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1 - Financial report ELMI 2023

- Eric Reits presented the financial report of ELMI 2023
 - Originally ELMI 2020 was organised, which was cancelled due to the covid pandemic, but with a negative balance of 140k euro. The CF of Eric Reits was responsible for the balance. Luckily the balance could be shifted to 2021, but again the covid pandemic prevented the meeting. We had serious arguments with the conference center, but could solve this in time (requiring legal support).
 - The ELMI 2023 balance was based on 350 participants to break even, yet we had many more visitors and hence a positive balance of 60k euro.
- Positive financial outcome: 60 k€

The surplus will be used to support NL-BioImaging in the Netherlands. NL-BioImaging was financed in 2023 with a strong data management and analysis node for all 18 universities, academic hospitals and knowledge institutes including the NKI and Hubrecht. Yet one essential position missed: someone who would enable CFs to re-use data analysis scripts, and could train the CF staff members how to do this, linked to the efforts to include DA scripts in the OMERO database. This position will be financed using several budgets including the ELMI 2023 positive balance, ensuring that this value returns to our microscopy community.

2 - Short review of the current ELMI 2024 in Liverpool

- Peter O'Toole presented the overview
- 645 registered participants
- 68% academic attendees
- 32% company attendees
- 35 countries represented across 5 continents
- 59 sponsors, 15 countries represented
- 24 companies presenting 136 workshops
- 130 posters were presented

3 - Upcoming ELMI 2025 in Heidelberg

- Timo Zimmermann presented, [web site online](#)
- 03. - 06. June 2025, Heidelberg Germany
- For upcoming events: consider Hybrid as an option to accommodate more attendees for the scientific part.
- Consider making the coffee breaks longer than 30 minutes.
- Consider more than one poster session
- Opening mixer to facilitate the integration of new ELMI attendees

4 - Presentation of potential candidates for upcoming ELMI meetings

Proposal from Portugal for ELMI 2026

- PPBI – Portuguese platform for Bioimaging, Luisa Cortes.
- Venue: Coimbra
15 Workshop rooms, 8 independent rooms
Exhibition space
- Has been used for a SPAOM meeting in the past
- Electricity: not an issue
- Bringing equipment: not an issue
- Consider having additional space for workshops e.g. tents
- It was agreed that a more detailed proposal will be shared with the SC for voting

Proposal from Switzerland for ELMI 2027

- Basel/SwissBioImaging, Oliver Biehlmaier presented
- Planned venue Basel Convention Center (reserved) or Mövenpick Hotel (to be evaluated)
- It was agreed that a more detailed proposal will be shared with the SC for voting

5 - Miscellaneous

General Discussion about the size of the meeting

- In the past, the maximum size of an ELMI meeting with 500 participants was agreed upon.
- In general, it was agreed not to grow the meeting further.
- However, the field grew on the scientific side as well as on the industry side.