

IBS NBR Regional Council Meeting, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 10, 2015

Meeting started: 12:15

Meeting ended: 12:50

Regional Council Members Present:

Birgir Hrafnkelsson	Iceland
Rimantas Eidukevicius	Lithuania
Magne Thoresen	Norway
Geir Egil Eide, IBS NBR Past President	Norway
Krista Fischer, IBS NBR President	Estonia
Mait Raag, IBS NBR Treasurer	Estonia
Silva Kasela, IBS NBR Secretary	Estonia

Other Present:

Theis Lange	Denmark
Jaakko Nevalainen	Finland

Minutes by Silva Kasela

Minutes

1. Membership fee

IBS NBR needs to pay 60\$ to IBS for the membership fee. Until now the regular membership fee for Nordic-Baltic region members has been 50€, because the dollar-euro ratio has changed during recent years we now should pay 3€ from our own funds.

The regular membership fee will be raised to 60€ for the next years. The fee for senior retiree, regular membership and the base rate for regular members from Latvia and Lithuania will be raised accordingly. Membership fee for students will still be 0€.

2. Members

The number of members of IBS NBR has not changed much over the years.

Proposal to change the by-laws: NBBC participants who are not members of IBS NBR will become members until the current year.

Voting: no one voted against it.

There is no strict rule that NBBC participants who become members have to be from Nordic-Baltic region. At the end of the year he/she will receive a personal letter with suggestion to join his/her own region.

3. Regional Conference

The next Nordic-Baltic Biometric Conference will be held in Denmark in 2017. President Krista Fischer will take responsibility to form the Scientific Program Committee and Local Organizing Committee. She will send an e-mail to current and new members from Denmark within a month.

Prof. Jaakko Nevalainen from Finland will be the chair of scientific program committee.

The chair of local organizing committee should be a member of the scientific program committee too, but not the chair of both committees.

Basic structure of the conference will be the same: during the same time at the beginning of June; covering different topics (genetics, fisheries, medicine...); including invited sessions, contributed sessions and poster sessions. One pre-conference course is enough.

IBS NBR will cover the costs for 2 keynote speakers and some costs (for example conference fee) for 5 invited speakers. There are some means to cover the costs of IBS members from IBS facilities.

It is needed to gather the programs from previous years to verify that the topics are not repeated that much. The programs from Turku and Tartu conference are still available online.

It is needed to form a regional conference guideline.

4. Regional Conference fee

The conference fee should be around 200€.

Proposal for conference fee for students: regular fee x 0.75 = 150€

Proposal for conference fee for non-members: regular fee x 1.1 + early membership fee = 280€ (so this covers the membership fee also for the current year).

It will be good to include dinner in the conference fee. Should find sponsors for reception.

In order to attract more students to the conference in Denmark, we should take into account the ending of the academic year. At the beginning of June the academic year has not ended yet...

5. New Regional Executive Committee 2017-2020

The new REC president, treasurer and secretary should come from Sweden. Regional council should find the new members. Current president Krista Fischer will contact Regional Council members from Sweden in this matter.

6. How to help Latvia and Lithuania?

IBS NBR should support the development of biometric society in Latvia and Lithuania. If some courses are organized, then members from Latvia and Lithuania should be notified personally by e-mail. IBS NBR or IBS can support their participation in courses.