

BOT MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2023 (ZOOM)

MINUTES



Participants:

1	Léia Maria De Mora Cardenuto	LC	2	Janet Pinneau	JP
3	Vita Heinrich-Clauer	VH	4	Ana Lúcia Faria	AL
5	Anat Gihon*	AG	6	Ann L-K Coleman	AC
7	Manuela Tremante*	MT	8	Paola Alessio	PA
9	Yael Harel*	YH			

Excused: Patrizia Moselli, Alexandre Franco Barreto | * Partial participation
Nina Schubert (NS) (Scribe)

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The BoT members assign the roles as following:

- LC (and JA) as Chair,
- AC as Stacker,
- PA as Tracker,
- JA as Timer.

1 PDW 2024

The IIBA has not held a stand-alone PDW since 2018. The PDW 2020 (postponed to 2021) in Europe was cancelled due to Covid-19 and its restrictions. In 2023, a PDW was attached to the Southern California Bioenergetic Conference which was a mixture of Conference with a PDW stream. Sharing a theme and structure of a conference had both benefits and limitations.

The PDW Committee 2024 is composed of Dariusz Zawrzykraj (PABA, Poland | host), Miriam Mantau (SABERJ, Brazil) and Alex Munroe (SOSBA, Canada and as representative from the Selection Committee¹).

The PDW Committee has found a hotel in Krakow which fulfils all conditions for conducting a “proper” PDW (bioenergetic work in group, pair and individual working, presentations, supervision etc.).

PDW proposal presented

- **Theme:** Fear and Anxiety, Joy and Excitement – The Dance of Aliveness
- **Place:** Golden Tulip 4* Hotel in Krakow, Poland
- **Date:** Friday, May 24 to Tuesday May 28, 2024
- **Budget presented:**
 - Costs: 21924 EUR (Facility costs: 10064 EUR (including meeting rooms, coffee breaks and lunch buffets | Faculty expenses: 11580 EUR (including fees, accommodation, meals and faculty travel arrangements).
 - Registrations: Ø 731 EUR (PDW Track) | 1109 EUR (PDW Track, accommodation² and food).

The BoT members endorsed or strongly agreed on

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1. *Approving the PDW proposal from October 16, 2023.*
 2. *The IIBA gives financial support of up to **3500 EUR** towards **advanced trainees** (who are still involved in active training classes and/or supervision sessions (Track 1) **for lowering PDW registration fees**. (The financial support should be used to make the individual registration fees cheaper.)*
 3. *NS will contact Alex Munroe. She will inform him about the approval and will ask him regarding the exact number of participants per track (planned).³*
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¹ The PDW Committee is a sub-committee of the Selection Committee, as their tasks are intertwined.

² Base on shared room (<96 EUR/night for double room).

³ Alex Munroe answers as following (on October 23, 2023): “We have a maximum of 10 spots in each Track.”)

The PDW Committee will seek International Faculty Teachers for the 3 Tracks⁴. The PDW Faculty and the Selection Committee will plan the details.

2 Ethic Case 6

As decided during the BoT meeting in August, another notice titled “Important Notice Regarding Membership Revocation and Teaching Restrictions” was sent to the Directors and Presidents on October 11.

A new critical opinion was expressed by a member sending a letter to the BoT on October 12, 2023⁵. This opinion expressed is not considered as completely based on “real facts” (simplified and very resumed version). PA will prepare a written response. In this response, PA will mainly refer to the fact that even after “resignation” (while not timely communicated to the IIBA), the accused person kept teaching and was not willing to collaborate at all with the Ethic Consulting Group.

Of course, the BoT acknowledges that there may be concerns about the process, transparency, or the specifics of this particular situation. The BOT is open to constructive feedback and welcome any suggestions that can improve internal processes and communication. Furthermore, it is essential to maintain respect for all parties involved. Nevertheless, the BoT is sure that the Ethic Consulting Group took the ethics violations of case 6 seriously. The Ethic Consulting Group investigated and addressed all issues related to the Ethic Case 6 in a fair and impartial manner. The notice sent on October 11, was guided by our duty to maintain the integrity and reputation of our organization.

The BoT and the Ethic Consulting Group care about ethics. The goal is to act democratically. While speed might not one of our great virtues, all efforts are driven forward on a voluntary basis with heart and blood.

