

IMU AO CL 10/2011: IMU's future budget structure

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To: IMU Adhering Organizations
From: IMU Secretary

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Dear colleagues,

This circular letter to the IMU Adhering Organizations concerns the future IMU budget structure. According to Resolution 14 adopted at the Bangalore General Assembly 2010 the IMU Executive Committee (EC) was requested to submit a new budget for 2012-2014 by the end of 2011. Moreover, the GA invited the EC, see GA Resolution 15, to revise the Statutes concerning the distinction between general expenses (Schedule A) and special expenses (Schedule B).

The EC will make the concrete proposal for Statute changes asked for at the 2014 General Assembly. The new budget, however, reflects already the revisions that the IMU EC is going to propose. The distinction between the two Schedules will be eliminated, and the allocation of the budget will follow "general rules" that are explained by the IMU Treasurer Alexander Mielke in his document "IMU_BudgetStructure.pdf" attached to this circular letter (see below).

Below and attached to this letter is the proposal by the IMU Treasurer for IMU's future budget structure.

Please vote on the proposal for IMU's future budget structure through the enclosed postal ballot and return the ballot by mail or fax

by December 11, 2011

to the address indicated on the ballot form.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Groetschel
IMU Secretary

PS:
This e-mail is just an announcement of the postal ballot.

The postal ballot sheet to be filled out and signed is not attached. It is only forwarded with regular mail to the Adhering Organizations of the IMU member countries who are solely responsible for voting. If the postal ballot would be sent out by e-mail (in many cases with multiple recipients) this could

lead to multiple voting of one member country
(with possibly contrary votes - as has happened
in the past).

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To: IMU Adhering Organizations
From: IMU Treasurer

Proposal for IMU's future budget structure

Dear colleagues,

as decided at IMU's last General Assembly, the budget structure has to be revised in 2011. Enclosed is a proposal for a new IMU budget structure. The IMU Executive Committee has considered this proposal and recommends to approve it.

The main idea of this proposal is to install a few clear rules on how to distribute the money to the different tasks. In particular, this concerns the "general income" (= sum of all membership fees), in contrast to "special income" (e.g., donations, award money, special development fund) which is dedicated to an obvious purpose anyway.

Hence, the expenditure to be paid by the general income was restructured in five major items with several subitems, and to each item a certain percentage of the total was associated. Thus, additional funding via special income is really added to the annual budget of the corresponding item.

The file <IMU_BudgetStructure> contains "Rules 0 to 5". These will serve as guidelines and not as "laws", to maintain the same flexibility as we have now.

Attachments to this letter are:

- (1) <IMU_BudgetStructure.pdf>
Proposal for a New Budget Structure
(Figures are only for "general income" for 4 years)
- (2) <Budget2011-14StrategicPlan.pdf>
Strategic plan 2011-2014 (4-years budget plan 2011-2014)
(Figures include general and special income)
- (3) <Budget2011-14_4years.pdf>
Proposed new Budget for 2011-2014 (in Swiss Francs)
(New budget plan for individual years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- (4) <Budget2011-14_Bangalore.pdf>
Old budget plan (as accepted at GA in Bangalore 2010)
for comparison

Again, please observe, what are called rules here, are just guidelines for the GA. E. g., the specific percentages allotted to each budget item may have to and most likely will be reviewed at every GA meeting. The GA retains, of course, the full right and responsibility to establish the IMU budget.

With best regards,

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