ICOHTEC General Assembly  
Rio de Janeiro, 25 July 2017

present:  
Timo Myllyntaus, president  
Dick van Lente, vice-president  
Slawomir Lotysz, secretary-general  
Robert Belot  
Pierre Lamard  
Maria Elvira Callapez  
Eike-Christian Heine  
Reinhold Bauer  
Hans-Joachim Braun  
Lars Bluma  
Helerea Elena  
Antoni Roca-Rosell  
M. Luisa Sousa  
Anthony Stranges  
Layne Karafantis  
Nelson Arellano (observer)  
Our treasurer Yoel Bergman, our ICON editor Hermione Giffard, and our Newsletter editor Stefan Poser cannot be present.

● The president, Timo Myllyntaus, opens the meeting at 5.45 PM.  
● reports by the officers have been sent around to members.

Discussion about the report on the summerschool in Lisbon: Luisa Sousa says that there are reports by the local organizers, which can be useful for the organizers of the next summerschool. These are not incorporated in the report by Hans Braun, which is short and more formal. It is decided to make them available to the organizers of the school that is to take place in Saint-Étienne next year.  
The report on ICON, especially the question of plans for open access, raises some questions, but we cannot discuss them without the editor being present. One argument that should be taken into consideration is that without paid subscriptions, ICOHTEC’s revenues will go down.  
● new officers have very recently been elected by electronic ballot:  
President: Slawomir Lotysz  
Secretary-general: Stefan Poser  
ICON editor: Hermione Giffard  
Newsletter editor: Francesco Gerali

Vice-president: three candidates had an almost equal number of votes, and two had an exactly equal number: Susan Schmidt-Horning and Yoel Bergman. We therefore have to decide by secret ballot which of the two will get the position. Before we do this, it has to be decided whether Elena Helerea will be allowed to vote also in the name of four Romanian colleagues, as she proposes. Since our statutes are silent about this issue, we decide to vote by hand-raising about this. 7 of us vote in favour of representation, 6 against, while two people abstain. This means that voting by representation is allowed on this specific occasion: the decision does not imply the same procedure for later occasions.  
In the vote by secret ballot (votes collected and counted by Heine and Bluma), there is one abstention, 8 votes go to Schmidt, 11 votes go to Bergman. Bergman is thus elected as vice-president.
● Four people have been elected to replace the three who step down from the Executive Committee, as well as Gerali, who becomes Newsletter editor, and therefore leaves the EC: Jan Hadlaw, Layne Karafantis, Peter Koval and Catalin Mihai.
● The report of the treasurer, and of the auditor Catalin Mihai is approved with two abstentions and the rest in favour.
● It is decided that the annual fees will stay the same.
● Our next meeting will be at Jean Monnet University in Saint-Étienne, France, next year, 17-21 July. There was one other candidate, Kielce in Poland, which had an interesting, but less elaborated proposal.
The Local Organising Committee will consist of: Robert Belot (chair), Michel Cotte, Pierre Lamard, Michel Depeyre, François Jarrige, Richard Cantin, Brigitte Carrier-Reynoud, Christophe Bory and Luc Rojas.
The Programme Committee will consist of: Luisa Sousa, Pierre Lamard, Robert Belot, Timo Myllyntaus, Stefan Poser, and Dick van Lente (later chosen as chair by the committee).
On behalf of the local organizers, Belot gives a short presentation introducing the city of Saint-Étienne and some of the plans of the committee, which has started work.
A summer school will be organized, scheduled for 16-17 July: the day before the conference starts and the first day of the conference, which however will consist only of registration and a welcome ceremony later in the day [please check if this is correct]. Once again, Hans Braun will chair this committee.
A special committee will be set up to create a small programme for celebrating ICOHTEC’s fiftieth anniversary.
● a call for proposals to host ICOHTEC meetings after 2018 will be published soon.
● President Myllyntaus closes the meeting at 6.45 PM, as planned.

Dick van Lente