

IPS ANNUAL MEETING 2006

MINUTES of BUSINESS MEETING, 17/12/06

Present: J.Adler, A. Dekel, D. Shahar, N. Netzer, E. Raz, I. Mardor, R. Weil, C. Kuper, M. Gedalin, Z. Rosenstock
Apologies: C. Bruma, L. Klein

1. Joan Adler: report by the President on the activities of the IPS during 2006, and report of legal and tax status
 - (a) Congratulations to Ofer Biham and his committee for an excellent meeting, and especially thank Nir Shaviv for the website and online registration which I propose be copied for the future.
 - (b) We are a legal amuta with the Rasham Amutot and working on tax-free status. (We still do not have ishur nihul takin for 2006, but it should be any day now.) The tax-free status has been held up by one missing financial report, and we are now requesting that the process proceed without this missing report.
 - (c) Thanks to hardwork by several people - notably Cezar - the membership picture is much better, 51 members as of last week and many more signups today. Many of these took the two year option.
Some items we need to discuss over the coming months:
 - (d) During 2007 we will begin the transition to the new president and will need to select a new vice-president (it is Weizmann Institute's turn, and if not them then Bar Ilan) and make decisions concerning whether the Technion will continue to host IPS membership and the newsletter as it has for the last six years or whether these should move to either Hebrew University or to the location of the new vice-president where they could again stay for six years. Discussion of these matters via email over the next few months.
 - (e) We also need to make formal decisions on Physicaplus and I ask you to make proposals for this.
 - (f) The location of IPS2007 is the most urgent decision and I propose discussion of this following the Treasurer's report.

2. Confirmation of 2007 IPS Board members: the list (see attachment) unanimously approved (same as last year with the replacement of Nir Davidson by Dan Shahar.)
3. Presentation of the 2005 Treasurer's report for approval, Report on present financial situation - Nathan Netzer, unanimously approved. Highlights: Some insitution payments not yet made (TAU, WEizmann, Ariel, Braude, BGU, Soreq, Rafael)
4. Decided to have next IPS Council meeting in early March
5. Location of IPS2007 - Weizmann, Dan Shahar to be head of Organising Committee
6. Dan Shahar proposed getting our own Domain name, and will look into this.