

SREAC 7 Board meeting - Minutes

Ohrid, 27.09.2016

Present: Renada Konstantinova-Antova, Tanyu Bonev, Olivera Latkovic (substitute for Zoran Knezevic), Attila Cseki (substitute for Gojko Djurasevic), Gordana Apostolovska, Olgica Kuzmanovska, Kosmas Gazeas, John Seiradakis, Osman Demircan, Areg Mickaelyan (associated member).

Invited: Prof. Michel Dennefeld

Absent: Eleni Rovithis-Livaniou, Serdar Evren, Nedelya Popescu

The meeting was led by Prof. R. Konstantinova-Antova, SREAC Secretary, because of the absence of the present Chair, Zoran Knezevic.

1. NEW MEMBERS OF THE SREAC BOARD

Prof. Konstantinova-Antova invited the representatives of each of the countries mentioned below to present their new representatives, because of some of the present ones are retired:

for Serbia – Olivera Latkovic to replace Zoran Knezevic

for Turkey – Sinan Alis to replace Serdar Evren, Ibrahim Bulut to replace Osman Demircan

for Greece – Kosmas Gazeas to replace Eleni Rovithis-Livaniou, Kleomenis Tsiganis to replace John Seiradakis.

Romania – Dumitru Pricopi to replace Nedelya Popescu, Marian Suran to replace Vasile Mioc (deceased)

NOW, THE NEW SREAC BOARD IS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER):

Armenia (associated member) – Areg Mickaelyan

Bulgaria – Renada Konstantinova-Antova, Tanyu Bonev

FYR of Macedonia – Gordana Apostolovska, Olgica Kuzmanovska

Greece – Kosmas Gazeas, Kleomenis Tsiganis

Romania – Marian Suran, Dumitru Pricopi, Magda Stavinshi (Councilor, associated member)

Serbia – Gojko Djurasevic, Olivera Latkovic, Vladan Celebonovic (SREAC Editor, associated member)

Turkey – Sinan Alis, Ibrahim Bulut

For the moment, because of their absence J. Seiradakis substitutes K. Tsiganis, O. Demircan substitutes I. Bulut, A. Czeki substitutes G. Djurasevic for this meeting.

Absent and without substitutes: Marian Suran, Sinan Alis

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY FOR THE NEXT MANDATE

Olivera Latkovic suggested as candidate for SREAC Chair Renada Konstantinova-Antova, Bulgaria. J. Seiradakis supported this candidature. G. Apostolovska commented that Renada with her efforts in the last few years maintained SREAC to continue to exist and now to become more active.

No other candidates were suggested.

All presented representatives gave positive vote. Prof. Renada Konstantinova-Antova is elected as SREAC Chair for mandate of 2 years, according to the Statute.

Prof. Konstantinova-Antova suggested as Secretary Gordana Apostolovska, FYR of Macedonia. No other candidates were suggested. All presented representatives gave positive vote. Prof. Gordana Apostolovska is elected as SREAC Secretary for mandate of 2 years, according to the Statute.

3. OTHER TOPICS

- Michel Dennefeld: Webpage update is necessary.
Decision: Serbia will host the new SREAC webpage.
- Michel Dennefeld: Newsletter should be more active. To be issued every month and the national astronomical societies to be included in the mailing list.
Decision: To remind the SREAC Editor, Vladan Celebonovic to spread the newsletter every month to the updated mail list.
- Michel Dennefeld, Areg Mickaelian: Increase of visibility of SREAC in European astronomy.
Suggestion for article for this OPTICON conference and SREAC meeting and its work in EAS Newsletter.
Decision: Article to be prepared in co-authorship with M. Dennefeld.
- Areg Mickaelian: Maybe SREAC to support opening of IAU Regional Office of Astronomy for Development as it is the case with IAU South West and Central Asia Regional Offices of Astronomy for Development (Comment: Director of the latest one is A. Michaelian).
- R. Konstantinova-Antova: We must explore this possibility and to exchange experience with existing already Regional Offices.
- Gordana Apostolovska: The group photos this meeting and conference should be found after sometime on astronomy.pmf.ukim.mk