



**European Federation of  
Immunological Societies**

## **EFIS General Assembly**

3<sup>rd</sup> European Congress of Immunology (ECI 2012) Glasgow, UK  
September 6th, 2012 - 16:15 – 19.00  
Room Gala 1 - Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre

## **Minutes**

*In attendance:*

- EFIS Board: Catherine Sautès-Fridman, Lorenzo Moretta, Stefan Kaufman, Hannes Stockinger, Anna Erdei
- EFIS Cordinator: Astrid Hahner
- EFIS President's Office: Tom Wiley
- Other participants: Constantin N. Baxevanis, Hans-Gustaf Ljunggren, Vito Pistoia, Angela Santoni, René A.W. van Lier
- 39 (out of 43 invited) Delegates of the 29 EFIS member Societies (see Table, page 2)

1. **Adoption of the Agenda and approval of the Minutes of the last EFIS General Assembly held in Berlin** (<https://www.efis.org/the-federation/statutes-and-minutes/index.html>)

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the EFIS General Assembly held in Berlin were approved.

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**Table 1 - EFIS Member Societies' Delegates in attendance**

<b>EFIS Member Society</b>	<b>Delegates</b>
Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology (ÖGAI)	Winfried Pickl, Gerhard Zlabinger
Belgian Immunological Society (BIS)	Kris Huygen
British Society for Immunology (BSI)	Lindsay Nicholson, Arne Akbar
Bulgarian Society for Immunology (BuSI)	Andrey Tomorbanov
Croatian Immunological Society (HID)	Bojan Pajic.
Czech Immunological Society (CIS)	Blanka Rihova
Dutch Society for Immunology (NVVI)	René van Lier, Linde Meyaard, René Toes
Estonian Society for Immunology and Allergology (EIAS)	Kai Kisand
French Immunological Society (SFI)	Roland Liblau, Eliane Piaggio, Jean-Luc Teillaud
Georgian Association of Allergology and Clin. Imm.	Bevaz Sepiashvili
German Society for Immunology (DGfI)	Dieter Kabelitz, Reinhold Schmidt, Werner Solbach
Hellenic Society of Immunology (HSI)	M. Varla-Leftherioti
Hungarian Society for Immunology (MIT)	Marta Szell
Immunological Society of Serbia (ISoS)	Alisa Gruden Movsesijan
Immunology Society of Slovenia (ISS)	Vladka Curin
Irish Society for Immunology (ISI)	Christine Loscher
Israel Immunological Society (IIS)	Ramit Mehr
Italian Soc. for Immunology Clin Imm and Allergy (SIICA)	Vincenzo Barnaba, Massimo Locati
Latvian or Baltic Society for Immunology (BaIS)	No delegate in attendance
Lithuanian Society for Immunology (LSI)	No delegate in attendance
Polish Soc off Fundamental and Clin Immunology (PTDiK)	Włodzimierz Masliński
Portuguese Society for Immunology (SPI)	Bruno Silvo-Santos
Romanian Society for Immunology (SRAIC)	No delegate in attendance
Russian Society for Immunology (RSI)	Sergei Nedospasov
Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI)	Roland Jonsson, Steffen Thiel, Hanna Jarva
Slovak Immunological Society (SIS)	Buc Milan
Spanish Society for Immunology (SEI)	Dolores Jaraquemada, Margarita Del Val
Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology (SGAI)	Federica Sallusto
Turkish Society of Immunology (TSI)	Gunnur Deniz, Gaye Erten

## **2. Matters arising**

C. Sautès-Fridman announced a slight change to the order of Agenda items, namely the shifting of the election of new EFIS Board Members (2012-2015: Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer) and the new Editor-in-Chief (EiC) of Immunology Letters (item 8) before the presentation of bids and voting on the venue for the European Congress of Immunology - ECI 2018 (item 7).

## **3. President's report (Catherine Sautès-Fridman – report see attachment No. 1)**

All in favor of approval of report.



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**4. Secretary's report**

Anna Erdei recalls that thanks to the revenues deriving from the two official EFIS-journals; Immunology Letters and European Journal of Immunology, several activities and financial supports were made possible, as the President pointed out in her report. This also raised the workload of the Board, which could be smoothly handled due to the devoted work of Astrid Hahner and Marie Beuzard working in the EFIS Offices. Their professionalism had been recognized and appreciated by several member societies. She emphasized that maintaining contact with the National Societies is an important but sometimes difficult task. She asked the representatives to inform the EFIS Office about changes in the board and contact address of their society. She closed by thanking National Societies for collaboration and invited further good work.

All in favor of approval of reports.

**5. Treasurer's report (Hannes Stockinger- report see attachment No. 2)**

All in favor of approval of reports.

