



The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (EC) (2013-2018)

August 6 2015 0800 to 1700

Venue: Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 USA.

Attendance: ISPP EC 2013-2018; + Betty Ford (ICPP2018 Organizing Committee) (til 11.00 am) and Professor Lise Korsten, Chair Taskforce for Global Food Security (til c 12.30pm). Apologies received from Professor Brenda Wingfield (Secretary General). Agenda and most papers were circulated in compilation prior to meeting with additional papers (Treasurer and Taskforce, suggested speaking topic for ICPP2018 handed out in the meeting). The circulated papers are attached as Annexes linked to items under which they were discussed.

ISPP EC local arrangements: Tom Evans (tomevans@UDeI.Edu) and Betty Ford (bford@scisoc.org)

1 Welcome, agreement on agenda

The meeting commenced at 8.15 am with Betty Ford joining at 9.30am and Lise Korsten joining at c. 10 am. The President welcomed Executive members and the meeting agenda as drafted was agreed, noting that items on ICPP2018 planning and Food Security might be brought forward as Ms Ford and Professor Korsten arrived. Additional items for discussion under congress planning were noted – Global Crop Health assessment (Serge Savary) and Food Safety (Lodovica).

2 Minutes of 2nd Meeting ISPPEC 2013-2018 -

The President noted that progress on Actions Arising –(Attachment 1 (c)) from the minutes of the 2nd Executive meeting (8 2014) were in some cases incomplete. Progress would be covered under agenda items with an Actions update completed for the minutes (Minutes Annex 1).

Motion 1

The meeting accepts the Minutes from the 2nd meeting of the ISPP EC 2013-2018 (held in Minneapolis). Proposed – Tom Evans Seconded Zamir Punja. Passed unanimously

3 President's Report

President's Report

The EC discussed the President's report, Subject Matter Committee, Associated Societies and agenda for the 2018 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 ICPP2018 Draft Agenda

The President indicated that the priorities for the 3rd EC August 2015 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 –scientific program and key reporting headings ICPP2013 and planning timeline
- (iii) Taskforce – update on 2014-2015 activities
- (iv) SMCs audit/engagement strategy
- (v) Journal and Books – EiC deed renewal; updates and question of broadening the book portfolio with the following ongoing:
- (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

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.*

Liaison and EC functioning had been somewhat hampered by Secretary’s unavailability in 2014-2015. Skype links were less frequent however attendance at APS 2014 and 2015 by most of the EC had helped enhance links with APS and planning for ICPP2018.

The EC noted participation by President in the Asian Conference for Plant Pathology (Chiang Mai 11 2014); Arab Plant Protection Congress (Amman, Jordan 11 2014); 100th anniversary celebration of the Phytopathology Society of Japan (Meiji University, Tokyo 3 2015) and (with Journal EiC) the launch of special issue of the ISPP Journal Food Security at Australian National University Canberra (Greg) and in Copenhagen (Richard).

- (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.*

The EC noted that most planning for ICPP2013 occurred in the 3 years immediately prior to congress and that this would also occur for planning of ICPP2018 with planning in 2015-2016 especially important. The President will engage closely with ICPP2018 teams in 2015-2018 to help facilitate planning.

- (iii) *The Society establishes committees to consider and report on special fields or problems in plant pathology.*

The EC noted mention of progress with several SMCs by President. Additional discussion is reported under the SMC report.

- Under auspices of the Plant Pathogenic Bacteria SMC and links with the Taxonomy of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria SMC, the 13th International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria was held in Shanghai on 8-13 June 2014
- Contact with the Downy Mildew working group has been re-initiated –
- Contact with Gloria Abed re Phytophthora, Pythium and allied genera (Serge and Greg to report)

- The Grapevine Trunk Diseases SMC met in Adelaide, Australia in November 2014 – 9th International Workshop on Grapevine Trunk Diseases (9IWGTD) <http://www.plevin.com.au/iwgttd2014/>
- Postharvest SMC co-organised with ISHS interest group an international workshop in Bari Italy during June 2015 with next workshop proposed for South Africa in 2017.
- ISPP Subject Matter Committee on Seed Pathology is being revived with Theresa. (Terry) Aveling as Chair. http://www.isppweb.org/about_subject_seed_pathology.asp
- Forestry SMC – Forestry SMC is strongly linked to the International Union of Forestry Research Organisations planning next conference for 2019.
- The Chemical Control Committee Chair sent a report.

