Commission Matters

EC&CC meeting, October 4-5, 2023



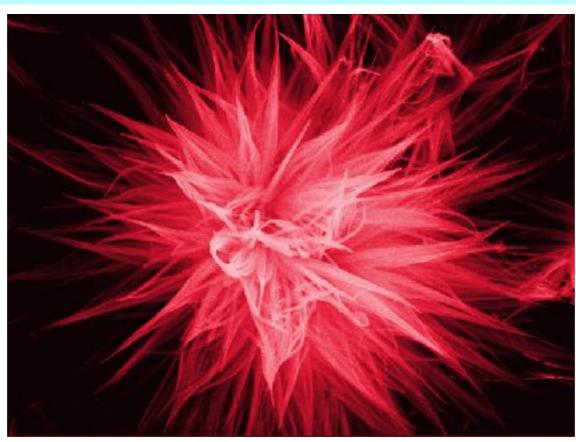




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As you already know, we have done a self-evaluation of IUPAP's organization and activities. When writing the report I've noticed various things about Commissions, some general (or Commission specific) matters that I wanted to discuss with you + errors or outdated information on the website that I ask you to have it corrected.

For the latter (updates to the website), please look at the comments I made on the report, check for any other changes/updates, etc and send email explaining what needs to be changed to Francesca at communication@iupap.org

The other (general, some Commission specific) issues prompted me to write the questions/reflections I sent you asking your opinion to be discussed at this meeting (I received written comments from Young, Chair of C8).

-Commission flagship conferences: shouldn't all commissions have one?

-Awards: what about medals/awards for career achievements (not early career)? Conditions according to IUPAP rules + announcement via IUPAP (and other means)

-Overlap with other commissions: when to create new commissions? (e.g. soft matter and QS&T). When (and how) to merge commissions? (See comment about C10 in report). Also, conflicts with duplicate awards (ECSP in particular).

-Activities to liaise better with other commissions (Interdisciplinary award?; conference attached to GA; IUPAP prize?: think, e.g., of IMU and Fields medals)

-Transversal issues: development, inclusion, industry, to some extent education (which is "two ways"). How could Commissions contribute to them?

Something else about flagship conferences: Commission chairs should check that the request for sponsorship is submitted by the deadline.

Something else about awards: please check the diversity of the pool of candidates and extend the deadline if this is not satisfied to a certain extent

How can we prevent duplicate nominations (that yield duplicate awards to the same person)?

Follow up of interdisciplinary ECSP: what next?

How should we proceed with the WGs on Soft Matter and QST?

Any other comments, suggestions?

Thank you!