Notes AGM, 21 October 2011, Helsinki, Finland

Notes of comments during the AGM are written in the iiSBE Annual Report for 2010-11 (insert italic).

Official annual general meeting of iiSBE

Present 43 persons

Nils Larsson NL
Paul P.C. Chou
Greg Foliente GF
Alexander Passer
Michiel Ritzen
Jiri Skopek
Anette Aumann
Antonin Lupisek AL
Teresa Coady
Liem Nguyen
Valentina Carputi
Sylviane Nibel
Petr Hajek
Andrea Moro AM
Serge Salat

Mark Gorgolewski
Vanessa Gomes
Luis Braganca LB
Anнемie Wyckmans AM
Ronald Rovers
Julien S. Borelle
Giulia Barbano GB
Aleksander Panek
Luis Alvarez
Judy Huang
Patrizia Lombardi
Lurdes Duarte
Rolf Andre Bohne

Daphne K.F.Chang
Yehuda Olands
Thomas Luetzkendorf
Emilio Miguel Mitre
Petra Reulen
Bob Bach
John Shiel
Frank Hovorka
H. Craig Boyle
Ruben Paul Borg
Joseph Yenyi Li
Vinh-Nghi Tiet
Ricardo Mateus
David Ruey-LinHSiao

iiSBE Annual Report for 2010-11

Welcome & introductions
The meeting opened under the chairmanship of Andrea Moro.
Spain received warm congratulations on being awarded the next Global Conference SB14 in Barcelona.

Overview of iiSBE activities 2010-11

Chapters
Existing member Chapters of iiSBE include the following:
• Czech Sustainable Building Society - CSBS (Czech Republic)
• iiSBE Israel
• iiSBE Italia (Italy)
• iiSBE Korea
• iiSBE Portugal
• GBC España (Spain)
• Taiwan Society for Sustainable Built Environment – TSSBE
Other negotiations for the establishment of iiSBE organizations are underway with colleagues in Malta and Dominican Republic. Canadian members are still considering if they should apply for Chapter status.

Individual Membership
All members of Chapters automatically become members of international iiSBE. There are also a number of individuals who have direct membership. Finally, we have a small number of organizational memberships, each of which brings individual memberships. Altogether, we now have 450+ members.

Secretariat
iiSBE has had an office in Ottawa since 2005, operated by Nils Larsson, and now has an office in Heerlen, Netherlands, where Petra Reulen provides part-time support. In any case, core
management functions are carried out in a distributed way, involving e-mail communication between the XD and other members of the Executive Committee and/or the Board.

NL: Attention is needed concerning supervising working groups and how to distribute their info. Is introducing for example WebEx an option? AL heard, that Cisco is thinking to give it for free, so it could be of interest. GB will soon look into the details (options for Skype lecturing etc.).

Standing Committees
It should be noted that all Standing Committees welcome participation by members. Chairs of these Committees should also note that part of their task is to prepare plans and to solicit membership.

The Technical Committee is chaired by Manuel.

The Education Committee is headed by Luis Bragança and its members have developed a program for an international Masters Program in Sustainable Building. The proposal was submitted to the EC Erasmus Mundus program for funding. It was not accepted, although all comments made by reviewers were very positive, and this has led the Committee to decide to re-submit in the Spring of 2012.

LB introduces the work concerning IMoSB and points out the necessary continue search for additional info & links. He also invites possible new consortium partners to participate.

The Training Committee is chaired by Andrea Moro. Training work is in Italy.

AM: These training is for professionals. Now there is a pilot within Italy. Starting 2012, there will be a call to iiSBE members for joining this group.

The Local Chapters Committee is chaired by Andrea Moro, and is currently reviewing applications by Malta and Dominican Republic.

The Website Committee is chaired by Antonin Lupisek, and he has been very busy in adding and re-arranging materials on the site, with assistance of Giulia Barbano and Petra Reulen.

The existing website is on the web, yet in progress. This work, together with tuning the Academic & Research website will be done by Giulia (technical) and Petra (content). Last summer the SBIS has been updated with approx. 400 files. AL will arrange/screen proper Web access of SBIS.

Giulia Barbano heads the Publications Committee and her major recent activity has been to prepare a booklet for the SB Challenge.

Nils Larsson heads the SB Conference Committee, which is currently very active in planning for the SB13/14 series.

