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Welcome

At 7 pm CEST Johannes von Mulert, member of the Executive Board, opens the 11th General Assembly (GA). He gives thanks to all members attending the GA in Milan and online for showing their strong interest in the IBCS Association.

Johannes von Mulert suggests Mario Rosenfelder and Edyta Szaraka as the vote counters. Is anyone against them or are there any other suggestions? No – ok. They are elected as vote counters with 100% of the votes.

In total there are 29 + Board members (27 onsite + 2 online), of which 29 are active members (with the right to vote). See also pdf from June 13, 2024.

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Minutes of the GA of June 29, 2023 - Zürich

The minutes from the last General Assembly 2023 are posted online. Are there any remarks or questions so far? No.

We have to vote and accept the minutes from last year.

The GA accepts the minutes with 100% of the votes without discussion.

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President's Annual Report

President Rolf Hichert informs about the development of the IBCS community in the past 12 months. As for June 13, 2024, here are the figures about the numbers of active and passive members:

Total number of members of the IBCS Association: 10 394 (PY 9 844)

Active members = attendees of the consultant certification course and other experts approved by the board

IBCS Association

Members

2024-06-13

	PY	AC
Passive members	9 599	10 136
Active members	245	258
Members total	9 844	10 394

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IBCS Association and ISO International Organization for Standardization

Jürgen Faisst informs about the status of the ISO Standard initiative. After the presentation in Brussels everything looks very good. The ISO checked the countries which have the right to vote. There was not a single country saying that converting the IBCS standard into an ISO standard is not a good idea. So we started the ballot with the application. Regrettably, only four countries were sending an expert: PRT (Diego), DEU (Faisst), USA and CHN. ISO requests at least five countries though.

One week later JPN informed that they finally registered an expert. Unfortunately this was too late.

The weak support with experts is due to the fact that the IBCS initiative is assigned to ISO/TC 37 which is about language. The members of ISO/TC 37 are translators, interpreters and linguists rather than business analytics and visualization specialists. Nevertheless, we decided not to change the TC in order not to start from scratch. It still might happen that after accepting the new project, ISO or local standardization bodies decide to change the assignment.

We did some lobbying and succeeded in registering additional experts from Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, Hungary, and Australia. Then we started a new ballot which will end on July 15, 2024. This time we are already assigned an ISO code: ISO/NP 24896 (NP stands for new project).

Questions:

Felix Becker: Is it a disadvantage, that we are in the language group?

Jürgen Faisst: Not really, at the moment it is important to get the project registered. It would be more risky to change to another group at this stage

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Election of Executive Board

Jürgen Faisst, Managing Director of the IBCS Association, organizes the vote.

Is it okay if we elect all the board members together?

100% - 29 members: Yes

The whole board abstained

Election of all the board members

100 % 29 Members: Yes

Rolf Hichert was re-elected as president, Johannes von Mulert as accountant and Beat Honegger as secretary.

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Miscellaneous

Are there any topics or questions from the board or from the members?

No

As there are no further interventions, Johannes von Mulert closes the General Assembly at 7:33 pm CEST.

June 13, 2024

Beat Honegger