3 Directors & Presidents meeting

The BoT members endorsed or strongly agree on

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1. *Celebrating the next Presidents and Directors Meeting (Zoom) on January 26, 2024. Duration: 1,5 hours – Time: Time: Germany & Italy: 5:00 pm, Israel: 6:00 pm, New York & Troy: 11:00 am, Grants Pass: 8:00 am, Brazil: 1:00 pm.*⁶
 2. *Sending out another doodle for a virtual BoT meeting in January for its preparation. NS sends the doodle. All BoT members have to participate in the doodle before October 29,2023.*
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⁴ If registration is higher than 35, the PDW Committee is able to extend the PDW 2024 (offering a 4th track).

⁵ 2 follow up e-mails were received from the same member on October 22. Both e-mails have been forwarded to all BoT members by NS.

⁶ There was confusion while meeting, because the 3rd webinar of the second webinar series was going to be scheduled for January 26, 2024. VH informs that the 3rd webinar of the second webinar series got rescheduled for January 25, 2024.

A discussion gets started about racial quota (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) in Brazil. In general, all members are in favor of financial support for people from minority groups and/or with diverse underrepresented background. This financial support should not just be reflected in the upcoming scholarship program, but should be also considered when it comes to conference registration fees. The BoT also discusses the importance of supporting financially (using a specific fund) for inviting DEI speakers to IIBA events.

Some proposals are made more concrete, but none of them receives full approval. In general, all BoT members want to maintain an open, respectful attitude toward different cultures, but more details and data are needed for making next (more practical) moves and (strategic) long-term decisions.

4 26th IIBA International Conference

Due to time constraints, this topic is not discussed in this meeting.

Summary of the documents sent to the BoT members by NS on October 17, 2023.

Closing Balance

The final (local data) support documents were forwarded to the IIBA Back-Office on October 16. NS sent the Closing Balance (based on payments, not final receipts and/or invoices) to the BoT members on October 17. The 26th IIBA International Conference resulted in losses of USD 6215,32 (taking out the facility costs paid for the BoT meeting (USD 678,60) and Faculty meeting (USD 1678,17)).⁷

General Numbers and statistics

322 participants (♀ 259, ♂ 63) from 14 countries:

#	Country	Participants	#	Country	Participants
1	Belgium	1	8	Portugal	2
2	Canada	1	9	Spain	3
3	Chile	1	10	Germany	4
4	Colombia	1	11	Italy	8
5	Cyprus	1	12	Russia	8
6	Netherlands	1	13	USA	10
7	Israel	2	14	Brazil	279

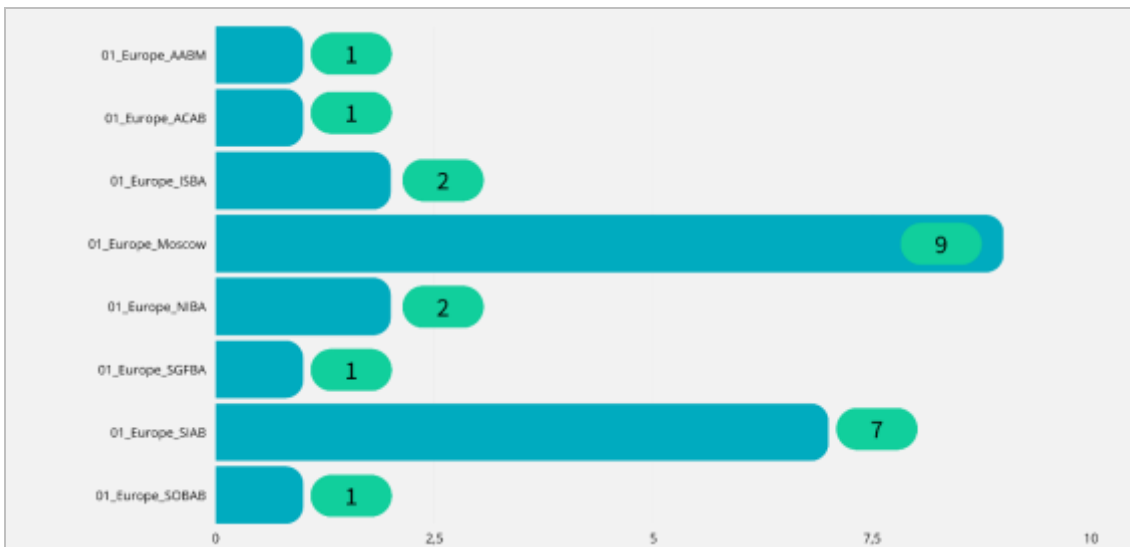
40 participants were Non-Members⁸, 139 participants were trainees and 143 members were CBTs.

