

***Tenth meeting of the IAOA Executive Council (EC)  
Public Report (3 Nov 2009)***

**Attendees**

- Nicola Guarino (chair)
- Paul Buitelaar
- Stefano Borgo
- Antony Galton
- Michael Gruninger
- Riichiro Mizoguchi
- Mark Musen
- Leo Obrst
- Laure Vieu
- Peter Yim

The IAOA EC discussed policies for the FOIS conference series. One issue was the opportunity of possible restrictions on submissions by the Program Chair(s). IAOA wants to be open and fair which means to avoid possible perception of favoritism. This issue is mitigated in the case of the FOIS conferences for two reasons: the selection process of the chairs and the fact that there are always two chairs running the conference. Nonetheless, it has been agreed that IAOA should adopt an explicit policy. To allow time for discussion, the policy will be adopted at next meeting.

The IAOA EC decided that the association takes all the risks and benefits regarding the FOIS conferences organization. Local organizers are encouraged to find sponsors to take part of the risks or underwrite the event. Regarding FOIS 2010, due to the fact that IAOA has just started and has no funds to count upon, and that we are in the middle of a poor economic climate, special care has to be exercised in managing our budget.

The IAOA new web page, registration and payment procedures are ready. There are some issues to solve in the process to ensure private access to the pages reserved to the members. Most of the work is done on a voluntary basis and the need to coordinate people

across three continents has caused some recent unexpected delays. A teleconference among the key people will be organized.

Due to law restrictions, IAOA membership covers one year from January to December. Since the registration will start soon, the IAOA EC decided that IAOA members who started in 2009 will have valid memberships until the end of year 2010.

The IAOA has received requests to sponsor events organized by external people and/or institutions. The IAOA started a discussion on a general policy but decided to postpone a decision to next meeting.

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