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Report on the session of the ISIC Steering Committee – Monday, October 16th 2017

Present: Profs Nicolai Cramer (NC), Lyndon Emsley (LE), Sandrine Gerber (SG), Xile Hu (XH) and Jérôme Waser (JW).

Excused: Profs Thomas Rizzo and Vassily Hatzimanikatis.

Absent: Prof. Ursula Roethlisberger.

The session, chaired by **LE**, is opened at 10.00 am in room CH B3 391.

1) ISIC News

News on ISIC web page

It was noticed that some news related to ISIC faculty and appearing on the SB web page are not automatically transferred to the ISIC web page. The IT team will be asked to make more systematic updates.

Chem Tweets

JW proposed the creation of a Tweeter account related to all chemistry events (Section and Institute). It is agreed that the organizers of ISIC seminars, **LE**, **JW** and Madeleine Steffen should have the possibility to Tweet on this account. **SG** will contact the ISIC seminars' leader about this.

2) EPFL Valais Wallis

LE reminds that some lab and office space in I19 (new building for HES) will be allocated to ISIC in order to accommodate the extension of the PATTs installed in I17. A new building is also planned for the second phase of EPFL implantation in Sion. There might be the possibility to reinforce ISIC activities in Sion in the frame of this second phase project.

3) Update on faculty hiring

Chemical Biology

The advertisement of a PATT position in the field of Chemical Biology was recently published. The composition of the hiring committee was approved.

PSI/EPFL position on battery electrochemistry

Further discussion are engaged regarding the opportunity for a joint PSI / EPFL faculty hiring in battery electrochemistry.

4) Miscellaneous

ISIC Master grants

SG reminds that, since 2008, the ISIC Direction is providing grants (1'800 CHF/month for a maximum of 6 months) to excellent foreign Master students who are hosted in ISIC labs for their Master project.

It is time to decide on the prolongation of this program. The Steering Committee agrees to continue with this program, will allocation.

The next session of the ISIC Steering Committee will be held on 16.11.2017 at 3.00 pm in CH B3 391.

The session is closed at 11.10 am.