

President's Notes for the 2021 IMACS General Assembly

August 10, 2021

Item 1. Proposed agenda

2021 IMACS GA Agenda

This President's notes introduce the items of the 2021 IMACS General Assembly (tentatively by September 10), in particular those that require the online vote (approved by the majority of the participants).

Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. IMACS headquarters
 - a. *CNR Office in Brussels*
 - b. *IMACS bylaws change (vote)*
3. IMACS journals
 - a. *Higher Impact Factor*
 - b. *Zero Queue*
4. Elsevier Contract 2021-2024
5. IMACS 2020 Balance (vote)
6. IMACS World Congress
7. BOD renewal (vote)
8. Various

We all know the special difficulties of this coronavirus epidemic spreading around the whole world, which is still affecting the Association activities. We recall that the IMACS World Congress, planned on October 2020 in Rome, has been mainly affected since its organization had to be delayed and needs to be again fixed.

Item 2. IMACS headquarters

The headquarter location has been an open problem for long time. The current location of IMACS is at VKI (Von Karman Institute for fluid dynamics, Belgium) which has been kindly hosting our Society and its website since the end of 2013. According to the IMACS bylaws, after the approval of the IMACS Board, the changed address needs approval of the GA to be registered in the Le Moniteur Belgique.

- a. *CNR Office in Brussels*

Finding a location in the french speaking Belgium was very difficult, we had the availability of Professors but even in the Flemish area, thus requiring the translation of the bylaws. On the other side the old IMACS website was removed from the VKI. The new IMACS website was developed and is maintained by the technical assistant Paolo Rughetti, at IAC-CNR (Rome, Italy).

The Director of the CNR Office in Brussels is glad to host IMACS and allow us to register this address as IMACS headquarter.

b. *IMACS bylaws change*

The following change of Art.1 has to be approved by the online vote, website for the vote will be given.

The current bylaws

Le siege de l'association est en Belgique et à present Chaussee de Waterloo, 72 à 1640 Rode Saint-Genese(Von Karman Institute for fluid dynamics)). Il peut être transféré comme il vient d'être indiqué par simple decision du comité de direction.

The proposed bylaws

Le siege de l'association est en Belgique et à present Rue du Trone 98 à 1050 Bruxelles (CNR Office for International and European Activities). Il peut être transféré comme il vient d'être indiqué par simple decision du comité de direction.

item 3. IMACS Journals

a. *Higher Impact Factors*

Both IMACS Journals Impact Factors increased. The Impact Factors of APNUM and MATCOM are now 2.468 and 2.463 respectively. Elsevier thanked for these important improvements.

Recovering of the last-ten-years history of the sponsored events and the related special issues (item 5) is now available. We can thus know how long scientific groups have been cooperating with IMACS, and contacts could be reactivated.

b. *Zero queue*

The too large backlogs of submissions have been at the attention of all the Editors in Chief of the IMACS Journals. As you already know both Editorial Boards have been enriched with high qualified new members in these last years. At the end, first APNUM and recently MATCOM achieved the goal of zero queue of the waiting submissions. The strong effort of handling about 1500 journal/year new submissions, along with a large number of long pending ones, has been awarded.

Item 4. Elsevier contract 2021-2024

The President and the VicePresident Prof. Taha, in charge of the renegotiation, signed the new 2021/2024 Elsevier contract with improved benefits for IMACS.

Item 5. IMACS 2020 Balance (vote)

The 2020 IMACS balance was approved by the BOD. Both the final balance 2020 and the budget 2021 are available.

Item 6. IMACS World Congress

Being the IMACS long tradition to have in presence its Congresses and still the pandemic waves worrying around the world with unequal conditions in several countries we again need to postpone the next Congress date from October 5-8, 2021 on the light of the updated pandemic evaluation.

Item 7. BOD Renewal

The BOD renewal has been held during the past IMACS World Congresses according to the IMACS bylaws. All the members will be informed in few days on the procedure to be followed during the GA and the call for candidates will be fixed.

Item 8. Various

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