



The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (2013-2018)

14 August 2014 0800 to 1730

Venue: Duluth Room at the Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis USA

Attendance: ISPP EC 2013-2018. Apologies received from Professor Brenda Wingfield (Secretary General, Prof Richard Strange, (EiC Food Security). APS representatives (Rick Bennett, Amy Hope attended for 0800 discussions on ICPP2018 planning)

8.00-9.00 ICPP2018 Planning discussions preceded the Executive meeting

Summary of Actions and Motions Agreed

Action 1 Vice President Savary, President and Business Manager to followup with SMCs as appropriate.

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Action 3 It was agreed that the minutes and papers of the 2013 ISPP Council Meeting would be sent to Council members and placed on an accessible part of the ISPP Website

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Action 10 The President in liaison with EC to progress appointment of a replacement editor for the ISPP newsletter.

Action 11 President and Secretary General to draft appropriate changes for a formal mechanism /procedure for Notice of Motions for changes to ISPP Statutes and Rules.

Action 12 The Immediate Past President to contact

- (i) Selection committee members from Americas (Miller), Oceania (Falloon) and Africa (Coutinho) to confirm they are willing to continue as members of the selection committee for 2018-2023. If they agree, she will then contact
- (ii) Past Committee members from Europe and Middle East to thank them for their participation in previous two selection committees

Action 13 The revised guidelines to be edited and appropriate text to be placed on ISPP website (Greg/Brenda/PeterW).

Action 14 Membership of Congress committee for ICPP2023 to be finalized by August 2015.

Action 15 xxxx (Lise to draft)

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1 Welcome, agreement on agenda

The President welcomed APS representatives and Executive members and the meeting agenda as drafted was agreed.

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2 Minutes of 4th meeting of ISPP EC 2008-2013 in Beijing, August 2013 and 1st Meeting ISPPEC 2013-2018

- Actions Arising – Attachment 1 (c) (Greg/Brenda). Matters arising from the minutes of the 1st Executive meeting were included in the agenda. Progress is reported under Agenda items

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3 President's Report

The EC discussed the President's report, Subject Matter Committee, Associated Societies and minutes of the 2013 ISPP Council meeting as covered in Agenda papers:

- Attachment 2a (Greg)
- Attachment 2 b - Subject Matter Committees (Serge)
- Attachment 2 c – Associated Societies (Greg/Peter W)
- Attachment 2 d --ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2013 Draft Minutes

The President indicated that the priorities for the 2nd EC August 2014 were:

- (i) Finances – need to improve the regularity and engagement by Associated Societies and agree on fixed fee structure (Discussed under Treasurer's Report)
- (ii) ICPP2018 – lessons from ICPP2013 and planning timeline
- (iii) Taskforce – Planning for Torino 2015 meeting
- (iv) SMCs audit/engagement strategy
- (v) Journal and Books – updates and question of broadening the book portfolio
- (vi) Developing the broader theme for ISPP more fully reflective of the breadth of the role of plant pathology and plant pathologists in Society – such as Plant Health is Earth's Wealth
- (vii) Changes to Statutes and Rules needed – tweaking some Rules; voting rights of SMC chairs, Editor in Chief etc, attendance at EC meetings

President's Report

The EC noted issues detailed in the President's report which was provided under the 4 key activities of ISPP

- (i) *to promote the worldwide development of plant pathology, and the dissemination of knowledge about plant diseases and plant health management.*

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- (ii) *The Society sponsors the International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP) at regular intervals and other international meetings on plant pathology and closely related subjects.*
- (iii) *The Society establishes committees to consider and report on special fields or problems in plant pathology.*
- (iv) *The Society organizes other activities including the publication of journals and newsletters, websites, as approved by the Executive Committee*

The EC noted the query from Peter Scott: *Why is the EC meeting so often?* And the President's Response –that it was essential to meet early in the EC term because it is an almost complete new team for 2013-2018 whereas the EC and Secretariat for 2008-2013 had many members from previous EC and therefore more continuity of knowledge. In relation to giving extra priority to the Journal –the EC agreed it was bedded down and progressing well while other matters such as planning for ICPP2018, revitalising subject matter committees and reviewing our finance model as of more immediate urgency. Whether the EC will continue to meet every year until 2018 remains to be resolved.

