



The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

Minutes for 5th Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (EC) (2013-2018)

December 2-3, 2017

.Venue:. Capetown, South Africa

Local arrangements: Brenda Wingfield and Lise Korsten

Saturday- ISPP EC 2013-2018

Attendance:

Lodovica Gullino - Chair

Brenda Wingfield – (Secretary General)

Serge Savary

Tom Evans

Apologies

Dr Greg Johnson (President),

Zamir Punja (Treasurer)

- 1 **Welcome, agreement on agenda** (Brenda) Meeting started at 9:00am - Professor Lodovica Gullino chaired the meeting
- 2 **Minutes of 4th Meeting ISPP EC 2013-2018 were confirmed by Tom and Serge**
Attachment 1 (a)

Actions Arising –Matters arising from the minutes were included in the agenda.

Action 1: Minutes of 3rd EC to be sent to Peter Williamson to be put on the ISPP web site (**Brenda**) (detailed treasurer's report excluded from posting)

ACTION 1 COMPLETED

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)

It was discussed that there was also the potential of using dropbox although this would need one person to “own” it and this would be complicated.

Peter Williamsons comment: Documents can be archived on the ISPP web site within the secure committee area. Alternatively a DropBox/cloud server could be set up for this purpose but would require management. Currently all files in the possession of the business manager are stored on a private file server.

ACTION 2 COMPLETED

ACTION 1 DEC 2018: **Tom Evans** suggested using SciSoc and offered to investigate if ISPP can use SciSoc. Also need a backup in Europe – need to investigate if the European Foundation (Wagenin Holland) would host these - **Greg**

Action 3: Update President's Report and change format five year plan (**Greg**)

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)

The draft report for 2013-2018 will follow this revised format. In preparation the ISPP President's report to 5th EC follows this format.

ACTION 3 WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2018 - GREG

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

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.

NOTE: The names of Councillors are available via a pull down menu

http://www.isppweb.org/about_committees.asp which can be interrogated by Society

This issue was discussed (again). It is one that will always need attention.

ACTION 4 COMPLETED

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

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.

The issue was discussed and the conclusion is that this SMC is too broad and cuts across too many other areas. Suggestion is to rather have an SMC “Molecular evolution of Plant Pathology” which would be more specific.

ACTION 5 COMPLETED

ACTION 2 DEC 2018: Serge will determine if a chair for this SMC can be organised

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

This would require a change of constitution and is not currently feasible.

ACTION 6 COMPLETED

Action 7: **Tom Evans** to follow up on whether SMC chairs have been contacted regarding ICPP 2018 session

This has been done

ACTION 7 COMPLETED

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

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 [7:00am] 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]

ACTION 8 [Draft agenda for EC meetings in Boston] WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2018 Brenda

Note: The Taskforce has proposed an evening at the Harvard Natural History Museum – this might not happen at this venue – more likely at the Boston Museum of Natural History.

Note: Registration costs and discount on bulk registration cannot be done.

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

This has been done

ACTION 9 COMPLETED

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

This has been done

ACTION 10 COMPLETED

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

Not relevant as ISPP is a non profit organisation.

ACTION 11 COMPLETED

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

New Editor would need to take this forward

ACTION 12 WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2018-2019: New Editor would need to take this forward

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.

Zamir could not join. There was some discussion on the issue and it is suggested that Greg should draft an advert for senior editor. It is essential that this person should be a Plant Pathologist. Stephen Waddington is happy with his current position and we need to attract another person to take over the job as senior Editor

Serge Savary has indicated his availability to undertake this position.

Process is that there would need to be an advert in the newsletter [March issue]. Richard Strange could advise on TOR – based on his current agreement [ends at the end of 2018]. Deadlines for applications in May. A panel./committee needs to be convened to identify the candidate by the end of June.

ACTION 13 WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2018 – Greg to draft advert – was in the February issue

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

ACTION 14 COMPLETED

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

ACTION 15 COMPLETED

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

Lodovica is comfortable with doing this series. Proposal is being drafted, suggestion is (1) Historical perspective (2) Post Harvest diseases (3) Task Force on Food Security

ACTION 16 WILL BE COMPLETED DURING 2018 and beyond - Lodovica

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)

Daniel Huberli is doing a great job and this is being done.

ACTION 17 COMPLETED

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

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)

ACTION 18 NOT COMPLETED – Brenda to complete with Gregs input

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

Draft report has been included in 2017 EC meeting documents

ACTION 19 COMPLETED

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

Report included in 2017 EC meeting documents

ACTION 20 COMPLETED

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

Nominations were advertised and the elections are complete.

ACTION 21 COMPLETED

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

This has been done for ICPP

ACTION 22: COMPLETED

Action 23: Greg/Brenda will consult with EC as to the best venue for ISPP2013-2018 Executive 5th Committee Meetings.

