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Minutes from the Scientific Committee Meeting at BioMedEng19

Date: 5th September 2019, 13:00 – 13:45

Attendees: Anthony Bull, AB (Imperial), Alicia El Haj, AEH (Birmingham), Antonio Fratini, AF (Aston), Claudia Mazza, CM (Sheffield), Constantin Coussios, CC (Oxford), Daniel Abásolo, DA (Surrey), Hazel Screen, HS (QMUL), Malcolm Granat (Salford), Martin Knight, MK (QMUL), Michael Sutcliffe, MS (Cambridge), Perumal Nithiarasu, PN (Swansea), Rachel Williams, RW (Liverpool), Sebastien Ourselin, SO (KCL), Stephen O'Connor, SOC (IPEM), Terry Gourlay (Strathclyde)

Apologies: Ashraf Khir, AK (Brunel), David Williams, DW (Loughborough), Declan Bates (Warwick), Ed Chadwick, EC (Keele), Hywel Morgan, HM (Southampton), Jem Hebden, JH (UCL), Yiannis Ventikos, YV (UCL)

Not present: Gifty Tetteh (Imperial-secretary). In her absence, Anthony Bull took minutes.

1. Welcome

AB welcomed all. Clarified that the remit of this committee was to appoint next year's meeting, assist the local organising committee in next year's meeting and consider strategic issues for the wider BioMedEng constituency.

2. Establishing a separate society/charity for the conference

Agreement that this should be enacted.

AB presented two options for the new organisation: Charitable Incorporated Organisation Association or Charitable Incorporated Organisation Foundation. Foundation: all members are trustees, therefore, membership is kept small. Association: has both trustees and members separately, where the trustees run the organisation on behalf of the members.

Decision: We will establish a CIO Association on behalf of the constituency. Inaugural trustees to be: Anthony Bull, Alicia El Haj, Claudia Mazza and Hazel Screen. Inaugural voting members to be the Scientific Committee.

Decision: Remaining funds ('profit') from the BioMedEng19 conference will be used to establish the CIO.

Discussion: How do people become members, etc. This is complex item and one that will be considered as the CIO documentation is prepared.

3. Leadership of the CIO

Inaugural trustees as listed above. Scientific Committee will continue to be the initial leadership council, but voting for broader membership will be established early on.

Membership issues discussed (amongst other points): will membership come with attendance at conference? Can industry become members? How does the financial model work from year to year when the meeting is organised?

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4. Update on BioMedEng19 (considered out of sequence with all attendees present)

AB gave a verbal update on number of abstracts, presentations, etc. These will be reported more fully in a written statement to the BioMedEng Scientific Committee shortly after conference wrap up.

5. Legacy Prize and Innovation Prize

Nominations were considered. The decision was made to continue awarding these annually. Clarity about criteria was sought and we confirmed that the Legacy Prize is essentially a 'lifetime achievement award' for broad contribution (education, research, translation....) and the Innovation Prize is truly for an innovation and so could be awarded to a more junior person (but not necessarily junior).

Decision: Innovation Prize: Dr Katerina Spranger. Legacy Prize: Professor Lionel Tarassenko.

6. Bids to host BioMedEng20

Two formal bids were received. The Scientific Committee members from those institutions left the room and the Scientific Committee considered the bids.

Decision: Sheffield to host BioMedEng20. Chair of the Organising Committee: Dr Gwen Reilly.

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