



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of WINIR
In Lugano, Switzerland, Friday 24 April 2015, 11:45-13:00 CET.**

1	<p>Attendance: About 30 WINIR members, including the WINIR Secretary and Publicity Officer. The WINIR President and WINIR Treasurer were unable to attend and had presented their apologies.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting in Greenwich, London, UK, Saturday 13 September 2014, 16.45-17:45 BST were agreed as a correct record. There was no matter arising from the minutes.</p>
3	<p>Report of the Secretary:</p> <p>Geoff Hodgson (WINIR Secretary) gave a report on the progress of WINIR since its formation. He also outlined plans for WINIR events in the future.</p> <p>There were a number of questions from the meeting. A concern was expressed regarding the relatively low proportion of women attending the Lugano Symposium. In response the Secretary confirmed that it was WINIR policy to take the matter of gender balance very seriously. This had not been done with the choice of keynotes for the Symposium, and on behalf of WINIR he apologised for that failure. But this alone could not explain the relatively low number of female participants. He informed the meeting that the gender balance had been better at the WINIR 2014 Conference and was also better in regard to the authors of accepted abstracts for the WINIR 2015 Conference. He promised to continue to treat this issue as a priority.</p> <p>A WINIR member raised the possibility of organising WINIR-sponsored workshops or seminars. The Secretary responded that this is new territory at the moment, but that suggestions were welcome and procedures would be established.</p>
4	<p>Report of the Treasurer:</p> <p>Francesca Gagliardi (WINIR Treasurer) had submitted written WINIR accounts for 1 Sep 2013 to 31 August 2014. These were presented on her behalf and approved by the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Report of the Publicity Officer:</p> <p>David Gindis (WINIR Publicity Officer) gave a report on the development of the WINIR website and other related initiatives. He also presented data on WINIR membership.</p>
6	<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed.</p>