

President Michel Spiro welcomes the participants and invites those who were not present yesterday to present themselves.

1. Review of Day 1

Michel shares the screen and briefly comments on the agenda of the meeting. He summarized yesterday's meeting by reading the to-do list he prepared.

2. Conferences proposed for endorsement and sponsorship

Associate General Secretary Rudzani Nemutudi shares his presentation explaining the rules and the guidelines of the conference applications. He explains that IUPAP has 4 categories of conferences (type A, B, C and D) which receive different types of support.

Rudzani goes through the selection criteria and reminds that the deadline for online submission of application is the 1st of June of the year preceding the date of the proposed conference. The organizers must send to the secretariat the application form, and after the conference the report form online has to be completed and received by the Commission Chair and the secretariat.

Rudzani recalls that 2022 is the year of the IUPAP Centenary and encourages all the conference organizers and Commission Chairs to promote the centennial celebrations at all the conferences supported by IUPAP.

Rudzani shares the list of 2023 conference applications received.

3. Financial matters

Treasurer Boris Sharkov and Secretary-General Jens Vigen reported on the 2021 final position. As a result of the pandemic many conferences and meetings were not held. It is expected that the 2021 surplus will be in the range of 400 000 EUR.

The proposed budgets for 2022 and 2023 include 330 000 EUR to celebrate the IUPAP centenary and IYBSSD events. By the end of the triannual period, in 2024, the cumulative deficit is expected to be 500 000 EUR. This sum will be covered by the 2021 surplus and the general IUPAP reserve.

4. Communication

Deputy General Secretary for Administrative Affairs Sandro Scandolo shares his presentation of IUPAP communication and reminds the participants that for things regarding communication (website, social and newsletter) the person to contact is Francesca Zavino at communication@iupap.org.

Sandro explains that the December 2021 newsletter was the last printed newsletter and starting from this year the newsletter is electronical.

The IUPAP Facebook page is quite active with 1-2 posts per week and the twitter profile has been reactivated, also an Instagram profile has been created.

Sandro summarized the work done on the website in collaboration with Silvina Ponce Dawson, Paola Rodari, Hari Haran Balakrishnan and Francesca Zavino.

A collaboration with SISSA Medialab has been made for the communication of the Centenary, thanks to Federica Sgorbissa for the various articles/interviews published and the famous journalists that will attend the Centenary in person.

Sandro appoints the information that should be sent to communication regarding the awards and urges the participants to share IUPAP news on social media.

5. IUPAP Centenary

Vice-president Monica Pepe Altarelli says that hard work has been done in the last 6 months for the Symposium. She explains that more than 100 people are expected in Trieste and almost 200 connected online.

The programme is all set, in the first morning and intervention by the President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine is planned, he has also prepared a short video in case there are technical problems. Prof. Kajita unfortunately couldn't arrange to come in person and he will be connected from Tokyo. The same morning, we are going to have a discussion on nuclear arms. Monica continues the presentation of the programme of the symposium. She also explains that the IUPAP archive has been digitalized after many information dispersed in different places has been collected. Several historians are going through the archived material to prepare a book that will be published in 2023.

Concerning the Photo Contest Award 50 photos have been submitted and a panel of people selected the most interesting and nice pictures.

The satellite events of the Centenary are linked on the website.

6. International Year for Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD)

Michel Spiro recalls that the proclamation of the International Year for Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development came in December 2021 and several events with the IYBSSD logo were held in the first part of the 2022, however the official Opening Ceremony will be held tomorrow at the UNESCO headquarter in Paris.

Michel shares and comments briefly the programme of the event and invites the participants to join the event remotely. He concludes by sharing the introductory video of IYBSSD made at CERN.

7. Report from the Gender Champion

Gillian Butcher reported on her findings from the analysis of the IUPAP conference reports, with regards to gender, for the period 2015–2022. Given that many conferences were cancelled during the pandemic, the recent part of the dataset is limited. The gender distribution seems to remain stable—possibly slightly improving.

Gillian also gave an update about the Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Science (SCGES), which now consists of 20 organizations. SCGES follows the progress of the implementation by partners of the recommendations of the Gender Gap in Science Project, endorses projects and initiatives to promote gender equality in science proposed to it by partners and facilitates communication among partners.

The Centenary Symposium will include a session on under-represented groups in physics. The panel consists of Lilia Meza Montes (Mexico, Chair WG5), Pegah Maasoumi (Australia), Joe Niemela (Italy) and Chandralekha Singh (USA).

8. Closing of the meeting

Nobody had further comments or points to raise under any other business.