

Minutes of the 2013 IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society (NPSS) Nuclear and Medical Imaging Sciences Council (NMISC) Annual General Meeting

*Meeting Date: November 1, 2013; ASEM 201, COEX Centre, Seoul, Korea*

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:**

**Robert Miyaoka (past-chair) x**  
**Dimitris Visvikis (vice-chair) x**  
**Suleman Surti (chair) x**

*(term ending 2013):*

**Adam M. Alessio (absent)**  
**Freek J. Beekman (absent)**  
**Andrew J. Reader x**  
**Jennifer Huber (absent)**  
**Jinhun Joung (absent)**

*(term ending 2014):*

**Michael King (absent)**  
**Paul Marsden x**  
**Uwe Pietrzyk x**  
**Larry Zeng (absent)**  
**Glenn Wells x**

*(term ending 2015):*

**Abhijit J. Chaudhari (absent)**  
**Georges El Fakhri x**  
**Andrew L. Goertzen x**  
**George Loudos (absent)**  
**Taiga Yamaya x**

**Non-voting:**

*Newly Elected:*

**Anna Celler x**  
**Stefaan Vandenberghe x**  
**Dennis Schaart x**  
**Katia Parodi (absent)**  
**David Brasse x**

*Invited:*

**Irene Buvat (Chair, Awards Committee) (absent)**  
**Alberto Del Guerra (AdCom, term ending 2014) x**  
**Ralf Engels (Chairperson, JOC) x**  
**Ron Jaszczak (AdCom, term ending 2016) x**  
**Tony Lavietes (RISC Chair) x**  
**Jae Sung Lee (MIC Chair, 2013) x**  
**Craig Levin (MIC Co-chair, 2013) x**

**Tom Lewellen (AdCom) x**  
**Joel Karp (Senior Editor TNS) x**  
**Ray Muzic (Chair of the Communications (Web)) (absent)**  
**Vesna Sossi (2012 MIC Chair, 2015 General Chair) x**

**Business (meeting started 12:40 pm)**

1. Introduction and Roll Call
2. Agenda unanimously accepted
3. Approval of minutes 2 November 2012 meeting (unanimously accepted)
4. Chair's Report to NMISC. Delivered by Suleman Surti.
  - a. Reviewed organizational structure of NPSS (RISC and NMISC)
  - b. Request made for contribution of a technical article from each TC for the quarterly NPSS Newsletter. This would be about 1 per year.
  - c. Report on conference abstract quality submission. To be discussed as separate agenda item 14.
  - d. Valentin T. Jordanov Radiation Instrumentation Travel Grant now open to both NSS and MIC. Will reimburse for travel to and participation in NSS/MIC up to 600 USD if conference is on continent that awardee resides in and 1200 USD if conference is in a different continent.
  - e. Splitting TNS into two journals:
    - i. Decision has been made to proceed with a new NPSS sponsored TNS-B journal dedicated to medical imaging.
    - ii. NPSS has officially not agreed to any proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with TMI.
    - iii. Discussions are ongoing but general feeling is that we must first get TNS-B approved through the IEEE TAB before NPSS agrees to any proposed changes to the MOU with TMI.
  - f. Joint Oversight committee (JOS) operation changes. To be discussed under other business.
  - g. Request made to nominate candidates for IEEE Fellow Status.
5. Election of new Vice-Chair
  - a. There were two candidates as needed by the Bylaws; Paul Marsden and Georges El Fakhri.
  - b. Paul Marsden was elected as the new NMISC Vice-Chair following the vote from all eligible voting members present (see above) and considering the votes of those absent that were sent to Andrew prior to the meeting.
6. Status of 2013 NMISC Election and Sub-Committee Chairs
  - a. There were eight candidates for 5 seats on NMISC. The new members with terms from 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016 are David Brasse, Anna Celler, Katia Parodi, Dennis Schaart and Stefaan Vandenberghe.
  - b. Andrew Goertzen took over as the Secretary and Chair of the Nominations Sub-Committee in summer 2013 and will continue in this position for 2014.
  - c. Outgoing NMISC members on 31 December 2013 are Freek Beekman, Adam Alessio, Jennifer Huber, Jinhun Joung and Andrew Reader
  - d. At the end of 2013 the terms will expire for Irene Buvat, Chair of the Awards/Fellows Sub-committee and Ray Muzic, Chair of the Communications (Web) Sub-committee
7. 2012 NSS/MIC, Anaheim, Final Report. Delivered by V. Sossi.

