



ELMI Steering committee meeting

Dublin, 06.06.2018

Agenda

- Review of the current meeting
- Upcoming meeting in 2019
- Presentation of the candidates for the meeting in 2020
- ELMI feedback survey 2017 meeting and update recommendations for future meetings
- Miscellaneous

Review of the current meeting

The organizers of the meeting in 2018 gave a quick summary:

- 300 academic participants, 200 commercial participants
- Overall this year's meeting was very well received by the SC members. A special thanks to the organizers.
- RMS was the backbone for the organization (handling administrative tasks).
- Overall the meeting was a bit larger than the years before.
In the discussion regarding the size of the meeting it was mentioned several times that it shall not be the aim to grow in the future. However, for this year's location the number of participants was regarded as appropriate.
 - Vote regarding the size: Too big: 3; Appropriate: 42
 - feedback from participants via online survey: "size of the meeting": 48% excellent, 39% Very good, 11% good, 2% fair
- It was recommended to have the abstract book as pdf online.
- The communication with the vendors slowed down towards the beginning of the year 2018. They appreciate a quicker response in the future.
- Participants reported smaller issues with the payment/banquet confirmation/abstract submission. Ideally to be avoided in the upcoming years.

Upcoming meeting in 2019

- Michael Kozubek presented the venue for the next meeting (2019)
- The meeting will be held in Brno, 4-7 June 2019.
- Registration fees will be similar to ELMI 2018.
- Hotel prices are 35-70€/single room
- Direct flights London, Munich, Eindhoven
- There will be 8 large seminar rooms and multiple smaller ones
- Workshops at Booths should be possible for smaller companies – maybe alternate larger and smaller companies or allow a certain number of booth workshops only to prevent too much distraction

Presentation of the candidates for the meeting in 2020

- Jacob Hoogenboom (TU Delft) presented a Dutch proposal on behalf of the Dutch Society for Microscopy (NVvM). Overall the proposal was well received. The following comments were made by the SC members
 - The gender balance of the organizing committee is inappropriate. Several women need to be added to the committee.
 - The scientific organizing committee needs to be broadened; international scientist need to be invited.
 - It is recommended to add at least one/two organizers which are regularly attending ELMI meeting. Thereby it shall be guaranteed to keep the ELMI spirit.
- It was agreed to wait for an updated proposal and then vote on it electronically. Stefan Terjung mentioned that there is the possibility to hold the meeting in Heidelberg (fall back solution).

ELMI feedback survey 2017 meeting

- The online feedback survey of the ELMI meeting 2017 in Dubrovnik was discussed internally by the steering committee.
- It confirmed the impression of the SC members that it was a very good ELMI meeting:
Overall rating: 37% excellent, 39% very good, 10% good, 5% fair, 9% N/A

Miscellaneous

- The SC agreed to schedule the SC meeting during the lunch break. Important voting can be made afterwards online.
- Should ELMI have a twitter account ?
It was decided to register an ELMI account on Twitter to prevent “somebody” to take it instead! How to use it can be decided e.g. at the next Meeting.
- Include a feedback regarding the company workshops in the feedback survey
- Reserve the ELMI twitter account. Stefan Terjung volunteered to do that.
- Are commercial registrants welcome in company workshops ?
It was unanimously agreed by the SC that ELMI Workshops are for all, also for company representatives. Companies need to be informed before they finally register and plan their workshops.

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