

Online Committee Meeting 17th Feb 2025, 6:30 PM CET

Present:

Chair: Gregory Claeys, **Secretary:** Zsolt Czigányik, **Treasurer:** Kenneth Hanshew, **EDI/ECR Officer:** Marta Komsta, **Committee Members:** Andrea Burgos, Barnita Bagchi, Burcu Kayışçı Akkoyun, Iva Dimovska, Fátima Vieira, Nathaniel Coleman, Nicole Pohl, Sorin Antohi, Susanna Layh

Apologies from Jose Eduardo Reis.

Gregory Claeys welcomes all present. The Treasurer reports that the society bank accounts contain 6211 EUR.

1, Andrea Burgos informs the committee how the organisation of the forthcoming conference proceeds. So far 140 applications have been accepted. It is agreed unanimously that 1000 EUR is reserved from society funds for the costs of the conference that the organisers may use if it is necessary. Nathaniel Coleman proposes that book events be organised during the conference.

2, The committee decides that 3500 EUR will be reserved for a bursary which includes 150 EUR travel subsidy and the waiver of the conference fee (the society transfers the fees of the subsidised members to the organisers in a lump sum). The bursary is announced as soon as possible. It is agreed that preference will be given to those who apply for the first time, though a repeated application is not ruled out.

3, A railway subsidy of max. 50 EUR will also be offered to 15 applicants who choose this way of transport. It is agreed that the subsidy may also be given to those who combine train with other ways of transport.

4., Committee: many positions will reach their expiry date this year, including chair, secretary, and the following members: Artur Blaim, Barnita Bagchi, Burcu Kayışçı Akkoyun, Fátima Vieira, Jose Eduardo Reis, Nathaniel Coleman, Nicole Pohl, Sorin Antohi, Susanna Layh. The chair expressed his openness to considering a continued role, should no suitable candidate be found, and so does the secretary. Fátima Vieira says that she and Jose Eduardo Reis will not continue their work. The committee thanks for their long service. The other members express their willingness to stand for re-election, while an announcement will be sent to members about the availability of member positions. There is a debate about the necessity of secret voting, and it is decided that the vote will be secret and online (with results becoming available the day following the AGM).

5, Sorin Antohi announces that he volunteers to organise the 2026 conference in Bucharest – at the same venue where the conference of 2020 was to be held (and cancelled due to the Covid situation). The committee unanimously welcomes the proposal. Final decision will be made at the AGM.