked all the Council members for attending ECF23 and this Council meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, Pedro Moreira for Bamber Blackman

The minutes of the last Council meeting (On-line, VECF1) were available on the ESIS website. They were accepted as correct.

3. Establish voting members, Pedro Moreira for Bamber Blackman

a. The voting members of Council were established by the secretary, (based upon the ESIS Statutes and memberships for 2020-2022). Proxy representation had been identified earlier by communication with the secretary. The voting members were:

- i. Algeria: Mohammed Hadj Meliani
- ii. Austria: O. Kolednik (for R. Pippan)
- iii. Belgium: R. Talem
- iv. Benelux (observer): R. Talem / J. Hoefnagels
- v. Bulgaria: D. Angelova
- vi. Croatia: Ž. Božić
- vii. Czech Republic: S. Seidl
- viii. Finland, S. Pallaspuuro
- ix. France: J. Besson
- x. Germany: M. Wormwald
- xi. Greece: S. Kourkoulis

- xii. Hungary: T. Fekete (for P. Trampus)
- xiii. Israel: Z. Yosibash (for D. Sherman)
- xiv. Italy: V. Di Cocco (for F. Berto)
- xv. Lithuania: A. Adumitroaie
- xvi. Norway: J. He (for Z. Zhang)
- xvii. Poland: G. Lesiuk
- xviii. Portugal: P. Moreira
- xix. Romania: S. Galatanu (for L. Marsavina)
- xx. Russia: V. Shlyannikov
- xxi. Serbia: M. Djukić (for A. Sedmak)
- xxii. Slovenia, N. Gubeljak
- xxiii. Spain: L. Tavera (for F. Galvez Diaz-Rubio)
- xxiv. Sweden: J. Bergström (for T. Sjogren)
- xxv. Switzerland: A. Brunner
- xxvi. Turkey: T. Yalcinkaya
- xxvii. United Kingdom: E. Martinez-Paneda (for J. Marrow)
- xxviii. Ukraine: Olha (for H. Nykyforchyn)
- xxix. TC1: TBC (for U. Zerbst)
- xxx. TC2: A. Jivkov
- xxxi. TC3: S. Vantadori
- xxxii. TC4: J.A. Pascoe (for B. Blackman & A.J. Brunner)
- xxxiii. TC5: Y. Petrov
- xxxiv. TC6: P. Hvizdos (for J. Duzsa)
- xxxv. TC7: V. Infante (for R. Clegg)
- xxxvi. TC8: TBC (for J. Besson)
- xxxvii. TC9: G. Ferro
- xxxviii. TC10: O. Zvirko (for J. Toribio)
- xxxix. TC11: H. Klingelhoffer
 - xl. TC12: J. Correia (for A. Sedmak)
 - xli. TC13: Mirela Lordachescu (for L. Marsavinia)
 - xlii. TC14: V. Silberschmidt
 - xliii. TC15: F. Berto
 - xliv. TC16: V. Mantic (for Z. Yosibash)
 - xlv. TC17: P. Tavares (for P. Trampus)
 - xlvi. TC18: P. Ferro
 - xlvii. TC20: C. Bertolin
 - xlviii. TC24: TBC (for S. Beretta)
 - xlix. Vice-President: A. Sedmak
 - l. Vice-President: L. Marsavina
 - li. Secretary: B. Blackman
- b. There were 40 of the above 51 eligible voting members present. The meeting and voting quota were therefore satisfied, according to the Statutes.