NL announces his switch in roles from this moment. NL will represent the 4 international co-sponsors with regard to the SB conference process as a whole, while Emilio M. Mitre will serve as coordinator of the SB13 conferences.

So iiSBE has to look for some other member who will represent iiSBE within the SB committees.

The Finance & Fundraising Committee is headed by Frank Hovorka (Treasurer of iiSBE).

The Governance Committee is chaired by Jean Cinq-Mars.

Working Groups
It should be noted that all Working Groups welcome participation by members. Chairs of these Committees should also note that part of their task is to prepare plans and to solicit membership.

The Urban working group is chaired by Serge Salat and is engaged in the development of performance indicators for small urban areas. This group has now merged its efforts with the Synergy working group, co-
chaired by Frank Hovorka and Nils Larsson. A detailed work plan is under development, and a paper describing the project was accepted for an oral presentation at Helsinki. The Zero working group, more formally known as the iiSBE Net Zero Built Environment Working Group is chaired by Charles Kibert. The group has established an experimental Facebook site and is currently recasting its work program to reflect a focus on information gathering and communications.

The SBTool working group is chaired by Nils Larsson, and includes as core members developers of national tools in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Czech Republic. The members of the group have agreed to work towards a convergence of the national system with the Generic SBtool.

The Tall buildings working group is just being launched with Sungwoo Shin and Nils Larsson as co-chairs, on the basis of a revised work plan to be discussed at the Helsinki meetings.

**Update on SB conferences & partnerships**

**SB Conferences**
The Helsinki SB11 event has now ended, and, at the time of writing, it looks like a success.

For the SB13/14 series, the existing partners (CIB, iiSBE and UNEP) have been joined by FIDIC. The participation of FIDIC is quite important, as they represent in the order of 70,000 consulting engineering firms around the world.

The partners already received and approved 8 national SB13 proposals and also approved a proposal from GBC España for the SB14 global event. A proposal for managing the series has been prepared by the 4 co-sponsors, and will be discussed in side meetings at SB11. Nils Larsson has also prepared a draft proposal for enlist a small number of global corporations to provide major sponsorship funds for the three-year period.

*Aim is to have National SB conference well spread over all continents. Each regional has its own responsibility according to financial and management. Idea is to give developing countries some money. NL is developing a program to enlist a small number of large international corporations to provide major funding support to the series, in return for continuing marketing exposure. It was noted that the selection of national SB13 conferences is not a competitive process and the only concern of the 4 international co-sponsors is that they should be of good quality and not cause overlaps in terms of timing or market areas.

One of the reasons for the selection of Spain for the Global conference was their idea of 'compatible themes' of SB13 events which are also linked with the world GBC. This way there will be a prepared path of matching themes to the world GB – a global theme/idea going through as a red line through each regional conference.

In 2012 there will be conferences in Norway (21-23 June) – Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods, Brazil (28-30 June) – 4th CIB Conference on Smart and Sustainable Built Environments; SASBE2012 and in Portugal (May) – Focus on assessments methods. These are not part of the official SB conference series, but are endorsed by iiSBE.

Announcements of all regional SB conferences will be collected and placed on a SB conference website by GBC España.

**Sustainable Building Challenge for 2011**
The SB Challenge process has been organized by iiSBE Italia this year, with Giulia Barbano in charge. The display and booklet is very professionally produced. The sponsorship of the process by Taiwan has greatly facilitated the work.

*GB presented her plan of approach for this SB challenge11. Using KPI, is an advantage in sort of comparing the so different projects. There were compliments for the accompanying website, which archives them all perfectly.*
**IISSBE** has to consider if there should be a SB challenge and if yes, in what format? This is linked to the growth of all kinds of SB conferences and the difficulty of getting enough quality projects, which not yet have had much exposure/publicity.

**Academic and Research Forum**

This initiative within IISSBE has been initiated by Ronald Rovers. The Academic & Research Forum will be an independent special-interest group dedicated to SB, operated from our Heerlen office, that academic research and educational organizations with pre-existing IISSBE Organizational membership will be eligible to join. There will be a general Academic and Research Forum discussion and networking web page, to which a large international audience of academics and researchers will have access. Existing Organizational members participating in the forum, before this SB11, include the University of Minho Oporto, Portugal and RiBuiT Zuyd University, Heerlen The Netherlands.

