



ESPD Board Meeting Minutes

Date and location: 04.10.2024, held remotely via Teams

Present: Patrick Antolin (PA), Ioannis Kontogiannis (IK), Stanislav Gunar (SG), Sophie Masson (SM), Krzysztof Barczynski (KB), Jaime de La Cruz Rodriguez (JR), Reetika Joshi (RJ), Mariarita Murabito (MM), Nancy Narang (NN), Paolo Pagano (PP), Steph Yardley (SY), Istvan Ballai (IB)

Apologies: Hector Socas-Navarro (HN), Mario Bisi (MB), Mats Carlsson (MC), Eduard Kontar (EK), Sven Wedemeyer (SW)

Topics:

- **Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves and we elected Vice-President: Stanislav Gunar, Treasurer: Sophie Masson, and Secretary: Steph Yardley.

- **EPS Membership (PA)**

PA: In theory the president and the editor of the website should be a member of EPS, we should check whether everyone should be a member. It is relatively cheap particularly if you are a member of another society and it counts as professional membership.

- **Structure of the Committee (PA)**

There are 4 committees: Prizes and Awards, Conferences/Workshops/Summer Schools, Website, Education and Public Outreach. The organisation of an ESPD summer school is relatively new (biannual and last in Dubrovnik in 2024). Although there are chairs and members of the committees, all members of the ESPD board can contribute to each committee and some committees require more work than others.

PA: Suggested a restructuring of the committees in the following manner; The Website and Education and Public Outreach Committee merge.

SG: Suggested that there should be a committee solely to take care of the summer school particularly depending upon how often the summer school is held

There was then some discussion about the amount of work involved in organising the summer school dependent on whether it is bi or triannual.

PA: mentioned that Mateja is happy to continue to support the organisation of the summer school

SY: asked about the participation as this may depend on how often we hold the school. IB mentioned that the last school had 35 participants which were mostly PhD students rather than early career researchers. The standard PhD cycle is about 3 years so there were some concerns about some students missing out. SG: If biannual we will only actually hold one summer school during our term but will have to start organising the second summer school for the next board. The maximum workload will be 2027 due to ESPM so it is a good idea to split the committees.

It was decided that we will have a separate committee for the summer school.

The structure of the committees were decided as follows:

Committee	Chair	Members
Prize & Awards	Sophie Masson	Mariarita Murabito, Stanislav Gunar, Jaime de La Cruz Rodriguez, Krzysztof Barczynski, Steph Yardley



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Summer School	Jaime de La Cruz Rodriguez	Paolo Pagano, Nancy Narang, Reetika Joshi, Ioannis Kontogiannis, Sophie Masson
Conference/Workshops	Stanislav Gunar	Nancy Narang, Ioannis Kontogiannis, Sophie Masson, Reetika, Krzysztof Barczynski
Website, Education and Public Outreach	Ioannis Kontogiannis	Steph Yardley, Mariarita Murabito, Paolo Pagano

- **Special Issue (Peer Reviewed Collection)**

PA: Two choices for an ESPM-17 special issue either Solar Physics or Advances in Space Research. The previous special issue was published with ASR. PA made the case that Solar Physics has a higher impact factor and higher support. We all voted and chose Solar Physics as the journal. PA: We should contact Alessandro to send out the details to the participants. There was a discussion about making the deadline quite flexible and accepting papers as and when they come through and Lidia van Driel-Gesztelyi suggested a soft/flexible deadline that we can close it anytime. SG: asked if there was a minimum number of papers to be viable as a special issue? Probably around 12 from the last one but we should double check this with Lidia and ask for advice on when to close it.

There was discussion around the deadline and not extending it too much after ESPM. The last one was in spring 2025 and postponed for 2 weeks. It was decided that a 1-year tentative deadline was too long so there will be a deadline set around Easter next year, the exact deadline to be discussed with Lidia. Final comments were regarding coming up with a title (IK) and that the special issue will be open to everyone not just ESPM.

