



Minutes of the ESP General Assembly, 2011-2013
Liège, September 2, 2013, 17:41– 18:47

1. Opening of the ESP President **Evelyne Sage**

The President thanks all participants for their presence and the high quality lectures and symposia at the Liège meeting. Special thanks to the local organizer Jacques Piette.

2. Report from the Treasurer **Francesco Ghetti**

- a. 2011: Expenses total 85.05 kEUR, Income: 99.19 kEUR (see Annex 2)
- b. 2012 Expenses total 185.57 kEUR, Income: 118,17 kEUR (see Annex 2)
- c. Treasure about 360kEUR (200 in Bonds) 31/08/2013 (see Annex 2)
- d. 2013: Fees 55960 EUR for ESP Congress 2013 (see Annex 2)
- e. Membership remains stable around 300 between 2011-2013 (see Annex 2)

3. Auditor Report: **Kristian Berg**

The auditors report that all financial reports are correct. In the future audits will take place for a fiscal year.

4. Report from the chairman of the Education & Training Committee (report including YIA) **Santi Nonell**

- a. Budget increased from 12000 to 15000 EUR
- b. Eligibility for fellowships and YIA to enforce mentors and nominators has been changed, i.e. fellowships and YIA: must be members of the ESP
- c. ESP website is in transition and has been recently modified
- d. 5 fellowships for ASP and 28 for ESP 2013
- e. EC has decided to provide the ESP supplement to the PhD degree. Aims:
 - i. Creating an instrument to support PhD students in Photobiology
 - ii. Provide a quality label for future employers
 - iii. Increasing the visibility of the ESP
 - iv. Increasing the ESP membership

Eligibly criteria

- i. PhD recent
- ii. Experimental Work in Photobiology
- iii. Presence at Photobiology School and passed exam
- iv. Participation at one ESP congress
- v. Significant contribution to one Paper in PPS or in other comparable quality peer-reviewed journal

Assessment:

- i. Applications reviewed by E&T committee
- ii. Decision by EC

Award

- i. A certificate signed by the President, the Secretary and the Chair of the E&T committee (about 10 are envisaged to be assessed per year)
- ii. Awards will be announced at the next ESP Congress and given at the GA



5. Status of the PPS Journal: **Rex Tyrell**

- i. IF: increased to 2.9 (PP: 2.2)
- ii. If “perspectives” increase IF might increase, but PPS is not a “review” journal; environmental topics increase IF, too.
- iii. PPS is one of the lower IF journals at RSC
- iv. Total manuscripts received in 2012 :180; constant between 2009 and 2012 ; acceptance rate 50% (see Annex 3)
- v. Topics Submitted in order of volume: PDT>Photodermatology> UV effects> PPBM>Vitamin D>Bioluminescence (see Annex 4)
- vi. Topics Accepted Photodermatology (themed issue ; 30% ;PDT (20%) UV 4% (see Annex 3)
- vii. Manuscript handling time 60 days, 51% acceptance rate 47% rejected, 2% withdrawn (see Annex 3)
- viii. South America is improving its manuscript acceptance rate. Best papers from Europe and US, US submissions are going slightly down (see Annex 3)
- ix. Themed issues:
 - Blue light photoreceptors
 - DNA in production
 - Next will be PDT

6. Book Series Report: **Giulio Jori**

- Book series are due to end because of recruitment problems of authors and editors
- Books in preparation: Singlet Oxygen in bio and nanosciences; Santi Nonell, Cristina Flors; Tentative Topics ready; Authors being contacted; To be discussed with RSC; ready end of next year
- Tentative Topics:
 - Environmental Photobiology; Paolo Calza, David Vione;
 - Phototoxicity of drugs, Proposal will be submitted to GJ

7. Report on the ESP Photobiology School: **Kristian Berg**

- a. KB summarizes the 2nd Edition of the ESP Photobiology School in 2012
 - i. List OC and Faculty (23 members)
 - ii. 41 students attended in 2012 (see Annex 1)
- b. Announcement regarding School 2014
 - i. June 16th-21st 2014
 - Program is completed
 - Remark from the membership: It seems that the school’s program is somewhat imbalanced with respect to Photosynthesis which could be increased in future programs
 - Response: This theme has not been so much appreciated by students in the past
 - Remark from the membership: Could it be interesting to introduce the chemistry/synthesis of photosensitizers
 - Will be taken into account and transmitted to the OC
 - ii. Problem of overlapping time schedule of ICP and ESP were explained