The full A&R forum membership is offered for an additional fee. Benefits include:

- An individual webpage will be made available for participating organization to use as a window to the international SB community, with info boxes for announcements of courses, research results, partner search, vacancies and more, as provided by members itself. Some of the material will be excerpted for the general Forum webpage, see [http://www.iiisbe.org/academic_network/ribuilt](http://www.iiisbe.org/academic_network/ribuilt)

- Participation in joint academic related IISSBE initiatives, such as our on-going project to develop an international Master SB, the development of SB training courses, and more.

For more information contact Ronald Rovers at ronald.rovers@zuyd.nl

This extra activity has for IISSBE the advantage of providing more status to the work IISSBE does, capturing the identity of our independent SB work and opening more ways for funding.

A side meeting with those interested took place during this SB11 conference. Of those who were interested, 9 organizational members signed letters of intent. The idea is, that the forum officially will be launched mid January. These first members-to-be have proposed to have a meeting in Vienna. For more info see the notes of this initial A&R meeting 111020 at SB11.

**Chapter reports**

**iiSBE Spain**

- no report was received before the AGM – Emilio M. Mitre gave an update

**iiSBE Portugal**

“**Aiming a better compatibility between built and natural environments**”

**Membership**

- End of 2010: About 40 individual and 2 institutional members;
- Board: President: Luís Bragança
  - Vice-president : Luís Simões da Silva
  - Secretary: Ricardo Mateus
  - Vice-secretary: Helena Gervásio
  - Treasurer: Manuela Almeida

**Organization scheme**

- **Board**
  - Training committee
  - Technical committee
    - Residential Buildings Technical working group
    - Tourism Buildings Technical working group
    - Urban planning Technical working group
Office Buildings Technical working group
- Dissemination & Conference committee
- Certification committee

Report of Activities
- Continuously Development and Adaptation of SBTool to Portuguese climate, economy and social contexts (residential, offices, urban planning, tourism buildings, hospitals, etc.)
- Continuously Training courses on sustainable building assessment. Last: Guimarães (December 2010), Lisbon (December 2010, Castelo Branco (April 2011), Guimarães (July 2011).
- Nowadays there are about 80 evaluators on SBToolPT assessment system.
- Continuously Technical Committee that runs 4 Working Groups (residential, offices, urban planning and tourism buildings)
- National conference (1st edition) with the theme: Sustainable urban development and retrofitting which took place in Lisbon (knowledge pavilion on former Expo’98. Huge succes with about 230 participants.
- October 2011: Translation to English of the SBToolPT Evaluation Guide.
- October 2011: Development of a database with LCA data of Portuguese building technologies
- Translation to English of the SBToolPT Evaluation Guide
- Registration of the SBToolPT brand!
- Ongoing Reformulation of the image, including a new webpage
- Ongoing Development of a web-based assessment tool
- Ongoing Support in the organization of the international conference BSA2012

iiSBE Italia

In 2011 iiSBE Italia has focused its activities on the implementation of the Protocollo ITACA certification process. In collaboration with the Italian National Research Council (ITC-CNR), iiSBE Italia has developed the new version of Protocollo ITACA (the rating system based on SBTool) for residential and office buildings.

Following the mandate of ITACA (Federal Association of the Italian Regions), iiSBE Italia and ITC-CNR have launched in April the ESIT initiative that has started the certification process at national level based on Protocollo ITACA and operated in cooperation with certification bodies. iiSBE Italia is also operating the training courses "Protocollo ITACA Expert" with the accreditation of more than 150 professionals. An environmental qualification initiative for building materials has been launched as part of a national research program that is defining the first Italian LCA Data Bank. The first pilot materials qualifications are under development.

iiSBE Italia is supporting the Italian regions in the application of the Protocollo ITACA in different incentive based policies for social housing and private construction. About 100 buildings have been validated in 2011. Currently iiSBE Italia is assessing the performance of what will be the tallest building in Italy, the new skyscraper that will host the Regione Piemonte offices.

iiSBE Italia has participated to numerous conferences and workshops focused on building assessment, also participating to different fairs. The association is also involved in some InterrReg EU-funded projects, dealing with the topic of the harmonization of building labels at European level.

Launch of Esit in March 2011.

Use of LCA (Life Cycle Assessment data) databank for construction materials and rating system. After the national and regional versions of Protocollo ITACA, there are new projects in progress: In Use: Urban and Historical buildings. Set up of list of accredited professionals.

