

## Minutes ELMI Steering Committee Meeting

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Agenda:

- 1) Future Meetings  
M. Koffa, S. Munck, O. Bakke, J. Salamero, J.-C. Olivo-Marin, M. Kozubek
- 2) Transfer of surplus for upcoming ELMI meetings  
Patrick Schwarb
- 3) Steering Committee members (past/present and future)  
R. Pepperkok
- 4) EU-proposal to expand the list of forbidden chemicals to As and Sb-Oxides  
R. Ankerhold

1. The locations of the next ELMI meetings were decided as follows:

2011: 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June Alexandropolis, Greece

Originally the 2011 meeting was planned 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> of June by M. Koffa and A. Girod, but J. Ellenberg informed the steering committee that a large microscopy conference (600 participants expected) is scheduled at EMBL the week before. It was discussed how much this would influence the ELMI meeting and if there are other dates possible (not too close to FOM (17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April in Konstanz)). Finally it was agreed to shift the ELMI meeting by one week to 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

2012: end of May, VIB campus, Leuven, Belgium

Sebastian Munck confirmed that the 2012 ELMI meeting will be hosted by him and colleagues on the VIB campus in Leuven, Belgium.

2013: Options are: Israel (Weizmann, B. Geiger), Norway (Oslo, O. Bakke), France (Paris or Arcachon, J. Salamero/J.-C. Olivo-Marin / J.-B. Sibarita), Czech Republic (Brno, M. Kozubek)

2. Regarding the use of leftover funds from meetings it was generally agreed that this money should be made available as start-up money for the next organizer, e.g. for deposits. As transfer of money from one country to another country might be complicated it was decided to evaluate the possibility to found a European non-profit organization (R. Pepperkok/ S. Terjung). To transfer the leftover funds of ELMI 2008 in Davos it was decided that the Swiss Microscopy Society could sponsor the ELMI 2011 (either directly or with travel grants).

3. It was generally agreed that the composition of the steering committee should remain as in former meetings. Participants of former steering committee meetings, delegates offering to host future ELMI meetings and interested ELMI members are welcome, but the size of the steering committee should remain about 30 participants.

4. An EU-proposal to expand the list of forbidden chemicals to As and Sb-Oxides was discussed. This proposal would influence high-end light microscopy dramatically since these chemicals are needed in very low amounts to produce high-quality immersion objectives. Therefore the steering committee decided to send a statement to members of the European parliament and European commission, who are involved in this proposal, to warn about the consequences for modern light microscopy.