8. Report on the ESP Meeting 2013: **Jacques Piette**
 - c. 310 attendants
 - d. Additional 6 one-day attendants
 - e. Income: 63000 EUR Reg. fees + Sponsoring: 18000
 - f. Expenses: 11000 EUR coffee breaks; 25000 congress Venue; + Travel Grants

9. Strategy plan 2011-2013 Progress Report: **Evelyne Sage**
 - a. A Membership work group was created
 - b. PPS Impact Factor increased to 2.9 close to the goal of 3.0
 - c. The budget of E&T committee was increased
 - d. Kristian Berg nominated to continue as School Director in September 2013
 - i. Introduction of the School in PhD programs in European Universities
 - e. The Scientific Advisory Board was renewed in Nov 2011 and it has fully played its role on the ESP2013 congress program
 - f. Sponsorship for 2013 was lower than its potential
 - g. The Website was improved
 - i. Opinions received from members of the ESP
 - ii. ESP's Website was updated
 - iii. A website working group was created
 - iv. 1st version of new Website is available soon
 - v. ES asked all members of the ESP to provide news and infos to keep the website updated
 - h. 2013's congress attendance similar to 2011 Congress
 - i. More frequent EC meetings were held: two in Paris 2012 and 2013, one in Brixen, and one in Pisa 2013

10. Results of the election of the Executive Committee 2013-2015: **Lesley Rhodes**
 - President Elect: Rex Tyrrell
 - Secretary: Francesca Giuntini
 - Treasurer: Francesco Ghetti
 - Officers Santi Nonell, David Russel
 - Auditors: Kristian Berg; Amparo Faustino

11. Strategy Plan 2013-2015: **Lesley Rhodes**
 - a. Enhance ESP external profile
 - i. Enhanced communications
 - ii. Increasing the number of ESP members Acquire new Sponsors

 - b. Enhance ESP internal organization and communications
 - i. Define terms of reference for Executive Committee
 - ii. Increase the number of Officer positions in the Executive Committee to address growing tasks
 - iii. Working Groups
 1. Communication Work Group (CWG)
 2. Website Work Group (WWG)
A decision on prolongation with current webmasters will be taken
 3. Membership Work Group (MWG)
Aim: increase membership to past levels:
 - **Reduce discouragements to ESP membership**



- Ease of joining
 - Reliable reminder system for renewal
 - Upgrade system of communications with membership
 - **Enhance promotion of ESP membership**
 - Modernize/update website
 - Enhance visibility
 - Approach photobiologists at individual & group level
 - **Enhance benefits/attractions of ESP membership**
 - Journal
 - Congress
 - Fellowships
4. Sponsorship Work Group (SWG)
- c. Maintain E & T committee
 - i. Training is well perceived
 - ii. Students want more awards
 - iii. Co chaired sessions in future congresses
 - d. Congress 2015
 - i. Keynote lectures have been successful and will be maintained but not in parallel, in order that everyone can attend
 - e. PPS Journal
 - i. Potentially incorporate aspects of the book series (if ending) into PPS journal as review articles
 - ii. Increase IF
 - f. Photobiology School 2014 will be prosecuted. Relationship to other Societies should be maintained on a good level.
12. Presentation of 2015 congress: **Lesley Rhodes**
- a. The 16th ESP congress will be held in Aveiro, Portugal, August 31st-September 4th 2015
 - b. Presentation of the venue was given by the local chair: Maria Amparo Ferreira Faustino