Subject Matter Committees

The EC noted activities and emerging needs in relation to SMCS and accepted proposed followup in relation to inactive or defunct groups.

Action 1

Vice President Savary, President and Business Manager to followup with SMCs as appropriate.

Millennium Plant Health Assessment

The EC was briefed by ISPP VP Dr Savary on a proposed 'Millennium Plant Health Assessment'. The EC noted that in progressing the proposal

- it was essential to assess what else is already underway in similar initiatives
- Take a low key approach to initiating activities noting limited time and resources
- How can the Society capitalize on the Food Security Journal series on the crops that feed the world to perhaps provide focus on key crops for a millennium plant health assessment
- Consultation with the FF SMC was essential.-

Action 2

The EC agreed that Dr Savary should continue to develop the Millennium Plant Health Assessment idea for further discussion by EC

Associated Societies (Greg/Peter W)

Then EC noted the current list of ISPP associated societies and that most now had web sites. The need to try to engage with Central and South American Societies was again noted.

ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2013 Draft Minutes

The draft minutes were accepted for circulation to Council.

Action 3

It was agreed that the minutes and papers of the 2013 ISPP Council Meeting would be sent to Council members and placed on an accessible part of the ISPP Website

4 Report from the ICPP2013 committee

The Executive noted the report from ICPP2013. It commended the organizers for their smooth organization and delivery of the Congress which attracted 1779 delegates representing 72 countries, with more than 100 accompanying persons. There were 2 plenary sessions, 5 keynote sessions, 66 concurrent sessions and 9 evening sessions. 1591 abstracts were received, including 329 from invited lectures in plenary, keynote and concurrent sessions. 196 out of 1262 offered papers were selected as short talks at concurrent sessions.

The EC discussed the rough analysis of countries x number of papers/posters submitted and agreed that ICPP should continue to promote balanced representation and presentation in 2018.

5 Future Congresses

The EC noted the verbal report from the ICPP2018 committee with logistics planning progressing smoothly and now a need to give attention to development of the scientific program.

6 Secretary's Report

The EC noted that the Secretary was unable to attend the meeting and looked forward to her involvement in future meetings of the Executive..

7 Treasurer's Report and ISPP Business Plan

The EC discussed the treasurer's report and matters raised. It was agreed that a new mechanism was needed to fee estimation and collection and noted that the Treasurer was having difficulties accessing the US Bank account from Canada. Subsequent to the meeting the following revised budget was provided

Future outright purchase of Journal

The EC noted the discussion paper prepared by the treasurer on possible future outright purchase of the Journal. It noted that prediction of future earnings and royalty earnings were somewhat uncertain but endorsed the view that the ISPPs should maintain a financially conservative spending approach and enhance efforts to improve income from Society membership dues as key strategies to optimize the chance of purchasing the journal in 2023-2024.

Action 4

The Treasurer and the Food Security Journal Trust will continue to assess options and requirements for purchase of the Journal.

Membership Dues

The EC considered update on Associated Society fee payments:

Rule 21: Fees charged by the ISPP shall be determined by the Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Fees may be influenced under a formula that applies to many different Member Societies, as a percentage of their individual member fee which varies according to that member Society's decisions.

Currently, Member Societies pay fees calculated according to their member numbers and calculated as a percentage of the annual membership fee for their society. Currently the fee is set at 2% of the societies total annual subscription intake.

The Executive Committee noted that several societies received the majority of their income from journal and publication profits and thus could maintain a low membership fee structure. This meant that the current ISPP membership charge based on 2% of 'annual subscription intake' disadvantaged Societies whose major income was from member fees as compared to Societies who could subsidize Society operations from Journal income. As well the requirement to calculate the fee annually based on total annual subscription intake was difficult and time consuming for societies that operate on minimal administrative support. It was agreed that a better approach would be to negotiate set fees for individual Societies based on average member numbers and a rounding of the subscription intake estimates as in the following table.- with TBN = to be negotiated. An incentive discount for payment of fees in a 5 year block would also be offered.

