



International Society for Stereology & Image Analysis (ISSIA)

September 16, 2025

ISSIA General Assembly Minutes

Place: Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Prague, Czech Republic)

General Assembly started 17:15

Welcome and confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly

The meeting opened by the welcome address by the president of the society, Dr Aleš Kladník.

Confirmation of the agenda of the General Assembly. *The agenda was confirmed.*

Report of the ISSIA President, describing the activities of the ISSIA Board in the period 2024/2025

Competition for best PhD thesis: the awardee was Dr. Maiken Krogsbæk Bøgh for the thesis “Olanzapine Treatment Effects – A Molecular and Cellular Study on the Hypothalamic Feeding Regulation in Rat and Human” from the Aarhus University (Denmark), under the supervision of Prof. Jens Randel Nyengaard - *organized by Bruno Figliuzzi*

The *Outstanding Paper Award in memory of Hans Jørgen G Gundersen* prize postponed until securing additional funding.

Support in organizing ECSIA 2025: Hans Elias bursaries for Alex Keilmann and Emily Ewers

Courses & workshops are published on ISSIA website (Courses).

In memoriam:

- Jean-Louis Chermant (tribute by Dominic Jeulin)
- Johan Debayle (tribute by Yann Gavet)

Financial report for 2024, budget plan for 2025

Budget 2024: income 1449 €, expenses 421 €.

Budget 2025, income 879 €, expenses 2919 €.

Current balance in the ISSIA account: 13494 €

Membership fee

- Regular membership – 50 EUR

- Membership fee including the subscription to the printed version of Image Analysis and Stereology – 90 EUR
- Student / retired membership – 25 EUR

Benefits of ISSIA membership:

- Reduced publication fees in the open-access official ISSIA journal Image Analysis and Stereology (<https://www.ias-iss.org/ojs/IAS/>), i.e. 150 EUR instead of 200 EUR
- Reduced subscription to the printed version of IAS, i.e. 40 EUR instead of 76 EUR
- Reduced rates at congresses, courses and workshops organized by ISSIA
- Possibility for student members to apply for Hans Elias bursaries enabling participation in ISSIA Congresses for Stereology and Image Analysis
- Possibility to take part in a competition for the best PhD thesis using stereology and/or image analysis – directly or as a supervisor of the PhD student
- Access to the LinkedIn forum (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4239739>)

IAS journal agreement

- ISSIA members have reduced publication fees in IAS, i.e. 150 EUR instead of 200 EUR. At the end of year ISSIA may pay for this difference to IAS for ISSIA members who published in IAS.
- ISSIA will provide additional financial support of 1000 EUR to IAS to cover advertisements in IAS and printed versions of IAS for honorary members, if necessary. Currently IAS has secured adequate funding.

Image Analysis & Stereology journal report

- Impact factor (JCR 2024): 1.0; CiteScore (Scopus): 1.7
- 3 issues published in 2024 with 26 papers across 304 pages (1.3 million characters)
- Website upgraded to latest Open Journal Systems (OJS)
- Strong readership: ~5,000 article downloads per month on average
- 342 submissions received in 2024; 92% rejection rate
- Average time to first editorial decision: 5 days
- Currently 12 papers under review, next issue in preparation
- Publication charge: 200 EUR (reduced for ISSIA members); supports printing and editing
- Publishing funded by ARIS, ISSIA, and editorial office resources
- Journal run on a nonprofit, volunteer basis (authors, reviewers, editors)

ISSIA Board presentation (changes and voting)

The General Assembly voted on the proposed new composition of the ISSIA Board: new president Dorothy Oorschot replacing Aleš Kladník, resignation of treasurer Jitka Čočkova, temporary replaced by Aleš Kladník, replaced board member Xiaoyan Song with Zhiqiang Chen, new board member Zbyněk Pawlas.

President: **Dorothy E. Oorschot** (*stereology in biomedicine*; University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand)

Secretary: **Bruno Figliuzzi** (*image processing, stochastic geometry and materials science*; Mines ParisTech, France)

Treasurer: Aleš Kladník (temporary)

Past President: Eric Pirard (*particle shape analysis in geosciences*; University of Liège, Belgium)

Members of the Board:

- **Zhiqiang Chen** (*stereology, computed tomography*; Tsinghua University, Beijing, China)
- **Augusto Coppi** (*stereology in biomedicine*; School of Anatomy, University of Bristol, UK)
- **Karl-Anton Dorph-Petersen** (*stereology in biosciences*; Aarhus University, Denmark)
- **Aneta Gądek-Moszczak** (*image analysis and stereology in materials science and medicine*; Cracow University of Technology, Poland)
- **Zbyněk Pawlas** (*stochastic geometry and spatial statistics*; Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
- **Daniel A. Peterson** (*image analysis, stereology and microscopy in biomedicine*, The Chicago Medical School, USA)
- **M.M. Ramya** (*image processing, mathematical morphology and machine vision*; Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Chennai, India)
- **Dvorlai Wulfsohn** (*agricultural engineering*, Geco Enterprises, Chile)

Voting was performed by present ISSIA members at 17:50.

All agreed with the new Board composition.

Call for proposals for organization of the International Congress for Stereology and Image Analysis (ICSIA) in 2027

A call will be sent to all members to prepare proposals for organization of ICSIA 2027. The organizer will be selected at least one year before the conference.

Prospects on ISSIA activities

Courses, workshops, sessions and round table discussions in stereology and image analysis are welcome. There will be a call published shortly for events supported by ISSIA in 2026/27.

Please send all announcements to Aleš Kladník (ales.kladnik@bf.uni-lj.si or info@issia.net) to include them on the webpage.

General Assembly finished 18:15.

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