Minutes written by Dr Norbert Lange
Secretary of ESP 2011-2013



Annex 1

a. Faculty members of 2012 ESP School

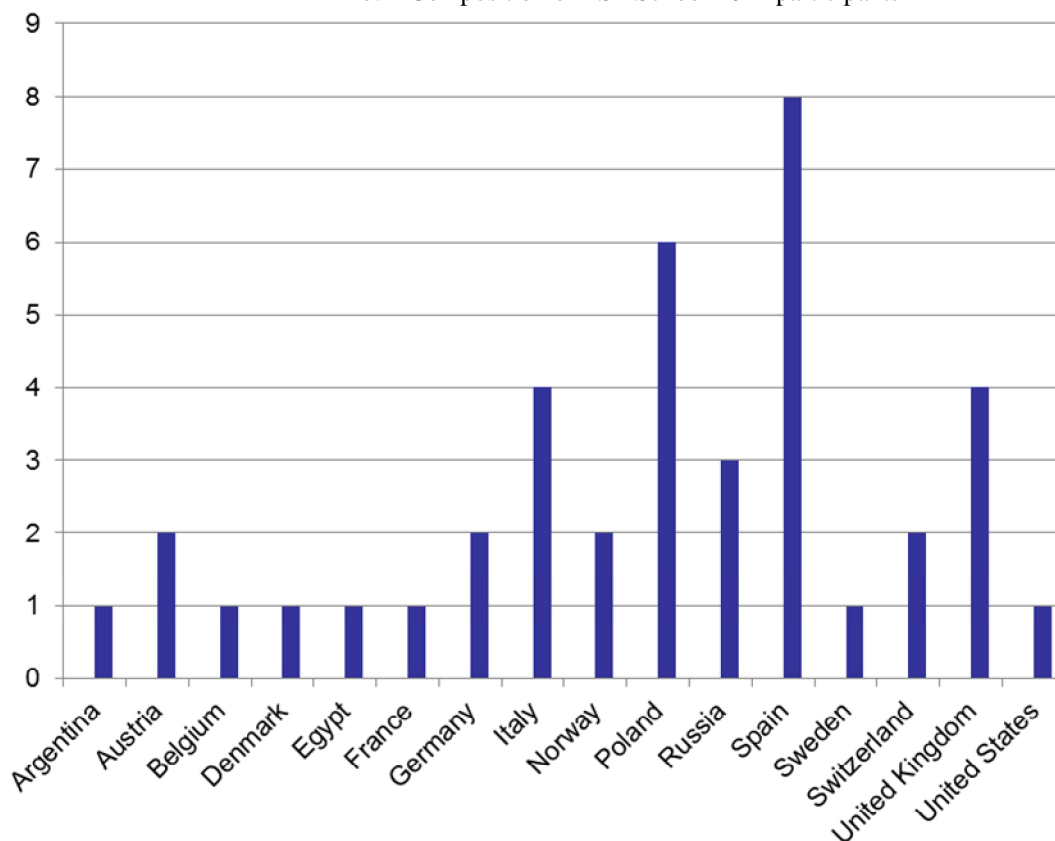
Organizing Committee:

Kristian Berg (Chair), Evelyne Sage, Francesco Ghetti, Giulio Jori, Francesco Lenci, Jacques Piette, Olimpia Coppellotti

Faculty members

Stefan Anderson-Engels (SE), Roberto Bassi (IT), Kristian Berg (NO), Janet Bornman (NZ), Giovanni Checcucci (IT), Olimpia Coppellotti (IT), Thierry Douki (FR), Francesco Ghetti (IT), Giulio Jori (IT), Herwig Kostron (AT), Miguel Miranda (ES), Tomas Morosinotto (IT), Carlo Musio (IT), Santi Nonell (ES), Peter Ogilby (DK), Jacques Piette (BE), Lesley Rhodes (UK), David Russell (UK), Evelyne Sage (FR), Franz Trautinger (AT), Georges Wagnieres (CH), Heinrich Walt (CH)

b. Composition of ESP School 2012 participants



c. Presented Topics

Photophysics and photochemistry
Biophotonics - Light dosimetry in biological tissues
UV (from DNA damage to human skin)
Photoimmunology, UV and Vit.D and UVA signalling
Photomedicine
PDT and fluorescence diagnosis
Photosynthesis
Environmental photobiology
Photosensory biology



