

Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Summer 2010

2011 Washington, DC

The 2011 conference will be held at the Hyatt/Crystal City in Washington, DC. A local organisation team has emerged with Richard Phares (Booz Allen Hamilton) and Imrana A. Umar (Powersim Solutions) as the leading figures. George Richardson and Jim Lyneis have been approved as program co-chairs by the Policy Council.

2012 St. Gallen, Switzerland

The proposal for hosting the conference 2012 (22-26 July) in St. Gallen, Switzerland has been approved by the Policy Council. Local organisers are Markus Schwaninger and Stefan Grösser. David Lane and Elke Husemann accepted to be program co-chairs and have been approved by the Policy Council in the meanwhile.

Conferences from 2013 on

After the Policy Council vote from spring 2010 the society has a strong mandate to implement a default conference site structure. Starting with North-America in 2013, conference sites should alternate between a default location there and in Europe, as long as no strong proposal from another location is brought forward to the Policy Council and approved therein.

By now, no such default sites have been identified. A somehow “natural” choice for North America would be Boston (probably the Seaport) and first negotiations have been taken place but no proposal ready for approval is available right now. For Europe (presumably for the first time in 2014) also no such location/site has been identified. Possible candidates (concerning their linkage to international air traffic) are London, Paris, and Frankfurt.

Other issues

Conference fee: no updates concerning a tiered conference fee structure; a proposal from a former society’s president suggests increasing the conference fee for North American and European participants considerably, in order to allow for off-setting their location benefits and in order to allow for a more generous system of stipends for participants from outside North America and Europe

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