Latest news is, that Wednesday 111019 in Rome, by the authorized parties is decided, that ITACA will be national accepted by 2012 as the only official Italian technical standard.

Shungwoo Shin proposes a possible communication between them and ITACA concerning LCA.

iiSBE Israel

SI-5281: New revision
- Mid 2010 – Mid 2011, the period of time it took to revise SI-5281 Standard, which was originally the Green Building Standard.
- BRE Global consulted with the broad support of local experts and government
representatives, about 12 committees were working in parallel.
- The committees structured to support laterally with disciplinary expertise, and vertically with building land use.
- The standard is active since August, the successful results are expected to be reported within 2 - 3 years.

Building Green: in practice
- SI-5281 is voluntarily implemented in Israel.
- Raanana Municipally is the first to enforce certification for every new building.
- Few other municipalities created their own Guide-Books, enforcing new buildings to follow the guidelines as their local code.
- The “15 Forum” decided that each of its members will enforce implementation as part of “Permit” approval procedure.
- The “Ministry of Interior” intends to include few of the SI-5281 within their “Construction Specifications”.

iiSBE Israel Activities
- Our basic activities are executed by using the Internet, and by managing conferences, trainings and coordinating Green Tours.
- We are open to any activity, realizing the “win-win” results due to the potential developed synergy.

The Yearly (3) GB Committee
- On 26/1/2011 we have joined with leading regulatory organizations to produce the 3rd Green Building Committee which carried the title “Green Innovations to Buildings and Environment”.
- In parallel, we conducted workshops and symposiums that extended for another day.
- All together, we had 800 participants in these two days.

Waste management
- On July 25 we have cooperated with the Ministry of Environmental Protection to drive the first and unique Seminar with regards to Waste Management in Tall Buildings and Urban Areas.
- Our speakers were mainly senior specialists and professionals who presented assimilated and implemented technologies in Israel and also existing and planned municipal codes.
- We had about 120 audience and participants in the seminar, most of them professionals.

Technologies and Innovations
- On July 5th (within CleanTech 2011 exhibition) we have led a conference cooperating with SII and ILGBC that dealt in Green Innovative Technologies.
- The first part included Design, Construction and Control innovations while the second part included practical implemented technologies in Local projects, presented by the performers (Architects, Engineers). We have hosted International speakers as well.
- Around 160 audiences have participated, most of them professionals.

Training and Education
- During last 7 years we have educated more than 400 professionals to be familiar with SI5281 and be capable to support with green building scope in construction projects.
- Our partnership with SII to provide the training has been completed at the last course given on January 2011.
- During February to April we have conducted dedicated Green Building training to IDF (Air Force) Construction Departments.
- Our main mission now is to keep our leading position in the professional training field, and to invest continuous efforts to identify organizations and promote Green Building projects.

Additional Activities
- On Going – professional Internet forum where experts give answers to the public.
- Provide a public spot for our members to share their papers and publications.
- Providing professional “Knowledge Spots” during conferences and exhibitions.
- Participating in several professional networking meetings.
- Planning to participate in WATEC 2011, in the convention of the Infrastructure Engineering Association in November and the first Municipal Sustainability exhibition planned for December 2011.
Organization and Business
- Our business is managed according to the associations act law, and hold a certificate for proper management
- Our association is not supported by any kind of commercial organization, not government funds etc.’. Our budget is based on annual membership fee of members and professional activities
- Our payroll includes one person working on part time to provide administrative management services. Our main activities are managed via the Internet.
- Our major showstopper in expanding our activities is lack of cash flow. Therefore, we have decided to provide our services based on profit activities only.
- We are assessing expanding cooperation with other organizations that can support us financially to survive.

ILGBC partnership
- ILGBC is acting since 2008. We have offered to cooperate with ILGBC based on the following terms:
  - We shall work in full cooperation under an association that will carry both logos: GBC and iiSBE.
  - The combined association will accept personal membership in the same way we do today.
  - The private sector will elect representative with permanent seat independent of the other elected seats
  - Our representative will be paid by ILGBC budget and will be responsible to members relations.
  - The negotiations are still going on and hopefully will result in the expected results.