Action. 5

The President in consultation with the Treasurer would draft a letter to be sent to Associated Societies to gauge support for the proposed change. Societies would also be contacted individually to explain the proposed change.

Motion 2

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8 Business Manager Report

The EC noted updates provided in the business manager's report and commended his responsiveness and professionalism. His maintenance of the website and actions to support Committees and EC roles were particularly appreciated. Some members of the EC expressed surprise that the Business Manager was not attending the EC.

The EC noted that following his retirement the current Manager wanted to reduce his workload as business manager with a considerable decrease in Honorarium required.

THE EC gave in principle support for the draft revised Deed of Agreement with the business Manager and indicated that the President should suggest a slight increase in the honorarium proposed (\$1000) to \$2000 to \$3000 per annum cover variable operating costs (website etc).

Action 6

The President to convey EC thanks to the Business Manager and to renegotiate and finalize Business Manager Deed of Agreement.

9 ISPP Publications Reports

9 (a) Journal Report (Richard S)

The EC commended to continuing growth and performance of the Journal and expressed appreciation for the support from the Journal Editor in Chief as well as the Editorial Board and Springer Senior Manager, Ms Zuzana Bernhart.

The EC noted the significant increase in Journal income in 2013. It also noted that the Journal Impact Factor (IF) had declined – a reflection of the way IF is calculated and noted the need to continue to include papers which underpinned high impact (Such as the paper that defined Food Security from the first issue of the Journal).

The EC noted the submission from Peter Scott that *it would be advantageous to give urgent consideration to the Editor-in-Chief's position in the Society. Currently the post is placed in the Secretariat, a group of mainly administrative staff working under the direction of the Executive Committee. In view of the key significance of Food Security to the Society, it is now suggested that the Editor-in-Chief should routinely participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee.*

In Response the President noted that no members of Secretariat were *mainly administrative staff* working under the direction of the Executive Committee. The President noted that inclusion of the Editor-in-Chief, the Newsletter Editor, the Business Manager and the Chair

of the Taskforce in the Secretariat was an administrative arrangement to allow for oversight and their activities by the EC and to enable their participation in EC meetings as required.

The Treasurer noted that he was EIC of the Canadian Journal of Phytopathology and that he did not routinely participate in all the meetings of the Executive Committee. He considered that this was not the best use of his time, instead participating in meetings or parts of meetings as was relevant for the Journal operation.

In considering the comments, the EC noted that unlike EC members who were elected by ISPP Council, the Editor-in-Chief was appointed by the Executive. Thus under the ISPP Statutes and Rules the participation of the Editor-in-Chief in EC meetings was at the invitation of the Executive and did not carry Executive voting rights. In addition it was noted that participation by all Secretariat members in every meeting of the Executive had considerable budget implications.

After discussion it was agreed that participation by the Editor in Chief in Executive meetings would continue on a case by case basis.

Action. 7

The President to thank Dr Scott for his submission and to indicate that the Editor-in-Chief would remain a position within the Secretariat who would participate in Executive meetings as required.

Discussions with the Publisher.

The EC noted issues raised by Ms Bernhart since 2013 and endorsed the following responses:

- (i) The Society accepted the decision by Springer to remove table of Contents from the back cover of the Journal,
- (ii) The Executive gave in principle agreement to the *wish by Springer to vary the publishing agreement to set an upper limit on the number of Editorial board members (since these currently received both print and on-line access),*
- (iii) The EC agreed to continue consideration of *whether ISPP wanted to cease print publication of the Journal, and*
- (iv) The EC agreed that *any requests for additional financial support for the journal by the EiC should be directed to the Executive and not to Springer.*
- (v) The EC noted Ms Bernhart's comment that *the issue of Book Reviews in Food Security needed more thought.*

Action 8

The President to convey the Executive views to Ms Bernhart and the EIC, and to continue to progress the issues raised.

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

The EC noted that despite instructions to Springer, the income was still being sent to the University of Torino account rather than to ISPP.

