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## EARSeL Communication from the Bureau

Dear EARSeL member,

Even if many European countries decided to close their borders making physical meetings impossible to organize, the EARSeL Bureau is virtually meeting each month and we are also very happy that after more than one year without events another EARSeL event is taking place, the EARSeL Joint Workshop "EO for sustainable cities and communities" <https://liege2021.earsel.org>.

We would also like to keep you updated with EARSeL activities through this communication letter. The topics are as follows:

- 1. EARSeL Symposium 2021: Call for abstracts**
- 2. EARSeL Bureau elections**
- 3. Final budget 2020, budget plan 2021 and financial audit 2020**
- 4. New agreement with Taylor & Francis for publications in the EUJRS**
- 5. Call for applications for the positions of SIG-chairpersons (next steps)**



## 1. EARSeL Symposium 2021: Call for abstracts

We cordially invite you to submit a paper to the 40<sup>th</sup> EARSeL Symposium "European Remote Sensing - New Solutions for Science and Practice" which will be organised as a virtual event (Google Meet/Zoom platform) from **7 to 10 June 2021!**

The Symposium will also include the following 2 workshops:

[9<sup>th</sup> EARSeL Workshop on Remote Sensing of Coastal Zone](#) and

[2<sup>nd</sup> EARSeL Workshop on Unmanned Aerial Systems](#)

Papers will be presented orally and as posters.

For abstract submission, please visit the [EARSeL Conference Administration Tool](#).

### KEY DATES

- **Due date for abstract submission: 15.04.2021**
- Notification of authors: 03.05.2021
- Submission of revised abstracts: 12.05.2021
- **Due date for the Symposium fee payment of authors: 12.05.2021**
- Final program: 22.05.2021
- Deadline for general Symposium registration: 31.05.2021

For more information please go to <http://symposium.earsel.org/40th-symposium-Warsaw/home/>.

## 2. EARSeL Bureau elections

According to the EARSeL statutes the positions of Bureau have to be elected every two years. Due to the pandemic and the postponement of the 40<sup>th</sup> EARSeL Symposium from 2020 to 2021, it was decided to also postpone the Bureau elections to 2021.

It's now time to launch the **Call for applications for the 4 positions of the EARSeL Bureau Term July 2021 - June 2023.**

In May 2021, the EARSeL Council of elected National Representatives shall vote on the offices of:

1. **President**
2. **Vice-President**
3. **Secretary General**
4. **Treasurer**



You will soon receive an email from the EARSeL Office and the call will also be posted on the EARSeL website. We can already inform you that the deadline for submission of applications for Bureau positions to the EARSeL Office will be Friday **30 April 2021!**

### **3. Final budget 2020, budget plan 2021 and financial audit 2020**

#### **Budget 2020:**

Despite a very good financial result from the 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Land Ice and Snow, organised by Stefan Wunderle in February 2020, incomes were much lower due to the postponement of all other EARSeL events, whereas the expenses were comparable to 2019. Therefore, the financial result for 2020 was negative.

#### **Financial Audit 2020:**

As in previous years, our honorary member Prof. Karsten Jacobsen agreed to carry out the association's financial audit for the year 2020. He verified the payment processes and the financial books of EARSeL in March 2021. The audit has resulted in no complaint. At this point, the Bureau would like to take this opportunity again to thank Karsten very much for his work and support. If interested, the results of the audit can be requested from the EARSeL office.

#### **Budget plan 2021:**

Income from membership fees will be lower following the decision by the Bureau to reduce the membership fee by 50% in 2021. Travel expenses (missions) will hardly be incurred in 2021 due to the Corona crisis, but other expenses will be comparable to 2020.

The Joint Workshop in Liège is expected to have a positive financial result, as the local organisers could attract a good number of sponsors. This is good news. The Bureau and the local organisers of the virtual Symposium in Warsaw are also expecting a positive result for this event.

Nevertheless, the Bureau expects another negative financial result for the year 2021 but anticipates a significant improvement and a return to a positive financial result in 2022 when the Corona crisis is hopefully under control.



#### 4. New agreement with Taylor & Francis on publications in the EUJRS

In the last communication in December 2020, the Bureau mentioned that Taylor&Francis will provide a 15% discount code for EARSeL affiliated submissions to the European Journal of Remote Sensing, i.e. general papers that are submitted and accepted for publication in the journal. The agreement between EARSeL and T&F has been signed on February 23, 2021 and you have received the new 2021 code for the 15% discount by email together with the procedure on how to submit an abstract to EuJRS.

This code is not to be confused with the higher APC discount (subsidized by EARSeL) that we offer to participants at EARSeL events who publish in an EARSeL special issue/supplement following the event!

#### 5. Call for applications for the positions of SIG-chairpersons (next steps)

We are happy to announce that the call for applications for the positions of SIG-chairpersons was a success as we received candidacies for almost all SIGs and many of them were submitted by young members. The next steps are:

- April 2021: Election of new SIG chairpersons for a 4 years mandate by the Council members
- June 2021: Approval of election results

Best regards

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