Meeting was held in Cape Town, South Africa 2017

ACTION 23 COMPLETED

Action 24: Greg will investigate possibilities of updating some aspects of the website. Need to consider who will take over website when Peter is no longer available.

ACTION 23 OnGoing

3 **President's Report** (Greg/Brenda)

Report was accepted by the committee

- Attachment 2 (a) (Lodovica/Greg)

Report was accepted by the committee

- Attachment 2 (b) - Subject Matter Committees (Serge)

Report was accepted by the committee

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

Report was accepted by the committee

There was a discussion around some of the challenges of associated societies. The most recent was the BSPP which still has fees outstanding. ISPP could strengthen its interaction with society presidents at the ICPP meeting.

Many of the societies and councillors are not sure as to what ISPP does other than facilitate a meeting once every five years.

ISPP has a newsletter, co-ordinates communication between societies. It is the official voice of International Plant Pathology. Provides a platform for various surveys [Crop loss survey as recently completed]. Publishes a journal. Facilitates a number of awards. Ensures that there is equitable profiling of Plant Pathologists across the globe and not just in the “north”.

ACTION 3 DEC 2018: Meeting scheduled between Greg, Zamir, Jan Leach and the President of some societies

- Attachment 2 (d) --ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2018 Agenda

Agenda accepted BUT it needs to be sent to councillors and presidents of societies early on in 2018

ACTION 4 DEC 2018: Send agenda for ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2018 to councillors and presidents of societies early on in 2018 [could also attach presidents report]- **Brenda/Greg**

4 ICPP2018 Planning

- Attachment 3 (a) (Tom) PDF

Tom talked to his power point slides [power point as separate pdf]

5 Secretary's Report

Attachment 4 (Brenda)

Report was accepted

6 Treasurer's Report and ISPP Business Plan

- Attachment 5: (Zamir) + separate pdf

Suggestion that we need a budget to be presented – based on history

Loan to French society as part of their hosting the next ICPP meeting approved

Need to clarify whether Peter Williamson is attending ICPP. Daniel and Stephen will attend ICPP at the cost of the ISPP

Request from Khalid to have his costs (accommodation) covered to attend ICPP – this is approved based on exceptional circumstances and based on the need to ensure that EC members from lower income countries can participate in the meetings.

ISPP covers three nights accommodation for EC members – remainder of accommodation at EC members cost. Friday 3rd August is the next EC committee meeting.

ACTION 5 DEC 2018: Ask Zamir to do a “projection budget” for the next 1-5 years

ACTION 6 DEC 2018: communicate with the French society – Greg; clarify the attendance of Peter Williamson – Greg; Communicate with Khalid – Greg.

ACTION 7 DEC 2018: Agenda for EC meeting on the 3rd August – Brenda/Greg

7 Business Manager Report

Attachment 6 - (Peter Williamson)

Report accepted. Discussion about the fact that ISPP needs to appoint another business manager. One of the questions that was asked was what does a business manager do : manages the web, invoices societies.

Suggestions that the EC should be tasked with identifying someone who be interested. Person would need to have some coding skills to run website.

ACTION 8 DEC 2018: appoint a new business manager

Need to appoint a web manager –Greg to do

8 ISPP Publications Reports – For consideration on the next day

8 (a) Journal Report (Richard S)

General discussion on Journal plus

Attachment 7 (a) (i) **(Richard S)** + separate pdf

Attachments 7 (a) (ii); (iii) and (iv) – Royalty Statement Publisher Report and Appendix

8 (b) ISPP Books Series (Lodovica/Zuzana)

(Attachment 7 (b) (ii))

8 (c) Newsletter Report

Attachment 7 (c) **(Daniel)**

9 ISPP Programme Priorities and Strategic Plan

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

Discussion on the fact that ISPP turns 50 and we need to celebrate this. Suggestion that 50 could be added to the ISPP logo as one way of celebrating 50 years.

World list of Plant Pathologists in ICPP – This is still very unbalanced.

ACTION 9 DEC 2018: Modify ISPP logo as part of 50 year celebration

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)

ACTION 10 DEC 2018 : 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 – Brenda/Greg/Peter [also newsletter - Daniel]

11 Report on selection and planning ICPP2023

Attachment 9 (a) Selection process -completed

Attachment 9 (b) (Nathalie and Mathias)

Discussion on what has already been completed and the process forward **(Greg /Brenda)**

Everything seems to be going well. We need to update the website and the ICPP 2023 agreement

12 Election of 2018-2023 ISPP Executive

Attachment 10 **(Lodovica)**

Lodovica reported on process as reflected in the documents - This has now been completed. The web site has been updated and it states:

“The Society is pleased to announce that the 12th Congress will be held in Lyon, France from 20-25 August 2023, hosted by the French Society for Plant Pathology (SFP). The theme of ICPP2023 will be "One health for all plants, crops and trees". For Announcement see here.”

