

Report on the Activities of the ISEE European Chapter

Period March 2020 – May 2020

Organization

The European chapter, including elected and associated members, has continued its work with monthly conference calls and committee interactions.

Currently the committee consists of 7 elected members and 7 associated members. We are looking actively for new members, in particular from Eastern Europe and young researchers. The elections for new members will take place in September. Two councillors will rotate off, Ulrike Gehring and Danielle Vienneau. We have already identified some new promising candidates – from countries not currently presented.

Conferences

The preparation of the 4th ISEE Young conference of the Europe chapter is ongoing. The conference will be held in Basel on February 17-19, 2021. We are still preparing for a physical meeting, however, depending on the situation with COVID-19, we might also have a virtual meeting.

The Scientific committee is working on the establishment of a final committee and invitations will be sent out by the end of the month. We specifically invited people from Eastern Europe (Poland/Czech and Bulgaria) to join the scientific committee. The main task will be to review abstracts with a smaller group involved in the development of the scientific program.

We have proposed a new fee structure for the 4th ISEE Young conference to the main council, which was approved during the last call. The main aim of the fee structure is to encourage young people to join ISEE to increase membership among young researchers.

As for the main conference, the proposed preconference workshop on ‘communicating about clean air at the science/policy interface’ of the Europe chapter together with the HEI has been accepted and will be held as a virtual workshop during the conference, and will be led by Simon Birkett, Founder and Director of Clean Air London and Pallavi Pant of the Health Effect Institute.

Education and communication

A masterclass on Climate Change and health is currently under preparation by Ana Vicedo-Cabrera from the University of Bern. The masterclass will also be virtual and will be likely held somewhere this fall.

We will issue a new newsletter about the activities of ISEE Europe and will be sent out to all members in June 2020. We continuously revamp our website to keep it up to date with courses and news.

Other activities

We are working actively together with members of the HERA project to get actively involved in the HORIZON Europe program.

A joint COVID-19 brainstorm workshop is currently being planned by the ERS, ISEE Europe and potentially others for the end of this year.