Registration by affiliation to local societies

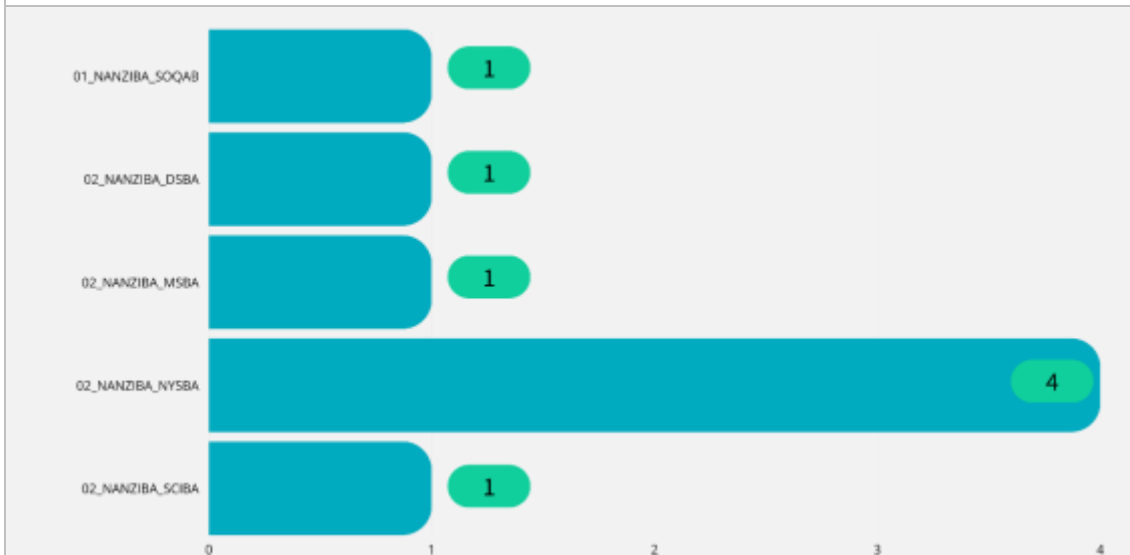
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⁷ On October 23, 2023, AL requests payment for editing the videos. Additional costs of USD 300. Approval pending while writing these minutes.

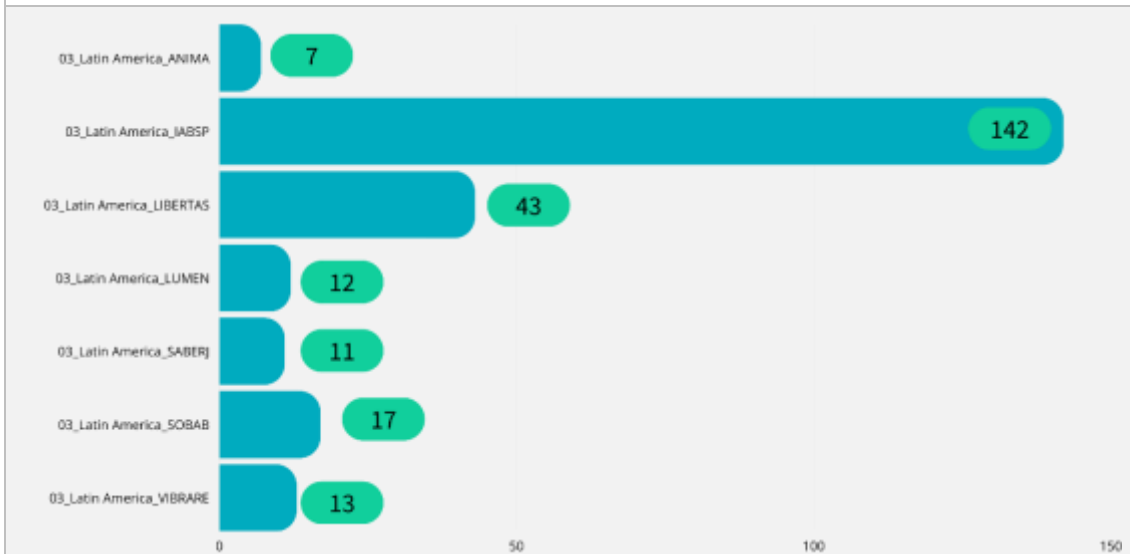
⁸ Most of the Non-Members did not pay as Non-Members. They were trainees in their very first training year (pending to be registered as trainee in the IIBA data base).