- a. 2177 registered participants
  - b. Reviewed number of registrants and abstracts.
  - c. Overall satisfaction of participants based on survey is still very high (93% good rating or better).
8. 2013 NSS/MIC, Seoul. Status Report. Delivered by Jae Sung Lee.
- a. 1,679 abstracts accepted from 1,846 submissions, MIC received 691 abstracts from 40 countries. Acceptance: 129 oral, 505 poster, 57 rejected (8.25% rejection rate).
  - b. 37% of MIC abstracts from Asia, 33% North America, 29% Europe, 1% South America. Over 100 abstracts from South Korea.
  - c. Reviewed number of abstracts, topics and program layout. Significant increase in abstracts submitted to 'Other Modalities' section.
9. 2014 NSS/MIC, Anaheim, Status Report. Delivered by Georges El Fakhri.
- a. Tony Laviertes, General Chair of the 2014 NSS/MIC, discussed goal of making the meeting paperless.
    - i. Tablets to be used in short courses.
    - ii. Mobile app to be ported to all mobile OS platforms. Goal of being ready for demo in 6 weeks.
    - iii. Consider asking authors to have slides available for download prior to the conference.
  - b. Georges requested feedback on workshops from current meeting to aid in planning next meeting.
    - i. Discussion about whether material presented at the meeting should also form the basis of a workshop. Alberto mentioned that he favours invited talks at the MIC for industry or users.
10. 2015 NSS/MIC, San Diego, Status Report. Delivered by Robert Miyaoka for Adam Alessio.
- a. Meeting Chairs have been named.
  - b. Welcome suggestions on Plenary Speakers and other recommendations on meeting format.
11. Report of Joint Oversight Sub-Committee (JOC). Delivered by Ralf Engels
- a. Contract with Town & Country made for 2015 meeting in San Diego. First onsite meeting planned for June 2014.
  - b. Strasbourg was selected for the 2016 meeting.
    - i. The Congress Centre is under construction and to be ready by Jan. 2016.
    - ii. Contract is on the way and nearly finalized between CEA and Strasbourg Congress Centre
    - iii. No committee formed yet.
  - c. Site selection process ongoing for 2017. Preferred location is Eastern North America.
12. Report of NMISC Awards-Fellow Sub-Committee. Delivered by Suleman Surti for Irène Buvat.
- a. 4 candidates for Bruce Hasegawa award. Winner was Martin Judenhofer, UC Davis.
  - b. 6 candidates for Ed Hoffman award. Winner was Jeff Fessler, University of Michigan.
  - c. Nominees were appropriate. Judges thanked for their involvement.
13. Report by Chair of Communications (web) sub-committee.

- a. No report was submitted.
- 14. Report by Co-Chair of Paper Submission Quality Assurance Sub-Committee. Delivered by Paul Marsden.
  - a. Described goal of sub-committee to help improve overall quality of the abstracts presented at the meeting by producing a set of guidelines and selection criteria that help the authors and reviewers in the preparation and review of submitted abstracts/summaries.
  - b. Presented a summary of a discussion held on Basecamp, with key identified areas to address being:
    - i. Selection/ranking procedure
    - ii. Reviewer expertise and justification of score
    - iii. Encouraging more innovative/speculative contributions
    - iv. Clarifying the role of the abstract and the summary.
    - v. Clarifying the role of topic advisors in setting the conference program.
  - c. The sub-committee will finalize the recommendations and guidelines shortly. These will be circulated to NMISC members and a vote held on their adoption.
- 15. Report on NPSS Adcom Activities. Delivered by Ron Jaszczak.
  - a. Provided overview of Adcom structure, composition and purpose.
  - b. NPSS financial reserves are reasonably large for an IEEE society with ~3000 members. Ron suggests that this may be a good time to advocate that NPSS fund some MIC related initiatives.
  - c. Ron urged the importance of developing a plan to pursue a TNS B journal since EMBS is aggressively steering the discussion regarding TMI.
- 16. Other Business
  - a. Changes to Bylaw 3.5.
    - i. Discussion of documents held.
    - ii. Vote to adopt change to Bylaw 3.5. 14 yes, 0 no, 4 absent/abstention.
    - iii. Change to Bylaw 3.5 passed with greater than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.
  - b. Changes to JOS Terms of Reference
    - i. Discussion of documents held.
    - ii. Vote to adopt change to JOS Terms of Reference. 14 yes, 0 no, 4 absent/abstention.
    - iii. Change to JOS Terms of Reference passed with greater than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority.
  - c. Technical Co-Sponsorship of PSMR 2014 Meeting. Presented by Alberto Del Guerra.
    - i. Alberto introduced meeting and described that technical co-sponsorship would not require financial commitment by IEEE.
    - ii. Suleman proposed to defer vote on technical co-sponsorship by 1-2 months to allow for clarification of any costs/obligations for either the conference or IEEE.
    - iii. Vote will be scheduled for 1-2 months time.
- 17. Meeting Adjourned (14:25)