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

Period December 2018 - February 2019

***Organization***

The committees of the European Chapter, including elected and associated members, have continued their work with monthly conference calls and committee interactions. Shimi Chen and Charlotte Roscoe, recruited through the successful committee fair at ISEE Ottawa, have been welcomed as the latest SNRN/associate members to join our committee.

Internal discussions have been taking place to ensure continuity when the main leadership roles will change later this year. After a much appreciated contribution to the committee, in particular as co-lead of the ISEE Young conference sub-committee, Massimo Stafoggia has also decided to step down as elected member. He will remain on the council as an associate member. In accordance with our bylaws we filled this vacancy from those who stood in our most recent election. We are happy to welcome Tamara Schikowski as our newest elected member.

We continued to debate the European Chapter bylaws regarding reappointment of councilors, and have decided to follow that of the North American Chapter. These have been submitted to the main council for approval.

The Europe chapter has also moved to a model of Working Groups (WG) rather than sub-committees. Formal meetings within WG are no longer anticipated; rather WGs will connect on an *ad hoc* basis, through various modes of communication, to perform their functions and react to or address specific requests/decisions discussed during our monthly chapter calls, from main ISEE or the membership at large. Everyone in the Europe chapter committee was encouraged to sign up for more than WG, and to select one WG in which they would act in a leadership role and be a point of contact.

***Priorities for 2019***

The main Europe Chapter priorities for the next year are to:

* Communications: Undertake a complete update of the website and strengthen other channels of communications including Twitter
* Education: Plan for the next Masterclass in Europe (likely in collaboration with the European Respiratory Society on a topic of mutual interest), and work closely with main ISEE council and Africa chapter to facilitate capacity building
* Policy: Stay engaged in ongoing high priorities across Europe including the air quality fitness check.

***Other activities***

As a chapter we continue to support the annual conferences in various ways. Again this year several on our committee are serving on the Scientific Committee of ISEE Utrecht. We are also promoting the conference on our chapter website, both as a news item and on our page listing conferences and meetings.

Planning for the 4th ISEE Young Conference to be held in Basel, Switzerland in February 2021 is ongoing.

Hanna Boogaard attended a January workshop in Brussels to support the AQ fitness check of the EU ambient air quality directives. The fitness check is due to finish this summer. The message was very positive overall about the value of the Ambient Air Quality Directives – even making recommendations for strengthening it further. Our policy WG in general remains actively engaged with the main ISEE Policy committee, and abreast of important issues in Europe. Watch our website for announcement about important upcoming meetings in the region such as the 28-29Nov 2019 EU Clean Air Forum in Bratislava.