4. President's Report (2018-2022): Francesco Iacoviello

- a. Francesco gave a summary of the main achievements over the period of his presidency (2018-2022).
 - b. There had been four modifications to the ESIS Statutes: groups of countries were now permitted to join ESIS; ESIS now accepts non-European members; ESIS president and VP elections and elections for TC chairpersons and secretaries.
 - c. The number of TCs had been increased to 20 and there was additional support for TCs and NGs (e.g. €1500 for each PSI). However, some TCs remain problematic.
 - d. The services for members had been greatly expanded: e.g. Google Workspace, access to ESIS proceeds, website, etc.
 - e. There had been 41 issues of PSI published with 3,274 papers included.
 - f. ESIS now supports the following Open Access Journals: Frattura ed Integrita Strutturale (Fracture and Structural Integrity); and Integritet i vek konstrukcija (Structural Integrity and Life). These journals are without cost to the authors or readers and are not published by a professional publisher but are peer reviewed.
 - g. The Covid-19 global pandemic had posed major challenges requiring ECF23 to be postponed from 2020 and an on-line conference VECF1 to be conceived and successfully run in 2020.
 - h. The war in Ukraine had posed additional challenges to ESIS. In a series of special meetings, ExCo had expressed various views in response to the request by the Ukrainian NG to expel Russian scientists from ESIS and cease all co-operation. In the light of this situation, FI took a president's decision that ESIS remain apolitical.
5. Membership report (2018:2022): Bamber Blackman
- a. Membership figures were reported for the years 2020- 2022 (updated).
 - b. In 2020, ESIS had 653 members and € 5,901 had been received in fees
 - c. In 2021, ESIS has 559 members and € 8,202 had been received in fees.
 - d. In 2022, ESIS had 637 members and € 6,092 had been received in fees to date.
 - e. Membership fee income fluctuates as some countries pay every two years, others pay for several years in arrears, etc.
 - f. Highlights were reported as: most National Groups are functioning and reporting annual memberships to ESIS. Benelux formed to represent Belgium and Netherlands however, Benelux did not report membership in 2022 due to covid. Non-European nations are now able to join, e.g. Algeria (2022), and interest from Australia has been received.
6. Liaison activities: Zhiliang Zhang (absent, no report)

7. Elsevier Special Issues and Publications. Valery Shlyannikov
 - a. The list of special issues to date was circulated for discussion. All was going well.
8. Treasurer report, Beppe Ferro and Francesco Iacoviello
 - a) It was reported the ESIS deposit.
 - b) FI reported that a new contract with Elsevier had been signed.
 - c) The budget for 2023 comprised income from Elsevier and membership fees.
 - d) Budgeted expenses were ExCo meetings (€5,000); Support for publication of 6 PSIs (at €1,500 per PSI) €9,000; publication of SIs for Elsevier journals (€11,000); Miscellaneous (€5,000); total budget expenses (€30,000).
9. BeNeLux group. Approval as a full Council member (art. II.7) Francesco Iacoviello
 - a. BeNeLux was approved as a full Council member by a vote of members.
10. Report on ECF23. Pedro Moreira
 - a. The Summer School had gone very well, with 90 attendees (including speakers) from 27 countries.
 - b. The venue arrangements at the conference hotel were looking very good.
 - c. There had been 505 registrations (including plenaries). Of these, 62 were from Germany, 45 from Italy, 42 from the UK, and 27 from France.
 - d. PM presented details of the ESIS support for researchers to attend ECF23.
11. Report by the Awards Committee, ECF23 (2022) and VECF1 (2020) Pedro Moreira
 - a. The Griffith Medal was awarded to Leslie Banks-Sills in 2020 and Meinhard Kuna in 2022.
 - b. The Wohler Medal was awarded to Filippo Berto in 2020 and Youshi Hong in 2022.
 - c. The Award of Merit went to Uwe Zerbst in 2020 and Jose Correra in 2022.
 - d. The award of Honorary Membership went to Audrey Shanyavskiy in 2020 and Stavros Kourkoulis in 2022.
12. Report by the Fellows Committee ECF23 (2022) and VECF1 (2020) Francesco Iacoviello
 - a. The following were awarded ESIS Fellowships:
Dov Sherman; Zohar Yosibash; Donka Angelova; Liviu Marsavina and Andreas Brunner.
Filippo Berto, Alfonso Carlos Fernández-Canteli, Aleksandar Sedmak, Pedro Moreira
13. Report by the Committee for the Support of Scientists at ECF22, Pedro Moreira
A total of 39 delegates had their registration fees supported by ESIS. Also, an additional support of 200€ was given for 29 researchers.

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14. Report on ECF24, Zeljko Bozic

- a. ZB gave a brief update on preparations for ECF24 which will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, during 24-30 August 2024.
- b. The website address is www.ecf24.fsb.hr

15. Proposals and vote for ECF25 Venue

- a. Bid 1- GSEMM. A bid to host ECF25 to Athens was presented by the Greek National Committee.
- b. Bid 2- Spanish Group. A bid to host ECF25 to Seville was presented by the Spanish National Committee.
- c. Bid 1 (GSEMM) was approved by a vote of Council to host ECF25 in Athens in 2026.

16. ESIS President (2022-2026) election.

- a. Aleksandar Sedmak was voted the new President of ESIS.

17. ESIS Vice-Presidents (2022-2026) election

- a. Liviu Marsavina and Filippo Berto were elected Vice-Presidents

18. Miscellaneous items