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

Period June 2018 - November 2018

***Organization***

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

We held our latest election in September with two candidates running for one position. We are pleased to announce Hanna Boogaard from the Health Effects Institute in Boston as the newest Elected Member, and equally happy that Tamara Schikowski has also decided to join our Chapter as an associate member. We very much look forward to their contributions to our goals and activities. We would also like to express our gratitude to Rémy Slama who rolled off the council this year.

Over the past few months changes to the European Chapter bylaws regarding reappointment of councilors have been discussed internally, and with the main ISEE. These discussions are ongoing, with an aim to harmonize election procedures with the newly established North American chapter.

***Conferences***

Several people on our committee served on the Scientific Committee of ISEE Ottawa, a conference which we all agree was a great success. Attendance at our European Chapter meeting in Ottawa was modest, but we value the contributions of those who joined. We gave an update on our activities and had time for member feedback and to collaboratively discuss ideas for our future direction. The Chapter also had a table at the Committee Fair where we engaged directly with members, and are pleased to have recruited a few more enthusiastic associate members to help us continue and expand our activities in particular in the area of communications and outreach.

A detailed conference planning manual has been prepared and shared by the Munich team who hosted the 3rd ISEE Young in March. Plans are now in motion for the 4th ISEE Young Conference to be held in Basel, Switzerland in February 2021. More news will be shared in due course.

***Research***

The Research sub-committee recently had a meeting and discussed the main items for their focus over the coming year. Their top priority will be contributions to the Health Environment Research Agenda (HERA) project, where ISEE Europe is identified as one of the stakeholders, which was announced at our AGM in Ottawa by Manolis Kogevinas.

***Policy***

The Europe Chapter and some of our members have remained engaged in the “Fitness check of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives” with representation at the 18th June workshop in Brussels. Policy issues were also raised during the member meeting in Ottawa including the EFSA draft statement about mixtures that was being circulated at the time. These and similar initiatives continues to be monitored by our policy group. We also began to create an up-to-date listing of national epidemiology/environmental societies in Europe to ensure we have contacts at hand when policy communications or actions warrant wider distribution.

***Education and communication***

The Education Committee has continued working with the main Council and CAPE to achieve similar inventories, and remains in close contact with the SNRN to discuss novel educational activities and needs. In particular, we have been in liaison with Greg Wellenius from main Council and CAPE (representing other chapters) regarding how to continue and/or consolidate our educational inventories. In Europe these have been free. In line with policies of ISEE we should ensure some content is for paying ISEE members only.

A joint Europe chapter - European Respiratory Society (ERS) Masterclass on Climate Change was held at parliament on 6 November 2018. The 1.5 hour session included presentations from two internationally renowned climate researchers Prof. Kristie Ebi (University of Washington), Sir Andy Haines (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) as well addresses from Prof. Isabella Annesi-Maesano (ERS Environment and Health Committee) and Member of the European Parliament Gilles Pargneaux. The Masterclass was very well received and we thank all of those involved in making it happen, specifically Evi Samoli, Ana Vicedo-Cabrera and Barbara Hoffman and colleagues from the ERS. We will continue to collaborate with ERS to evaluate feasibility of future Masterclasses on topics of mutual interest.