**6. Immunology Letters (IL) Editor-in Chief's report (Angela Santoni)**

Angela Santoni recalled that she had been appointed in Berlin. The IF of IL remained the same (2.5 approximately), with 300 published articles/year seeming stable. This year 275 manuscripts had already been submitted, and this number would likely grow to 300 by end of 2012. There was a change in demographics, since submissions from Asia had increased. There were 2 special issues, one on Chemokines, the other one on the IMPULSE-meeting. She suggested that articles rejected from IL could be transferred to other Elsevier journals. She stated that she felt compelled to step down from the appointment due to overcommitment. She closed by thanking the Board for the opportunity and assured her commitment until the end of year.

**7. Election of new EFIS Board Members**

2012-2015: President-Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer and the new Editor in Chief (EIC) of Immunology Letters

***President-Elect***

The two candidates for President-Elect, Hans-Gustaf Ljunggren, nominated by the Scandinavian Society for Immunology, and René A.W. van Lier, nominated by the Dutch Society for Immunology, were invited to introduce themselves. Each candidate accepted the nomination, briefly reviewed their scientific and managerial qualifications, and took questions from the National delegates present on how each would pursue the appointment of President-Elect.

***Secretary General***

There were two candidates for the office: incumbent Secretary General Anna Erdei, nominated by the Hungarian Society for Immunology, and Ljiljana Sofronic-Milosavljevic, nominated by the Serbian Society for Immunology. The former accepted the nomination and expressed her gratitude for the support of the Board. The latter was not present, and a letter was read on her behalf.



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#### ***Treasurer***

The incumbent Treasurer, Hannes Stockinger, nominated by the Austrian Society for Immunology, was the only candidate. He accepted the nomination, but commented that, as per EFIS statutes, this would be his last term.

#### ***Editor-in-Chief of Immunology Letters***

The following nominations were received by the EFIS Office:

- Constantin N. Baxevanis, nominated by the Hellenic Society for Immunology;
- Armand Bensussan, nominated by the French Society for Immunology, was not in attendance, but a letter was read on his behalf by Hannes Stockinger;
- Vito Pistoia, nominated by the Italian Society for Immunology;
- Vera Pravica, nominated by the Serbian Society for Immunology, was not in attendance, and her nomination was withdrawn.

#### **8. *European Congress of Immunology - ECI 2018***

Presentation of bids and voting

Each presentation of bids lasted 5 minutes, followed by a short Q&A session. The bids were

- ECI 2018 Istanbul, on behalf of the Turkish Society for Immunology;
- ECI 2018 Dublin, on behalf of the Irish Society for Immunology;
- ECI 2018 Copenhagen, on behalf of the Scandinavian Society for Immunology;
- ECI 2018 Barcelona, on behalf of the Spanish Society for Immunology; this bid was withdrawn, but would be re-presented for ECI 2021.

### **OUTCOME OF VOTING**

#### **President-elect**

- Hans-Gustaf Ljunggren received 18 out of 44 votes
- René A.W. van Lier received 26 out of 44 votes

**René A.W. van Lier** was elected as EFIS President-Elect 2012-2015

#### **Secretary General**

- Anna Erdei received 42 out of 44 votes
- Ljiljana Sofronic-Milosavljevic received 2 out of 44 votes

**Anna Erdei** was confirmed as EFIS Secretary General 2012-2015

#### **Treasurer**

- Hannes Stockinger received 44 out of 44 votes

**Hannes Stockinger** was unanimously confirmed as EFIS Treasurer 2012 - 2015



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## Editor-in-Chief of Immunology Letters

### First Voting

- Constantin N. Baxevanis received 14 out of 44 votes
- Armand Bensussan received 15 out of 44 votes
- Vito Pistoia received 15 out of 44 votes
- Vera Pravica - Nomination withdrawn

### Second voting

- Armand Bensussan (French Society) - 20 votes
- Vito Pistoia (Italian Society) - 22 votes

Note: two delegates had left the meeting between the first and second voting

**Vito Pistoia** was elected as new Editor-in-Chief of Immunology Letters

## 9. Adoption of the updated EFIS Statutes

The updated statutes were unanimously approved and adopted.

## 10. Farewell by outgoing Past President, Stefan Kaufmann

## 11. Address by the incoming EFIS President, Lorenzo Moretta

## 12. Address by the elected President-Elect, Rene van Lier

## 13. Address by the elected IL Editor-in-Chief, Vito Pistoia

## 14. Announcement of the results on of voting – bids to organize ECI 2018

- *Copenhagen received 9 votes out of 43 votes*
- *Dublin received 9 votes out of 43 votes*
- *Istanbul 25 votes out of 43 votes*

Note: one of two delegates who had left the meeting (see above) returned.

