

## Minutes of the TEMA Parent Committee Meeting

13:15 on 8th June 2022

TEMA-17, Aachen, Germany

**Present (in person):** Xingen Lei (XL), Lothar Rink (LR), Miguel Arredondo (MA), Irina Korichneva (IK, proxy for John Beattie)

**Present (online):** Bob Cousins (RC), John Beattie (JB), Manju Reddy (MR)

**Absent (Apologies?):** Anatoly Skalny (AS)

1. Xingen Lei opened the meeting with a welcome to Committee members and an invitation to comment on the minutes of the TEMA Parent Committee meeting of 8th August 2021. The minutes were approved by everyone present.
2. XL enquired about progress with the TEMA Constitution/By-laws and application for charitable status. JB confirmed that the Constitution had been completed and signed by all Committee members. Application for charitable status required a signed Constitution and funds to apply but JB confirmed that an application would now be made as soon as possible.
3. JB raised the important issue of unfreezing the bank accounts which requires the signing of a mandate by both the treasurer (JB) and a co-signatory, according to the Constitution. The co-signatory has to be UK-based if the bank accounts remain in the UK. JB therefore suggested co-opting a UK-based person, with attendance at previous TEMA meetings, to the TEMA Parent Committee. This person could take over as treasurer when JB retires from the Committee. The Committee members agreed with this suggestion and there followed a discussion of potential candidates. JB asked if LR could provide names of UK attendees at the ICTEM meeting (TEMA-17).
4. JB enquired about establishing a membership for TEMA, without the need for membership fees, but simply to have a database of expertise and contact details which could be helpful for finding speakers at future meetings. The advantage to members could be, for example, discounts for JTEMB subscriptions or conference fees. The Committee concluded that this may be useful but re-emphasised that this should proceed without membership fees.
5. JB raised the concern that current and future inflation may erode the value of the TEMA funds and asked members if they had any suggestions to protect the funds. RC commented that investing the money may limit its availability for rapid access. The Committee agreed not to take action at this time.
6. XL announced that there had been several positive responses to his request at his lecture on TEMA at the start of TEMA-17, for proposals to host TEMA-18 or TEMA-19. The more serious proposals came from South Africa, India and Brazil. The South African candidate gave a short presentation/overview of his position and institution in Pretoria. The Indian candidate introduced himself and all candidates will be invited to submit written proposals.
7. It was noted that the website was static and JB explained that funds were not yet released to employ someone with professional website designing skills. LR suggested a London-based company that they had used to design the German Society website and he advised that the product was very good. JB asked LR to forward the company website link.
8. XL announced that an agreement had been reached regarding the association with JTEMB as the Society's flagship journal.
9. XL closed the meeting.