



Minutes

1) Welcome and Introductions

Nikos Michalopoulos, IARA President, presided meeting.

Attendees introduced themselves, 25 members attended (17 in Tampere and 8 via Zoom), representing the following Aerosol Associations of the following countries/regions:

Israel (1), United Kingdom (1), Spain (1), United States of America (2), Hungary (2), Germany (2)

Nordic (1) Finland (2), Europe (2), France (2), Italy (1)

Online: Japan (2), China (3), USA (2), Mexico (1)

Minutes prepared by Graciela Raga, IARA Secretary (via virtual connection)

2) Approval of Minutes

Nikos distributed and circulated the draft minutes by email to be reviewed in advance. Graciela introduced and discussed the minutes from the meeting held during the Hybrid IARA Board Meeting @EAC2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's Report

Presented by Jim Smith from AAAR who will be replaced by Jess Kroll in Oct 2024. Status of the accounts held on behalf of IARA. One general account + 2 accounts for awards. Full report on current accounts shared by Jim Smith, shown as Annex I below.

4) Website Report and New Website Coordinator

Nikos informed that Prof Biswas had suggested that AAAR take over the IARA webpage from Junji Cao (CAAST). The transfer of the site was finalized in early 2024 and is managed by Virtual Inc. However, there is currently no one from IARA in charge of updating the content on the page (e.g. minutes, upcoming events, etc).

Action item: Fan Mei will discuss issue within AAAR and in a separate meeting with Nikos, Junji and Graciela will define a liaison to update content.

5) Update on upcoming international aerosol conferences

a) Junji Cao presented an update from the organization of IAC2026 in Xian, China, status of several committees, 3 plenary speakers already invited, more to come. Several sub-committed already in place, but more members to be recruited. Looking for additional financial support. Expected 4000 participants. Registration fees in line with those in Athens.

b) Brief update by Graciela Raga on IAC2030, which will be hosted by AAAR in collaboration with ALACEA in Mexico City. Brief update on the ALACEA membership (currently 194), sub-committees and ongoing activities.

6) Updates on other Aerosol Conferences and News

a. EAC 2024, Tampere, Finland, August 25-30, 2024

This conference is ongoing, with about 1000 participants, ~400 oral presentations and ~600 posters

b. AAAR 2024, Albuquerque, USA, October 21-25, 2024,

This conference is upcoming and expected to have about 800 participants.

7) **Future IARA Board Meeting Location**

Potential locations for meeting:

i) AAAR 43rd Annual Conference October 13-17, 2025, Buffalo, New York

ii) EAC2025 31 Aug – 5 Sept in Lecce, southern Italy

Decision on location for board meeting in 2025 will be made later.

8) **Other Items**

Awards:

No awards have been presented since IAC2022 in Athens. There is a need to restart the process to get nominations and present awards as soon as possible to maintain continuity. Three awards are presented by IARA:

i) **The Fuchs Memorial Award** recognizes outstanding original research contributions to the field of aerosol science and technology. It is considered the highest honor for researchers in the field, and it memorializes late Professor Nikolai Albertovich Fuchs, the great Russian scientist who is regarded by many as the “father of aerosol science”. The award is sponsored by GaF, AAAR and JAAST and is presented every four years at the International Aerosol Conference.

ii) **The Fissan-Pui-TSI Award** is granted by the IARA to recognize international collaboration in the field of aerosol science and technology between researchers/engineers residing on at least two different continents. The award may be shared between two or more collaborating individuals or teams.

