Attendees:
- Stefano Borgo
- Michael Gruninger (Chair)
- Giancarlo Guizzardi (invited)
- Marion Haemmerli
- Janna Hastings
- Oliver Kutz
- Frank Loebe
- Fabian Neuhaus
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu (Treasurer)

During the last two weeks before the meeting there has been a general discussion by email between EC members on how to manage the FOIS budget in relation to the overall IAOA budget. This concerned especially dealing with student grants, given the benefit-and-loss liability between IAOA and the FOIS organizers, and the binding character of the IAOA budget approval. The EC recollected the different views that emerged and analyzed possible scenarios. Main concerns regard the possibilities to increase/reduce student grants depending on positive/negative circumstances. The EC clarified that planned expenditures in an approved IAOA budget shall not be exceeded, including in the case of unforeseen additional revenues. The EC decided further to accommodate FOIS 2014 student grants in the IAOA budget by a separate line item, a.o. for the visibility of this engagement in comparison to IAOA support for other events.

Overall, FOIS 2014 seems to be solidly planned by the organizers and well secured by extra funds from supporting agencies. A decision on the amount of student funding is postponed to a later stage and will rely on an updated FOIS budget.

Regarding the relocation of IAOA, a hosting organization remains to be found. The President will contact institutes in Switzerland. The Treasurer will add an entry to the IAOA budget for foreseeable relocation expenses. A specific announcement on the relocation effort will be made when presenting the budget, the timeline for a membership ballot extends to the Assembly during FOIS 2014.

Fabian Neuhaus has been appointed as the next IAOA Treasurer. Claudio Masolo has been appointed as the first IAOA Membership Officer. Each one will assume corresponding duties from the current Treasurer, Laure Vieu. The change of roles is intended for the near future, but depends partially on the possibilities to access and manage the IAOA bank account in English. Options for resolution will be examined.

Then second meeting of the Semantic Web Applied Ontology (SWAO) SIG [1] is scheduled for Feb 3, 10 am EST / 4 pm CET / UTC (GMT) 15:00.


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