



The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

Minutes 4th Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (EC) (2013-2018)

October Sunday 9, 2016 [0900 to 1700]-Monday 10, 2016 [0900 to 1100]

Venue: Forest Hills Room on the 5th Floor SHERATON BOSTON HOTEL 39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA 02199 + tour of Convention Center

Attendance: ISPP EC 2013-2018; Greg Johnson (President), Tom Evans (Vice President), Serge Savary (Vice President), Zamir Punja (Treasurer), Brenda Wingfield, (Secretary General)
+ Betty Ford, Amy Hope and Sally Miller (ICPP2018 Organizing Committee) (Monday 10 til 11.00 am)

Apologies: Lodovica Gullino (Immediate Past President)

1 **Welcome, agreement on agenda** (Brenda)

2 **Minutes of 3rd Meeting ISPPEC 2013-2018 - Attachment 1 (a)**

- Actions Arising –Matters arising from the minutes are included in the agenda.
Motion 3/2 from Minutes Att 1(b) completed and reflected in the minutes
Minutes approved by Tom and Greg

Action 1: Minutes to be sent to Peter Williamson to be put on the APS web site (Brenda)
(detailed treasurer's report excluded from posting)

Action 2: Suggestion that we need a place to house archive of ISPP documents (Brenda and Greg) (Many docs are already archived on ISPPwebsite – Peter W to comment)

3 **President's Report**

- *Attachment 2a* (Greg) : Report accepted by meeting there was a request to change the current format of Appendix 2 (a) to include an update on what has been done (See EC Meeting papers Attachment 2 (a)- ISPP Achievements 2008-2013 and Work Plan for 2013-2018)

Action 3: Update report and change format five year plan (Greg)

Following the consideration on the president's report there was a discussion around the participation of the members of ISPP. In many instances members do not know who the councillors are in some cases the councillors do not know that they are councillors.

The specific issue regarding the BSPP hesitation to pay the membership dues was discussed.

Action 4: The names of the councillors need to be included in the newsletter.

- *Attachment 2 b* (Serge)– Current Subject Matter Committees was presented
There is need to find a Chair for the Molecular Plant Pathology and Biotechnology SMC
Claude Fauquet contacted, but no reply; You Liang Peng contacted.

Action 5: A chair for Molecular Plant Pathology and Biotechnology SMC needs to be determined and the development of such a group fostered (Serge)

There was a suggestion that SMC chairs could be made councillors, or possibility just to have representation on council, this might need a constitutional change. Also a suggestion that the Jakob Eriksson representative could also have representation on council.

Action 6: Brenda and Greg to look into issue of SMC chairs, Secretariat and Jakob Eriksson Prize Commission Chair to have representation on council.

(A discussion paper prepared for Council by willing Councillors, past Councillors, SMC chairs, Society Presidents or Past Presidents who are not-EC members could make recommendations. e.g. for non-EC Committee – Khalid Makkouk (Arab Society); Piet Booncamp (Netherlands); Carolee Bull (Plant Bacterial Names Committee), Laura Mugnai (ISPP Councillor MPPU and Chair Grape Trunk Diseases committee) EC would need to draft background paper.

Discussion about the need for the ICPP organising committee to liaise with the SMC chairs regarding the ICPP 2018 meeting (in year prior to ICPP Greg wrote to Associated Societies and SMC Chairs and asked for reports and then followed up to get more reports in.

Action7: Tom Evans to follow up on whether SMC chairs have been contacted regarding ICPP 2018 session

- Attachment 2 c – Associated Societies (Greg/Peter W)

Current list presented

- Attachment 2 d --ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2018 Draft Agenda

(Greg/Brenda)

The Agenda was discussed.

One revision addition was made, that “item ii” needed to be the Jakob Eriksson Medal
Other suggestions changes are reflected on the Agenda document below, the exact time of the meeting needs to be confirmed as Tuesday 31st July from 18:30 to 21:30. It was decided that there would be refreshments before or after the meeting to encourage socialisation amongst the attendees (ICPP organisers need to check what is feasible within the time line as Security and catering cost issues may curtail the time we can stay).