In Israel the GBC Israel is connected to GBCi (certification institute) and would be still the same. Not like in Canada they separated those, where the GBC pays no revenue.

iiSBE Czech Republic (CSBS)
Czech Sustainable Building Society was established in 2005 in Prague as a national chapter of iiSBE. The Society's main goal is to provide an independent platform for promoting principles of sustainable building. By its public awareness activities it helps to motivate the main stakeholders of construction industry to deliver sustainable buildings of high quality and environmentally friendly performance. The Czech iiSBE chapter has 43 members (32 individual and 11 companies).

Selected activities in past 12 months:
SBToolCZ for residential and office buildings
SBToolCZ is sustainable building certification system based on SB Method developed by iiSBE. The certification scheme for residential buildings was introduced in 2010, version for offices followed in 2011. SBToolCZ provides a localized tool in full concordance with national and European standards. The selection of criteria and their weights has been set by the national panel of experts from different fields of expertise. The certification methodology is being developed at the Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Civil Engineering, that also provides courses for auditors and wide public. The certification process is operated by the Technical and Test Institute for Construction Prague (or TZUS), member of SB Alliance.

Courses for professionals
CSBS participates at courses for professionals organized by the CTU for developers, construction companies and consultancy agencies on sustainable building and SBTool CZ certification scheme.

CESB13 Regional conference
Central Europe towards Sustainable Building, CESB13 will take place between 26 and 28 June 2013 in Prague. The context of the conference will be “Sustainable building and refurbishment for next generations” and the main topics are:
- Sustainable refurbishment of existing building stock
- Low-tech and high-tech materials and technologies for buildings
- New generation of energy optimized buildings
- Decision support tools and assessment methods
- Sustainable building in education
Between Graz, Prague and Munich will be discussed how to supplement the outlining of each other’s program. They really like to present a regional approach, which has been benchmarked etc.

Raising public awareness
CSBS supports several other activities in sustainable building. The organization is partner of Envimat, Czech database of environmental profiles of construction products. There is close cooperation with a new University Centre for Energy Efficient Buildings (28M EUR project) that will start full operation in 2012. iiSBE Czech cooperates with CzGBC public in awareness activities and has been present at several seminars for experts focused on sustainable building.

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iiSBE Korea

1. In 2011 there have been the following iiSBE Korea Chapter Expert Seminar Series:
   - Crack Damage Control Performance of Strain-Hardening Cement Composite
     Apr. 08, 2010 15h~16h Hyeondo Yoon, PhD, Professor, Coongnam National University, Korea
   - The Effects of POFA from different sources on durability of high strength concrete in Malaysia
     Mohamed Ismail, Professor, University Technology Malaysia, May 13, 2010 15h~16h
   - Trends for Sustainable Building in Japan
     Okagaki Akira, Director, Nikken Sekiei, Japan, May 27, 2010 14:30h~15:30h
   - Successful Sustainable Design with BIM
     Donghwon Ko, PhD, Instructor, Illinois Institute of Technology, USA / Education Committee, USGBC, Aug. 19, 2010 11h~12h
   - Vibration-Based Structural Health Monitoring Technique and Its Application Examples
     Soonho Cho, PhD, Professor, Kwangju University, Korea, Sep. 30, 2010 15h~16h
   - Sustainability on MEP & Environmental Design in Colorado Area
     Jeonghyun Moon, PhD, Post-doc Fellow, University of Colorado, USA, Oct. 02, 2010 16h~17h
   - LCA Assessment of Sustainable Building in Japan
     Suzuki Mitzuya, Head, MEP division, Shimizu Construction, Japan, Oct. 22, 2010 15h~16:30h
   - Patent Policy and Patent Map (PM) on Sustainable Building Technology

2. ISC (International Sustainability Council)
iiSBE Korea Chapter and SUSB (Sustainable Building Research Center) have co-sponsored the establishment of a new organisation, ISC (International Sustainability Council) which was established on June 08, 2011. The 21 members of the new council agreed to undertake a variety activities related to the development of a sustainable society. iiSBE Korea chapter will actively participate and collaborate for the future.

3. The 14th Korea Super Tall Building Forum
iiSBE Korea Chapter has co-sponsored The 14th Korea Super Tall Building Forum with theme, “Super Tall Building and Green Building Technology” on May 13, 2011

iiSBE Taiwan (TSSBE)

As the world inevitably approaches the Climate Change, TSSBE has increased its efforts to prepare Taiwan to adapt and sustain. During this last year, TSSBE has had many successes. First of all, it continues to grow its membership with its exclusive recommendation process. Second, its Symbiosphere #1 center has been put into final preparation mode for the eventual Climate Change.

