

## Minutes

### 17th Biennial Business Meeting of the International Society for Plastination held in Saint Petersburg, Russia, July 17th, 2014

#### 1. Call to Order

The 17th Biennial Meeting of the society was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President Carlos A.C. Baptista. There were 21 members present at the ISP meeting. The quorum was established.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the 2012 business meeting

The minutes were approved as printed / put online in the Journal of Plastination volume 25 (2013)

#### 3. Reports of the Officers:

##### President's Report

Report of the Meeting in Beijing 2012: the President referred to the meeting report published in the Journal of Plastination. He briefly presented some highlights concerning the speakers and the Dalian visit.

##### Treasurer's Report

###### Revenue and Expenses:

Balance as of July 31st, 2012	\$22,866.72
Deposits from members (67)	\$4,826.23
Expenses	\$4,396.72
ISP account balance July 10th, 2014	\$23,326.23

##### Membership

Number of members: 206, but a significant number have not paid the membership fee for the last biennial period.

In the future there shall be two centers of payment: one will be located in the US and one in the EU (Spain) to avoid fees that are subtracted from the transferred sum and to make the payment easier in general.

Question from member: How can the member verify that the PayPal payment went through and was received by the ISP? Answer: PayPal issues a receipt / invoice which clearly states that the amount was paid. Apart from that the ISP treasurer can send a certificate of payment and membership if explicitly requested.

Question from member: Are all members paying the same membership fee? Are there different fees for different membership categories? Answer: All members pay the same membership fee except emeritus members. It was clarified who should be considered an emeritus member: All present members approved that only members who have completely retired from working shall be emeritus members and not pay membership fees.

#### **4. Journal of Plastination Interim Editor Report (Dr. Baptista)**

Since the special issue Volume 24 of the Journal of Plastination was brought out for the years 2009 to 2012, two more Volumes 25-1 and 25-2 were published in paper and online formats. The Interim Editor, Carlos Baptista, reported that new ISSN numbers were issued for the online and paper copies of the Journal. Because the Journal of Plastination is a new name, the Journal had to be issued with a new number. The online version had never been given an ISSN number. Volume 26-1 shall be about the International Conference of Plastination 2014, including the abstracts of all poster and oral presentations and minutes of the ICP 2014 Business Meeting. For Volume 26-2 there are a number of articles in the process of being reviewed. It is intended that this issue shall be published by December 2014.

Since Ming Zhang resigned as editor of the Journal of Plastination, Carlos Baptista has served as Interim Editor. The President suggested the name of Philip J. Adds to serve as the next Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Plastination. Membership enthusiastically embraced and approved Philip J. Adds as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Plastination.

Question and suggestion from Robert Henry: Members should be able to receive hard copies of the journal if they like. An option would be a print-on-demand solution. It was agreed that there shall be a finalised complete hard copy version of the issues of the complete year available to members. Members will only get a hard copy if they explicitly request one and pay their dues.

#### **5. Announcements**

Anyone who would like to host an interim meeting should please let the ISP governance know. The main goal of the interim meetings used to be workshops and practical training. As this is now achieved by the workshops in Murcia, Toledo and Dalian, Interim Meetings are not considered obligatory anymore. Nevertheless any suggestions for hosting an Interim Meeting are appreciated.

#### **6. Old business**

No old business

#### **7. New business**

##### **18th International Conference on Plastination (2016)**

Two candidates were presented: Durban, South Africa and Pereira, Colombia

The President Carlos Baptista presented on behalf of Dr. Amaechi Okpara who could not be present at the meeting. Dr. Carlos Baptista presented the PowerPoint slides provided by Dr. Okpara as a candidate for the 18th ICP 2016. The conference would take place in July 2016 and would be hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. The presentation focussed on the good infrastructure of Durban and the conference location there. The idea of a conference in South Africa would stimulate and engage African Universities to diffuse plastination in the continent.

Dr. Ricardo Jimenez presented his concept of hosting the next International Conference on Plastination at the Fundation Universitaria Autonomia de las Americas in Pereira, Colombia. The presentation included a video about the University and the Risaralda region and a PowerPoint presentation about all relevant details of the concept. Ricardo Jimenez answered several additional questions from members.

A decision on which location should host the next conference was put to a vote. Unanimously the membership present voted for Colombia so the 18th International Conference on Plastination will take place in Colombia in July 2016.

A planning Organizing Committee for the Conference was created. It will be composed of: Ricardo Jimenez, Ameer Raof, Constantin Sora, Dmitry Starchik, Robert Henry, Abraham Albustanji, Nicolas Ernesto Ottone and the President.

The exact time and the preliminary program of the conference shall be announced by July 2015.

### **New membership procedure**

Workshop participants automatically get ISP membership for two years.

Different alternatives for establishing a student membership were discussed. A decision was taken unanimously that student members shall pay no membership fees and have full access to the online journal. Student members have no right to vote. To join as student member, it will be required to obtain sponsorship of an ISP member in good standing.

The creation of a student membership will be proposed as an amendment to the by-laws in 2016. Approved by the assembly the student membership is in effect immediately.

### **Conference planning for the 19th International Conference**

The decision for the 19th International Conference on Plastination in 2018 shall be taken in 2016.

For Interim Meetings please see (5) Announcements.

### **Update of by-laws**

President Carlos Baptista presented the new By-laws approved in a previous vote. ISP Secretary Christoph von Horst presented the results of the online voting for the adoption of the by-laws: 80.88% voted for the adoption of the by-laws, 17.65 made no selection, 1.47% rejected the new by-laws.

## **8. Nomination Committee Report: Elections of Officers**

As the head of the Nomination Committee Anthony Weinhaus could not attend the conference, ISP Secretary Christoph von Horst presented the results of the elections of officers:

- Carlos A C Baptista was elected as president of ISP
- Rafael Latorre was elected as vice-president of ISP
- Selcuk Tunali was elected as secretary of ISP
- Joshua Lopez was elected as Treasurer of ISP

Certificates of appreciation were presented by the President to the departing Treasurer Ameer Raof and Secretary Christoph von Horst. The President welcomed the new Treasurer Joshua Lopez and new Secretary Selcuk Tunali.

The President thanked Dmitry Starchik for the superb organization of the Saint Petersburg conference and hospitality. The membership present enthusiastically thanked Dmitry for organizing an excellent meeting.

Bob Henry expressed his appreciation to President Carlos Baptista for serving as Interim Editor and reviving the Journal of Plastination. It was mainly due to his personal effort and initiative that the Journal got back to life.

The Business Meeting closed at 11:24 a.m.