4 ICPP2018 Planning

General discussion on Sunday followed by report from the ICPP2018 committee

- Attachment 3: websites

Presentation and Discussion regarding ICPP organisation: Tom Evans, Betty Ford, Amy Hope and Sally Miller (ICPP2018 Organizing Committee)

1. Trends in Content Development and Exchange of Science for Scientific meetings/congress
2. Program Update
Should include; Draft planning arrangements for ICPP2018
Scientific program of ICPP 2013 for 2018 planning
APS documents for ICPP2018 planning
Tentative Organizing Committee Structure for ICPP2018
3. Financial and Bursary Update and Bursary Discussion
4. Website and promotion
5. Tour of Hynes Convention Center meeting space

The tour of the convention centre was impressive. The convention centre has a lot of very nice space. The meeting attendees were impressed and have taken away a good idea of the possibilities. There was also discussion about how the space should be used for the ICPP 2018 meeting. The organisation committee will take these ideas forward.

The committee presented a power point presentation (PDF of Powerpoint report as Minutes Annex 1) and there was general discussion around some issues:

- (i) Cost sharing between ISPP and ICPP2018
- (ii) There are evening meetings as well and pre/post conference tours, the ICPP organisation committee needed to accommodate these in their timetable. Cost of evening meetings covered by ICPP2018 budget BUT the costs for any pre or post conference events would be separate to the ICPP 2018 meeting. In Beijing the Chinese did collect money for some pre/post congress events as part of registration.
- (iii) Request for a discount if there are bulk registrations. The details of how to deal with this needs to be sorted out (to discuss with Betty/Amy)
- (iv) Accommodation – there is a range of accommodation close to the conference centre. A special deal has been negotiated with some of the hotels and there are some cheaper options.
- (v) The conference centre has free internet
- (vi) There will be a change in the programme in that the Eriksson Award and presentation will be at the beginning of the meeting
- (vii) There needs to be attention to public forums. The possibility of TED talks was discussed, there are some other options being considered. (The Taskforce has proposed an evening at the Harvard Natural History Museum
- (viii) The ISPP council meeting will be on the Tuesday 31st July from 18:30 to 21:30
- (ix) The ISPP EC 2013-2018 meeting will be on the 28th and 29th July (Sat and Sun). (Incoming Executive members to join on 29th) There is a breakfast meeting of the incoming EC (2018-2023) on Thursday the 2nd August [Draft agenda needs to be sent ahead of time to current and incoming EC]
- (x) Need to ensure that we have some focus on crop health/loss at ICPP2018. Perhaps we need to ensure that there is a concurrent session (suggestion “Global impacts of Plant Epidemics”). Serge commented that his SMC had proposed a concurrent session on this topic as it is premature to have the Keynote session on the topic as had been proposed and accepted at the last Executive meeting in Pasadena.

Action 8: Draft Agendas to Executive meetings to be sent timeously to outgoing and incoming ISPP EC to ensure attendance (Brenda)

Action 9: Serge will follow up on some suggestions of persons to present/chair a session on crop health

5 Secretary's Report

Attachment 4 (Brenda) – report was presented

6 Treasurer's Report and ISPP Business Plan

- Attachment 5: (Zamir) separate pdf

Treasurers report was presented. The budget was approved.

It was noted that ISPP has bought the web sites ICPP 2023 and ICPP 2028 to ensure that the conference sites are then available to the ICPP organisers. After discussion report was revised after meeting (Minutes Annex 2)

A motion was approved to transfer US\$100 000 from business cheque account to higher yield account. This is done to start to set aside funds to buy out journal in 2013.

Action 10: Zamir to transfer funds to higher yielding account [suggestion is a Euro currency account account with Wells Fargo].

Tom Evans offered to look into establishing a Foundation with the initial aim of assisting in the buying out journal for ISPP.

Action 11: Tom to investigate the establishment of a (tax free) Foundation for ISPP (modelled on the APS Foundation)

7 Business Manager Report (Peter Williamson) Attachment 6:

Report was accepted

8 ISPP Publications Reports

8 (a) Journal of Food Security Report (Richard Strange) Attachment 7a

- (i) There was a discussion around the need to foreground Plant Pathology in the journal. One suggestion was to have an issue dedicated to Plant Disease. Another issue is that the link of the journal to ISPP is not that obvious.