Nanziba



Latin America



Feedbacks received

A survey was sent almost 2 weeks after finishing the conference. The participation was low. NS prepared the summary and sent it to the Conference Committees on October 11, 2023. The BoT members also received a copy on October 17, 2023.

5 Scholarships

The scholarship program should be launched as soon as possible. While AG took leadership (as Chair) for the new Scholarship Committee, nobody else has been offered her/his help so far. AG will approach people directly inviting them to form part of the new Scholarship Committee.

JA reminds AG about first drafts of policy & procedures written in 2022. That document gets shared again with all BoT members.

6 Condemnation of the horrific attacks perpetrated by Hamas

Support letter

The BoT already expressed their solidarity with the Israeli Bioenergetic Society writing among faculty members and BoT members these days.

The BoT members endorsed or strongly agreed on

AC, AG and YH prepare a support letter (statement) which will be sent to the membership by e-mail (after its approval by all BoT members).

Social media actions - Request to raise awareness

AG, YA and another member from the Israeli Society for Bioenergetic Analysis request to use the IIBA social media platform to raise awareness about the current situation, especially topics related to the hashtag “BringThemHome”.

The BoT members endorsed or strongly agreed on

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- 1. After sending out the support letter (drafted by AC, AG and YH), AG and YH will coordinate more support actions (posts and stories) with the Social Media Committee (Dante Moretti) based on that letter.*
 - 2. All social media actions should focus on engaging with the global community in conversations about the war and about explaining the truth. The message through social media should inspire actions that can make a positive difference.*
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7 Next call for Research Activities

The Research Committee sent their proposal for the call 2023/2024 on October 20, 2023. Due to time constraints, this topic is not discussed nor approved in this meeting.

Summary of the proposal: As decided in May 2023, Research should be enhanced and another fund of up to 35,000 EUR was created. The next call will invite members to participate in research activities (30,000 EUR) as following ...

- Intervention in crises or short-term therapies.
- Case studies; Meta-Analysis of Case Studies.
- Guidelines for different health problems (e.g. eating disorder, panic, depression, anxiety).
- Development of specific bioenergetic intervention modules.
- Re-analysing the data from the Swiss Study PAP-S so that the effectiveness of Bioenergetic therapies as compared to the other 9 approaches can be demonstrated.

And scientific communication actions (5,000 EUR):

- Financial support to scientific journals managed by Bioenergetic Analysis institutions.
- Financial support for the scientific publication of studies and research in Bioenergetic Analysis that require translation and/or funding for publication in a journal with a high international impact factor in the health area.

8 Meeting tasks and action items

#	Task Owner	Specific Task	Deadline
1	NS	Contacting Alex Munroe informing about the approval and request exact number of participants per track.	October 23, 2023
2	ALL	Participating in the doodle in order to find a date for another BoT meeting in January AND before the date of the presidents and directors meeting.	October 29, 2023
3	NS	Creating doodle and communicate the date for the next virtual BoT meeting in January.	October 23, 2023
4	ALL	Participating in the doodle.	October 29, 2023
5	ALL	Saving the date for the next directors and presidents meeting on January 26, 2024.	October 23, 2023
6	NS	Send a mailing "safe the date" to the leaderships of all societies, institutes and training groups.	November 6, 2023
6	AG	Approaching faculty members directly to invite them to form part of the Scholarship Committee.	ASAP
7	AG, YH, AC	Preparing statement "Condemnation of the horrific attacks perpetrated by Hamas" which will be approved by the BoT and which needs to be sent to the membership asap.	October 24, 2023

8	AG, YH	Coordinating campaign of raising awareness regarding horrific attacks by Hamas with the Social Media Committee once the statement is approved by the BoT and communicated to the membership	October 25, 2023
9	AF	Request final approval regarding the Call for Research Initiatives 2023/2024.	ASAP.