



International Society for Stereology & Image Analysis (ISSIA)

June 29, 2021

ISSIA General Assembly Minutes

Place: Held by videoconference during the 13th European Conference on Stereology and Image Analysis

General Assembly started 5:15 p.m.

Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly

The meeting opened by the welcome address by the president of the society, Dr Aleš Kladnik.

Confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly. *The agenda was confirmed.*

Report of the ISSIA President, describing the activities of the ISSIA Board in the period 2018/2019

Courses & workshops call published; one event was organized with support from ISSIA:

- Practical Workshop in Confocal Microscopy and Quantitative Histology (August 2020)
organized by Daniel Peterson – Reduced fees for ISSIA members

Competition for best PhD thesis, the awardee was Dr. Mathieu De Langlard - *organized by Bruno Figliuzzi*

ISSIA did not award any Hans Elias bursaries supporting participation of PhD students at ECSIA 2021 due to the Covid situation.

Financial report for 2020, budget plan for 2021

Budget 2020: income 2491€, outcome 1822€.

Budget 2021, prediction: income 4540€, outcome 2645€.

We would like to acknowledge financial support of ISSIA from Chinese Society for Stereology.

IAS journal agreement

- ISSIA members have reduced publication fees in IAS, i.e. 150 EUR instead of 200 EUR. At the end of 2021 ISSIA will pay for this difference to IAS for ISSIA members who published in IAS. This concerns 5 submissions to IAS at this date.
- Regular and student ISSIA members are entitled to the printed version of IAS issues only if they select the „membership with subscription“ option. In this membership a reduced

subscription to IAS (40 EUR) is included (i.e. 50+40 EUR). ISSIA will pay IAS for the subscription (40 EUR each) of ISSIA members who will choose to subscribe for IAS.

- ISSIA will provide additional financial support of 1000 EUR to IAS to cover advertisements in IAS and printed versions of IAS for honorary members.

ISSIA Board presentation

President: Aleš Kladnik (*image analysis and microscopy in plant biology*; University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

Secretary: Bruno Figliuzzi (*image processing, stochastic geometry and materials science*; Mines ParisTech, France)

Treasurer: Jitka Čočková (*economics*; Institute of Physiology, Prague, Czech Republic)

Immediate Past President:

Eric Pirard (*particle shape analysis in geosciences*; University of Liège, Belgium) **cooperation with other societies, institutes, projects, LinkedIn group**

Members of the Board:

Karl-Anton Dorph-Petersen (*stereology in biosciences*; Aarhus University, Denmark) **courses, cooperation with journals**

Aneta Gądek-Moszczak (*image analysis and stereology in materials science and medicine*; Cracow University of Technology, Poland) **ISS history, awards**

Dorothy E. Oorschot (*stereology in biomedicine*; University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand) **bursaries, cooperation with other institutes, projects**

M.M. Ramya (*image processing, mathematical morphology and machine vision*; Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Chennai, India) **courses, special session**

Prof. Xiaoyan Song (*stereology in materials science, visualization simulation*, Beijing University of Technology, China) **cooperation with Chinese Society for Stereology, cooperation with journals, PhD competition**

Augusto Coppi (*stereology in biomedicine*; Nottingham Trent University, UK) **cooperation with Anatomical Society, promoting stereology in UK and Brasil, special sessions, courses**

Prof. Daniel A. Peterson (*image analysis, stereology and microscopy in biology/biomedicine/neuroscience*, The Chicago Medical School, USA) **courses, cooperation with other scientific societies**

Presentation of nominated new Board members

Dr. Dvorlai Wulfson (*Agricultural engineering*, Director of R&D at Geco Enterprises Ltda, Chile)

Prof. Johan Debayle (*Image processing and analysis, mathematical morphology, pattern recognition and stochastic geometry*, MINES Saint-Etienne, France)

Nomination of new honorary members for the efforts dedicated to the society

Lucie Kubínová (*stereology and confocal microscopy in biosciences*; Institute of Physiology, Prague, Czech Republic)

Hans Jørgen Gottlieb Gundersen Best Paper Award

Ales Kladnik paid tribute to Hans Jørgen Gottlieb Gundersen, died on February 01, 2021, who was an important figure in the Stereology community. ISSIA received an anonymous donation to initiate a fund for a best paper award in his honor. The award in the first year will be 2000€.

A call will be published to ISSIA members and on the ISSIA website to describe the practical modalities of the award.

Image Analysis & Stereology journal report

- Three issues per year, 17 papers in 2020 on 218 pages
- JCR impact factor (2019) is 0,55
- 176 submitted papers, ~10% acceptance rate
- 21 papers currently in review
- Nonprofit model, works on dedication of all involved
- For five papers for ISSIA member the fee was reduced
- Paper publication charge 200 EUR to (partly) cover printing costs
- The technical editors are Primož Peterlin, who edits articles in Latex, and a new colleague Nataša Pollak Kristl, who edit articles in MS Word

Benefits of ISSIA membership:

- Reduced publication fees in the open-access official ISSIA journal Image Analysis and Stereology (<https://www.ias-iss.org/ojs/IAS/>), i.e. 150 EUR instead of 200 EUR
- Reduced subscription to the printed version of IAS, i.e. 40 EUR instead of 76 EUR
- Reduced rates at congresses, courses and workshops organized by ISSIA
- Possibility for student members to apply for Hans Elias bursaries enabling participation in ISSIA Congresses for Stereology and Image Analysis
- Possibility to take part in a competition for the best PhD thesis using stereology and/or image analysis – directly or as a supervisor of the PhD student
- Access to the LinkedIn forum (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4239739>)

Voting on new board and Honorary members

Voting started 5:50 p.m.

- New board member Dvorlai Wulfsohn – *all agree*
- New board member Johan Debayle – *all agree*
- New honorary member Lucie Kubínová – *all agree*

New members were updated in [the ISSIA webpage](#).

Call for proposals for organization of the International Congress for Stereology and Image Analysis (ICSIA) in 2023

A call will be sent to all members to prepare proposals for organization of the ICSIA 2023. The organizer will be selected at least one year before the conference. A discussion was held on the opportunity of proposing a hybrid conference (both in presence and online). This possibility remains open to discussion, especially considering the current situation with the COVID pandemics.

Prospects on ISSIA activities

Courses, workshops, sessions and round table discussions in stereology and image analysis are welcome. There will be a call published shortly for events supported by ISSIA in 2021.

Please send all announcements to Aleš Kladnik (ales.kladnik@bf.uni-lj.si or info@issia.net) to include them on the webpage.

General Assembly finished 6:30 p.m.

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