13 World Directory of Plant Pathologists

World list of Plant Pathologists in ICPP – This is still very unbalanced BUT the general feeling is that while it was a good idea when it was started that it may well be an idea that has now passed its time. Issue needs further consideration, possibly for the next committee. Is this directory actively being accessed – need to get data from Peter Williamson.

ACTION 12 DEC 2018: Need to discuss the way forward WRT world directory on Plant Pathology

14 Taskforce on Global Food Security

Attachment 11 (Lise/Peter Scott)

Recommendation that the way forward is to ask the task force to submit a final report.

ACTION 13 DEC 2018: Ask the task force to submit a final report – Greg/Jan

15 Taskforce on Challenges for Plant Pathology 2050

Attachment 12 (Greg/Lodovica)

Discussion on this issue. Also discussion on the 2020 “potential” International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). This has not as yet been officially decided and we need to be careful not to “jump the gun”. By way of preparation we could have a brainstorming session with the SMCs at the ICPP meeting in Boston. Serge will communicate with SMCs.

Some potential questions that could be considered are

- a. What meetings are already planned in 2020 that could be aligned with 2020 IYPH
- b. How do the different SMCs “see” plant health
- c. Need to contact societies so that they are aware of “potential” IYPH 2020

One important event will be organised by ISPP – in Torino

Need to craft a statement about IYPH 2020 in preparation of this realising. Might also need a logo – ISPP logo linked to UN logo would be most appropriate. Would need something on the website to link to countdown and UN. This should happen in March

ACTION 14 DEC 2018: Serge to engage with SMCs to have a brainstorming session on 2020 IYPH in Boston

ACTION 15 DEC 2018: Craft a statement/logo about 2020 IYPH in March – Greg and EC

16 Jakob Eriksson Prize

Report (Greg/Lodovica (Attachment 13)

Process for the nominations and choice of awardee for this prize has now been completed

17 ISPP Awards

ISPP Fellows (Greg/Brenda) (Attachment 14 (a)

Nominations for Fellows are currently open.

Inaugural Fran E Fisher Award (Tom/Greg) Attachment 14 (b) (i) and (ii)

Process for the nominations and choice of awardee has now been completed

**ACTION 14 DEC 2018: ISPP Fellow nominations are open currently – will close on March 2018
Greg/Brenda**

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

Item tabled

19 **International Association of Plant Protection Societies**
Item tabled – for information of EC.

20 **Any other business**

Crop Loss Conference, Paris October 2017 (Serge)

International Conference of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria

Venue/timing of ISPP2013-2018 Executive 6th Committee Meeting and ISPP2018-2023
Executive meetings – (Brenda/Greg)

Saturday 28th and Sunday July 29th will be the last meeting of the ISPP EC 2013-2018 – need to circulate agenda for meeting timeously. First meeting for ISPP EC 2018-2023 is scheduled for 7:00am on Thursday 2nd August.

Possible meeting date for ISPP EC 2018-2023 could include Dec 2019 Melbourne Australia to coincide with 50th Anniversary of Australasian Plant Pathology Society.

SUNDAY- ISPP EC 2013-2018

Meeting reconvened at 8:00am

Attendance

Lodovica Gullino - Chair

Brenda Wingfield – (Secretary General)

Serge Savary

Tom Evans

Dr Greg Johnson (President) – joined for an hour on skype (apologies for the rest of the meeting)

Following joined meeting at 9:00am

Richard Strange - Editor in Chief

Stephen Waddington -Deputy Editor in Chief, Food Security

Lise Korsten - Chair Taskforce on Global Food Security

Apologies

Zamir Punja (Treasurer).

1. Welcome
2. Greg Joined meeting over Skype for an hour to discuss issues raised the previous day. Some of these items have been included in the minutes
3. Lise gave an update on the conference in Cape Town and gave a report on Post harvest pathology meeting in Kruger Park in May 2017 (<http://www.postharvest2017.co.za/>)

Continuation of agenda item 8 from previous day

8 ISPP Publications Reports

8 (a) Journal Report – Food Security (Richard S)

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Richard Strange presented his report – attached as separate pdf

8 (b) ISPP Books Series (Lodovica/Zuzana)

(Attachment 7 (b) (ii))

Lodovica presented the report on the book series. The way in which royalties are paid to society has changed. These are now based on chapters – which are sold separately. The 9th volume is under preparation “integrated pest management in greenhouse crops”. An additional 3 are under consideration for after ICPP 2018

8 (c) Newsletter Report

Attachment 7 (c) (**Daniel**)

Report was tabled and accepted. General consensus is that Daniel is doing a great job.

There was a general discussion about the fact that there is a general decline wrt Plant Pathology globally.

Meeting ended 12:30