

## Online Committee Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 5:00 PM CET

Present:

**Chair:** Gregory Claeys, **Secretary:** Zsolt Czigányik, **Treasurer:** Kenneth Hanshew, **EDI/ECR Officer:** Marta Komsta, **Committee Members:** Barnita Bagchi, Burcu Kayışçı Akkoyun, Iva Dimovska, Sorin Antohi, Nathaniel Coleman

**Apologies** from Alexandra Sippel, Susanna Layh and Jose Eduardo Reis.

Gregory Claeys welcomes all present and announces that Alexandra Sippel had to withdraw from the committee due to personal reasons.

1, Zsolt Czigányik informs the committee how the organisation of the forthcoming conference proceeds. It is agreed that only the shorter version of the programme is printed, while the abstract booklet is available online. Otherwise we are expecting a fruitful conference. It is also agreed that the potential organiser of the 2025 conference in Valencia will present their plans at the AGM.

2, The necessity of an ECR officer (on the suggestion of Susanna Layh, who could not be present at the meeting) is discussed in detail. GC will continue giving ECR seminars as long as his health allows, so this needn't be the duty of the ECR officer. Still, as we have not yet a candidate, we cannot put it on vote for the AGM.

3, The possible venue for the 2026 conference was also discussed. Nathaniel Coleman argues that it should be a place which is relatively easy to reach. It was also discussed that the conference may be organised at a time different from the first week of July, particularly if the weather conditions make it necessary. Barnita Bagchi argues that the first week of September is not a good solution. Various possibilities were discussed (April, May), there was an agreement that we shall be pragmatic about this issue.

4. The treasurer reported that the society has 6387 EUR (plus 1882 in the Magnet account). GC argued that we shall not be saving our money but spending it on bursaries.