

Report of the Vice President Meetings July 25, 2004

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Update on 2003, 2004 and 2005

2003 was a very successful conference with a record 460 attendees and 232 papers presented. The conference generated a budget surplus of \$12,783. Thanks to hosts WPI, Fordham University, and Allen Boorstein as well as Mike Radzicki ("Conference Chair"), Pal Davidson, Bob Eberlein, and Roberta Spencer, and the many volunteers for their excellent work.

2004 conference in Oxford is also expected to be successful. As of 9 July, we have 330 registrants with 261 papers to be presented (compared to 232 in New York). At this point, it looks like the conference will generate a reasonable budget surplus, although perhaps less than the budgeted of \$25,000.

2005 The conference will be held at the Seaport Hotel in Boston from July 17-21 with Program Co-Chairs John Sterman and Nelson Repenning of MIT. Detailed information is contained in the June 2004 President's newsletter and in a brochure to be distributed at the Oxford Conference. We will prepare a formal registration fee proposal for the Winter 2005 PC meeting, incorporating any budget guidelines agreed to later in this meeting.

2006 Proposals (Deferred to Pressing Issues)

For 2006 we have formal pre-proposals from Greece (Niko Georgantzas and Andry Argyrides), The Netherlands (Etienne Rouwette), and Switzerland (Markus Schwaninger and Birgit Kopainsky), and informal expressions of interest from Egypt (Walid Badr) and Poland (J Tarajkowski and Agnieszka Ziomek of Poznan University). The formal pre-proposals have been posted to the website, along with my summary comparison, for discussion later in the meeting.

2007 Expressions of Interest

For 2007, we have received a pre-proposal from Luis Luna and Jorge Duran for Puebla, Mexico, and an expression of interest from Len Malczynski for Albuquerque, New Mexico. We might also look for something in the Portland/Seattle area. Toronto (Denis Cook) has formally withdrawn their prior interest. Once the policy council has approved a Site Selection Policy, we will work with these and other potential sites to receive bids and present a proposal to the Policy Council for discussion at the Winter 2005 meeting.

2008 Expressions of Interest

As of this date, we have received expressions of interest from University of Navarra, San Sebastian, Spain (Jose Sarriegui and Jose Gonzalez). We may also want to encourage those proposers not accepted for 2006 to resubmit a proposal for the 2008 conference.