Taskforce on Global Food Security

The EC noted Taskforce on Global Food Security has also had regular Skype linkups and discussion with Taskforce Chair and Past president re presentation in Italy in October 2015 (As discussed under Taskforce report).

- (iv) *The Society organizes other activities including the publication of journals and newsletters, websites, as approved by the Executive Committee*

EC noted brief comments on publications and website which will be discussed under separate items.

Subject Matter Committees

The Vice President provided a summary of progress of Subject matter Committees with focus on those committees that had not provided reports at ICPP2013 or ICPP2008 or were either newly initiated or apparently inactive.

- Biotic Constraints to Food & Fibre Production - going OK
- Chemical Control – email and report (Minutes Annex 5) from Chair Stenzel

This was first report received from the Chemical Control Committee at least since before 2008 although the Committee is always active in organizing Sessions at ICPP. The Executive also noted supplementary information for the report sent by Committee Member, Dr Tarlochan Thind (India):

Convened Evening Sessions on the theme related to fungicides during ICPP2008 and ICPP2013 as follows :

1. Resistance risk among new fungicides (ICPP2008 , Torino)
2. Prospects and limitations of novel action fungicides (ICPP2013, Beijing)

Experts from various institutes and pesticide industry participated in these evening sessions and presented their latest findings. These were largely attended by the delegates and a good interaction took place in both the sessions.

The Executive noted that at ICPP2013 there were concerns expressed in Council that one session seemed more like an advertisement for a Chemical Company. The Executive agreed that the Chemical Control Committee needed to develop a more diverse membership with broader representation (i.e. outside from Chemical Companies).

- Environmental Effects on Plants – No reply to email
- Epidemiology - Going OK
- Forest Pathology - Going OK
- Fusarium - Going OK

- Genetics and Breeding for Resistance – no reply. An important topic needs to be renewed
- Grapevine Trunk Diseases - Going OK
- Molecular Plant Pathology & Biotechnology
- Phytophthora emails from Gloria Abed – should it be broadened?
- Plant Pathogenic Bacteria - going OK
- Plant Virus Epidemiology - Going OK
- Plant Quarantine and Biosecurity – Going OK
- Plant Pathogens for the Biological Control of Weeds and Invasive Plants no reply needs action
- Postharvest Pathology workshop held in Italy in 2015 going OK
- Rhizoctonia - going OK
- Sclerotinia - Going OK
- Seed Pathology being redeveloped (Terri from SA_
- Soil Borne Diseases to be renamed Soil Health, Ecology and Management and reinitiated via a call in ISPP Newsletter
- Special Projects – to be deleted
- Taxonomy of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria - Going OK
- Teaching- Going OK

Since his return to Canberra 9 August 2015, the President has had had email exchange with chair of the former Plant Names Committee needs to review its status.

Actions 3/1:

Actions arising in relation to Subject Matter Committees:

- Special Projects to be deleted.
- Serge Savary to follow up on Genetics and Breeding, Soil Health and Biocontrol of weeds etc
 - to prepare a note to be published on the ISPP newsletter to create a new SMC: Soil Health: Ecology and Management, (need for such an SMC, and for a Chair of this SMC), (Serge to double check my e-mail for reply from James Woodhall);
 - to prepare a similar note for an SMC on Genetic & Breeding for Resistance (need for such an SMC, and for a Chair of this SMC) – Serge also to reconsider need for "Breeding" in the title;
- the "Constraints to Food and Fibre" SMC, to be re-named Crop Loss.
- Greg to continue to liaise on downy mildews, Phytophthora and links to the workshop organized by Gloria Abed.

Associated Societies

The Executive noted that numerous societies continue to not pay dues and there was an urgent need to have those who have paid fees in recent years to start paying again. The Executive agreed that the names of non-paying societies would remain confidential.

ISPP Council Meeting at ICPP2018 Draft Agenda

The Executive accepted the proposed Draft Agenda for the ISPP Council Meeting 2018.

Action 3/2

Timing for first announcement of ISPP Council Meeting Agenda should be decided and date/time of meeting confirmed in 2016.

4 Report from the ICPP2018 committee

The President welcomed Ms Betty Forde representing the APS2018 organising committee (along with Thomas Evans ISPP VP).

