

*Thirty second meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC) Virtual
Meeting of 17 Nov 2010*

Attendees:

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

The EC has discussed a proposal regarding IAOA fee reductions for less developed countries. The idea is to use some of the World Bank Lists as a criteria to guarantee reductions for members working in less developed countries. A few special cases can also be treated via agreements with local associations. The EC is investigating this possibility.

[Antony Galton and Fabian Neuhaus, chairs of the IAOA education committee, as well as Werner Kuhn, chair of the IAOA summer school committee, were invited to discuss the IAOA education initiatives]

The EC together with the chairs of the IAOA education committee and of the IAOA summer school committee discussed the plan and the structure of the education event for 2011.

It has been decided to articulate further the IAOA educational activities by distinguishing two types of events: schools and institutes. An IAOA school is organized in the traditional way and aims to provide students with a choice of elementary and advanced courses in ontology. An IAOA institute is an event that focuses on a single topic and aims to foster an in-depth interaction between the participants in the effort to solve existing application problems as well as related research issues. The EC has agreed to alternate institutes and FOIS conferences over the years.

The 2011 IAOA education event will be organized in the form of an IAOA institute on the topic of "process ontology". The event will last one week and will be co-organized by the IAOA and the Vespucci initiative (<http://vespucci.org/presentation>). The official call for participation will circulate shortly. The IAOA summer school will be organized the year after (2012).

The EC has been notified of the received proposals to host the FOIS conference taking place in 2012. The EC has decided to request further information from some sites in order to make possible a reliable comparison of the proposals.

(End of Report)