The EC endorsed a proposal raised by the President and Past President that the Society might broaden endorsement or 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.

Action 9

The President and Past President to discuss options for varying and expanding the ISPP Book Series with Springer.

9 (c) Newsletter Report

The President delivered a valediction to ISPP Newsletter Editor, Emeritus Professor Brian Deverall noting his recent resignation as Editor and his sudden death a few days later. The EC members added their own valedictory comments and noted the summary of Prof Deverall's contributions to the Newsletter as tabled by the President (Minutes Attachment 1).

The EC noted that a notice concerning Brian's death had been included on the ISPP website, that obituaries were in preparation and that Professor David Guest of the University of Sydney had spoken at Brian's funeral.

The EC noted that the August issue of the Newsletter had been prepared by Greg Johnson and Peter Williamson and that a call for applicants for a new Editor had been included.

Action 10

The President in liaison with EC to progress appointment of a replacement editor for the ISPP newsletter.

Note: ON 04/11/2014 The ISPP President sought and obtained EC approval for appointing Dr Daniel Huberli as the ISPP NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Dr Huberli is with the Western Australian Dept Agriculture and convenor of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society (APPS) Facebook Page. He has also been a Councillor of APPS and his research interests include Phytophthora. Dr Huberli took over in December 2014 with announcement in November 2014 issue. Thanks to Peter Williamson for helping to identify Dr Huberli. There had been no expressions of interest in the job from two announcements in August and September 2014 issues of the Newsletter.

Motion 4

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10 ISPP Programme Priorities and Strategic Plan

Again due to limited time discussion on ISPP Programme Priorities and Strategic Plan – (Paper from ISPP EC August 2013 - Attachment 9) was deferred.

11 ISPP administration (Brenda/Zamir /Peter W)

The EC again noted the item from 1st EC that still required action:

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, Brian)

Action 11

President and Secretary General to draft appropriate changes for a formal mechanism /procedure for Notice of Motions for changes to ISPP Statutes and Rules.

12 Election of 2018-2023 ISPP Executive

After consideration of the discussion paper, the EC endorsed the following approach for election of ISPP Executive Committee 2018-2023 – (As detailed in Meeting papers Attachment 10.

Call for nominations and election process for 2018-2023 Executive

The following procedures are agreed for the election of the Executive 2018-2023.

Three members will have served on the 2013-2018 Nomination Committee will stand down for the next election as they have served two terms. They are the Europe, East Asia and Middle East representatives. Continuing representatives will be North America (Sally Miller), Africa (Teresa Coutinho) and Australasia (Richard Falloon (who is also an ISPP Past President). Lodovica Gullino as ISPP Immediate Past President will chair the 2018-2023 Nomination Committee and also represent Europe) so new representatives will be required from the Middle East and Asia.

Before approaching potential reps from Asia and the Middle East it will be necessary to confirm with the current Africa and North America Reps that they are willing to serve again in the next call. If they are unable/unwilling to do so, then the continuing participation of the current Asia and Middle East reps would be sought and new reps from Africa and/or North America would be sought.

Nomination Committee for EC 2018-2023 should be finalised by August 2016.

Following finalisation of the Nominations Committee membership, a general message to all Councillors will be sent, to call for nominations for the 2018-2023 Executive positions.

The deadline for nominations is likely to be 30 June 2017. This is two months earlier than for the selection of previous Executive to allow more time for undertaking ballot process. All Nominees will be required to provide a supporting statement, outlining their vision for Plant Pathology and ISPP. The Nominations Committee will select the final candidates (two for each of the Executive Committee positions), and the selected candidates will go forward to formal ballot. This process should be completed by early October 2017, and the successful candidates announced well before the end of 2017.

Nominations will be called for:

- President
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Vice President (Subject Matter Committees)

The bidding process for ICPP2023 will be completed prior to the call for nominations for the ISPP Executive for 2018-2023, and a nominee of the Society that has won the bid for ICPP2023 will be designated as the Second Vice President.

