

OCNS Members Meeting, July 16, 2019, Barcelona

The agenda was approved with no additional items.

1. Report from the President Volker Steuber

- Report on OCNS Membership Numbers
- Reminder of Membership benefits such as reduced meeting registration fees, eligibility for travel awards to the meeting and courses for students and postdocs, reduced journal and book fees.
- Report on Officers, Board Membership, and Elections
- Discussed the change in the meeting format and the survey that will be sent out to solicit feedback.

2. Report from the Treasurer Leonid Rubchinsky

- The Treasurer reported on the financial standing of the OCNS, showing that the reserves stand at around \$300,000.
- Context for the differences from year to year was provided

3. Report from the Program Committee Chair Thomas Nowotny

- There were 474 submissions with 126 requesting oral presentations. In the final program, there were 3 featured orals (2.3% acceptance rate), 18 orals (14.29% acceptance rate), and 358 posters.
- The US contributed the most co-authors, followed by Germany and Spain. In general, more submissions came from Europe combined, which is typical for a meeting held in Europe.
- The Program Committee membership and the ability of members to become more involved by serving on the Program Committee were discussed.

4. Report on CNS*2020 by future Local Organizer Tony Burkitt

- It was announced that the meeting will be held in Melbourne, Australia next year.
- Meeting facilities are modern, state-of-the-art, and the location is convenient to restaurants, coffee, and transportation, including only 20 minutes from the airport. Transportation on the trams in the central city is free with small cost to go to the University.
- We will be close to a bay, beaches, and many beautiful parks.
- Keep in mind that travel costs are not proportional to distance, and attendees should try to spend extra time in Australia while visiting, see the unique native flora and fauna, and enjoy the temperate weather.

5. Presentation of the OCNS Mascots

- Mascots from previous years were presented.
- The new mascot from Barcelona was revealed. This is the dragon from the story of the city's guardian St. George. His name is Tibidabo, which is the name of the hill to the north of Barcelona.