**Istanbul** was selected to host ECI 2018

## 15. Closing by the outgoing EFIS President, Catherine Sautès-Fridman

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President's Report



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EFIS aims

To support education and scientific exchange

# EFIS priorities 2009-2012

- 1-To help young scientists in their education, professional development and in their collaborations
- 2-To develop links with clinical immunology
- 3-To support activities for the general public
- 4-To increase communication and raise national societies voices



1-To help young scientists in their education, professional development and in their collaborations

- 500 travel grants for ECI2009, 2012 and ICI2010
- 50 EFIS-IL fellowships

## 2-To develop links with clinical immunology

- since 2009 we organize **EFIS SESSIONS on the recent advances in basic immunology** at the annual rheumatology meetings of the EULAR,
- we organize **EULAR symposia during the ECI's.**

This year the EULAR – EFIS Symposium is on :  
AUTOIMMUNITY, Sept. 7th, 10.45-12.45 am (Forth)

2-To develop links with clinical immunology

- **We organized a special course “EFIS-EJI Annual Course on Innovative Immunology-based therapies” for scientists and practitioners**
- This course is a tremendous success. We are now preparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition and hope to welcome as much young Europeans from the scientific and medical fields.
- This meeting is “scientifically endorsed” by EULAR
- Future plans : links with EAACI and other federations

## 2.To develop links with clinical immunology

- **EFIS joined the ALLIANCE for Biomedical Research in Europe**
- EFIS joined a grouping of 21 health research associations called "the Alliance for biomedical Research in Europe" and representing 250 000 researchers.
- •The EFIS is member of the core working group of the Alliance together with the FEBS, ECCO, EHA etc...
- •The Alliance is working with a **high level group** of eminent opinion leaders and advisors from biomedical sciences.
- It is promoting the creation of a "**European council for health research**"

### 3-To support activities for the general public

- In 2009, we launched the book “Your Amazing Immune System” as our main activity and it was a great success! We will now need to reprint for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time!
- -In 2010: our main activity for the DoI was to support the translation of “Your Amazing Immune System”. Which is now available in 18 languages
- **One of my goals at the EFIS presidency was to develop communication tools for lay people.**
- **- DOI 2011 : “Get Inside Your immune System”: The 1<sup>st</sup> Web-Exhibition on Immunology!**
- **-DoI 2012: “Your Amazing Immune System”: The 1st INTERACTIVE BOOK on Immunology!**

## 4-To increase communication and raise national societies voices

- **EFIS Newsletter**
- to over 3000 members (ECI mailing list).
- It advertises :
  - -EFIS sponsored meetings, and symposia
  - -ECI, travel grants
  - -EJI and IL news,
  - -Colleague's news (ie Frontiers in Immunology's release, PIVAC...).
- **Use it to communicate about your society !!**

## 4-To increase communication and raise national societies voices

- For the first time we have set up an ECI Village of national societies
- Through the collaboration of national societies : thanks to those who have supported this initiative and of EFIS
- Great success : 15 societies represented, strong attendance, lots of interactions going on thanks to the representatives of the national societies and the « Passport to prizes » game.

## 4-To increase communication and raise national societies voices

- **EFIS Website**
- We also refreshed our website for the occasion of ECI2015, and to adapt to our new needs of keeping members updated on our activities.



# FINAL

- **In conclusion, time flies and these three years of presidency were full of activities and passed very rapidly. Indeed all what I presented could not have been done without my colleagues and friends from the EFIS board with whom I enjoyed working with, and without Astrid Hahner, our administrative coordinator with whom many of you have been in contact with and Marie Beuzard, my close collaborator with whom I shared many great plans that turned into reality with such an apparent facility, and with such a great professionalism. Thanks all of you and thanks to all the EFIS**



