Minutes from the Board of Directors of The Combustion Institute
Teleconference Meeting
(Forty-Seventh Meeting)
July 2020
13 July 2020


Not attending: P. de Goey, P. Desgroux, B. Haynes, Y. Ju, T. Lieuwen, T. Poinsot, C. Westbrook

Guests: R. Tassari, CI Executive Administrator, K. Behzenhoefer, CI Website and Communications Facilitator, J. Bergthorson, Site Committee, Chair, Hiroshi Kawanabe, Kaoru Maruta, Tamas Turanyi, Andrea Szekely, Tiziano Faravelli, Alessio Frassoldati, Matteo Pelucchi, Isabella Branca, Francesco Contino

1: Honorary Non-Voting Member
2: Arrived Late
3: Left Early
4: Limited Attendance due to Site Presentations

Introduction
President Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EDST with a welcome to everyone. This was followed with a review of the Agenda for the 13 July and 15 July Board Meetings, a review of the site voting procedures and the ‘Conflict of Interest’ Policy.

Site Proposals for 40th International Symposium on Combustion

Item 1: Introduction from Site Chair
Jeff Bergthorson reported that there are six strong site bids for the 40th Symposium.

Item 2: Kyoto Bid
Kaoru Maruta and Hiroshi Kawanabe presented the proposal for Kyoto, which included discussion of the site setting, convention center and possible virtual attendance.

Item 3: Shanghai Bid
Fei Qi presented the Shanghai proposal, which included discussion of a new site due to construction, industry involvement, and need for social distancing.
Item 4: Budapest Bid
Tamas Turanyi and Andrea Szekely, from the Local PCO (LPCO) presented the proposal for Budapest. Of interest, LPCO provides full financial guarantee, arrangement of dedicated buses, student participation, and basic audio/visual use included in use of center.

Item 5: Aachen Bid
Heinz Pitsch presented the Aachen proposal. Discussion included transportation from airport by dedicated shuttles and no need for transport to picnic/excursion.

Item 6: Milan Bid
Tiziano Faravelli, Alessio Frassoldati, Matteo Pelucchi, and Isabella Branca were present for the Milan bid. Highlights include discussion of App software, use of e-Posters, and student involvement. Location: MiCo (convention center) in Milan city center.

Item 7: Brussels Bid
Francesco Contino presented the Brussels proposal. Location: Convention Center in Brussels city center.

Item 8: Discussion
Discussion ensued, some of the concerns or topics discussed:
- Difference in breakeven points for different budgets/bids. Is there a need to lower it?
- Are all bidders prepared to adapt to Hybrid Meeting? Does this warrant a lowering of breakeven number?
- Desire information on distance from lodging to symposium site.
J. Bergthorson to obtain this info and provide to Board.

President Driscoll thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. EDST.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by R. Tassari