

Minutes ELMI Steering Committee Meeting



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Agenda

1. Future ELMI meetings
2. Other points
 - a. Synchronisation of microscopy meetings in the future (e.g. FOM, “Seeing is Believing” and ELMI, forwarded by Jens Rietdorf)
 - b. Organisation of company workshops at ELMI (time fraction covered by the workshops, style of workshops, forwarded by Patrick Schwarb).

1. Future ELMI meetings

The locations of the next ELMI meetings were discussed.

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2012: Based on 2010 ELMI steering committee meeting it was formally decided that the ELMI meeting 2012 will take place between 5th and 8th of June in Leuven, Belgium. The main organiser will be Sebastian Munck. The selected meeting venue can host up to 350 participants and around 16 workshops. Accommodation will be distributed in town with transport by shuttle buses. Euro-BioImaging satellite workshops can be organized before or after ELMI 2012.

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2013: The following locations/organisers were suggested for the 2013 ELMI meeting:

Location: Israel, Weizmann Institute

Organiser: Benny Geiger (who was not present)

The organisation of ELMI 2013 in Israel was already positively discussed at the ELMI steering committee meeting in 2010. Benny Geiger will be contacted by Rainer Pepperkok to enquire if this interest still exists.

Company representatives raised the point that organization of the meeting in Israel will be more effort for them and most likely less equipment will be shown at the workshops.

Location: Czech Republic, Brno

Organiser: Michal Kozubek

The organization of ELMI 2013 in the Czech Republic was also discussed at the ELMI steering committee meeting in 2010 as an alternative place to Israel. Michal Kozubek informed the meeting that Brno has an Airport, which is connected several times per day to Prague, there are also buses from Prague airport (3h) and Vienna Airport (2h), a Venue for up to 300 people and about 15 workshops is available in the city centre.

Location: France, Arcachon

Organiser: Jean Salamero

The organisation of ELMI 2013 in France was also discussed at the ELMI steering committee meeting in 2010. Arcachon is near to Bordeaux Airport. The meeting would be supported by France Bioimaging.

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No decision was taken on the location of the ELMI meeting in 2013. It was agreed that the potential organisers of this meeting (see above) provide additional information (venue location, reachability, etc.) to R. Pepperkok and S. Terjung, which will be forwarded to all participants of the 2011 steering committee meeting. A vote via a doodle poll (action point S. Terjung, R. Pepperkok) beginning of July is envisioned to decide on the 2013 ELMI meeting location.

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2014:

J. Salamero and M. Kozubek stated that they could not organise the 2014 ELMI meeting, as they have already other obligations during this year.

The following further locations/organisers were suggested for the 2014 ELMI meeting:

Location: Norway, Oslo or Bergen

Organiser: Odmund Bakke

Location: Hungary, no place suggested

Organiser: Gabor Csucs

2a. Synchronisation of microscopy meetings in the future (e.g. FOM, “Seeing is Believing” and ELMI)

The overall view of the meeting participants was that three international meetings on light microscopy in the first half of a year, as it was the case in 2011 (“Seeing is Believing”, FOM, ELMI) in Europe, may be too much.

Suggestions to overcome this problem were to (i) organise “Seeing is Believing” in Europe when FOM is taking place outside Europe; (ii) Shift “Seeing is Believing” to autumn.

It was agreed to contact the organizers of “Seeing is Believing” to enquire about their future plans.

2b. Organisation of company workshops at ELMI (time fraction covered by the workshops, style of workshops)

P. Schwarb raised the question, whether company workshops should be more hands-on as they have been in earlier ELMI meetings.

G. Burger stated, that for real hands-on more time would be needed, but that Leica always offers additional demonstration sessions on demand/reservation. This could be also officially announced.

C. Bauer suggested to send out questionnaires to participants (e.g. EMBO-like questionnaires) to ask participants about their wishes regarding workshops at ELMI meetings.