

H.O. Foundation: Activity Report 2020

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Activities in 2020:

After awarding the Harry Otten Prize for the fourth time in 2019, the year 2020 was mainly used for preparing the next round of the award to be finished in September 2021. The foundation executed a number of advertisement campaigns to attract applications for the Harry Otten Prize.

The Board installed two new Board members: per 1 January 2020 Dennis Schulze (Germany) and per 1 July 2020 Aurora Bell (Australia). The treasurer David Burrige resigned from the Board per 1 May 2020 and Dennis Schulze took over all financial responsibilities. Aurora Bell filled in the vacancy in the Board created by Tanja Cegnar who left the Board per 1 January 2020.

As Leo Kroon will finish his second term as Board member per 31 December 2020, a successor was selected in the person of Gert-Jan Steeneveld (Netherlands) who will join the Board per 1 January 2021. From that day on Pamela Emch will take over as Chairman of the Board.

On 1 June 2020, the European Meteorological Society (EMS) and the Harry Otten Foundation formalized their close cooperation. A *Memorandum of Understanding*, signed by both Robert Riddaway (President of the EMS) and Leo Kroon (Chairman of the Harry Otten Foundation), specifies the arrangements for the Harry Otten Prize that is awarded biennially at the EMS Annual Meeting. The agreement is based on their shared vision of advancing meteorology for the benefit of society within Europe and elsewhere and states the responsibilities of both parties as well as financial and legal arrangements.

The following formal meetings were held:

Telephone Conference:	June 23, 2020
Teams video conference:	September 8, 2020
Teams video conference	November 4, 2020
Teams video conference:	December 9, 2020

The following persons acted as board members:

- Leo Kroon (Chairman)
- David Burrige (Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, until 1 May 2020)
- Dennis Schulze (Treasurer from 1 May 2020)
- Pamela Emch
- Olivier Boucher
- Aurora Bell (from 1 July 2020)

All active board members participated in the conferences (Note that Leo Kroon did not participate in the November 4 meeting in which his successor was selected).