



## Newsletter from our Treasurer

Ernst WIEDEMANN

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

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The financial situation of SECEC is sound. However, by the end of the year of 2013, our funds most probably will be less than the average expenses of one year. Being the Treasurer it is my duty to inform you about this fact.

Our funds lessened not because of a single incident, but due to expenses being higher than incomes in an average year. Of course there were also years with high incomes, typically following successful congresses like in Lyon or in Dubrovnik. This is not enough, however, to compensate for years without those incomes.

Where does the money go? To give you an idea about the biggest issues, about 40% are used to cover our office in Lyon, 15% for our website (this is going to decrease with the new website), 12% for grants and prices, and 10% each for travel fellowships and the journal JSES).

Except from the congresses, our steady incomes are the membership fees. The morals, however, to pay the membership fee could be better definitely. So far only 364 members paid for the year of 2012 equivalent to 76% of all members. In other words 1 out of 4 members did not pay in 2012.

What happens if a member does not pay? The free delivery of JSES stops 6 weeks after deadline of payment, and membership ends after 2 years of non-payment. This year we had to expel 40 members for this reason.

Sylvie Noel has a hard time to chase after all those members who did not pay. In my opinion non-payment is not due to evil intentions, but resulting from being a little bit sloppy and oblivious. In order to make everyone payment as easy as possible, there are 3 ways one can use: payment by credit card, by transfer, or by annual or recurrent payment via Paypal. You even do not have to have a Paypal account for that reason. I tried all 3 ways personally, and all 3 worked.

To put things together: this is an urgent call to pay membership fees. If in doubt about your balance or how to manage the payment, please write an e-mail to Sylvie Noel. We will have to cut down expenses if members go on not to pay. Since administrative expenses are inevitable, cutting expenses will hit most important scientific achievements like grants, prices or fellowships.

Best regards,

Ernst Wiedemann, Treasurer



