

ICF Business Meeting
Tuesday September 5 2017, 12-13:30
Room MC 3.2
ESB 2017 Annual Meeting

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction- by Joachim Kohn (Chair)
2. Updates on the development of the ICF-BSE
 - a. New website complete
 - b. International Student Exchange 2017 report
 - c. Membership donation for 2016
 - d. Debates and their format
 - e. Proposal to the IUS to nominate Fellows
3. Challenges
 - a. Sustainability of the organization (Membership donation)
 - b. How to improve communication with all Fellows?
 - c. Support for new and developing societies- Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia
4. Update on WBC 2020 in Glasgow

Minutes/summary

Website

The new website was officially revealed, including research profiles featuring 140 different fellows. There was a discussion on how to indicate if fellows are retired or passed away.

Geoff Richards offered a very large donation to support this new website and its further development and refinement.

Summer Exchange

The success of the 2017 summer exchange at the New Jersey Center for Biomaterials was shared and several fellows who had students participate in past exchanges spoke about the value of the experience for their students.

There was discussion of potential additional sites, and starting a new program involving exchanges with industry.

Steering Committee

A suggestion was made to introduce term limits for the steering committee. By a hand raise vote, a majority agreed that this should be pursued. A proposal will be drafted and developed by the fellows. It will then be voted on for implementation in 2020 with the next election of steering committee members.

Debate

The new format of the Fellows Debate was discussed (5 individual speakers on different topics instead of 1 topic with 6 speakers). General feedback was

positive, but there should be more time for questions and discussion. A vote in the room showed that the majority preferred focusing on a single topic, (though having individual talks within that topic is still an option). There was also encouragement to have debate in a plenary/prominent slot, given the success of this last session. The debaters will also work to publish a paper based on the presentations at the session.

IUS-BSE and ICF-BSE

The relationship between IUS-BSE and ICF-BSE was also discussed. It is agreed that the ICF can have independent activities and does not need permission to act. There will be further study of the bylaws of both organizations to clarify this further.

It was also shared that the proposal by the ICF to the IUS to allow the ICF to nominate candidates for Fellows status was supported by the majority of IUS delegates and so will be considered in the next set of IUSBSE bylaws for implementation in 2020.

WBC2020

Liz Tanner presented on the WBC2020 conference in Glasgow, Scotland. There are plans for a Fellows Debate and the fellows and their expertise will be involved in many aspects of the conference.