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To: IMU Adhering Organizations and all registered participants (delegates and observers,...) of the IMU General Assembly

From: Martin Grötschel, IMU Secretary

GA Agenda and further GA information, part II

Dear colleagues,

Please, find in the attachment a new version of the agenda of the General Assembly meeting. The agenda is still not final, since new aspects are coming up, certain persons are suddenly able (or not) to make presentations, and as usual, there are last-minute changes to be considered.

These remarks also apply to the documents that IMU is going to make available to all delegates of the General Assembly. It is not as easy as one would think to get all these documents in their final version in time and as early as one would like to have them. But there must be some deadline, and, within the IMU Secretariat, we have just discussed a deadline for the submission of documents, etc. to be made available at the GA meeting. The procedure is as follows:

Document upload, mailing and availability

IMU will begin to upload the documents for the meeting of the General Assembly in the last week of July (starting July 28). We plan to e-mail important documents to all Adhering Organizations and to participants of the General Assembly on July 30 so that all participants can get these documents directly by e-mail without having to access the GA server. We will try our best to finish the upload of material on July 31.

Documents will not be printed

Please note that no printed documents will be made available at the meeting of the General Assembly. We ask every participant to print out whatever he/she is interested in or needs in printed version and bring these paper documents along to Gyeongju.

Documents on USB sticks

However, at the registration for the General Assembly on site, IMU will provide a USB stick for every participant with the final version of the agenda and all accompanying documents so that everyone will have the documents electronically available. We are expecting that every participant will have a laptop available at the General Assembly meeting to be able to read and search in these documents. Access to WLAN and electricity supply will be guaranteed. In a final letter to all participants we will provide more details of that type (type of plugs, etc.).

IMU is aware that we have holiday time (at least in the Northern hemisphere) and that a significant part of the GA participants may be on vacation in July. That is why we are sending out this “warning” at this moment in time. Please, check your e-mail account at the end of July so that you can retrieve the most important documents for the General Assembly meeting from your e-mail account.

A few more issues:

1. IMU will give countries interested in organizing ICM 2018 the possibility to announce their plans to (potentially) bid for the ICM in four years, see item 18.5 of the agenda. Therefore, we ask those countries who are contemplating a bid to prepare a few words about their intentions.
2. There are still some countries who have nominated delegates, but where the delegates have not registered for the General Assembly. We ask all Adhering Organizations to check the registration status of their delegates. (See 3. below and the attachment)
3. The IMU Secretariat has received a number of requests for making the names of the participants of the GA meeting public. (Many colleagues just want to know whether some of their friends are coming.) IMU was not intending to make the list of GA participants openly available on the Internet without asking every GA participant for permission. However, we decided to make the current list of all those persons, who have registered so far, available to the Adhering Organizations and the participants themselves. In the attachment you will find a PDF file listing all persons who have registered by July 10 for the meeting of the General Assembly. Please, do not distribute this list to others.
4. I would like to alert those Members who are in arrears with IMU membership dues payment for two and more years. Statute 32. of IMU reads: “Any Adhering Organization which is in arrears with its contributions for two years shall be warned and shall be deprived of its voting rights. Any Adhering Organization which is in arrears for four years shall cease to be an adherent of the Union. In any case, before taking action, the Executive Committee shall submit the question to the Members of the Union by postal ballot or at a meeting of the General Assembly who under special circumstances may waive these provisions by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes assigned to the Members.” Reminders to pay have repeatedly been forwarded to the countries concerned. At the beginning of the GA meeting, according to item 2.1 of the agenda, the credentials committee will determine if all delegates are entitled to exercise their voting rights in accordance with Statute 32. If necessary, the GA may decide on denying Adhering Organizations to vote. Please make sure that your member country is entitled to vote (which means that any payments outstanding for more than two years should be transferred immediately).
5. I would like to also make you aware of further information concerning travel possibilities to Gyeongju and kindly ask you to read the attached file on flight information, welcome desk, ground transportation, shuttle service, travel option from Gyeongju to Seoul and emergency issues.

Best regards

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