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# EFIS Financial Report

**for the period**

**September 16, 2009 – August 31, 2012**

**EFIS General Assembly**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ECI, SECC Glasgow, Scotland**

**September 05, 2012**

Hannes Stockinger

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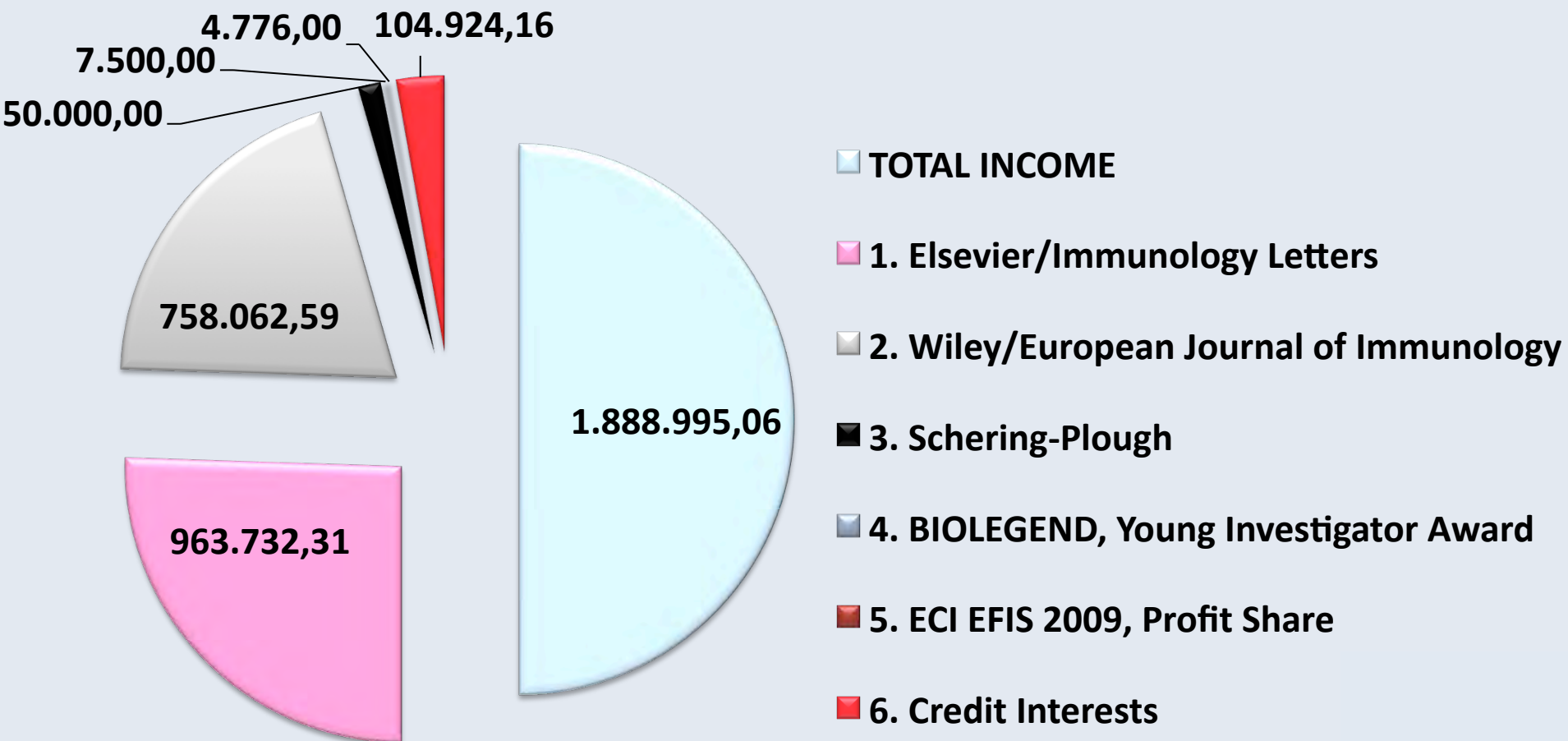
# Membership fee

- 0.00
- Prerequisite: being active (paying) IUIS member

- The balance sheet of each calendar year is reviewed by an external auditor
- 2009, 2010, 2011 were approved without any objection
- written reviews available on the desk

