

Present:

- Fraunhofer: Ruediger
- STI Innsbruck: Anna
- FZI, AIFB: Rudi
- OU: John (executive)
- VU Amsterdam: Lora (executive)
- Alex Wahler (executive)
- Dieter Fensel (executive)
- JSI: Marco
- Elena (executive)

7 voting members present

These are the public meeting notes for the board.

All the slides from the Board meeting are available

at: <http://www.sti2.org/events/sti-international-board-meeting-eswc-2011>

I) Report on STI events

1 Summer school

- quite successful
- open were it should be held next time [editor's note: this is now resolved due to the fact that ESWC will remain in Heraklion for 2012]
- need to increase the number of scholarships, we could have a variety of scholarships (with travel and without) and also a clear and transparent rationale for acceptance
- should be repeated next next year

2 STI summit 2011

- in Riga, because it is a newly member state, cheap and the harbor of Riga and already applies semantic technology
- Currently the agenda is not as concrete as the board would like.
- Currently there are 25 registrations for the event

3 STI summit 2012 - there is a possibility to collocate this with the Dagstuhl event

4. STI summit 2013 - we need a different process model to prepare for this one. The Executives will make a proposal on this

5 GA 2012

- to be aligned with FIS or ISWC. The executives are requested to make two proposals and this needs to be decided soon.

Elena will check on the costs.

6 Board meeting 2012

- no input from the executives

## 7 FIS

- 2011 in Vienna
- 2012 collocated with FIA and BIS

## 8 ESTC

- has been sold to WebMediaBrand who run SemTech
- will become SemTech Berlin 2012

## 9 ESWC

- the performance of tracks varies and this needs to be evaluated by the steering committee
- 247 submissions (last year it was 245).
- 7 years award for impact
- future location (2014 and after) will run according to the proposal of the task force.
- the board decided unanimously (including votes by guests) to reject the Cyprus option for 2012
- we therefore we will in Heraklion for 2012
- 2013 we will have have an open bid and the Board will decide.

Elena is responsible for implementing the call for 2013 with Lora's help. Elena is also responsible for the 2014 call and beyond.

## II) Internationalization and growth

### 1 North-America

- Talk by John on the general concept
- Marko will look into a relationship between STI and the meetup in the New York
- Elena will look into a relationship between STI the meetup on the West coast
- Elena will send around something on IEEE
- We will not run the Berkeley summer school again as the effort is too high for the benefits we get.
- Talk by Alex

### 2. Asia

- there will be an Asian Semantic Web School in Korea 2011 and this will also run in 2012.
- We have an ongoing collaboration with MIMOS from Malaysia.
- A\* from Singapore became member.
- ASWC was given away.
- STI is currently not developing an overall strategy for this region.

## III) On-line dissemination strategy

- the Dixi proposal was accepted. The precise definition of the proposal should be interactively progressed through the email list and two f2f workshops.
- John gave a talk. Will be included into the Dixi project.
- Carmen provided a talk which was given by Stefan.

#### IV) Admin and finance

- Alex gave a talk
- The current team could maybe be streamlined
- We should chase up Partners with outstanding payments and set a final deadline
- STI Germany as an organizational level and legal entity incurs a lot of overhead in relation to STI International and Semsphere (for teaching).
- Rudi announced that STI Germany will be closed down
- Alex will propose a set of guidelines for STI funded travel.