

Minutes

ICBEN Business Meeting 2014

Nara, Japan

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1. Stephen Stansfeld welcomes everybody and asks for short introductions.
2. Stephen Stansfeld asks whether there are any objections to the minutes from the last business meeting at Internoise 2012, and there are no objections. Matters arising from these minutes will be discussed.
3. Election of Officers (Stephen Stansfeld): Mathias Basner (President), Mark Brink (Vice-President), and Sabine Janssen (Secretary) were suggested for ICBEN officers. There were no other suggestions. The three suggested officers were elected for the term 2014-2017.
4. Report on 2014 Conference in Nara: Takashi Yano presents income and expenses of the current conference. There are no losses or gains.
5. An ICBEN Review Paper 2011-2014 with contributions of most of ICBEN's INTs is in preparation, and will likely be submitted in June. Irene van Kamp and Lex Brown ask that the team summaries at the beginning of each team's plenary will be continued at the next conferences, and this found strong support among the business meeting attendees.
6. ICBEN award for excellence in research, best student paper award, best poster award: Mathias Basner reiterates history of new awards. ICBEN officers together with INT chairs and co-chairs decided on new prizes. A motion to continue with these awards at the next conferences was carried.
7. It was decided to continue to use the title "ICBEN Award for Excellence in Research on the Biological Effects of Noise". Potential awardees will be suggested by ICBEN officers, chairs and co-chairs and the winner then elected by majority vote. Larry Finegold states that the Michiko So Finegold trust intends to sponsor the award by supporting the travel of the awardee. The trust will issue an award certificate and a medal on the occasion of the Excellence Award.
8. Website (Mark Brink): The old ICBEN-website at ifado, Dortmund, was moved to the ETH server in 2012. The URL of the site is: www.icben.org. The old website at ifado is not accessible anymore. The ICBEN proceedings are now available on the website. Mathias Basner thanks Mark and Christian Giguère for their support in getting this done. Patrik Sorqvist suggests to add interactive features on the homepage. Mark says that he is willing to facilitate these initiatives, but those who propose changes to the homepage need to take action themselves. Stephen Stansfeld thanks Mark for making the changes to the homepage.
9. Future of the Team for Noise and Animals (SAS): The team was lead by Paul Leppard, who was not able to get momentum for team 7 due to many other competing demands. He still thinks there may be a place for team 7 in the future of ICBEN. Attendees of the business meeting decided to let team 7 hibernate for now so it can be revived in the future.
10. Future Congress in Zurich, Switzerland 2017 (Mark Brink): Mark presents latest news on ICBEN 2017 in Zürich. The Swiss Federal Office of the Environment agreed to

absorb a potential deficit. A more comprehensive presentation will be given on the last day of ICBEN 2014.

11. Proposals for 2020 Meeting (Mathias Basner): No proposal now. Dieter Schwela asks whether ICBEN 2020 could be held in a developing country like India or Pakistan. Other attendees express that it will be hard to organize and find funding for this. Also, attendance rate may be low. Sabine Janssen asks whether it raises awareness if you hold a conference in developing country.
12. Devising a handbook for future conferences: Christian Giguère was asked by Stephen Stansfeld to prepare a handbook for organizing conferences. Christian welcomes feedback from Takashi Yano. Mark Brink should also help as the conference organizer for ICBEN 2017. Larry Finegold has started the process while co-organizing ICBEN 2014. He will provide Christian with the materials. Lex Brown said this could be a small handbook with attachments from former conferences. There was a formal vote that Christian should start working on a handbook.
13. Stephen Stansfeld thanks Larry Finegold for the generous contribution from the Michiko So Finegold Trust for ICBEN 2014.
14. Larry Finegold suggests a subcommittee should be generated in the future to commemorate the first 50 years of ICBEN at ICBEN 2020. This was discussed favorably.
15. Mathias Basner thanks Stephen Stansfeld and Christian Giguère for their outstanding work in the term 2008-2014.
16. Mathias Basner proposes a new format for ICBEN 2017, where the second session of a team could be more like a panel discussion among team chairs and presenters about key topics and gaps for each team. The audience could then contribute to the discussion and thus inform future research. This was discussed favorably, but should be decided on by the organizing committee for ICBEN 2017.

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