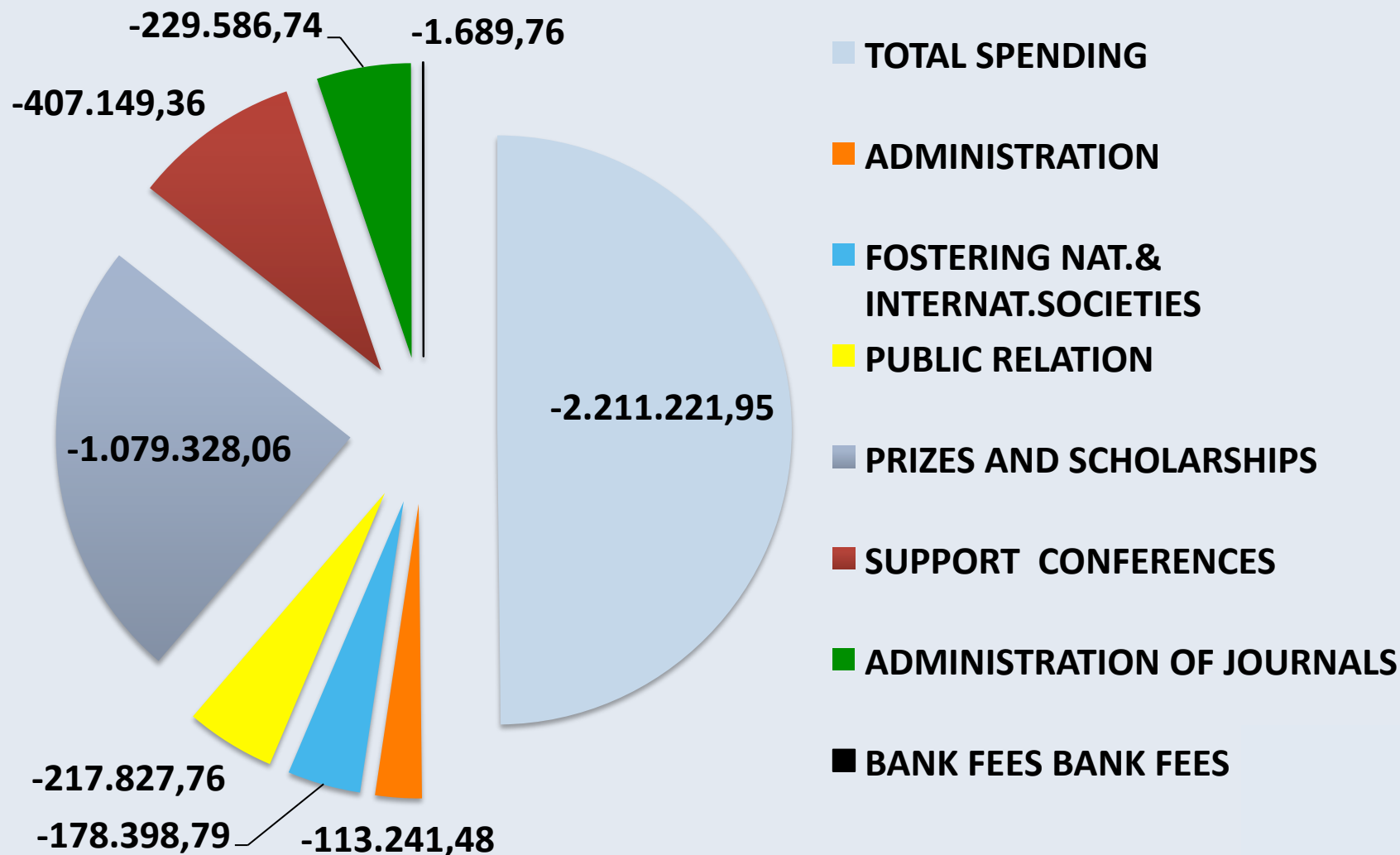
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September 16, 2009 – August 31, 2012



