

Minutes of Meeting of the EPS Solar Physics Board, 9/15/05
Leuven

Minuted by B. Fleck

Present: S. Poedts, H. Aurass, B. Fleck, G. Aullanier, E. Dara, G. Poletto, P. Rudawy, L. Fletcher, V. Nakariakov, M. Carlsson, A. Hofmann, M. Karlicky, J. Sylvester, K.-L. Klein, D. Berghmans

D. Berghmans informed the Board about the status of Solar Orbiter in the ESA Science Programme.

Agreements:

The President should contact the Solar Orbiter instrument teams to offer the support of the Board.

Establishment of a SPS Press Office; the Press Officer should set-up a network of media contacts in member states ("country desks") and coordinate activities.

G. Poletto thanked the outgoing members for their services.

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1) Board membership -

G. Poletto was proposed to remain as President, and accepted.

S. Poedts was proposed for the new position of Vice-President, and accepted

L. Fletcher was proposed as Secretary, and accepted.

It was noted that the Vice-President position would ensure continuity, but it seems that the statutes may have to be amended to permit this.

ACTION LF - check statutes when they arrive from Meudon

2) Meetings - it was decided that telecons were practical and economical for board meetings - no requirement for face-to-face.

3) SPS web pages - to be relocated to Glasgow, and board member details updated

ACTION LF - copy and update web pages and send URL back to BF

4) EPS newsletter - to improve communication and community spirit. Raised by VN. Has been tried before but with limited success. To be useful, requires at least a monthly issue, and this is a lot of effort. John Leibacher suggested a European column in SolarNews; option of submitting European news to SolarNews without the European tag was preferred (for the present). BF encourages all to register with Solarmail and get students/colleagues to do same.

4) SPM11 meeting report - will be written by SP and GP, distributed to board and sent to SolarNews

ACTION GP + SP - write report

5) Survey of European Solar Physics - to establish 1) a Europe-wide web of contacts; 2) the size of the community (and possible audience for a European Solar News). This should include information from the JOSO JIS as it becomes more used.

ACTION ALL - send LF a list of institute contacts (head-of-group level) in home country. LF will do countries not represented by board

6) Future of European Solar Physics Meetings - discussion of pros and cons of continuing in 3-yearly generalist meeting.

Pro:

- Only once every 3 years makes this a special meeting and therefore attracts wide audience
- General programme of broad interest
- Big effort to organise more frequently
- Already too many meetings - why add more?

Con:

- Not frequent enough to encourage feeling of community in Europe
- General meeting might take second place to more 'targeted' meeting, when funding limited

Possibilities:

- Organise yearly, jointly with larger meetings - JENAM, EGS, in manner of AAS/SPD. Thought to be difficult to attract funding for this.
- Offer EPS/SPS "approval" of pre-existing meetings, which might help them in obtaining meeting support from EPS (n.b. one such request for SPS "approval" has already arrived from the organisers of the Coimbra meeting, Oct 2006, and was met with agreement)
- Co-ordinate with CESRA/JOSO meetings, which would allow us to all jointly to apply for EU funding to cover meeting series.

Decision was that the 2nd and 3rd possibilities above should be followed up. In particular, KLK, GP and JOSO president, along with chair of next SPM meeting should make co-ordinated case for support to EU.

7) Next European SPM - will be in 2008. There have been 2 expressions of interest, from Greece (Athens) and Germany (Kiepenheuer). It was decided that the meeting report to be sent out should include an invitation for proposals to host the next ESPM, and the cases should be considered by the board.

ACTION GP and SP - include invitation for proposals in SPM11 meeting report

8) Logo and Prizes - were briefly discussed. SPS needs a logo - open this to competition? We should also consider a prize. JOSO has an 'early career' prize - should we have a 'lifetime achievement' prize? Discussion to be continued.