Annex 2

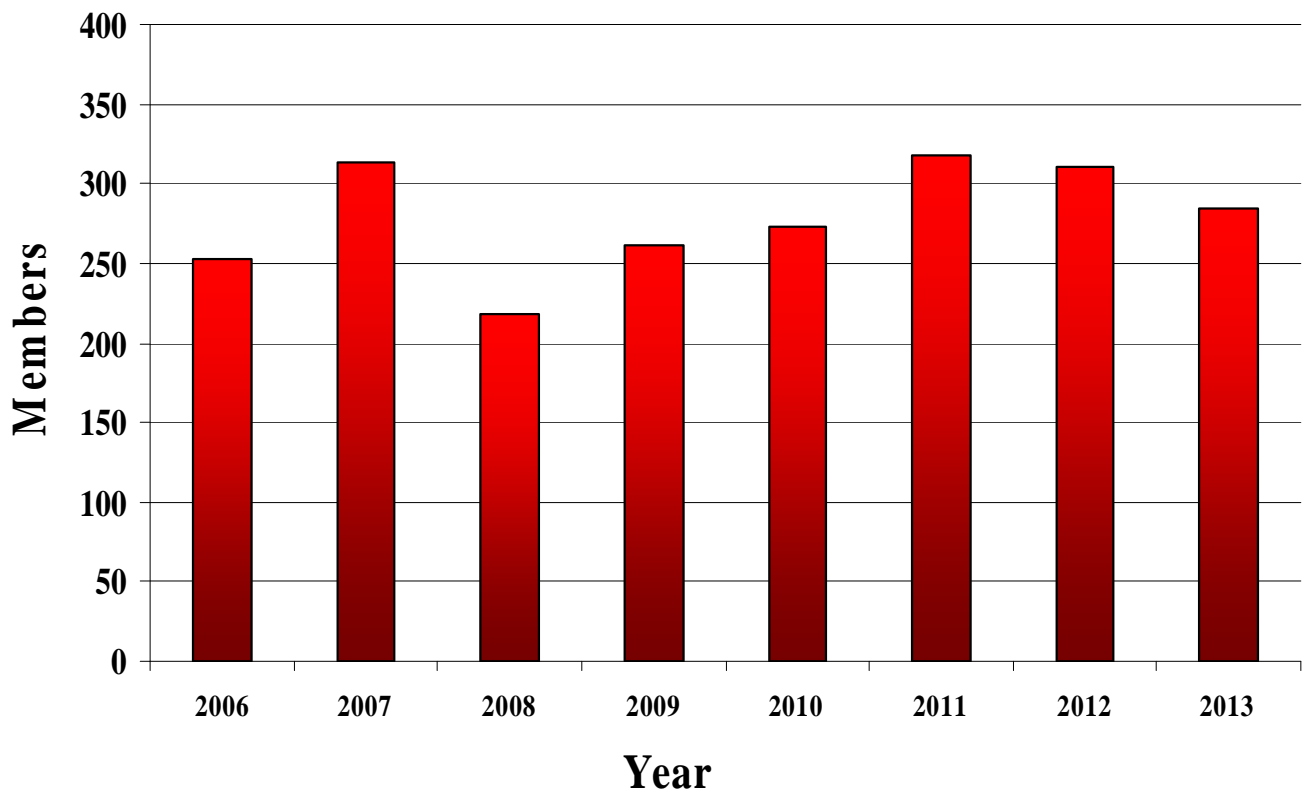
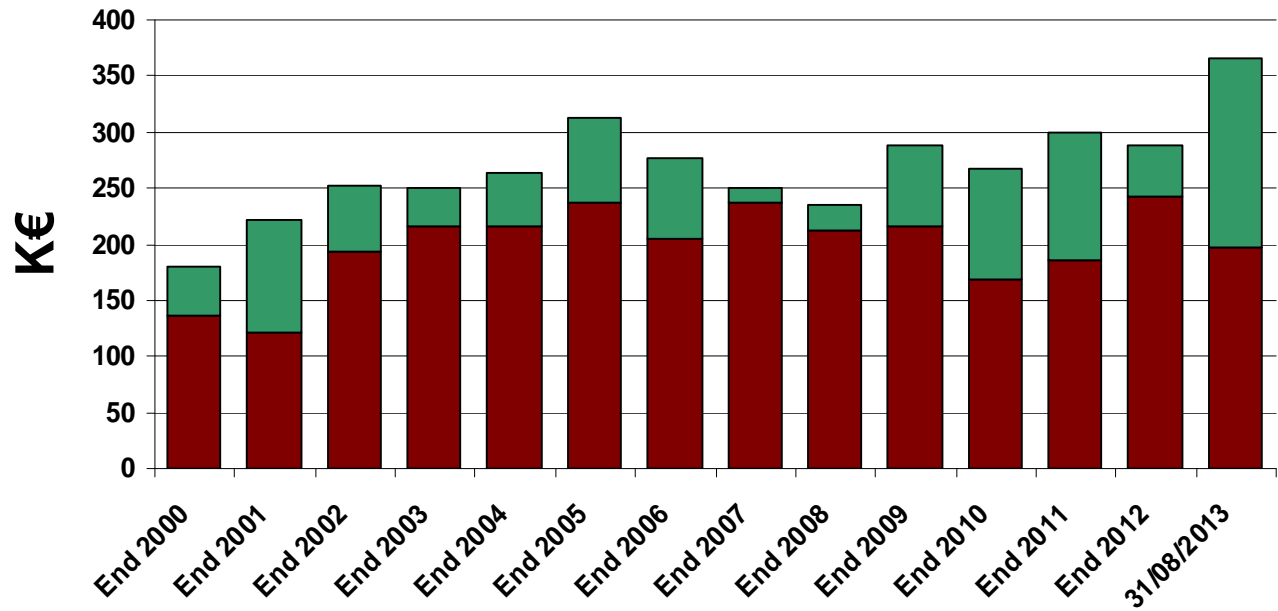
EXPENSES 2011 (K€)		INCOME 2011 (K€)	
Congress AND Education	39,79	Fees	88,19
Official Journal PPS	21,47	Royalties	8,73
Website	2,34	Bond selling AND interests	2,27
Executive Committee	1,57		
Bank expenses	0,67		
Bond purchase	19,24		
TOTAL	85,08	TOTAL	99,19