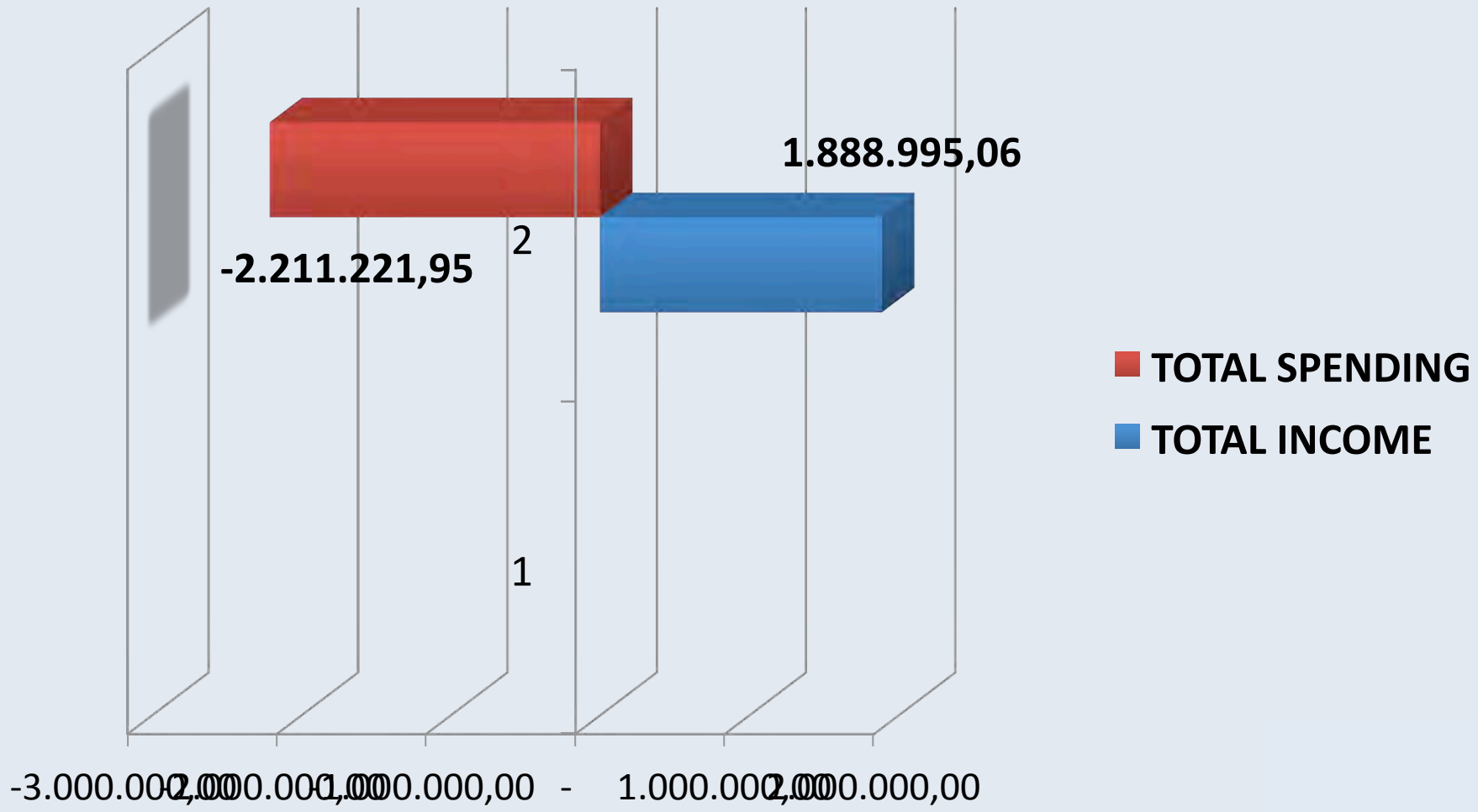
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September 16, 2009 – August 31, 2012

