

Meeting of the MDO International Scientific Advisory Committee (MISAC)

June 18, 2012

Attendees: Ingelman-Sundberg, Sugiyama, Baillie, Gonzalez, Guengerich, Johnson, Meyer, Ortiz DeMontellano, Mac Kenzie, Rozman, Tyndale, Vermeulen, Wolf, Halpert, Ding (via Skype), Zanger

1. Magnus Ingelman-Sundberg opened the meeting at 12:10.
2. Financial results from prior meetings: Between MDO 2008 in Saratoga and MDO 2010 in Beijing, a surplus of \$49,671 was generated. These funds have been deposited in the MDO account to help support future meetings. Magnus thanked Xinxin, Fred and Larry for these contributions.
3. Based on the initial budget, the 2012 ISSX/MDO meeting is projected to run a deficit of \$68K, which will be absorbed by ISSX. Due to higher than expected revenues from paid registration fees, the actual deficit may be about half of the projection. Support from the 33 exhibitors is strong, whereas direct donations from industry have been low.
4. Uli Zanger reported the initial plans for the 2014 MDO meeting in Stuttgart. The meeting will be held May 18-22. The venue of choice is the Filderhalle, which is around 25 min from the city center by public transportation. Uli is in the final stages of picking a Congress Organizer from among four proposals. There was a discussion of the philosophy of the meeting. The character is largely up to the Local Organizing Committee with input from the MISAC. The program will likely be a hybrid of a classical MDO meeting and the present ISSX/MDO meeting. Uli will seek support for the meeting from a variety of sources, including government agencies, private foundations, and companies.
5. Possibilities for MDO 2016 include Slovenia (Rozman) and Toronto (Tyndale). That same year the International ISSX meeting will be held in Korea. A possibility for MDO 2018 is Japan. To help judge the possibilities for future joint meetings with ISSX, Ingelman-Sundberg and Vermeulen will provide data on the demographics of the attendees at the current joint meeting. A decision about the venue for 2016 should be made in 2013.
6. Suggestions for an MDO logo are still welcome. One attractive possibility is to solicit input from graduate students at the current meeting, perhaps in the form of a competition with a reward to the winner (e.g. free registration at 2014 meeting). There was consensus to keep the logo fairly simple and to allow the local organizers of each meeting to customize a local logo as desired.
7. MDO now has a new website <http://mdo.ki.se/>
8. In the absence of any other business, the meeting was adjourned by our exalted chairman.

James R. Halpert, Ad hoc Secretary