



# ELMI Steering committee meeting

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## Participants

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## Agenda

- 1) **Short financial report on the 2022 meeting**
- 2) **Short review of the current meeting**
- 3) **Upcoming meeting in Liverpool 2024**
- 4) **Presentation of potential candidates for upcoming ELMI meetings**
  - **2025 - 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Germany, EMBL Heidelberg**
  - **(No other candidates proposed.)**
- 5) **MicroscopyDB.io involvement**
- 6) **Workshop slots 'organized by community'**  
**Quarep-LiMi, OMER0, NEUBias**  
**How to enable these workshops, without compromising company workshops**
- 7) **ELMI on Twitter**
- 8) **Miscellaneous**
- 9) **Feedback survey ELMI 2022 meeting**  
**Please consult [survey results](#)**

### 1 - Short financial report on the 2022 meeting

- Postponed due to communication issues with previous organisers.

### 2 - Short review of the current meeting

- Presentation (Eric)
  - Long-history of this meeting. Originally scheduled for 2020.
  - Impression of the current location: a bit isolated but everything is compact and together.
  - 525 attendees (fully booked) and registration was closed to not overload workshops, etc.
  - 227 industry attendees.
  - 11 mastertrack students
  - Positive budget
  - Decided against hybrid format and against live streaming since it requires engaging with the remote participants. Videos can be watched online afterwards.
    - Q (Kurt): Only available to participants? No, for everyone.
- Points of attention
  - Explain that Core Facility day starts Tuesday morning so that exhibits are ready.
  - Should there be a maximum number of attendees?

- Q (Peter) number turned away? **Mariska**: none, but wanted to define a barrier (with the waiting list) since there are only so many rooms. **Stefan**: agreed that it's better to not turn people down, but perhaps fair to *discourage too many*. **Roland**: for such a meeting, you need to have a number in mind in order to choose a location. **Stefan**: if there is a limit, then having a hybrid version might be interesting, but it would have to be done in an appropriate style. It has been decided by ELMI SC in the past to cap the maximum number of attendees at ~500. **Sven**: Thanks for the organisation. As a small company we would appreciate doing *small* workshops, don't need a workshop room. (Applause) **Unknown**: is it disallowed? **Mariska**: for this venue, the fire escapes didn't allow it. **Roland**: for small companies, could share slots. **Mariska**: already did that. **Peter**: make use of the community room. **Unknown**: what's the difference with fire regulations with the people standing at exhibits? A: They're standing.
- Financial risks? 2020 had booked conference centre and had to struggle to get funds back. Each ELMI starts from scratch (with own bucket). Perhaps we could form a back-office / foundation for capturing/compensating for positive/negative budgets.

### 3 - Upcoming meeting in 2024 (Liverpool)

- Presented by Peter and Jessica
  - Small workshops should be available in Liverpool.
  - Strategic goal to bring in earlier career scientists.
  - 5 senior mentors, 4 mentees (Joelle, Liam, Sian join Jessica)
  - 4th-7th of June. Talks followed by workshops.
  - Specific early career focus including prizes and networking.
  - Travel from 70 locations or via Manchester with 200 locations
  - 3 hotels nearby with a large range of budgets
  - Venue: ACC Liverpool (on the docks), cf. ESC
  - Exhibition hall can facilitate 40 stands
  - 600 seats in lecture theatre above the exhibition space
  - Room specifications between 32 and 95
  - Main banquet at the Rum Warehouse
  - Football match location secured with transport back and forth.
  - Financially backed by the Royal Microscopy Society
- **Roland**: decide on the Core Facility day naming now. Saw "pre-meeting" on the slides. Suggest "Core Facility Day" **Stefan**: that helps companies be aware. It is part of the meeting, previously discussed. **Jessica**: "CF Session". **Stefan**: but that "Session" would have "Sessions"... **Kurt**: good to have exhibitors. **Ben**: perhaps "ELMI Core Facility Day" does that help? **Unknown**: exhibitors will need to come in a day early, so that room needs to be available one more day (i.e. there are costs) **Stefan**: some

companies are already coming in Mondays or even Fridays. **Roland**: had multiple questions from companies whether they are allowed to attend. But if booths ready, that's great, but not a must. **Stefan**: add "open to everyone, primarily for Core Facility staff, exhibition open"

## 4 - Presentation of potential candidates for upcoming ELMI meetings

### Proposal for ELMI 2025 (25th anniversary)

- **ELMI at EMBL Heidelberg in 2025**

The EMBL venue is reserved for **6-9 May 2025**.

- Pitch presentation for Heidelberg by Stefan.
  - Where it began in 2020.
  - Easy to reach Frankfurt.
  - Also hosted ELMI 2010.
  - Auditorium has 466 seats.
  - Includes the Imaging Centre.
  - Accessibility to facilities.
  - Location of Euro-Biolmaging Hub (which grew out of ELMI)
  - Well appreciated catering.
  - Hotel rooms start at 75 EUR
  - Football options 20 minutes walk from EMBL or downtown.
  - Expand on the community room
    - Combine with companies, not competing.
    - Together with German Biolmaging
  - Partial organising committee
    - Stefan, Timo Zimmermann, Elisa D'Este, Ulrike Engel
    - GerBI in the team as well.
  - (Applause)
  - Q: May? Yes, reserved already. That's the traditional time. Close to FOM meeting, which is around 13th of April 2025. **Roland**: TiM is in 2025 that would be 3 meetings within 3 months. **Stefan**: point taken, but not optimistic that ATC is available. **Peter**: was back to back once. (Valencia?)  
**Stefan** update from EMBL side (15 June23): **3-6 June 2025** as new date for **ELMI 2025** confirmed

# Miscellaneous

## 5 - MicroscopyDB.io - ELMI representative

- Stefan: ran a survey whether ELMI should participate in MDB. Laurent will take the steering council position (voted as well). ELMI pages will show job positions and events entered via MDB form in the future. (Currently functions via an email to Stefan).
  - Also presented tools page which will be available moving forward.
  - Contact Laurent if there's something you want to share improvements.

## 6 - Workshop slots 'organised by community'

- **Stefan**: should make use of it, but also evaluate how it works (Feedback welcome)
  - Accommodate the companies **and** the community.
- **Kurt**: I like the idea. Thinking back to early workshops. Workshops could be chaotic, but it had a grassroots element. Anyone could offer a workshop. Window where smaller things can be worked on. (Software tools, etc.)
- **Roland**: discussed with Florian, Herbert. Fear of taking things away from companies. Not aiming for that. One possible way would be to have joint meetings with the companies, rather than e.g. providing an extra instrument in the community room. Would love to hear more.
- **Peter**: how large is the room? If it's a small room, then you can't really take that many delegates. Manage expectations.
- **Roland**: if there's a topic for 200, then during the CF Day.
- No votes against.

## 7 - Workshops at exhibition booths

- See above (feedback of 2023 meeting)

## 8 - ELMI on twitter

- <https://twitter.com/EuLiMI1> which events/jobs etc to tweet/retweet/like ?
- Stefan: created the account and tweeted a bit. But there are no clear rules for what to tweet.
- Josh: make it a part of the meeting. Pass it along. Let it be their voice.