

Minutes
ECCOMAS Young Investigators committee (EYIC) meeting
University of Aveiro, 26 April 2012

On the 27th April 2012, in the room 23.1.4 of the Pedagógico Building, University of Aveiro, Portugal, at 6:00pm, the ECCOMAS Young Investigators Committee (EYIC) was assembled with the following agenda: (i) general information; (ii) Scope and main goals of the EYIC; (iii) scheduling of regular meetings and (iv) other information. From the EYIC, the following representatives were present: A. Gil Andrade-Campos (interim chairperson, Portugal), Alessandro Reili (Italy), Ludovic Chamoin (France) and Mahmood Jabareen (Israel). The following young investigators were invited to be present in the meeting: Simone Morganti (Italy), Wojciech Regulski (Poland), Ilker Temizer (Turkey), Robertt Valente, Nuno Lopes and Nuno Silvestre (Portugal).

The meeting was started with some general information concerning the EYIC and the importance of the EYIC meeting by the interim chairperson Andrade-Campos. After some general information (first point in the agenda), the second point was initiated. After some discussion, it was concluded that the following notes should be in the future worked and discussed by the EYIC: (a) definition of ECCOMAS Young Investigator; (b) ways to attract undergraduate students to the ECCOMAS; (c) management of the ECCOMAS Young Investigators Conference; (d) management of the ECCOMAS PhD Olympiad; (e) suggestions to improve the previous ECCOMAS events.

Concerning the third point in the agenda, it was concluded that the EYIC meetings should take place during the ECCOMAS conferences. It was suggested that the next meeting of the EYIC would take place during the Vienna ECCOMAS2012 Conference, in which Bernhard Pichler (CEACM representative) could be the interim chairperson.

The fourth point of the agenda was participated by all attendees of the meeting with some guidelines and general suggestions for the ECCOMAS conferences and events, particularly for the next editions of the ECCOMAS Young Investigators Conference. The suggestions were:

- Definitions of benchmarks that could be used for competitions (in the ECCOMAS conferences) and also for Master works.
- Limitation of parallel sessions. The use of parallel sessions in the conferences does not permit to see all communications.
- Creation of parallel sessions according to scientific levels.
- Creation of a session in which a senior Investigator would be invited to answer questions of young researchers.
- Creation of a session (5 minutes oral presentation or poster) to present unfinished works.
- The conference could attract more researchers with a course after/before the conference;
- The inclusion of seminar or a half-day seminar in the conference.

Other general suggestions for the ECCOMAS were registered:

- Creation of an ECCOMAS webpage or blog that allow discussing scientific encountered problems and share work.

The meeting was finished at 7:20pm.