The EC was updated on the status of the organization of FOIS and the IAOA Summer School. The discussion covered the latest budget updates, the registration fee schemes as well as legal and procedural issues on how IAOA can anticipate funds to the local organizers and on how and by whom payments can be made, for example to local service providers. It has been decided that a company for event organization, crEAct.eve (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), acts as the organizer of both events from the legal and budget management perspectives. crEAct.eve will work in close coordination with João Paulo Almeida (UFES), Giancarlo Guizzardi (UFES), and Renato Rocha Souza (FGV) as members of the organization committees, affiliated with the Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo (UFES) and Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), from the scientific and technical perspectives. IAOA is a sponsor of both events, furnishes scientific and technical advice and approves contracts that substantially depart from budget versions authorized toward the local organizers.

The EC decided to accept the proposed verbal agreement between IAOA and crEAct.eve, negotiated by Giancarlo Guizzardi. The EC grants Giancarlo Guizzardi the right to negotiate the written agreement with crEAct.eve on behalf of IAOA, along the lines as discussed during the meeting.

The organizers of the Summer School still have an appropriate location in prospect, for which it is noted that it allows for lodging of the participants. A related decision of meeting n.102 on granting 730 EUR to the local organizers, since not yet implemented, was revised in accordance with the clarified organizational setup. IAOA will transfer a portion of the 3,000 EUR student grant sponsorship for both events to crEAct.eve in the very near future, for the intermediate coverage of expenses until registration fees are received. The transferred amount is to be reserved on incoming registration fees and must be spent on student grants for IAOA student members eventually, or retransferred if remaining after overall reconciliation of the FOIS and Summer School accounts. The exact amount will be settled after clarifying administrative details between the IAOA Treasurer and the event organizers.

The EC agreed on the registration fee schemes as proposed by the FOIS and Summer School local organizers in the latest budget versions, with a recommendation to consider a small increase of the fees for non-IAOA categories in both cases. The EC awaits taking notice of these final modifications in the near future. Overall, the fees are comparable to those of FOIS 2012 and Summer School 2012, respectively. Actual registrations will be paid in Brazilian Real (BRL). Registration for FOIS allows for attending all workshops held in conjunction, in contrast to FOIS 2012. There is also a separate registration category for workshops only.
Further public and private funding applications for FOIS and the Summer School are pending and the local organizers are investigating further funding possibilities.

The EC is considering a change on the bylaws to assign limited signature powers to members in charge of some issue.

The EC recognizes that the 2014 financial ballot had been closed on Apr 28 after a second call, with approval of the 2013 financial statement and the 2014 budget and a participation rate of 42.4% of the membership. The only proposal made during the discussion phase of the 2014 financial ballot questioned the adequacy of such ballots. The EC notices that the vote on financial statements is a legal requirement in Italy and therefore comprised in the Statute. The matter may be discussed in connection with the relocation of the Association.

The following event has been recognized as IAOA Supported Event. Requested sponsorship of a best paper award will be discussed in the next meeting.

Computer vision + ONTology Applied Cross-disciplinary Technologies (CONTACT 2014)
http://profs.sci.univr.it/~cristanm/contact2014/
Date: Sep 7, 2014
Location: Zurich, Switzerland
IAOA Champion: Roberta Ferrario
EC Liaison: Stefano Borgo

(End of Report)

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