**Report on the Activities of ISEE European Chapter**

Period May - November 2017

***Organization***

The committees of the European Chapter, including elected and associated members, have continued their work with monthly conference calls and committee interactions.

***Conferences***

As chairs of the scientific committee for the next ISEE Young conference (19-21 March 2018 in Munich), Bénédicte Jacquemin and Massimo Stafoggia have been working in close collaboration with the local organising committee (Alexandra Schneider and Kathrin Wolf). The scientific committee and sub-committees have had several meetings. 135 abstracts were received and review of abstracts by the scientific committee is underway. Planning for plenary speakers and early morning sessions is underway. Our Education committee is further working closely with the SNRN and the Munich team on planning and dissemination educational workshops, including video recording of key presentations and workshops for training material purposes (to be posted on website following conference).

The European Chapter meeting at the ISEE conference in Sydney was attended by ~30 members. Mireille Toledano introduced the councillors and those running for election, and the committee chairs presented the work and plans for the committees. The meeting closed following an open discussion on communication, e.g. the chapter website and visibility. Activities in which we might engage during the next few years were also briefly discussed.

***Policy***

To ensure a council member can join the ISEE policy committee meetings, Hanna Boogaard has joined Evi Samoli and Bénedicte Jacquemin as an EU observer. In their absence, Mirelle Toledano attended the meeting which took place at the ISEE conference in Sydney. The EU chapter acknowledges the policy committee suggestion to focus on a few important strategic areas, and will offer input after internal discussions.

The final draft climate change policy statement was circulated and approved by the EU chapter.

***Education***

The Education Committee continues its work on the collection and update of educational programmes and activities, in part promoted by the Europe Chapter website, through biannual reminder emails. It is also working with the main Council to achieve similar such inventories for the main ISEE website.

The Chair of the Education Committee is in regular contact with the SNRN regarding novel educational activities/needs, e.g. an exchange program, and also ideas for collaborative initiatives at the EU Young Researcher Conference 2018. There might be some money from ISEE to support these activities, and this is being looked into further.

With the new ISEE website now live, we will cease posting advertisements PhD and post-doctoral vacancies in Europe on our European Chapter website. Anyone wishing to advertise positions to the ISEE community should submit a job posting online via the Career Development page on the main ISEE website. Likewise, only job postings that are made on the main ISEE website will be tweeted from ISEE Twitter accounts.

***Research***

Efforts of Martine Vrijheid and the Research sub-committee have resulted in some uptake of ideas in the H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, mainly in the area of Societal Challenge 5 and climate change.

The report from the April 2017 WHO meeting in Portugal on *Setting priorities in research on environment and health* is available on the WHO website. The meeting was in advance of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health and was attended by several ISEE members: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/environment-and-health/Climate-change/publications/2017/setting-research-priorities-in-environment-and-health.-report-of-a-meeting-2017>