

**Minutes of the Congress Planning Committee
ECM 98, Gumpoldskirchen, 30.9.02**

Present: Ron Reid, Maria-Carmen Asensio, Laszlo Kover (Hungary), Francois Reniers (Belgium), Fabio Mazzolini (Italy), Nikola Radic (Croatia), Lars Hultman, (Sweden), Pierre Strubin (Switzerland), Wolfgang Schwarz (Germany), Janez Setina (Slovenia), Robert Redhammer (Slovakia), Sandor Bohatka (Hungary), Monika Jenco (Slovenia), MG Barthes, Ugo Valbusa

Observers: David Sykes (UK), Hans Guntherodt (Switzerland), Alireza Moshfegh (Iran), Roger De Gryse (Belgium), Jean Jaques Pireaux (Belgium).

Dra Maria-Carmen Asensio opened the meeting at 18.15, she apologised for the absence of the chairman, Massimo Sancrotti who was unable to attend.

Dra Asensio explained that Massimo Sancrotti had completed his report on IVC 16 but, as he was not present, the final report would be presented at ECM 99.

Ulf Karlson then gave a presentation on the planning of IVC17. He explained that the conference venue was two stops (7-8 minutes) on the train from the centre of the city. The site has the capacity for many parallel sessions and exhibition. The process of establishing the IPCs was underway, all Division chairs had been contacted and all but Surface Science Division had responded. The first programme committee meeting will be held in Stockholm, 25-26 March 2006. The involvement of Nano10 and STM07 was being discussed as was the plasma wall interactions community.

Other issues being considered by the local organisers included the involvement of other Nordic/Baltic countries in particular Finland/Norway/Denmark/Iceland. It was also suggested that there should be representation from China so that there could be effective knowledge transfer from the organisers of IVC17 to the organisers of IVC 18.

It was reported that the budget for the conference was still at a preliminary stage.

In response to questions it was stated that of the order of 1500 delegates were expected, a wide range of accommodation would be available and that contacts with the fusion community were good. Prof Valbusa commented that it was a good suggestion to involve the Chinese organisers of IVC18 so that they could become familiar with the procedures of the IUVSTA.

Dra Asensio then drew the meeting's attention to the IUVSTA rules for the make up of the programme committee and, in response to a question from the Secretary General, it was agreed that the committee wished these rules to be followed.

Dra Asensio closed the meeting at 18.45.