

Minutes of the Accreditation Committee Meeting 2008 SSC Annual Meeting

The meeting was held on Thursday May 29 2008 at 12:15-1:00 pm in Ottawa University.

Present:

Angers, Jean François

Bocci, Cynthia

Chipman, Hugh

Hamilton, David

Pageau, François

Rubin-Bleuer, Susana

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in St Johns.
3. How to elect the chair of the Committee? Will ask if Carl could start discussion on the subject.
4. Suggestions on Improvements of the Approval Process
 - Some kind of reviewing training for accreditation committee members
 - If there is disagreement between the two reviewers, and it is send to general discussion, members would like to see the pro and con arguments given by the initial reviewers
 - Some feedback on evaluations from the president or from other experienced reviewers
 - Change the perception on the process: it is perceived by the potential applicants as a burden on the applicant and a burden on the references; also the examples given are intimidating
5. Marketing needed – ideas were offered in the general meeting (lobby the scientific journals, laboratories, etc. to demand overview by a P.Stat before experiments, surveys are conducted, etc.), but who can implement them?
6. Adjournment.