

## Minutes of the GIREP Assembly meeting , Reims, Thursday 26.8.2010

Meeting leaded by members of GIREP Committee: Ton Ellermeijer, Ian Lawrence, Michele D'Anna, Rosa Maria Sperandeo and Gorazd Planinšič

1. Opening by TE
2. Reports
  - a. Secretary report: GP reported on two proceedings books (GIREP 2008 and GIREP-EPEC 2009) that have just been published and disseminated to participants of the two events. GP also reported on the progress with new GIREP webpage.
  - b. Treasurer report: RMS reported on the current state of GIREP finances. Report was accepted by GIREP members.
3. Future activities:
  - a. TE announced that the next GIREP-EPEC Conference in 2011 will take place in Jyväskylä, Finland from 1 -5.8.2011. Jouni Viiri, , gave short invitation and presentation of the Jyväskylä conference site and facilities.
  - b. TE announced that the next GIREP-ICPE Conference in 2012 will have the format of the World conference in Physics Education. It was also announced that at this stage the most probable location is Istanbul, Turkey and the period the first week in July. Mehmet Fatih Tasar, representative of candidates for local organizers gave short presentation of the Istanbul. In discussion which followed, concerns regarding the registration fee have been expressed by some GIREP members. It has been emphasized that it is of top importance that registration fee is kept at low price, preferably not exceeding 250 EUR.
4. Changes in GIREP Committee:

R M Sperandeo (treasurer), M D'Anna (vice president) and G Planinsic (secretary) have reached the end of their terms and decided to step down from their positions. The present Committee nominated the following nominates to replace them: Leos Dvorak from Czech Republic (treasurer), Wim Peeters from Belgium (vice president) and Claudia Haagen-Schuetzenhoefer from Austria (secretary). No other nominations have been presented to the Committee. All GIREP members voted in favour of the proposed nominates.
5. Other business:
  - a. TE raised a problem of legal status of GIREP. Robert Lambourne (EPS) offered a help from EPS. Marisa Michelini (who served on GIREP Committee in the past) informed participants that GIREP had bank account in Switzerland in the past but it was not used any more since this became too expensive. New GIREP Committee will take action to solve legal status of GIREP until the next Conference.
  - b. Participants expressed concern over uncertainties induced by so many daily changes: they found it often not easy to be certain about the program. Comments were given mostly on poor information about the length of the oral presentations, too many parallel sessions and on running oral presentations without chairmen. It has been suggested that in future the evaluation of the conferences should be done and feedbacks used to improve next conferences.
  - c. One of the participants suggested that at each conference GIREP may give an award for the best oral presentation and/or best poster.
  - d. Robert Lambourne has informed participants that local organizers of the GIREP 2010 officially did not requested financial help from EPS (which was usual practice in the past). However, financial help has been requested and granted to MPTL, which was integral part of the 2010 Conference.

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