The EC noted attachments circulated prior to the meeting which were prepared as guide to planning

- Att.3a Draft planning arrangements for ICPP2018 August 6 2015
- Att 3b Scientific program of ICPP 2013 for 2018 planning
- Att. 3c APS documents for ICPP2018 planning
- Att 3d Tentative Organizing Committee Structure for ICPP2018

The President requested that a summary of the discussions together with any additional questions be provided by Betty/Tom for inclusion in the minutes. Tom Evans noted that there were established procedures and responsibilities for planning scientific programs of APS meetings and that the various personnel needed to be involved in planning process. The EC noted and agreed however that the key elements of ICPP needed to be retained as the Boston Congress was ‘one-off and regular attendee expectations were for a meeting substantially the same as previous Congresses. The President indicated that he would prepare more detailed ICPP scientific program planning guidelines and liaise with the various APS personnel in coming months to ensure broad ownership – especially for the APS President for 2017-2018 (2015-216 VP, Mary E. Palm) and Amy Charkowski, Director of the APS Annual Meetings Board.

At this point, Ms Betty Ford Left the meeting.

In discussion ideas for two keynote sessions were proposed – Global Crop Health assessment (Serge Savary) and Food Safety (Lodovica). It was agreed that these would be proposed by the President for inclusion in ICPP2018

Subsequent to the EC meeting the following documents will be circulated (Call for Bids ICPP2018, APS bid proposal and covering letter) which will be consulted as planning progresses.

Actions 3/3 – Actions in relation to ICPp2018 planning

- Two keynote sessions ideas Global Crop Health assessment (Serge Savary) and Food Safety (Lodovica) will be proposed by the President for inclusion in the ICPP2018 scientific program.
- The President to circulate background documents (Call for Bids ICPP2018, APS bid proposal and covering letter) and to draft a more detailed guide to planning the ICPP2018 scientific program in consultation with VP Thomas Evans.
- Planning timeline should be drafted by end of 2015.

5 Secretary’s Report

The Secretary conveyed her apologies with issues covered by President on her behalf. The EC noted that the duties of the Secretary will be especially important during 2015-2018 and that the President would discuss with Professor Wingfield her ongoing role in the position.

Item 14 Taskforce on Global Food Security, was brought forward as the Chair had to go to the airport early.

6 Treasurer's Report and ISPP Business Plan

The Treasurer spoke to the statement of income and expenditure (Actual to 2014 and anticipated to 2018). It was noted that some projections might be over optimistic while some income and expenditures (highlighted) seem to be projections rather than actuals and needed to be adjusted. The tax filing statements for past years could be used to adjust data. (Details excluded from web published minutes)

7 Business Manager Report

The EC discussed issues raised in the business Manager Report and agreed that ISPP should take advantage of the opportunity to purchase life-time web-hosting by Storm Internet in return for a one-off payment.

The Executive commended the Business Manager's ongoing support for the society and endorsed proposed changes to the Business Manager Deed of Agreement

The Executive noted that APS had stopped billing the ISPP for services in relation to World Directory hosting as this responsibility had been assumed by ISPP.

Actions 3/5– Actions arising from Business manager responsibilities

- Business Manager to arrange purchase of lifetime web-hosting for ISPP
- President to liaise with Business manager to finalize revised Business Manager's deed of agreement to include agreed operational costs (\$1000), attendance at ISPP Executive meetings as required and support for ISPP Booth at ICPP2018.

8 ISPP Publications Reports

8 (a) Journal Report

- The Executive considered journal reports (Attachment 6a (i) (Richard S) and (ii) and (iii) Zuzana (reports and income statements 2012)) supplemented by discussions between the President, Past President and Ms Bernhart at the APS meeting.

Editor in Chief Report. The Executive commended the work of the Journal Editor in Chief and his colleagues in the ongoing development of the journal as well as the EiC's ongoing involvement in the Taskforce for Global Food Security.

The Executive noted that the Journal impact factor had gone down for the second year while the 5-year impact factor was higher. It was noted that this reflected the high citation of one paper from the first issue (Definition of Food Security by Per Pinstrup-Andersen) of Volume 1 in 2009 and that more highly cited papers were needed to maintain and build the citation index.

The Executive noted the large throughput of papers and the high rejection rate.