In the near future, TSSBE will continue to prepare Taiwan to adapt and sustain by working with Taiwanese residents through the REAP program and directly with Taiwan’s government through 3 pieces of legislation. First, the Principles of Sustainable Development Policy provides guidelines for sustainability. Second, the Adaptation Principles of Climate Change outline the procedures for acclimatization during the event of Climate Change. Third, the Principles of Sustainable Development Bill will increase legal precedent for Environmental Protection in Taiwanese affairs.
iiSBE Malta

The process of establishing of the new Malta chapter has already been mentioned. The representative of iiSBE Malta, Ruben Paul Borg (University of Malta) introduced himself and plans of the Malta chapter. They just decided which level it should be set up and what their basic strategy should be, concerning ‘sustainability with educational facilities’. Everything is decided. After everything is also written down, the only thing yet to do is to arrange the formal legal creation of it according to Malta laws and going to the notary. More to come about this chapter later.

We give them a warm Welcome and wish them a successful national and international cooperation.

Other iiSBE matters

Finances

iiSBE currently has a total of about 5,000 Euro and 5,000 CAD in its accounts, and has no debts. This situation is consistent with that in previous years.

Current and Future Issues

It is hoped that the Academic and Research Forum will result in many more organizational memberships. Substantially more income is needed if iiSBE is to be able to have full-time staff, and that will be needed to improve the quality of our operations.

An on-going issue is the difficulty of organizing groups whose members have no access to funds to cover travel or time. This issue is not likely to be solved unless we can link our work with private companies who share technical interests.

Motions & voting for Bylaw changes

The following motion, which is presented by NL was accepted unanimously:

- Moving the term for Officers (President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) from 1 year to a 3 year lengths.

Presentation & voting for Board members

- Alexander Panek (Poland) and Gordon Shymko (Canada) were presented as possible new Board members. Both (Gordon Shymko in absentia) were elected.

- Thomas Luetzkendorf (Germany) agreed to stay another term in the Board.

Action items as outcome of this AGM:

- Board needs a meeting ‘Strategic Planning’. iiSBE has to define more strictly what is the mission, identity and field of activity. Clarify to other organizations: ‘Who we are? What we want to do?’ Find the unique positioning.

  iiSBE should be more professional and needs a consistent board.

- Proposed is to decide ‘How much money would be needed for staff iiSBE and the A&R forum?’

- iiSBE has to look for another iiSBE member, who represents iiSBE within the SB conference secretariat now that Nils has stepped down. It is proposed that Giulia Barbano take over the representation of iiSBE in the SB conference partnership.

- Announcements of conferences have to be collected in an overview and put for info on the web.

- The Academic & Research Forum has to be worked out by Ronald Rovers and others.
- It is proposed that Organizational memberships will be modified, concerning its size and the amount to provide individual memberships in regard to the accompanying fee.

- Concerning IMoSB every iiSBE member is asked to be alert and mention NEW relevant additional info & links to Luis Braganca.

- The existing website of iiSBE and the new for the Academic & Research Forum will be tuned by Giulia (technical) and Petra (content). SBIS has to be continuously updated + arrange/screen proper Web access of SBIS by Antonin.

- iiSBE has to professionalize its use of Face book/ LinkedIn (some guidelines by Giulia would be useful).

- Concerning ‘sharing information’ and introducing for example WebEx, GB will soon look into the details (options for Skype lecturing etc.) and decide if it’s a valid added value

- Next AGM, there should be more time reserved within for the chapters

第一届新董事会成员会议 (同地点和日期)

*Presentation & voting for President, Treasurer and Secretary*

Andrea Moro stepped down as President of iiSBE, because of the increasing workload in Italy. NL thanks him in name of iiSBE.

Luis Braganca (Portugal) and Vanessa Gomes (Brasil) were introduced as new candidates. There were enough Board members (13) attending to vote according the Bylaws and:

- Luis Braganca was elected President.
- Vanessa Gomes was elected as Vice President.
- Frank Hovorka was elected to continue as Treasurer.
- Petra Reulen was elected as Secretary.

The Board meeting ended at 18:00