

**Minutes of the IRC 2018 – Business Meeting**

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Agenda:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Approval of the agenda
- 3) President's Report
  - 3.a) Remembrances
  - 3.b) Treasure's report
  - 3.c) Recent IRC Activities
- 4) Presentation of IRS 2020 Bid Proposals
  - 4.a) Lei Bi: Hangzhou, China
  - 4.b) Alkis Bais: Thessaloniki, GreeceBreak
- 5) Vote on location of IRS2020
- 6) Working Group Chair/Rapporteur Presentations
  - 6.a) ITWG
  - 6.b) Clouds and Radiation
  - 6.c) IPRT
  - 6.d) GEB
  - 6.e) CIRC
  - 6.f) BSRN
  - 6.g) UV
- 7) General working group discussion: suggestions for changes
- 8) Next Business Meeting at IUGG 2019, 9 to 18 July, 2019, Montreal, Canada
- 9) Other Business

- The Agenda was approved. Before discussing the items of the agenda, Sohn read Prof. Lenoble's e-mail message saying that she just turned 90 years old and that she wishes a very fruitful meeting.
- Tribute by Pilewskie in remembrance of Ben Herman – 1929-2018.
- Tribute by Loeb in remembrance of Bruce Barkstrom – 1944-2018.
- Next, Sohn presented the financial report for 2017-2018 which was also approved.
- Concerning IRC recent activities, Sohn mentioned the participation of IRC commissioners at IUGG2019 as co-chairs of the Joint Sessions: Solar Influence on Atmosphere and Climate; Remote Sensing and Modeling of the Atmosphere; Innovative Monitoring and Observation Techniques and of the IAMAS Sessions: Current Progress in Atmospheric Radiation and Earth's Energy Budget. Sohn announced IRC recommendations to IUGG Early Career Medal to be awarded at the 2019 Assembly: Lei Bi, nominated by Ping Yang and Sergey Korkin, nominated by Alexander Marshak.
- The next item in the agenda was the presentations of IRS2020 bid proposals. The first to present was Lei Bi on Hangzhou proposal, followed by Alkis Bais, who presented the Thessaloniki proposal remotely (through Skype).

After some discussions and questions answered by both candidates, the voting process took place and Thessaloniki got the majority of votes: 15 for Thessaloniki and 4 for Hangzhou.

- During the Working Group presentations, Oreopoulos, reporting on CIRC. Although the radiative transfer community is still active, he recommended the WG to be closed and possibly replaced by RFMIP – Radiative Forcing Model Intercomparison Project. And after his presentation, he introduced Dr. Robert Pincus to present the activities already underway by the group.

From previous Business Meetings, Sohn identified that some working groups are not as active as in the past and, in an effort to keep the IRC responsive to changes and advances in the fields of atmospheric radiation, he proposed to examine the state of the IRC Working Groups, with the questions to be sent to WG Chairs and Rapporteurs and the entire commission:

- 1) Is the working group still active and relevant?
- 2) Does it make sense to reformulate the working group under new leadership, in a new direction, or discontinue the working group as an active IRC entity?
- 3) Are there other areas of atmospheric radiation research that can be identified for initiating new working groups?

The answers will be analyzed and the discussion on the potential WG reorganization will be take place during IRS2020.

- Next IRC Business Meeting will be held during the IUGG 2019, 9 to 18 July, 2019, Montreal, Canada