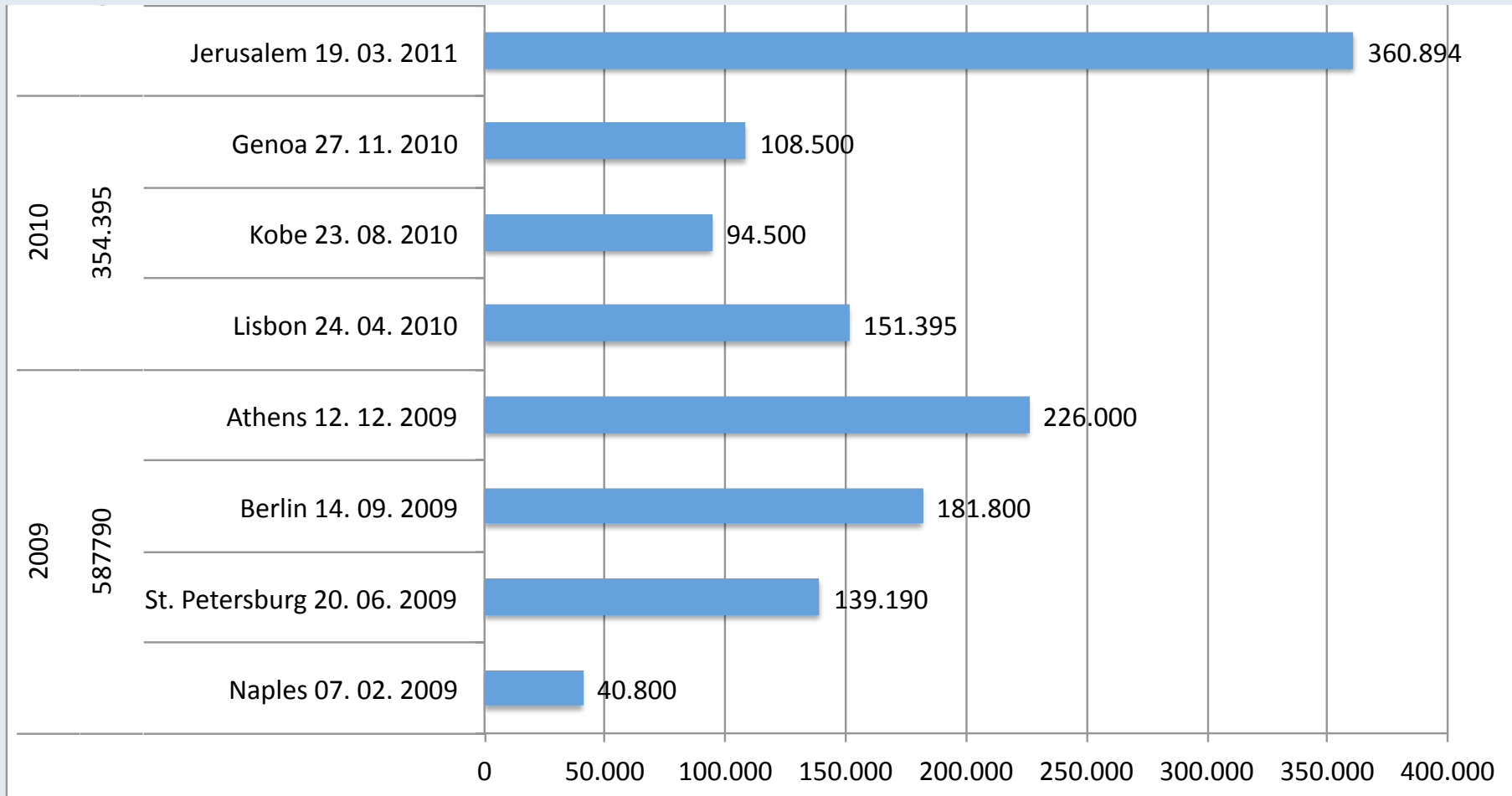


# INCOME/SPENDING

September 16, 2009 – August 31, 2012



# Decisions of Board Meetings 2009 – early 2011

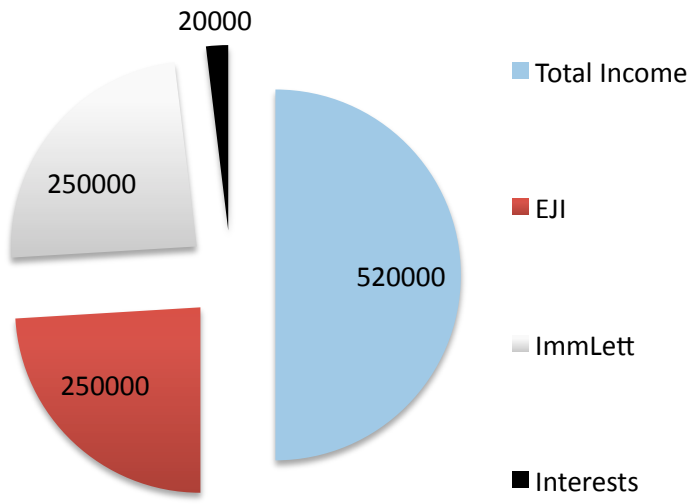




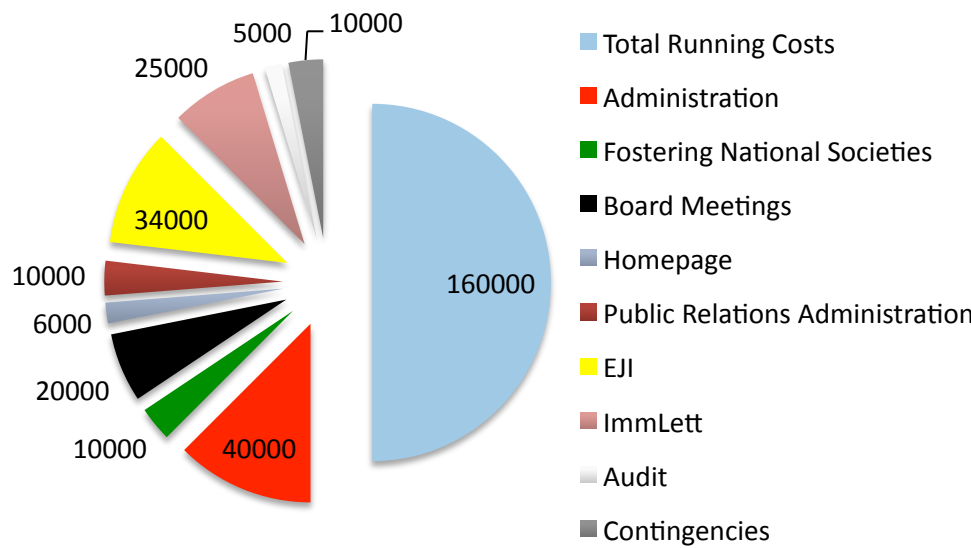


# Calculation of available grant money/board meeting

**Income/Year**



**Minimum Running Costs/Year**



Projection	
520.000,00	Income
-160.000,00	Running costs
360000	Subtotal
-60000	Saving for ECI
60000	From reserve/year
<b>360000</b>	<b>Total grant money/year divided 3</b>
<b>120000</b>	<b>Grant money/Board Meeting</b>