The 2018-2023 Executive will also include the 2013-2018 President who will serve as Immediate Past President. (Note under the current Statutes, the Immediate Past President is a member of the Executive)–:

Statute 17: The Executive Committee shall implement policy and conduct the business of the ISPP subject to approval by the Council. It shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past-President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer.

Lodovica Gullino

Action 12

The Immediate Past President to contact

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- (ii) Past Committee members from Europe and Middle East to thank them for their participation in previous two selection committees..

13 Formalities for selection of venue for ICPP2023

Following discussion, the Executive endorsed the following approach for selection of venue for ICPP2023. The text in red shows changes from the procedure for selection of ICPP2018.

Modified text for Rules of Procedure to be voted on by Executive in email ballot prior to updating on website.

Action 13

The revised guidelines to be edited and appropriate text to be placed on ISPP website (Greg/Brenda/PeterW).

Action

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Action 14

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14 World Directory of Plant Pathologists

Refer to summary in Minutes EC 2008-2013 4th Meeting. This item was deferred to future EC meeting.

15 Taskforce on Global Food Security

The EC and Taskforce Chair briefly discussed material in 2nd EC agenda Attachment 13. and the Task Force Chair reported on the detail of discussions held with Taskforce members and others interested in Food Security at the APS meeting. The discussions focused on an idea for activity funding generated at the APS meeting and in earlier Skype meetings of the Taskforce.

The President reiterated agreement reached by the previous Executive and clear message from Council of opposition to ISPP funding additional small “Challenge Projects”:

Future directions for the Challenge Programme?

- How should it be developed to be an on-going part of ISPP’s programme of activities?
- By development from its current objectives?
- Funded from what source? (would ISPP match funding raised by the Task Force?)
- Next steps? - **Executive did not Agree to co-funding**

In discussion, it was noted that the Executive had previously agreed (3rd EC) as follows: *The Executive agreed that the success of the two projects had created a good track-record and that the Task Force on Global Food Security now needed to capitalize upon in seeking support (and mentoring) from other sources to fund future projects. ISPP funds should be focused on other activities in support of the Society’s key objectives.* The Executive again confirmed this view (28/8/13) and the Secretary noted that one of the two issues raised by Council at ICPP2008 was that scarce funds of ISPP should not be used for funding additional challenge projects³.

³ (Minutes of Council 26 August, 2008 - Item 4 (ix) (i) *The use of scarce ISPP funds to directly fund the Challenge Projects was queried. – It was suggested that funds could be sought from other sources for this purpose. In discussion, it was agreed that ISPP funds needed to be carefully managed, and that future Challenge projects might depend on raising additional funds from other sources. However, in order to attract the interest of potential donors, ISPP needed to have some track-record in the selection and managing of small projects. Having completed one project, and with another under way, ISPP would be better placed in 2008-2013 to seek alternative funding for future projects. This issue was noted by Council.*

Unfortunately there was only limited discussion of the broader mandate of the Taskforce and status of proposed Workshop in Torino, Italy in October 2015 was still undecided.

Action 15

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16 Jakob Eriksson Prize

Due to limited time and lack of contact from Eriksson Commission Chair this item was deferred for future followup- (Refer to summary in Minutes of ISPP EC 2008-2013 4th Meeting + update by Greg Johnson) (Greg/Brenda).

Motion to Accept the Reports to 2nd meeting of ISPP EC 2013-2018 under items 2 to 16.

Moved Greg Johnson **Seconded** Thomas Evans

17 Asian Association for Societies for Plant Pathology and ACPP/APPC

The President noted that he would participate in 5th ACPP Chiang Mai, Thailand 11 2014

18 International Association of Plant Protection Societies

The EC noted the planning for IPPC 2014 Berlin

19 Any other business

IF= IN (Refer Minutes 1st EC Item 6 (c) of minutes viz

1st Action 4/7 In General the EC were supportive of accepting the proposed changes but recommended that the Secretary ask Hawksworth for some clarification the meaning of “a designated repository” in the last clause⁴. (Hawksworth has since agreed that “recognized repository” may be more correct See Minutes Attachment 4 for an example of the entry page on a Recognised Repository Website.)

