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## Report of the ETS Directive Committee (Board) meeting Telephone (skype) meeting - Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

The European Turfgrass Society Directive Committee (Board) met via computer for its Skype meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

### Participants (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Marco Volterrani – President  
Mr. Stephen Alderton  
Mr. Adriano Altissimo  
Mr. Alexander Richter  
Mr. Stephen Baker  
Mr. Klaus Müller-Beck

Mrs. Cilluf Svensson, Mr. Stanislav Hejduk and Mr. Gerard van't Klooster could not attend the meeting.

As board secretary:

Mr. Massimiliano De Antoni Migliorati

Moderator of the Skype conference: Mr. Stephen Alderton.

### Order of the day:

- 1) Angers conference: update (how to divide papers in Posters and Oral presentation, sessions titles...);
- 2) Membership campaign 2010: update on present situation;
- 3) Any Other Business;

The board meeting starts at 11.00 AM

### 1) Angers conference

Mr. Alderton, who takes part in the organizing committee of the conference, updates the board describing how the various days have been organized in sessions and the respective timetables.

Mr. Altissimo proposes to fix the following timetable:

- 08,30-09,30: Opening and Oral presentations
- 09,30-10,00: Coffee Break
- 10,00-13,00: Plenary session
- 13,00-15,30: Oral presentations

Mr. Volterrani asks to contact Mrs. Zuin in order to check that there are not too many oral presentations on the same subject and to assign one presentation for each author.

Mr. Müller-Beck proposes Mr. Altissimo to be the contact person to deal with Mrs. Zuin to put order in the oral session and the accepted papers.

Mr. Alderton warns the Board that, in order to comply with the French laws, the abstract has to be presented in English and in French.



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Moreover, he proposes to set the time limit for each Oral presentation at 12 minutes.

Mr. Alderton goes on and discuss the problem, presented by Mr. Hejduk, about the rejection of the papers presented by some colleagues.

Mr. Alderton explains that the goal of ETS is to keep a high scientific profile and underlines that the referee made a great job.

Mr. Volterrani clarifies that some of the papers rejected presented good contents but they were not clearly structured or well written.

Mr. Alderton proposes to set up a new category for the future: Practical Papers, in order to let to people without a scientific background show their practical experience. This could stimulate further theoretical research.

Mr. Altissimo underlines that only 20% of the presented papers was rejected. Moreover, it is not convenient to allow rejected papers to be presented as posters because if a paper is not well structured, the connected poster will result less clear.

Anyway, there are only 2 papers that could be re-integrated in the oral presentation.

Mr. Volterrani proposes to reject both.

Mr. Altissimo for further conferences proposes to set up a special poster session, including only posters that won't be published into the proceedings. This should be done in order to give space to a larger pool of professionals.

Mr. Altissimo proposes to discuss this item during the next general Assembly.

Mr. Alderton summarizes the Conference data:

- 130 people registered to the conference;
- 86 registered to the Gala Dinner;
- medium sponsors: UPJ, Barenbrug
- sponsors: SIREV, TopGreen, DLF, K+S, Sibelco

the Break-even registration number is 220.

Mr. Volterrani underlines that if ETS wants to increase the students' presence in future conferences, the London Field Day organizers have to start sending announcements.

If they won't do it, this task should be carried out by ETS secretary.

Mr. Müller-Beck asks to confirm that Board members don't pay to attend to the conference (Mr. Alderton confirms) and asks to prepare a Pdf registration form to be sent to not very web-accustomed users. In this way they will be able to send it back compiled in order to register to the conference.

Mr. Alderton proposes to change students fees because students who presents papers should pay more than non-presenting ones.

The Board decide not to change students fees.



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Mr. Volterrani proposes to allow students belonging to Angers University to attend to the conference for free, but without admittance to the coffee breaks.

**2) Membership campaign 2010: update on present situation;**

Mr. Müller-Beck points out that there are several problems for registering to ETS.

Mr. De Antoni Migliorati explains that this problems are caused by the current system, that is a sort of transitional one between a fully automated and a quite manual one. However, from next year the membership renewal will be automatic.

**3) Any other communications;**

Mr. Baker announces that he will be in Angers on Saturday in order to welcome Angers attendants

**Next board meetings**

The board decided to meet again via Skype on April 1st at 11.00.

The board meeting ends at 12.39 PM