Action 12: Editor to be contacted with the suggestion of having a volume dedicated to Plant Pathology (Greg)

The current editor Richard strange will retire shortly. We need to ensure that we have a Plant Pathologist on the editorial board but do we need the Chief Editor to be a Plant Pathologist? Current journal impact factor is decreasing, there is some competition in the Global Journal of Food Security which has an IF of >3, we need to “up our game”. A possible editorial appointment would be Stephen Waddington and it is suggested that Serge should become a senior editor on the journal and the Plant Pathologist.

Action 13: Conference call between Serge, Zamir, Greg and Stephen Waddington to discuss the appointment of the latter as the deputy editor in chief and to also discuss actions to ensure success of the journal and the links to ISPP.

Action 14: Conference call with Zuzana [from Springer], Greg and Serge about possible interventions to increase profile of the journal.

Action 15: Serge to make suggestions regarding improvements on journal.

8 (b) ISPP Books from ICPP2008 and ICPP2013 (Lodovica/Zuzana)

The EC 3rd meeting (8 2015) agreed to progress the commissioning of Books in the ISPP/Springer Series Plant Pathology in the 21st Century beyond books arising from ICPP plenaries to potentially include books based on Subject Matter Committee Workshops as well as books proposed by individuals or groups of individuals. The EC recognized that the Publishing agreement and royalty income would require varying to achieve this.

Past President, Professor Gullino indicated that she was willing to continue as Series editor under the expanded mandate and a Publishing Agreement has been signed with Springer (Attachment 7b (i)). Draft revisions to Springer contract on book series (Attachment 7b (ii)). Need to re-negotiate contract with Springer regarding the need to publish 4 volumes per year. Do we really want to do this and how do we take it forward. We know that Springer gets “approached” all the time with suggestions of books. Can we off to “vet” such suggestions and then assist with these? Decision is to proceed with the process and review this issue in 2017.

Action 16: Greg to work with Lodovica and Zuzana to revise the Series ‘blurb’ and then announce the expansion in ISPP Newsletter. **Serge** will then circulate to SMCs and ask if there is any interest from the chairs or the committees in writing a book

8 (c) Newsletter Report Attachment 7 (c) (Daniel)

Report was accepted. There was a discussion on how to support Daniel getting information for the newsletter. We could ask for input from the different societies. We could also add to the Terms of Reference to the councillors that to encourage reports on their society activities (Getting Societies to report to ISPP Council at ICPP i.e. every 5 years has been an effort in itself). These could be put in the newsletter and could give the newsletter better circulation and interest.

Action 17: Take the suggestion of having the societies contribute to the newsletter (and put ISPP Newsletter Editor on mailing list for Society news to the ICPP council meeting 2018 (added to the Agenda for this meeting)

9 ISPP Programme Priorities and Strategic Plan

- Appendix to President’s Report (*Att 2 (a)*) (revisit – via summary of key points)

10 ISPP administration (Brenda/Zamir /Peter W)

Still to be progressed: - ISPP Statutes and Rules – voting in Council by ISPP Secretariat (Editor in Chief, Newsletter Editor, Chair Taskforce, Business Manager

1st EC Action 4/6 It was noted that any Notice of Motion for ISPP Statutes and Rules should be sent to Council and EC by email at least one month before Council is requested to vote on amendments. While notice was given as required, a formal mechanism /procedure needs to be drafted. In future, Council Business should perhaps also be mentioned in ISPP Newsletter items. (Greg, Brenda, Peter)

Need to look at the statues to see what is stated and what can be accommodated.

Action 18: Draft the procedure of what notice and documents should be sent to Council for meeting (**Greg, Brenda and Peter**)

An updated 5 year draft report needs to be presented to the 2017 EC meeting (Greg and Brenda)

Action 19: 5 year draft report (**Brenda and Greg**)

There was a discussion regarding the cost of the current meeting. Members of the EC were asked to send invoices to Zamir if they needed the ISPP to cover their costs. Most EC members had covered their travel costs but ISPP would cover the accommodation.

11 Formalities for selection of venue for ICPP2023

- Discussion on what has already been completed and the process forward (**Brenda/Greg**)
There was feedback on the process on the selection of the ICPP 2023 bid. Four societies had put in bids. All were asked to sign a documents regarding the bidding process and the process forward should their bid be successful. ISPP reserves the right to negotiate the programme details. In future it might be necessary to restrict the number of pages in the “bid” document. We also need to give societies and people some guidelines regarding letters of support.

