

Minutes of the SIAG GS Business Meeting, SIAM Geosciences Conference, March 22, 2011, Long Beach, CA

The meeting was chaired by the Chair of the activity group Malgo Peszynska. She introduced the newly elected officers and thanked the previous officers. She then presented some data on the SIAG GS membership and attendance of the bi-annual conferences. See the attached slides for details.

The main topic of discussion was the timing/location of the GS13 meeting. The discussion was led by the Program Director Michel Kern. He noted that previous plans were to alternate the meeting between US and Europe, meaning that the next meeting should be in Europe. Nobody expressed disagreement.

Two proposals were presented.

Mario Putti proposed Padova, Italy, in the second half of June, 2013. Meeting would be held in a conference facility near the center of town (10 min by bus). There are plenty of hotels in the center of town. Some additional facts: Padova is 20 miles from Venice, easy to get to. University of Padova was founded in 1222, has 60,000 students, 150 faculty in Math, many SIAM members, 3 groups working in GS mathematics, hydrology, geophysics. Registration fees are expected not to be very different from this year; lunches will be included in registration. Average hotel is around 100 Euro per night. University of Padova could take financial responsibility for the meeting.

Note: The meeting would have to start no later than June 17 in order to have 2 weeks interval with the SIAM Annual Meeting July 8-12, 2013.

Peter Knabner and Rainer Helmig suggested Erlangen and Nuremberg, Germany, between mid February and mid April. The meeting would be held at University of Erlangen, south campus. There is sufficient lecture hall capacity. Hotels are available in downtown. Lunch will be in the cafeteria. Average hotel is around 100 Euro per night. Support could come from University of Erlangen.

Sue Minkoff suggested the East Coast of US. By a popular opinion it was decided to consider this option for GS 15.

A straw poll at the meeting to gauge initial reaction showed overwhelming support for Italy. An online poll will be set for all SIAG/GS members.

Another topic: should we have a weekly or bi-weekly newsletter sent by e-mail to SIAG members? Most people suggested bi-weekly newsletter.

Could we have RSS feed from the wiki? Not possible at the moment, but SIAM is working on it.