The Executive noted the EiC's comments about the breadth of coverage of the journal and the need for a large Editorial Board and considered that perhaps there was a confusion between and Editorial Board and regular reviewers of papers. The Treasurer who is also the Editor in Chief of Canadian Plant Pathology suggested that an editorial board of about 12 was more desirable. The Executive agreed that the desirability of moving over to on-line subscriptions only for Editorial Board Members

should be canvassed and that the President would liaise with Ms Bernhart on variations to the publishing agreement to specify a maximum number of Editorial Board members.

The Executive noted the appointment of Anna Herforth as a Senior Editor of the Journal replacing Derek Headley.

The Executive expressed appreciation for the work of the Editor in Chief and his willingness to continue as Editor in Chief for an additional period. It was agreed that the President negotiate a 3-year term for the EiC with consideration of the appointment of an additional Deputy EiC (or Senior Editor) with a strong Plant Pathology background who might be suitable as a future Editor in Chief of the Journal. The President should liaise closely with the EiC on this to identify a person with strong links as well to the ISPP.

Publisher's reports. The Executive noted the usual high standard and detail of reports provided by Springer. They noted that Journal income for 2013 was €20,759.51 and for 2014 was €19,440.56 – slightly down in Euro but significantly down in US dollars for 2014.

During discussion under this item, the Taskforce Chair left the meeting to catch her plane.

8 (b) ISPP Books from ICPP2008 and ICPP2013 (

The President reported on discussions with Zuzana Bernhart and the Past 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. It was agreed that the series could expand and that in addition short reports could also be produced as separate 'briefs'. Prof Gullino indicated that there were already a couple of possible topics and that the series expansion might also be of interest to Subject Matter Committees /workshops. Zuzana Bernhart agreed to prepare a draft agreement and noted that the Society would need to look at the

Aims and scope of the series would need to be redrafted (text below on web also needs updating to at least 2014¹):

The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP; www.isppweb.org) is a world federation of societies nurturing knowledge exchange relating to plant diseases and plant medicine. International Congresses of Plant Pathology have been held at 5 yearly intervals for almost 40 years, as key events for ISPP. The 9th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP 2008; www.icpp2008.org), to be held in Torino, August 24-29, 2008, will continue this well-established tradition.. The organizing Committee of ICPP 2008 has developed a comprehensive programme of keynote and concurrent sessions with an impressive list of presenters to address the full range of contemporary plant pathology issues and topics. An agreement with Springer has allowed development of a plan to publish a Book Series, derived from the invited lectures at ICPP2008. These publications will catalogue the latest international knowledge and advances in plant pathology and plant medicine.

There have been seven books in series so far.

The expanded series will involve:

- commissioning additional books between congresses (such as from SMC workshops)

¹ (i) *Detection and Diagnostics of Plant Pathogens Series: Plant Pathology in the 21st Century, Vol. 5* Gullino, Maria Lodovica, Bonants, Peter J. M. (Eds.) 2014

(ii) *Global Perspectives on the Health of Seeds and Plant Propagation Material Series: Plant Pathology in the 21st Century, Vol. 6* Gullino, Maria Lodovica, Munkvold, Gary (Eds.) 2014

(iii) *Post-harvest Pathology Series Plant Pathology in the 21st Century, Contributions to the 10th International Congress, ICPP 2013, Vol. 7* Prusky, Dov, Gullino, Maria Lodovica (Eds.) 2014

- commissioning books based on a topic or idea from individuals
- Accepting some of the ideas/proposals received by Zuzana as possible additions to the series.

8 (c) Newsletter Report

The Executive considered and commended Newsletter report. The EC noted that the New Newsletter Editor had taken up the role with enthusiasm and was willing to continue. The EC noted that the Newsletter Editor, the Secretary General, Business Manager and President would meet in Fremantle Western Australia in September 2015.

Actions 3/6 Actions arising in relation to ISPP Publications (Journal, Books, newsletter) –

- The President will liaise with the Editor in Chief in relation to renewal of his Deed of Agreement initially for a further 3 years
- The Executive agreed that the Journal should remain at 6 issues per year until after 2023 purchase – this may help enhance impact factor and keep income down.
- The President and Past President to continue liaison with Springer to develop publishing agreement for consideration by Executive.

