



Dear Member

At the general assembly in September the Membership Committee was renewed with 2 members. Currently the committee consists of Ata Can Atalar from Turkey, Olivier Verborgt from Belgium, Stefan Greiner from Germany, Taco Goosens from Holland and myself.

Since September we have worked intensively through meetings, telephone conferences and mail correspondence with optimizing the website application for membership. Now the simplified application procedure is implemented and running on the webpage, and we feel that this should optimize the application process, which has been very difficult, time consuming and ineffective.

The difficulties with the webpage and the application procedure may have kept some potential members from applying and in other instances the application' simply disappeared from the system, causing frustration, piles of e-mails and unnecessary extra work for Sylvie Noel and myself.

Now we feel that we have a more simple and robust system, but we will continue to supervise and optimize this system.

As a consequence of the optimization of the membership application process, we are planning, in the spring, to get in contact with all the national delegates from the different countries in order to offer help and cooperation in promoting membership of our society for potential new members.

Furthermore, following the meeting in Croatia, where different best national papers were presented, and the Paper from Germany presented by Dr Greiner was awarded as the best national paper in 2012. The committee is currently working with formatting a new standing session for the coming SECEC/ESSSE meetings, where the society wants to present the best national papers, from the different member countries. We expect to launch this session during the meeting next year in Istanbul.

Finally the membership committee contacts both former and current visiting- and travelling- fellows, to secure that these persons are offered the appropriate memberships, awarded to their fellowship, as prior decided by our society.

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Chairman Membership Committee.