

Report of the Division Meeting of Tectonics and Structural Geology (TS)

Held by TS president Claudio Rosenberg, Wednesday 11th of April 2018, 12:15 - 13:15, room D2.

Notes by TS program committee member Florian Füsseis

The meeting started at 12.17.

Claudio Rosenberg opened the meeting and introduced the TS Division officers for 2018-2019, and their functions, emphasizing the role of Fabrizio Balsamo for OSPP and urging the community to support his work by judging the posters on time.

Anouk Beniést, ECS Representative for 2018-2019, introduced the ECS team and their functions and activities during and before EGU (field trip, dinner), and she presented the ideas behind these activities: promoting short courses, inviting people to participate to these courses, organizing outreach activities, facebook and other social networks. Anouk Beniést invited submissions to be published on FB and talked about attempts to create bridges to other divisions and facilitate networking. She also reminded the audience of the "meet the experts" events on Friday, the 13th of April and the meeting with the division president and herself on Thursday the 12th.

Michael Kettermann, responsible for the website and media of the TS Division presented the TS website and its content, the email lists (EGU Newsletter/TS mailing list/TS-ECS mailing list), the blog and Face Book page, twitter, and finally pointed out the numbers of subscribers/users/followers.

Claudio Rosenberg presented the new medal committee of the Stephan Mueller Medal Claudio, recalling that the EGU rules require that the past medalist that participated to the committee for the last four years (Claudio Faccenna) should be replaced by the new medalist of 2018 (John Platt). Claudio Rosenberg asked the meeting participants to vote by asking if anyone was against the nomination of John Platt in the new Stephan Mueller committee. No objections came up, therefore John Platt was confirmed.

Concerning the TS OECSA committee, Claudio Rosenberg suggested that Fabio Corbi, the awardee of 2018, replaces Steve Smith, the awardee of 2014. Nobody was against, hence the new committee is confirmed.

The Outstanding student poster awards of 2018, Stefano Aretusini and Luca Malatesta came on the stage and were congratulated. Both mentioned the time and subject of their presentations at this year's EGU.

All poster judges and their commitment to deliver their poster evaluation before the deadline were greatly acknowledged.

Claudio Rosenberg reported on the general statistics of the TS Division and of the entire EGU for the 2018 General Assembly. 959 TS abstracts, corresponding to 5% of the EGU program and 34 sessions were presented this year. Out of these abstracts, 542 were oral presentations. TS co-organized 74 sessions with a total of 1962 abstracts. 17584 abstracts were submitted to the entire EGU program this year, 11363 were poster presentations, and 1438 PICO presentations.

Claudio Rosenberg described "how we build the program" of a general assembly, recalling that it is a bottom-up process. The skeleton program needs to be ready in June. The open call for sessions

terminates on the 13th of September. Sessions should be proposed as early as possible in order to facilitate the coordination of sessions in the program.

Claudio Rosenberg showed that both the number of participants and abstracts submitted to the EGU general assembly increased every year, almost doubling, since 2005. This causes serious space issues, especially in the next years, if we assume that we will grow at similar rate. Because the EGU is committed to the Austria Centre until 2024, which cannot provide for larger spaces, alternative models for the future general assembly need to be found. The current model was compared to a suggestion of a future, alternative model, having a different time/space structure of orals/picos/posters. A discussion took place with the meeting participants, in order to have their opinion about an increased length of oral blocks (2 hours instead of the present 1h30), and about the scheduling of poster sessions throughout the day, covering the time of two (present-day) oral blocks instead of a single one in the evening. The majority of the participants considered that such changes would be positive.

Different ideas on future changes were suggested by the audience:

- move the poster sessions to different days than the orals.
- keeping the orals to a fixed (current) number and combining them with more poster sessions
- increase the number of Pico sessions. Susanne Buitter (EGU programme committee chair) answered that we could have one more PICO spot and emphasized that these are very expensive and go at the expense of poster spots.
- reduce the number of oral slots (only really important ones) and increase the room/time for posters, but not overlapping with the orals.
- Claudio asked if creating more poster time by scheduling them during the day (as suggested in the alternative model) is perceived as a positive change. A majority of the audience supported this.
- Claudio mentioned his experiences with programme building, noting that it is extremely easy to propose sessions, but this implies frequent later merges. He asked that people embrace this from the very beginning and asked to check what has already been proposed, before submitting a session, in order to avoid overlaps. New rules for session conveners will be provided.
- Claudio also recalled that the meetings is 5 days long, from 8:30 to 19:00, emphasizing that Friday afternoon is not a punishment.
- Claudio encouraged everybody to submit some short courses for the next GA, because they were very successful and well attended in the past, but there weren't any in the 2018 TS Program.
- The teaching session was submitted this year, however it did not receive enough abstracts for a stand-alone session and had to be merged. All participants were strongly encouraged to submit abstracts to this session next year, since most of us are involved in teaching tectonics throughout the year.
- The question of regional vs process-oriented sessions was raised. Should we have sessions for all European orogens (and basins) by soliciting them? The general opinion was that both types of sessions are welcome, especially if regional presentations take processes into account. Finally, if people propose regional sessions that means that they are in demand.
- Our sessions can be linked with AGU Tectonophysics and session proposers are encouraged to ask for co-sponsoring.
- Are we missing topics in our program? This year we have a session on strike slip tectonics, which was missing in the programs of the last years. Are we missing any other topics? There was a general agreement that the program is good as it is now.

Claudio recalled the existence of EGU-sponsored conference series. In particular those that are

thematically close to the TS Division, namely the Emile Argand conference on Alpine studies and the International Workshop on Mantle and Lithosphere Dynamics. In addition Training Schools are also sponsored by the EGU and one of them is on the "Structural Analysis of Crystalline Rocks ". This year 9 Galileo conference proposals were submitted, and support may come for 20-25% of them. Therefore everybody was encouraged to submit proposals for EGU-sponsored conferences and training schools in the fields of Tectonics and structural geology.

EGU Publications were also mentioned. "SE", the one more closely related to the TS topics, reached an Impact Factor of 3.495, and page charges are of 77-93 euro/final page.

Claudio opened the forum to all, inviting feedback for the future organization of the TS Division and GA.

A comment was raised, concerning the reasons for rejection when asking a reduction for SE page charges: the editors stated that not being from a developing country, did not justify the reduction, which he felt was discriminating.

- Claudio responded that there are some sort of quota for people to get attendance support depending on where they are from

A question was asked about the chances for mid-career people to be considered for the Stephan Müller medal, thus supporting their scientific career. Susanne Buitter (chair of the Stephan Mueller Medal Committee) responded, that the Stephan Müller medal is meant for all active researchers irrespective of their age and invites nominations of mid-career people for this award.

Claudio supported this statement and asked everybody to be active in the nomination of candidates also for the OECS award.

Susanne Buitter inquired about how the room allocation works. Several comments were made:

- The beer at the poster halls is not properly and equally distributed.
- Sometimes there are problems with PICO sessions – namely the system becomes unresponsive.
- there is lots of noise in the poster halls - SB mentioned that the new poster boards are softer and there is a carpet on the floor that should have a positive effect, but it is generally agreed that the poster sessions are very loud. Noise level may be reduced if posters are scheduled over the entire day and not only during one single late afternoon slot.
- There is only little place in front of the PICO screens, could there be more lateral space?
- A compliment from a first time participant was expressed, considering the meeting to be really good!
- More information from the TS president would be appreciated - daily emails during the meeting highlighting the sessions/rooms, as Susanne Buitter did. Highlighting contributions makes people valued.

The meeting terminated at 13:09.