- **Prizes and Awards**

SM: There are different prizes awarded depending upon the year. The PhD and Early Career Awards are every year. There is a new Kees Zwaan Inspirational award which is awarded biannually and is due next year. Also the Zdenek Svestka Senior Prize is triennial and was awarded last year. We need to propose deadlines so SM will send the dates from last year and propose a tentative date for the next ones.

- **Website**

The website is hosted by EPS: <https://www.eps.org/members/group.aspx?id=85203>

If you want access to the website you need to request access from the owner, address this to the website committee.

The first task is to refresh the website and update it.

- **Conferences**

PPD: PA: Usually the invited speaker is selected by the ESPD board to give a talk (and vice versa). The last time this happened was 2019/2020. The conference committee need to contact them to start this up again. Also need to check whether we are able to submit a session or not.

EAS: PA: Similar with EAS but it has never happened before. PA suggested and we decided that Sven Wedemeyer should be a co-opted member of ESPD in order to strengthen links between EAS and ESPD.

There was some discussion around how to go about this, whether the solar physics sessions are more focused or not, whether we should put out a call to the community and whether we select the topic first. JR: There was the suggestion of a plenary talk to give more visibility to solar physics and the board could decide/invite the speaker. In the end it was decided that SG would ask EAS what they would want and we would take it from there. PA: we could at least encourage the community and publicise the opportunity but we can discuss at the next ESPD board meeting. Also invite Sven to talk about it at the next meeting.

China-Europe meeting: PA: Two meetings so far, but was it organised with the ESPD board present or not. Do we need to send names for invitations particularly if there will be another meeting next year? There were a lot of questions surrounding this meeting and so we should ask IB for more information about this meeting. SG: Pointed out that there are more natural synergies between US/Japan etc. and that if we play a leading role in this meeting



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then we may be expected to organise the next one, which will be bigger than ESPM and will be very close to ESPM. This is a big decision. PA: commented that the idea is to encourage/strengthen links between these communities. This is an attractive idea. This is a generalisation and doesn't only need to be China as other big solar physics communities that Europe doesn't have much contact with can be targeted. We need to decide a priority. SY: I have seen in the minutes from the previous meeting that it should be in May 2025 in Beijing.

“IB: We have been contacted by the Chinese colleagues about organising the next Sino-European solar physics meeting in the May 2025, Beijing. Although this meeting would be within the time of the next Board, a decision must be taken. The collaboration with the Chinese solar physics community was always important (see the previous 2 Sino-European meetings). Decisions on this matter would affect the next Board and they are taken reluctantly, although the importance of the meeting is widely recognised“

- **Summer School**

PA: The summer school in Croatia was a major success but as accommodation fills up in advance we need to start organising and taking bookings. We discussed and agreed to organising it again in Croatia and having Mateja would be on the LOC. We decided that Mateja should also be a co-opted member of the ESPD board.

JR: Reach out to Mateja about the summer school, PA will send her email.

- **AOB**

SM: There is a google drive for the ESPD board and any official documents, which can be found here:

Organise the next meeting for December, avoiding AGU.

SY: I will send round a doodle poll or equivalent for the next meeting.

Task summary:

Action: PA: Check EPS membership rules for board members

Action: PA: Include Mateja as a co-opted member, PA & JR/Summer school committee to ask Mateja about next steps and planning the summer school

Action: PA: Discuss with Lidia the minimum amount of papers for a special issue and the exact deadline. Also come up with a title for the special issue

Action: SM to find last year's dates and propose new dates for the next round of awards

Action: IK to update the website

Action: SG/Conference committee contact PPD about invited speakers and whether we can submit a session or not.

Action: SG/Conference committee to contact EAS to discuss about the solar physics session and/or a solar physics plenary speaker

Action: SY Reach out to Sven to talk about EAS at the next meeting

Action: Ask IB about the European/Chinese Solar Physics Meeting (see previous minutes from May 2024)