9 ISPP Programme Priorities and Strategic Plan

The President referred to the- Appendix to President's Report (Att 2 (a) (revisit – via summary of key points) and indicated that the ISPP and Executive were reasonably on-track under workplan. During 2015-16 he would prepare a review of progress for consideration by the Executive.

10 ISPP administration (Brenda/Zamir /Peter W)

The President noted that a formal mechanism covering Notice of Motion for ISPP Statutes and Rules should be sent to Council and EC by email at least one month before Council as well as a change to allow 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 3/7 Draft a formal mechanism or procedure to cover Notices of Motion for ISPP Statutes and Rules being sent to Council and EC by email at least one month before the Council is requested to vote on the amendments.

11 Election of 2018-2023 ISPP Executive

Agenda item 11 (EC Election procedures) was considered after discussion of Agenda item 12 (ICPP2023 venue) future Executive agendas will reflect this changed order.

The Executive considered the procedures for election of the ISPP Executive 2018-2023 as contained in the Agenda paper Attachment 8. The Executive agreed with proposed timelines but agreed that membership of the Nomination committee should be increased to 7 through the inclusion of 2 representatives from Asia and two from the Americas:

Action 3/8 _____ The President, in liaison with the Past President, will draft modified text for endorsement by the EC. The revised text will stipulate an increase in membership of the Executive Nomination committee from 5 to 7. This will allow the inclusion of 2 representatives from Asia and two from the Americas (as motion 3/3)

Subsequent to 3rd EC Meeting the following text was modified and sent to EC members for endorsement as Motion 3/3:

Motion 3/3

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

Moved Lodovica Gullino **Seconded** Greg Johnson Carried (by email vote August 2015)

A nomination committee of 7 will be established. 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) and ~~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. As well, additional reps from Asia and the Americas will be sought –so the Asia is represented by 2 members and the Americas are represented by two members.

The reset of the text remains unchanged from that in Agenda discussion paper Attachment 8.

12 Formalities for selection of venue for ICPP2023

The Executive considered the proposed approach for selection of venue for ICPP2023 (modified from that used for ICPP2018).

The changes were reviewed and **accepted** (Motion to effect changes agreed by email on August 17 2015 after 3rd EC): The changes now need to be approved by Council.

Motion 3/2

The ISPP Rules 14 to 18 will be **changed** as tabled (**Nominated** Greg Johnson **Seconded** Lodovica Gullino. Carried unanimously.)

Action 3/9 Changes to rules and guidelines covering Election of the ISPP Executive and Selection of the venue for ICPP2023 will be posted on the ISPP Website and adopted for the next calls for Executive nominations and selection of ICPP venues.

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.

14 Taskforce on Global Food Security

The Executive considered the report of the Taskforce on Global Food Security and other documents (Records of TF meetings) as circulated and handed out at the meeting, together with a verbal report by the Taskforce Chair (Professor Lise Korsten) (Minutes Annex 3 a and b).

The Executive noted the key points in the report, some of which were covered by Prof Korsten in her verbal report:

- *“The aim of the ISPP Task Force on Global Food Security is to foster linkages between plant pathology and key food security challenges, to promote understanding of the issues and to facilitate action to sustain global food security”.*
- TF Members aspire to a balanced program including both action-based projects and institutional linkages.
- The TF serves as a platform for information exchange, for example through the Food Security Journal, and through knowledge bases, position papers, think tanks and conferences.
- Members supported a range of topics proposed for the next action-oriented project², with an emphasis on raising awareness of plant disease and on mitigation of post-harvest losses.
- Members recognized that progress towards the aim of the TF will require funds that should be raised by the TF.

Priority areas for action:

1. Compile a Knowledge Base for food security in terms of current (1) Initiatives; (2) Funding Sources; (3) Conferences; (4) Think Tanks. (Action: Lise Korsten)
2. Follow up action with Clayton Hollier regarding a proposed submission to Food Security based on the 2014 Hollier/Teng presentations at the ICPP Symposium on “Food Security: Role of Plant Pathology”. Consider a special section around this topic. (Action: Richard Strange)
3. Develop a list of key Think Tanks. Propose who should represent TF on them. (Action: Lise Korsten)
4. Identify authors for Position Papers on topics such as: GM, Pesticides, Phytosanitary Measures. (Action: Peter Scott)
5. Assess Royal Society-DFID Africa Capacity Building Initiative as source of funds for TF activities. (Action: Lise Korsten)
6. Plan, with Lodovica Gullino, a programme for the October Torino session on Food Security (Action: Lise Korsten)
7. Prepare for a meeting of Food Security Senior Editors. (Action: Richard Strange.)
8. Explore, with Etienne Duveiller, opportunities for TF activities within the Borlaug Fellowship Program. (Action: Peter Scott)

