

Minutes of the IABEM meeting

Location: University of Brescia

Date: September, 7th, 2011

The meeting started at 4.30 p.m.

Participants: S. Mikhailov, A. Linkov, M. Perelmuter, L. Gray, J. Berger, V. Mantic, S. Mukherjee, D. Praetorius, N. Heuer, M. Schanz, E. Pan, Y. Liu, O. Steinbach, A. Salvadori, A. Frangi

The following topics have been discussed:

1. Future of IABEM
2. Structure of IABEM
3. Location of the next meetings

Ad 1:

All of the participants voted for keeping IABEM alive and to restructure it. One strong argument for IABEM compared to other BEM related societies is the connection between mathematicians and engineers. This has been claimed as an important intention, which should be kept in future.

Ad 2:

Yijun Liu suggested the following structure for IABEM:

- Executive Council/Committee: 3-5 people
- Scientific Advisory Committee: 15-20 people
- Past Presidents

After some discussion the 'Executive Committee' has been set with the following five:

Norbert Heuer, Yijun Liu, Alberto Salvadori, Martin Schanz, Olaf Steinbach.

One argument for this filling of the committee was to include the organisers of the past and future IABEM-meetings.

No president has been elected. The Executive Committee will suggest at the next meeting how this election should be done and whether a Vice-President and treasurer is necessary.

The participants thank Marc Bonnet for serving such a long time as president.

It has been decided that a homepage is important and should be established. Further, some rules how to find the scientific committee and how to select the Executive committee in future will be made. This should be approved/debated on the next meeting.

A brief discussion is on taking membership fees. However, to avoid any conflicts with national tax authorities no fees will be collected.

Ad 3:

The next meetings will be:

- Jan/Feb 2013 Santiago de Chile, Chile. Organised by N. Heuer and C. Jerez-Hanckes
- October 2014 (may be spring 2015) Zhengzhou, China. Organised by M. Zhao and E. Pan.

End of the meeting at 5.30 p.m.