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After the last report from July 2020 was issued, Borja Jiménez-Alfaro (chair) stepped down from the Steering Committee (SC). In December 2021, Sebastian Schmidtlein took over his role until the next formal election. New elections have been announced to the members via e-mail by the Secretary, and nominations have been received. The ballot is currently taking place and results will be available for the next business meeting in Madrid 2022.

Due to the pandemia, many activities stopped but are now going to be restarted. There will be a session on remote sensing held during the IAVS conference in Madrid 2022. Also, in 2022, a Github organisation called iavs-org was established, which will provide a shared platform for software developments in the IAVS community. The administrators are currently Miquel De Cáceres Ainsa, Sebastian Schmidtlein and David Zelený. One of them should be contacted by members who would like to join the organisation in order to add new projects or to contribute to existing ones. iavs-org in Github is now home to the Veg-X schema and R package. Veg-X is a proposed XML standard for the exchange of vegetation data. Two additional tools are currently being developed to improve the usability of Veg-X.

Next, we will publish a short report on the Github organisation and its possibilities in the IAVS Bulletin. Furthermore, we plan an update of the bylaws in order to implement a better regulation for the case of resignation of SC members. Other plans include the creation of a competence/skill map to facilitate cooperation in the working group network and to deepen the connection with the IAVS's Young Scientists working group, which is also reflected in nominations for the next SC.