EXPENSES 2012 (K€)		INCOME 2012 (K€)	
Congress	6,30	Fees	36,34
Official Journal PPS	15,36	Sponsorship	13,37
Website	15,50	Royalties	5,11
Education	18,81	Bond selling AND interests	63,35
Executive Committee	1,94		
Other meetings	16,81		
Bank expenses	0,85		
Bond purchase	110,00		
TOTAL	185,57	TOTAL	118,17



■ Bonds ■ Bank Account

ESP Treasure





Annex 3

Classification of manuscripts received in 2012 compared with previous years

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Perspective	16 (9%)	17 (9%)	22 (13%)	24 (14%)	20 (10%)	10 (5%)	7 (6%)
Full-length papers	145 (80%)	149 (83%)	130 (78%)	130 (79%)	163 (82%)	163 (88%)	113 (88%)
Technical notes	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	0	0	3 (2%)	3 (2%)	5 (4%)
Communications	18 (10%)	12 (7%)	15 (9%)	11 (7%)	9 (5%)	5 (3%)	3 (2%)
Forum	0	0	0	0	2 (1%)	3 (2%)	0
Total	180	179	167	165	197	184	128

Manuscript handling time, acceptance/rejection rate for PPS Photobiology papers

	2012	2011*	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Papers handled	180	179	167	165	197	184	128
Papers accepted	92 (51%)	95 (53%)	92 (55%)	88 (53%)	98 (50%)	73 (40%)	60 (47%)
Papers rejected	84 (46.7)	83 (46%)	67 (40%)	77 (47%)	97 (49%)	111 (60%)	68 (53%)
Papers pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Papers withdrawn	4 (2.%)	1 (1%)	8 (5%)	0	2 (1%)	0	0
Handling time	60 days	52 days	63 days	64 days	66 days	61 days +	73. days



