

Report on SIAG/OPSF Business meeting - July 5th, 2007, CIRM, Luminy, France.

There was a business meeting of SIAG/OPSF on July 5th, 2007 during the OPSFA meeting held at the CIRM, Luminy, France, chaired by Peter Clarkson (Chair of SIAG/OPSF).

1. The chair informed the meeting of the current membership details as supplied by Susan Whitehouse (Membership Manager, SIAM). During the subsequent discussion it was noted that many researchers in the field live outside the USA, in particular in Europe. Further, it was noted that SIAM has only a very small number of reciprocal agreements compared with, say, the American Mathematical Society.

2. The chair informed the meeting about (a), the election of officers for the SIAG which is to take place later this year, and (b), the charter renewal for the SIAG.

3. There was a discussion about OP-SF Net. It was noted that this was extremely useful in the circulation of information. Suggestions were made as to how the newsletter could be improved. Diego Dominici and Martin Muldoon were thanked for their work on the newsletter.

4. There was a discussion on future SIAG/OPSF activities. Suggestions included having a OPSF meeting in the USA and a Summer School (the last one being in Leganes, Madrid, Spain, 2004).

5. There was a discussion about SIAM journals. It was noted that currently no member of the SIAG/OPSF is a member of the Editorial Board of a SIAM journal and the editorial direction of the SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis had changed over the past few years so that now there appears to be no SIAM journal which is appropriate for SIAG/OPSF members to submit to. There was also a discussion about the feasibility of starting up an electronic journal in Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions.

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