

## **Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Winter 2012**

### 2012 St. Gallen, Switzerland

Organisation is running smoothly. Executive Director Roberta Spencer has been in St. Gallen to discuss with local organisers Markus Schwaninger and Stefan Grösser. One issue is the unfortunate exchange rate between Dollar and Swiss Franc but the organisers work hard on finding local sponsors. See report of the local organisers.

### 2013 Boston, MA

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.

The default site for North-America, Boston was approved by the policy council. In close correspondence with the site selection committee, the Executive Director of the society has elaborated a proposal to hold the 2013 conference at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge Hotel, which made an attractive offer (see report by Roberta Spencer).

The Society Program Oversight Committee has asked Bob Eberlein and Ignacio Martinez to become program chairs and they both accepted.

### 2014 Western Europe

In 2014 the conference site should be in Western Europe. There are still four cities under consideration for having the conference: Frankfurt (D), Berlin (D), Zurich (CH), and Delft (NL). More about the comparison of these sites in the general discussion of the meeting and in an extra oversight document (David Ford and Roberta Spencer will report on this).

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