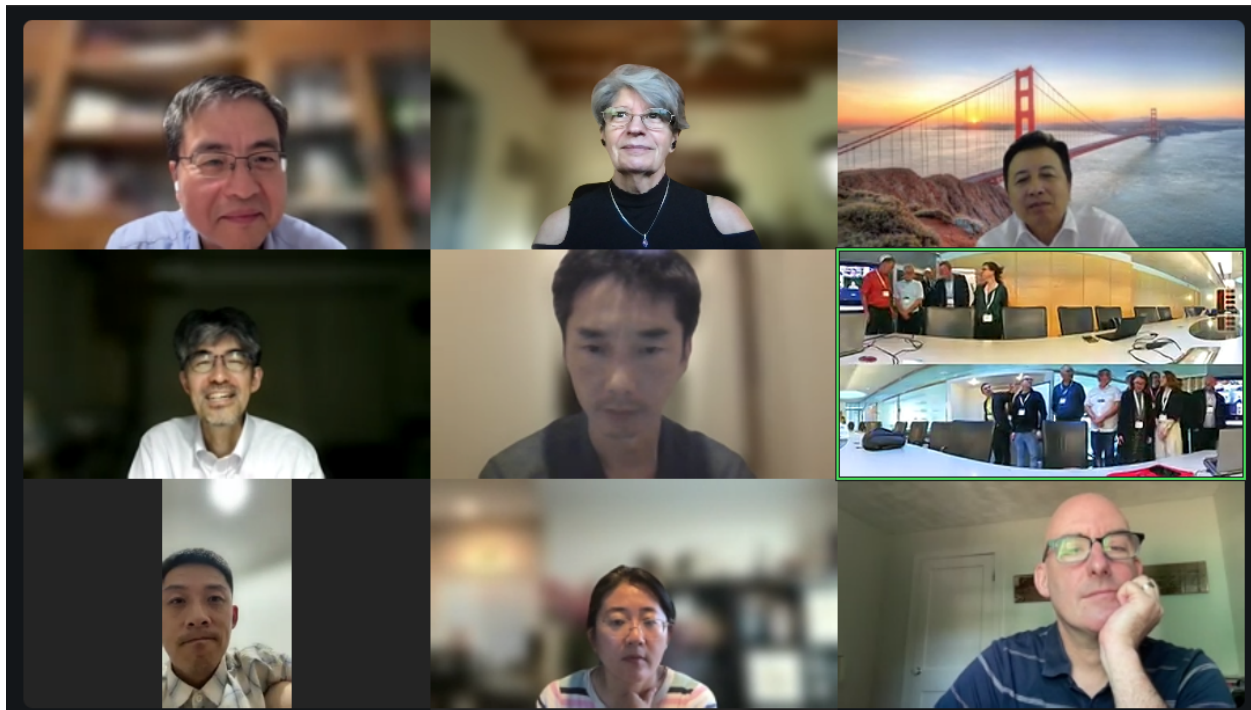
iii) **The International Aerosol Fellow Award** is granted to recognize outstanding contributions to Aerosol Science and Technology through research, technical development, education and service. The Award committee consists of six members selected by the IARA delegates and appointed by the IARA President. The committee may include one or more IARA delegates and other individuals drawn from IARA member societies. The committee reviews all nominations in a closed session on a one vote per member basis. (contact hanna.vehkamaki@helsinki.fi)

Action item: IARA officers will take lead to move forward and propose members for the various selection committees (need to be chaired by IARA’s VP?). Announce Call for Nominations on web page and through member associations. Awards will be presented at IAC2030.

Confirmed participants (as per identification from photos, apologies for not including everyone)

Nikos Michalopoulos, Konstantinos Eleftheriadis, Imre Salma, Daniele Contini, David Brady, José Luis Castillo, Evelyne Gehin, Junji Cao, Shuncheng Lee, Graciela Raga, Hiromu Sakurai, Akinori Takami, Fan Mei, Jim Smith,

9) Group Photo



IARA Treasurer’s Report
27 August 2024
Jim Smith, Treasurer

AAAR has a money market (MM) account at Citizen’s Bank for the IARA account. These funds were moved to a MM to avoid fees. This account requires a minimum balance of \$2,500 – anything below \$2,500 incurs a monthly fee of \$9.99. With a MM, account the maximum withdrawals are 6 monthly, which is just fine for IARA.

MM account status	(6/30/24 vs 6/30/23)	
1107 · Citizens Bank - IARA	\$7,085	\$5,538

IARA’s main activity is to facilitate the International Aerosol Conference every 4 years as well as to award prizes such as the Fuchs and Fuissan-Pui-TSI International Awards. These award funds are also part of our portfolio managed by Condor Capital. AAAR financed the migration of the IARA website to PODI (aka “Potomac Digitek,” the company that hosts AAAR’s website) and PODI has been hosting the site since March 2023.

The main expenses in this account are the maintenance of the website (currently \$35/mo), and any plaques that are given out at IAC. Once a year, every March, the AAAR treasurer requests a transfer of \$420 from the IARA account to AAAR’s operating account to reimburse AAAR for the web hosting charges.

Income for this account comes from the host of the IAC conference, which is supposed to contribute 3 * full registration fees into this account following the IAC. This was done for the last IAC back in spring.

Award account status	(6/30/24 vs 6/30/23)	
1090 · Schwab/Cndr Fuchs (3046)	\$61,584	\$57,622
1084 · Schwab/Cndr Fissan-Pui/TSI (3660)	\$147,619	\$130,102

Action Item: Jim will ask AAAR treasurer to find out when the last disbursements of the award funds were made.