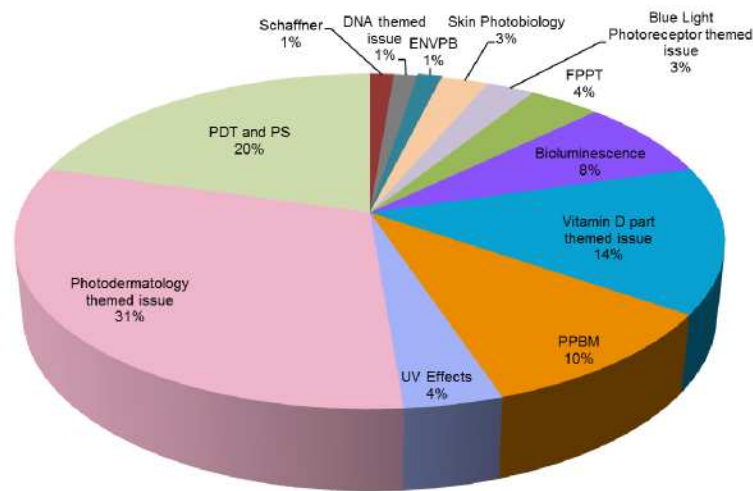
Acceptance Rates 2012 - 2013

2013		2012	
Papers accepted	28	Papers accepted	63
Papers rejected	43	Papers rejected	49
Pending	26	Pending	0 *
Withdrawn	0	Withdrawn	3
Total	97	Total	115

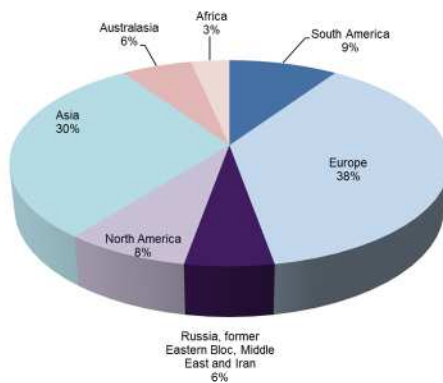
Manuscripts received between 1st Jan and 31st Jan 2013

Manuscripts received between 1st Jan 2012 and 31st July 2012

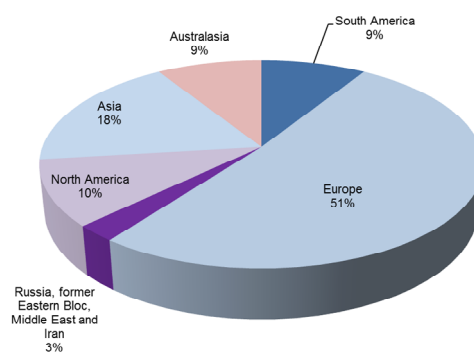
Photobiology manuscripts accepted 2012



Photobiology manuscripts received / accepted by region



Received



Accepted



Geographical distribution of all photobiology manuscripts submitted

	2012		2011		2010		2009	
	Total Submitted (% of submissions total in brackets)	Accepted papers (% acceptance rate in brackets)	Total Submitted (% of submissions total in brackets)	Accepted papers (% acceptance rate in brackets)	Total Submitted (% of submissions total in brackets)	Accepted papers (% acceptance rate in brackets)	Total Submitted (% of submissions total in brackets)	Accepted papers (% acceptance rate in brackets)
South America	17 (9%)	7 (41%)	13 (7%)	9 (69%)	9 (5%)	7 (78%)	17 (10%)	6 (35%)
Europe	68 (38%)	40 (60%)	65 (37%)	41 (63%)	79 (47%)	46 (58%)*	73 (44%)	38 (52%)
Russia, former Eastern Bloc and Middle East and Iran	10 (6%)	2 (20%)	18 (10%)	8 (44%)	8 (5%)	4 (50%)	11 (7%)	5 (45%)
North America	14 (8%)	8 (57%)	22 (12%)	17 (77%)	29 (17%)	21 (72%)	17 (10%)	14 (82%)
Asia	54 (30%)	14 (26%)	48 (27%)	14 (29%)	35 (21%)	13 (37%)	35 (21%)	15 (43%)
Australasia	11 (6%)	7 (64%)	9 (5%)	5 (56%)	6 (4%)	1 (17%)	12 (7%)	10 (83%)
Africa	6 (3%)	0	4 (2%)	1 (25%)	1 (1%)	0	0	0
Total	180	78	179	95	167	92*	165	88