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Code_of_Nomenclature_for_algae_fungi_and_plants *The Nomenclature Section held just before the 18th International Botanical Congress in Melbourne, Australia in July 2011 saw sweeping changes to the way scientists name new plants, algae, and fungi.*

- *For the first time in history the Code now permits electronic-only publication of names of new taxa; no longer will it be a requirement to deposit some paper copies in libraries.*
- *The requirement for a Latin validating diagnosis or description was changed to allow either English or Latin for these essential components of the publication of a new name.*
- *"One fungus, one name" and "one fossil, one name" are important changes for fungi and for fossils; the concepts of anamorph and teleomorph (for fungi) as well as morphotaxa (for fossils) have been eliminated.*
- *As an experiment with "registration of names", new fungal descriptions will require the use of an identifier from "a recognized repository"; there are three recognized repositories so far, [Index Fungorum](#), [Fungal Names](#) (in Chinese) and [Mycobank](#). The title of the Code was broadened to make explicit that it applies not only to plants, but also to algae and fungi*

Secretary notes that the “designated repository” is probably explained by the following clauses from legislation in India: 1. *The Central Government may, in consultation with the National Biodiversity Authority, designate institutions as repositories under this Act for different categories of biological resources.* 2. *The repositories shall keep in safe custody the biological material including voucher specimens deposited with them.* 3. *Any new tax on discovered by any person shall be notified to the repositories or any institution designated for this purpose and he shall deposit the voucher specimens with such repository or institution.*

There was not time to discuss this item further. Since the 2nd EC, the President has noted correspondence from Dr Hawksworth that indicated the ISPP executive concerns about use of the word 'designated' were unfounded. (Attachment 3).

Discussion on this item is not finalized.

International Conference of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria

The President advised that the 13th International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria (<http://www.icppb2014.org/>) was held in Shanghai, China on June 8-13 2014. The next was being proposed for Africa in 2018. The President (Greg) had emailed the new chair of the ISPP SMC on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria, Dr Leena Tripathi at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kampala, Uganda (L.Tripathi@cgiar.org), urging the PPB Committee to consider postponing the 14th ICPPB until 2019 to avoid a clash with ICPP2018.

Action 16

President to followup for reply. Dr Tripathi has since confirmed that the ICPPB will be held in 2019.

20 Venue/timing of ISPP2013-2018 future Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive noted the following meetings that in 2013-2018 and the possibility of meeting in the Netherlands in 2016.

- IHC Brisbane August 2014
- 5th Asian Conference for Plant Pathology - Chiang Mai Thailand, – November 2014
- Phytopathology Society of Japan Centenary March 28 2015
- APCC Perth Australia, September 2015?
- IPPC Germany – Berlin 24-28 August 2015 <http://www.ippc2015.de/>
- 125 Anniversary of the KNPV (Dutch Society) in 2016
- APS meeting August 2017
- APCC Brisbane Australia, September 2017
- ICPP 2018

The EC also noted (rough) count by Brenda Wingfield of senior authors of oral papers at ICPP2013 by Country:

China	119	Belgium	7
USA	111	Sweden	7
Australia	35	Israel	6
United Kingdom	31	Korea	5
Netherlands	29	Brazil	4
Canada	23	Indonesia	4
Italy	20	Pakistan	3
France	16	Colombia; Finland; Hungary; Mexico;	
Germany	15	Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Singapore;	
Republic South Africa	15	Slovenia	2
India	13		
Japan	12	Angola; Chile; Costa Rica; Czech Republic;	
Spain	9	Denmark; Ghana; Greece; Iran; Kenya; Oman;	
New Zealand	9	Peru; Russia; Sri Lanka; Tanzania; Turkey;	
Switzerland	7	Uganda; Venezuela; Zimbabwe	1

By Region

Asia	119 + 13 + 12 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 4	170
Europe	31 + 29 + 20 + 16 + 15 + 9 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 4	155
North America	111 + 23 + 2	136
Oceania	35 + 9 +	44
Africa	15 + 6	21
South America	2 + 4	6