Action 20. Prepare report on ICPP2023 bidding process for next EC meeting (**Greg/Brenda**)

12 Election of 2018-2023 ISPP Executive - Attachment 9 (Lodovica)

The advertisement for nomination was discussed. This needs to be sent out in 2017. It is important that persons who are elected have sufficient time to plan to attend the 2018 meeting.

Action 21: Greg will ensure that the call for nominations is advertised, put on the web site and sent out using the list server.

13 World Directory of Plant Pathologists

During the meeting with APS ahead of the second EC meeting (8 2014) Greg Johnson raised with President of APS (Ric Bennett) and Executive VP (Amy) the issue of APS still charging for services in relation to the World Directory that are now being covered by ISPP. EC will discuss and update on any progress in resolving this issue. Need to determine if this has been resolved.

This issue has been resolved.

14 Taskforce on Global Food Security - Attachment 10 (Lise/Peter Scott)

There was some discussion around the report. Issues covered included the planning for the 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security in South Africa and its sponsorship by Elsevier, the taskforce position paper on Genetic modification for disease resistance and plans for papers on other topics. There is also a consensus that there will be no further funding for 'Challenge Projects' by this taskforce, that it should continue in the same way as ISPP Subject Matter Committees, and that ISPP should consider another taskforce with a different focus in the future.

Action 22 – Clarify opportunities to profile ISPP at the Conference in South Africa (Lise Korsten)

Action 21 – Explore options/need for a new Taskforce that focuses on other key areas of plant pathology (Greg/Brenda)

15 Jakob Eriksson Prize Attachment 11 and 11 b

Following the last Executive meeting, drafting of text of announcement and Commission composition were finalised with Eriksson Commission Chair, Mauritz Ramstedt. Greg visited Stockholm in May 2016 and met with Mauritz Ramstedt and the Archivist of the Swedish Science Academy to discuss plans. Announcement calling for nominations was placed on web on 29 July 2016 and in the ISPP Newsletter August 2016.

There was some discussion on the nomination process and it was suggested that this announcement would be brought to the attention of the chairpersons of the SMC for them to consider nominations.

Motion to Accept the Reports to 4th meeting of ISPP EC 2013-2018 under items 2 to 15.

Moved Greg Johnson **Seconded** Thomas Evans

16 Asian Association for Societies for Plant Pathology and Arab Plant Protection Congress (Greg)

The 12th Arab Congress of Plant Protection - ACPP 2017 will be held 5 - 9 November, 2017 Cairo - Egypt. The Theme is "Towards Future Secure Agricultural Production" the

6th ACCP will be hosted in the Republic of Korea on Jeju Island in 4-7 September 2017. ACCP 2017 is expected to attract 1,000 pathologists from about 30 countries. Greg Johnson has accepted an invitation to speak at ACCP.

17 International Association of Plant Protection Societies

The IAPPS has again contacted ISPP regarding us becoming an Associate member. This is not appropriate as we are already an association of Societies. IAPPS has also raised the idea of holding a joint Congress with the Netherlands in 2023 – Greg conveyed to Piet Boonekamp (KNPV) that this would create many complications in organization and cost/profit sharing and doubted that the ISPP Executive would support it.

This was discussed and it was decided that we do not want to hold a joint meeting with the IAPPS.

18 Any other business

International Conference of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria

Dr Leena Tripathi at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kampala, Uganda (L.Tripathi@cgiar.org), indicated the PPB Committee the 14th ICPPB would be in 2019 to avoid a clash with ICPP2018. The date of the ICPPB meeting has however, not been decided.

19 Venue/timing of ISPP2013-2018 Executive 5th Committee Meetings – (Brenda)

There was a discussion regarding the best place to have the 5th EC meeting in 2017. There are a number of possibilities. EC members can reasonably attend meetings on plant health and get support to do this from their organisations. The APPS meeting is in Brisbane in 2017 (26th-28th September). There is a food security meeting in South Africa.

A decision on the meeting was not taken but left to the president to take forward.

Action 23: Greg/Brenda will consult with EC as to the best venue for this meeting.

20 ISPP Web site

There was a discussion around the “look and feel” of the ISPP website. The site is well used and provides an important resource to manage the ISPP activities and archive documents.

Action 24: Greg will investigate possibilities of updating some aspects of the website.

Meeting adjourned at XX am for ISPP Executive and ICPP reps to tour the Convention Center