

Subject: TCDA preparation

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Dear all,

Welcome everyone to the working group to establish TCDA!

Thank you very much for your support to me for becoming Chair of the group and my apologies for having taken long to get back to you.

As LED2020 is now less than a year ahead of us and it would be almost impossible for all of us to meet before the LED, I suggest followings.

We aim to start TCDA at LED2020. In order to make this happens, we need to prepare a draft of a constitution, circulate before the LED and have the first general assembly during the LED.

The important discussion points have been summarised already in the email of Jan-Pieter in 2017. Here I repeat them below (but different order).

For each point we will have a time frame for discussion for 2-3 weeks. When I start a new discussion, I summarise what have been discussed in the regional meetings on the topic and set a deadline.

I would like to ask you first, **is there anything we should add in the list below?**

Please note that it is essential to for us to concentrate on the most important points to be able to get started next year.

In the German LED, it was suggested that legal status of the association should be considered (e.g. country the association is registered etc). - I think we can include this in the financial arrangements (no. 7).

In the UKLED, there was query whether TCDA should be a member of INQUA. – can we leave it now?

In the APLED, the role of the steering committee was asked. – this can be part of structure (point 5).

List of consideration

1 What should the Name of the society be?

2 What is the Mission of the Society (e.g. to promote luminescence and ESR in other fields, committee that can lead discussions in our community?)

3 What is the academic Scope of the Society? (presumably it should include both luminescence and ESR dating, what other allied subjects should it include?)

4 What are the Duties of the society? (e.g. support new laboratories, oversee organisation of the scientific and administrative part of LED meetings, organise laboratory inter-comparisons?)

5 What should the Structure of the society be? (one steering committee with president, vice-president, treasurer?)

6 How should the Administration of the society be undertaken? (election process for steering committee, frequency of elections (every three years at LED?), total number of board members, max number of members per country, how to vote on important matters..., annual meeting by steering committee?, ...)

7 What Financial arrangements should be put in place? (should there be membership fees, accounting year, etc...)

8 What means of dissemination should the Society use? (e.g. website, Newsletter, should Ancient TL become the official journal of the Association?)

9 What other functions should the Society undertake? (organise student prizes, medals? ...)

(10 Other issues that we have not addressed here?) – this is what I am asking today.

Please reply to this email until August 18.

All the best,

Sumiko