

Agenda, London SIC AGM, 16 September 2020

1. Opening remarks and welcome (Board)
2. Apologies for absences (Sophia)
3. Approval of Cuba 2019 AGM minutes (Sofia)
available at:http://scientific-instrument-commission.org/images/conferences/2019_Havana/files/AGM_Havana-Minutes191024_1.pdf
4. SIC Finances, written report attached (Janet)
--oral report from external auditors (Louise & Tayce)
5. SIC Publications (Giorgio and the Editorial Board)
6. Commission news (Rich)
 - a. Advocacy (Rich) – any new cases? update on Yerkes Observatory
 - b. SIC bibliography update (Rich)
 - c. Conferences sponsored (Flensburg)
 - d. Use of social media (Pedro and Taha)
 - e. Young scholars gathering (Janet, Taha, Ke)
7. Election Board report (David)
8. News from members (Sophia)
9. Future SIC meetings (Rich)
 - a. Prague International Congress 2021 (Board)
 - b. Athens 2022 (probable invitation from George and Efthymios)
 - c. After 2022: Strasbourg (perhaps 2024 reports Sébastien), Vienna (Rich report of conversation with Prof. Anna Echterhölter), Padua (Sofia), Rome (Paolo), Madrid (Rich report of conversation with 7 Spanish colleagues), Gent (new university museum)
10. SurveyMonkey for London Symposium (Louise)
11. Any other business? (Janet)

Attachment
SIC finances 2020, 11 September 2020
Janet Laidla, Treasurer

The SIC receives its main income from the IUHPST/DHST. In recent years they have begun to set more restrictions on the grant, such as restricting conference grants only to travel grants for young scholars and capping the different types of expenses. They have also for various reasons cut our grant, most recently 10% “so as to ensure that DHST can meet its expenses in both 2020 and 2021”.

The grant is in USD, so there is a lot of double accounting. During my first year as treasurer they just transferred the grant without inquiring about the currency and therefore the grant is in USD on my bank account. In the next years they have actually asked thus the more recent grants are in EUR.

For 2020 we asked 500 USD for web, 50 USD for running costs and 1850 USD for the conference hoping that if we explain our reasoning, they would ignore the cap amount of 1500 USD (they did not). Thus, we were allocated 2050 USD (2400 USD is the maximum amount), minus the 10% 1845 USD, that was transferred as **1691.11 EUR. This is the income for 2020.** In addition to that we have some savings. We decided per suggestion from Catherine Jami to accept the full grant, and actually at that point we did know about the potential costs of the SIC meeting 2020. See Bank statement for the period.

We begin with Martin Weiss returning his grant as he was not able to come to Cuba. The sum at the end 4097.19 EUR /1770 USD is the sum I said would be the final number for 1919 (see financial report in the minutes for 2019 AGM).

We have had two expenses so far, both connected to the webpage. The first is 365.83 EUR (400 USD) for the web page maintenance, see documents with DOC 01 in their name. Documents with DOC 2 are on the server cost 87.25 EUR. These are paid with a credit card account and I transfer the money from my one account to another. No bank costs this year because I pay a fixed sum of 1.50 EUR per month that covers all transfer and card costs in EU for all my accounts (I know!!).

Short summary:

1.01.2020	4097.19 EUR	1770 USD
Income	1691.11 EUR	DHST grant
Expense	87.25 EUR	Server costs
Expense	365.83 EUR	Grant for the webmaster
Total expenses 10.09.2020	453.08 EUR	
10.09.2020	5335.22 EUR	1770 USD
Pending	Around 509 EUR	SIC 2020 meeting costs

We have promised 600 USD (around 509 EUR) for covering the extra expenses of the 2020 SIC online meeting so that could be another expense in 2020.

Please ask if you have any questions. Thank you!