

Twenty Eighth meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)
Virtual Meeting of 15 Sept 2010

Attendees:

- Nicola Guarino (chair)
- John Bateman
- Stefano Borgo
- Michael Gruninger
- Giancarlo Guizzardi
- Riichiro Mizoguchi
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu
- Peter Yim

The EC discussed the benefits granted to institutions that are members of the association. After a discussion of the role of institutions in IAOA and of a list of possible benefits, the EC has decided that an institution can register as member of the IAOA by paying the institutional membership fee and by indicating an institution representative (which will be registered as individual member as well). Any other affiliate of the institution can register with a discount: 30 Euro instead of 50 for regular membership and 10 Euro instead of 15 for students.

The decision is effective from January first 2011.

The EC has decided to invite a few more individuals to join the IAOA Advisory Board. We hope to have diversity on the Advisory Board to allow a broad coverage of ontology research focus and opinions. Invitations are being sent. It is expected that the Advisory Board will be operative soon.

A discussion was conducted on establishing SIGs (special interest groups). In particular the proposal of a SIG on "Ontology and Conceptual Modelling" was raised. The EC will look toward drafting the Committees and SIGs' establishment and operating procedure into the IAOA Bylaws.

The organization of the IAOA Summer School is moving on, it is expected that the organizing committee will present a proposal to the EC by the middle of October. In November the preliminary announcement of the School will be circulated.

The Infrastructure Committee has presented changes and updates that are to be implemented in the IAOA webpages.

(End of Report)