² The Minutes of the ISPP Executive (2008-2013) 3rd and 4th meetings noted: “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 projects

9. Draft a call for proposals for a project in targeted awareness building, guided by the TF Challenge Project in South Africa. Use this as a basis for focused fundraising. (Action: Lise Korsten, Peter Scott)
10. Maintain contact with ISPP Executive Committee. (Action: Lise Korsten)

Other possible actions arising from recent discussions with ISPP Executive:

11. Consider organizing a Symposium on TF priorities along the lines of that recently convened by ISPP's Postharvest Pathology Subject-Matter Committee:
<http://www.isppweb.org/nljul15.asp#3>
12. Consider raising funds for a high-level Conference on the impact of plant diseases in food security.

In making the verbal report, Prof Korsten also highlighted some of the meetings and activities at the APS meeting in 2014 and 2015 in Discussions with the ISPP president-, in particular the current interest and involvement of APS as outlined in the session on Phytobiome-Plant Interactions: Bridging Phytobiome Structure and Function (which is available [on line](#))

The EC also noted the comment in record of January 2015 Meeting of the TF: *The TF should work to ensure that there is an embedded plant pathologist at the table in key policy-making and decision-making bodies for food security, whether in person or more affordably by telecommunication. The TF should aim to be represented in think tanks with an interest in food security.*

The limited time available did not provide opportunity for detailed consideration of the reports and proposed Actions for the Taskforce. It was agreed that the documents and actions should be considered by the Executive as a priority to provide ISPP Executive endorsement of ISPP Taskforce Activities. In doing so the Executive notes that the priority actions as outline still represent a significant outlay of time and personnel and the Taskforce should continue to work to streamline and catalyse inputs as are realistically feasible within existing resources and personnel inputs.

Actions 3/10 The Executive should liaise with the Taskforce Chair to develop a resolution that responds to and spells out the revised aims/activities of the Taskforce. To facilitate discussion, a summary that incorporates ISPP Workplan 2013-2018 actions with Taskforce proposed actions in 2015 is attached to the 3rd EC minutes as Annex 4.

15 Jakob Eriksson Prize

The Executive considered the verbal summary and detailed reports for the Jakob Eriksson Prize as outlined in Agenda Attachments 11 and 11 b and the summary in Minutes of ISPP EC 2008-2013 4th Meeting + update by Greg Johnson (Greg/Brenda).

The Executive accepted the revised selection process for the Jakob Eriksson Prize selection and award as summarized in the minutes of this Executive Meeting. The procedures as accepted by the Executive are as outlined here:

Selection process for the Jakob Eriksson Prize 2015

In the years leading up to a Congress, the Executive of the ISPP (with the call advertised through the ISPP newsletter and the website) in consultation with the Prize Commission will call for nominations of candidates of distinction in research in mycology, in plant pathology, or in virus diseases, or of a particular publication or other seminal achievements in such subjects, with the understanding that the work being recognized *is of a distinct international value and merit.*

The following two rules apply to those making nominations:

- (i) Nominators must provide a curriculum vitae and a short statement (500 words) justifying the selection of nominees; and

- (ii) Names of all nominees must be strictly confidential.

All nominations are to be sent to the Chair of the Prize Commission. Should it be required, the ISPP Business Manager or other ISPP nominee will be able to assist the Chair in this process.

Following the call for, and receipt of the nominations (call at least 24 months before, close of nominations at least 18 months before the Congress) the Chair and members of the Commission will liaise as necessary in order to make a recommendation to the ISPP on the award of the Prize. Normally, the Committee of Experts considering the nominations will also be the members of the Prize Commission with additional expertise invited by the Commission Chair to join the Committee should individual Commission members be unavailable.

Selection

- (i) The Jakob Eriksson Prize Commission, in consultation with the Executive of ISPP, will independently undertake the selection processes to enable a recommendation of the Jakob Eriksson Prize recipient at least one year before each International Congress of Plant Pathology.
- (ii) The Chair of the Commission will advise the ISPP President of the Commission's recommendation, and after appropriate deliberation, the President of the ISPP will invite the successful nominee to accept the award.

