



Membership Committee Newsletter

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Dear Member

The Membership Committee currently consists of Ata Can Atalar from Turkey, Olivier Verborgt from Belgium, Stefan Greiner from Germany, Taco Gosens from Netherlands and myself. We coordinate our work through telephone conferences of which we had 4 during the last year, by regular emails and by meetings at the yearly congresses.

During the last year our prime task was to further optimize the homepage application process. The instructions and the process was simplified. Instructions for the application process were published at the webpage. The webpage was optimized through collaboration with the web speed company. The demands for obtaining membership were simplified. Currently we request fewer documents from the applicants than prior. Therefore most applicants find the process easier. Currently the members of the committee work with all the applicants with insufficient applications. In this way we better understand the difficulties which enables us to further optimize the process.

Last year we accepted 40 new members based on 68 applications. We had 14 ordinary, 14 associate, 8 junior 3 corresponding and 1 affiliate new member. 28 applications were rejected due to insufficient application or documentation or because of a lack of qualification to obtain the required membership.

During the past year we communicated with the National Delegates in order to promote more new members. Furthermore we tried to implement a prior decision of the board to secure a strong connection to the National Societies, by promoting that the National Delegate is either the local Chairman or a person appointed by him.

We - in the committee - feel that our current system is more robust but still improvements can be achieved.

During our last SECEC congress in Croatia, the best national papers were presented, and the Paper from Germany presented by Dr Stefan Greiner was awarded as the best national paper in 2012. The committee is currently working with the coming SECEC/ESSSE meeting in Istanbul. We contacted all the National Societies in order to secure the awareness of the possibility to present the best national paper, from the different member countries.

Currently we encourage the members of our society to promote membership of SECEC/ESSSE to qualified colleagues.



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