

## VIII-A-FACSS-SciX 2017

### **FACSS Report for SAS by Greg Klunder**

The spring FACSS Governing Board Meeting was held at PittCon at the McCormick Place Convention Center on March 4, 2017. SAS representatives on hand included Diane Parry, Mike Carrabba, and Greg Klunder.

FACSS has accepted a new member society, the Austrian Society for Analytical Chemistry (ASAC) bringing the total number to 13. Members of the ASAC have been regularly attending and organizing for the SciX conference and this was a logical fit for the Federation.

Elections were held for several key positions and Mike George was elected as the Governing Board Chair for 2021-22 succeeding Fred LaPlant, Program Chair for SciX 2019 (Palm Springs) will be Garth Simpson and the General Chair will be Mark Hayes.

Diane Parry was unanimously confirmed to be honored as a Distinguished Service Awardee for all of her contributions to FACSS and SciX, including her service as Governing Board Chair (2006), FACSS Long-Range Planning Committee Member and Chair, FACSSmetrician (survey data analysis), SAS President and delegate the FACSS Governing Board, and P&G lunch sessions at FACSS/SciX.

Duncan Graham provided an update on the Spring SciX meeting to be held in Glasgow, Scotland in April, 2018. This meeting will be held at the University of Strathclyde and is anticipating approximately 300 attendees. This is being branded as a 'FACSS Presents' event and will broaden the exposure of SciX to the UK and Europe.

The SciX 2018 meeting will be held in Atlanta and will be a co-meeting with the International LIBS Conference with an estimated 170 additional attendees. Atlanta is a tier 1 city and will be costlier than other locations and the 2018 team is making efforts to reduce expenses including reducing the number of complimentary registrations. This will put more responsibility on the session chairs to seek sponsorship to pay for speakers' registrations in their sessions. A current discussion is also ongoing that would move the AES National meeting to SciX starting in 2018. Details are still being negotiated and further information should be available after the Reno meeting.

Finally, future sites for SciX 2022 and 2023 are under consideration. The schedule is as follows: Reno 2017, Atlanta 2018, Palm Springs 2019, Reno 2020, and Providence 2021.

On behalf of the SAS representatives to FACSS, respectfully submitted by Greg Klunder.

