

## Newsletter No. 4 of August 13th, 2014

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### 1. New constitution of ISIMM.

As anticipated, a revision of the ISIMM constitution is needed for several reasons. For instance, internet and email allow for a more quick and efficient election procedure; there is the need of a periodic confirmation of membership, in order to keep a reliable record of the members; and so on.

A proposal of amended constitution (navigate to 'New Constitution' from the Society website) has been just approved by the Executive Committee. It will be discussed at the ISIMM assembly at the next STAMM in Poitiers, and finally will be proposed for approval to all ISIMM members by the end of this year.

### 2. Partial renewal of the Executive Committee.

Every second year a part of the EC must be renewed. Every ordinary member (i.e., no more than 70 year old) may candidate for the EC, provided that he/she is not a member of the present EC.

Intended candidates should submit a one-page CV in pdf by email to

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by September 30, 2014.

On the basis of the number of the proposed candidates, we shall see whether a preselection is needed, in order to get a geographically and scientifically balanced EC.

### 3. Proposals for the STAMM conference 2016.

The next Symposium on Trend in Applications of Mathematics to Mechanics (STAMM) will be held in Poitiers, Sept 8-11 this year.

<http://www-math.sp2mi.univ-poitiers.fr/STAMM2014/en/>

These symposia are a core activity of our society. They have a scientific content, and offer also the opportunity for meetings of the EC and for having an assembly of all the ISIMM members (in Poitiers we shall have it).

According to our constitution, these symposia must be held every second year.

*We are then looking for the organizer(s) of the STAMM 2016, and for an appropriate venue.*

ISIMM can just provide a small financial support for this conference; most of funds should thus be raised by the organizer(s). They might also ask participants to contribute a fee; anyway this fee should be as low as possible, in order to allow junior members to take part.

We encourage ISIMM members to submit proposals, and possibly to discuss them on the occasion of the Poitiers STAMM. These should indicate the organizers, the venue, the estimated budget. Proposals should be addressed to

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and should possibly be discussed at Poitiers on the occasion of the STAMM.

**4. Fees.** ISIMM is a low cost society. There is a recommended yearly contribution of about 30 E. Anyway there is no obligation (which also explains why our society suffers a persistent lack of funding.)

Fees might also be paid directly in cash to the Secretary-Treasurer on the occasion of the STAMM.

**5. New members.** Francesco dell'Isola, Krzysztof Chelmiński, and Hao Wu have been accepted by the Executive Committee as new members of ISIMM.

**6. Piero Villaggio's obituary has been published in the ISIMM forum.** It is accessible from the Society webpage by navigating to 'ISIMM internet-forum' on the left menu.

With our best wishes, hoping to meet soon at the Poitiers STAMM,

Augusto Visintin (President),

Ulisse Stefanelli (Secretary-Treasurer)