The Prize Ceremony

- (iii) The participation of the Jakob Eriksson Prize recipient in the International Congress of Plant Pathology will be facilitated by the Royal Swedish Academy of Science, the ISPP and the Congress Organisers. Normally this will include complementary Congress registration and attendance at Congress social functions, return economy travel to the Congress and accommodation and meals for the duration of the Congress.
- (iv) The Prize Ceremony will be planned by the ISPP in consultation with the Prize recipient, the Commission Chair, the Congress Organisers, and a representative of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences or the Government of Sweden.
- (v) As part of the Prize Ceremony, the Prize recipient will also be invited to briefly present their work at the Congress as *The Jakob Eriksson Oration* with scope and coverage in a style suitable for a more general audience.

The Medal and Certificate and benefits to Recipient

- (vi) The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences will ~~continue to~~ provide the Jakob Eriksson medal, together with a suitable certificate, and should funds permit, additional support towards participation by the recipient in the Presentation ceremony using the investment returns of the fund that was dedicated to the Jakob Eriksson Prize for Plant Pathology in the 1930s.
- (vii) Due to high costs it is not possible to change the wording on future medals. However on the Certificate the wording will be changed from "*Investigator formarum specialium fungorum clarissimus*" to "*Investigator formarum pathologiae plantarum clarissimus*".

Action 3/11 After final checking by the Chair of the Commission, the revised selection procedures for the Jakob Eriksson Prize to be posted on the ISPP Website. (Greg. Peter W)

Note In the process of checking the minutes draft with Commission Chair, Mauritz Ramstedt, some additional rules were added. Draft Text for public posting is attached as Annex 6. The key changes were the addition of two more rules to the nomination process:

The following ~~two~~ rules apply to those making nominations:

- (i) Nominators must provide a curriculum vitae and a short statement (500 words) justifying the selection of nominees; and
- (ii) Names of all nominees must be strictly confidential.
- (iii) **Individuals cannot nominate themselves,**
- (iv) **No correspondence concerning unsuccessful nominations will be entered into.**

and changing contact details for the Eriksson Commission Chair from specific mail and contacts for Mauritz Ramstedt to a generic email address

Motion 3/4

The Executive accepts the Reports to 3rd meeting of ISPP EC 2013-2018 under items 2 to 15.

Moved Thomas Evans **Seconded** Serge Savary Carried Unanimously

16 Asian Association for Societies for Plant Pathology and Arab Plant Protection Congress

The Executive noted the following events:

Past Events

Arab Plant Protection Congress Amman, Jordan 2014

5th Asian Conference for Plant Pathology Chiang Mai Thailand November 2014;

Future Events

6th ACCP Republic of Korea on Jeju in 4-7 September 2017. ACCP 2017 is expected to attract 1,000 pathologists from about 30 countries

17 International Association of Plant Protection Societies

The International Plant Protection Congress, IPPC 2015 will be held in Berlin, Germany during August 2015. The ISPP Immediate Past President will attend.

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.

Indian Phytopathological Society

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The Executive briefly discussed the invitation from Dr Pratibha Sharma, Secretary of the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS; Email: ipsdis@yahoo.com; Website: www.ipsdis.org) regarding co-sponsorship by ISPP and participation. The President noted that he had informed the IPS that ISPP could not be a co-sponsor but that the Conference could be held under the auspices of the ISPP and the IPS could include the ISPP logo on the publicity material. Serge Savary would consider whether he might seek support from the IPS to participate in the conference to be held in February 2016.

Action 3/12 Dr Savary and Dr Johnson to consider and reply to the Indian Phytopathological Society concerning their conference scheduled for February 2016.

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

Meetings that are on in 2013-2018

- APCC Perth Australia, September 2015 – Greg, Brenda and Peter Williamson will be attending

- IPPC Germany – Berlin 24-28 August 2015 (Lodovica) <http://www.ippc2015.de/>
- 125 Anniversary of the KNPV (Dutch Society) in April 2016 (Greg Johnson will attend)
- Boston 2017
- APPC Brisbane Australia, late September 2017
- ICPP 2018

Action 3/13 Decision on the ISPP Executive meeting in 2016 will be made later in 2015 or early in 2016.

