

**Comments**  
**ECCOMAS Young Investigators Committee meeting**  
**Barcelona, July 2014**

**0) "ECCOMAS Young investigator" definition:**

- Young (40 years old or younger) scientists working in one of the ECCOMAS research fields.

**1) Structure/selection process:**

- Ask presidents of the national and regional associations to nominate one EYIC member per association (while writing them to ask for this information, we can ask them to start pointing out local information on open positions, opportunities, thematic conferences, summer schools, etc. - see "Main Tasks" below).
- Include by default the organizers of the previous and upcoming YIC conferences.
- Committee members' duration of term is 4 years, re-nomination of a member is possible.
- The ECCOMAS EC nominates the EYIC chairperson, after a suggestion of the EYIC. The ECCOMAS MB has to confirm such a nomination.
- The EYIC chairperson defines a core group (typically 5 members including the chairperson) for connection with the ECCOMAS President and EC, interface between the EYIC and other TEC, quick decisions.
- Core group members' duration of term is 4 years (no re-nomination is possible, but a certain overlap has to be provided in order to guarantee continuation).
- Provisional core group: A.G. Andrade-Campos, L. Chamoin, S. Elgeti, A. Reali, J.W. Simon.
- Chairperson: A. Reali
- List of current EYIC members available at:  
<http://www.eccomas.org/vpage/1/0/Committees/Young-Investigators-Committee>

**2) Main tasks** (to be carried out in agreement with the ECCOMAS President and EC):

- Create a database of young investigators (the input should come from national and regional associations) with "networking" aims, like:
  - i) sharing info on research topics around Europe;
  - ii) sharing info on open positions;
  - iii) sharing info on available awards/opportunities for young people;
  - iv) sharing info on conferences/summer schools.
- Promote and facilitate the creation of "young" sections within national associations (in some of them this is already present, e.g., GAMM)
  - i) it is suggested to offer free association membership for young investigators, for a limited period (e.g., 3 years). [This has to be discussed in the next MB meeting]
- Help promoting the participation of young people to ECCOMAS initiatives/conferences (e.g., awards for best presentations from young investigators, YI sessions, childcare facilities at conferences).
- Actively participate in "young investigator-related" ECCOMAS decisions (e.g., YIC site selection, best PhD thesis awards, ECCOMAS Olympiads)
- Organize regular meetings among core group members (e.g., via Skype), with minutes circulating among all committee members; organize (at least) one committee meeting per year in person, e.g., at ECCOMAS or ECCM and ECFD Conferences in even years and at YIC in odd years.

**3) YIC rules:**

- Improve current rules about candidatures and procedures. Maybe increase the responsibilities of the EYIC.
- It would be advisable to decide earlier about next YIC location in order to be able to announce and advertise it during current YIC (to be discussed during the EYIC meeting in Barcelona).

#### **4) Olympiads**

**Guidelines for ECCOMAS Olympiad** (defined by Manolis Papadrakakis, January 2014):

*Olympiads are generally jointly organized with Young Investigator Conferences (odd years) or with ECCOMAS Congress or ECCM/ECFD Conferences (even years). The following guidelines are proposed:*

*Together with the nomination of the candidate of the respective member association for the best PhD thesis award, each national association is asked to provide also a ranked list with names and contact details of all nominations received for possible nomination for the Olympiad. Based on all lists provided by the member associations, the number of eligible candidates from each member association will be calculated. The nominees ranked within the calculated eligibility limit will be invited to participate in the Olympiad. Usually, additional researchers are added from the country in which the Olympiad is organized. The total number of participants shall be around 40 [to be defined!].*

*The responsibility for this process including the inquiry from the member associations is still to be decided.*

[Rules for the evaluation of participants should be defined by ECCOMAS EC (possibly before next edition)]

#### **5) ECCOMAS Webpage:**

Now online as a section of the ECCOMAS webpage:

<http://www.eccomas.org/vpage/1/0/Committees/YIC-General>

[Still to be enriched with more information on open positions, opportunities, thematic conferences, summer schools, etc.]

#### **NOTE:**

The first meeting of the EYIC took place in Barcelona at WCCM-ECCM-ECFD 2014.

The EYIC members present (or represented) at the meeting were:

A. Reali (AIMETA/GIMC), L. Chamoin (CSMA), H. Gomez (SEMA), J. Baiges (SEMNI), M. Jabareen (IACCM), P. Sielecki (PACM), F. van der Meer (NMC), R. Valente (on behalf of G. Andrade-Campos, APMTAC), E. Marenic (CEACM), M. Radovic (on behalf of M. Milosevic, SSCM), L. Beirao da Veiga (SIMAI), F. Larsson (NOACM), S. Stepleton (on behalf of S. Elgeti and J.W. Simon, GAMM), A. Gorobets (ONIV), A. Popp (GACM), V. Papadopoulos (on behalf of G. Tsiatas, GRACM).

In addition, the ECCOMAS President E. Ramm, Secretary J. Eberhardsteiner, Vice-President P. Diez, and Secretariat Manager I. Potokar were also present.