# Decisions of Board Meetings

2009 – 2012



Acceptance rate ~65%

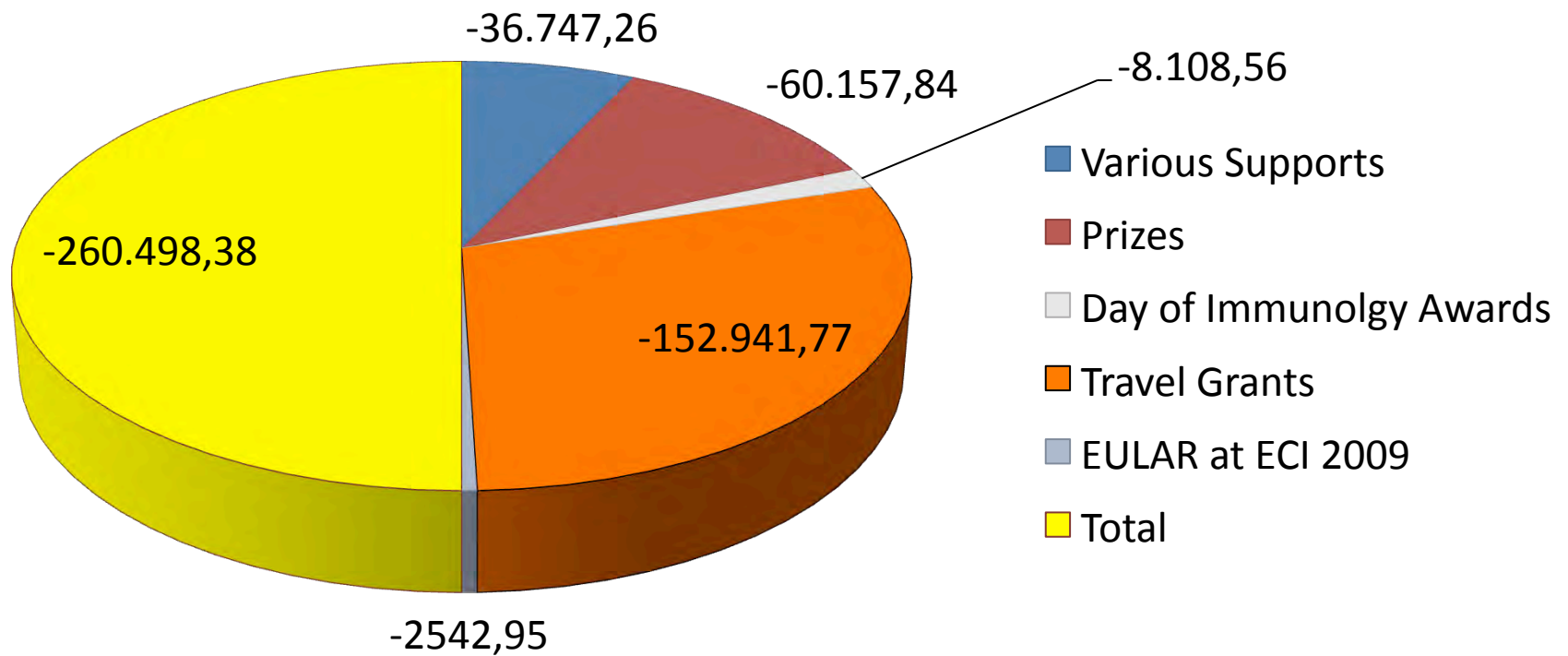
Acceptance rate ~90%



# EFIS-Support 3<sup>rd</sup> ECI 2012 Glasgow

<b>EFIS Support 3rd ECI Congress Glasgow 2012</b>		<b>-228.500,00</b>
1.	200 scholarships a 600 Euros	-120.000,00
2.	Ita Askonas EFIS-EJI Woman Award plus accomodation, travel and registration	-12.000,00
3.	BioLegend Young Investigator Award plus accomodation, travel and registration	-10.000,00
4.	Dol prizes plus accomodation, travel and registration	-12.000,00
5.	Best cited original paper in IL plus accomodation, travel and registration	-7.000,00
6.	Best cited review paper in IL plus accomodation, travel and registration	-7.000,00
7.	EFIS Board Meeting (free speakers and chairpersons)	-12.000,00
8.	Administration of supports	-6.000,00
9.	EFIS booth and merchandaries	-20.000,00
10.	EULAR Symposium plus accomodation, travel and registration	-12.500,00
11.	ORPHEUS Symposium	-5.000,00
12.	Caterings	-5.000,00

# EFIS-Support 2<sup>nd</sup> ECI 2009 Berlin



# Financial status by balance sheet

(August 31, 2012)

- **MAIN (IL): 247,090.72**

- **EFIS-EJI: 208,892.73**

Interest rate\*: 0-10,000=0.125%; 2,500-50,000= 0.250%; >50,000=2.000%

- **Reserve: 736,340.90**

bonded 1 year, interest rate: 2.375%

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- **TOTAL 1.210,096.63**