



The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)
Minutes for 1st Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (EC) (2018-2023)

Thursday August 2nd 2018 08:00 to 10:00am

Venue: Hynes Convention Centre - Executive Boardroom 300

Attendance: ISPP EC and Secretariat for 2018-2023 and EC for 2013-2018.

Attendees:

President – Professor Jan Leach (USA)

Immediate Past President - Dr Greg Johnson (Australia)

Secretary General - Professor Brenda Wingfield (South Africa)

Vice President and Chair of ICPP 2023 - Dr Nathalie Poussereau (France)

Co-chair of ICPP 2023 – Dr Mathias Choquer (France)

Vice President - Dr Khaled Makkouk (Lebanon)

Treasurer – Dr Matthews Paret (USA)

Editors (incoming and outgoing, Food Security – Professor Serge Savary (France)

/Professor Richard Strange (United Kingdom)

Editor, ISPP Newsletter - Dr Daniel Huberli (Australia)

Chair Task Force on Global Food Security –Professor Lise Korsten (South Africa)

Immediate Past Vice President (APS representative) - Professor Tom Evans

-Business Manager – Andrea Masino

Apologies

Past Business Manager/ ISPP Web Manager Dr Peter Williamson (Australia)

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1. Welcome, agreement on agenda, and Presidents Report (Greg/Jan)

Jan Leach and Greg Johnson welcomed attendees. Greg Johnson talked to the IY PH 2020 and the task force

2. Future of the Task Force and Congress Challenge

Serge Savary gave feedback regarding SMCs. There is a perception from the SMCs that they do not have a role in the ISPP/ICPP. In a survey the SMC chairs were asked if they knew that Food Security is the journal of ISPP. In all cases none of the SMC chairs were aware that Food Security was the ISPP journal. This serves to illustrate the fact that we need to engage more effectively with the SMC chairs, and promote the journal more broadly.

In another survey this time of APS colleagues none knew what the “symbol/logo” of the ISPP was. This serves to illustrate the fact that our communication with many of the ISPP members is not effective. There was a suggestion that at the very least we need to have the words ISPP in the logo. In fact we should be overall rethinking our logo.

Daniel Huberli was asked to comment about the idea and reality of producing a new logo. He reflected that the current logo cannot be expanded very much (for large banners and projections). The solution is that it needs to be “vectorized” to solve this problem.

The history of the logo was that it was done for the second ICPP meeting but there is general consensus that we need a new logo and thus need to decide how we take this forward. It was suggested that the organisers of the Lyon meeting should develop a “refreshed” logo which could then be absorbed by ISPP. Thus the organising committee of the ICPP 2023 were tasked to drive the development of the new logo.

Some suggestions as to how to take this forward was that there would be a survey. Serge Savary undertook to develop the survey questions (is logo okay; what needs to be changed; are the colours appropriate etc....).

Survey would be circulated through the newsletter. The Lyon meeting would then be used as a springboard to design the new logo – which then would be launched at the 2023 meeting.

Action 1 – Serge Savary and Daniel Huberli to do survey regarding logo

Action 2 - Nathalie Poussereau, Mathias Choquer to drive development of new logo – based on recommendations from the survey

3. Committees

Serge Savary reported that the idea to have an SMC chairs meeting at the ICPP meeting was a good one. The SMCs were happy with this idea and the meeting was a good one. Serge Savary reported that we need to give the SMC chairs more recognition – there was a suggestion that we should have a page on the website with photos of the SMC chairs. It was suggested that there would be a newsletter article to introduce the SMC chairs. Daniel Huberli will engage with the chairs.

Action 3 – Daniel Huberli to undertake newsletter article introducing SMC chairs

4. Financial support and items from committee reports.

The first issue that was discussed was about the financing of the purchase of the journal. This is in principle on track.

Serge Savary requested that there should be a meeting of the editors of the journal. As he is taking over as Editor in Chief there needs to be a meeting between him and the other senior editors. This is currently six people, they are across the world, Netherlands (Wageningen), Scotland (Edinburgh), USA (Michigan and Texas), Belgium (Brussels), Mexico and France. Serge Savary was asked to provide a budget for such a meeting for consideration.

5. Items from Councillor's and Subject Matter Committee Chair's suggestions. Discussion around the items raised at the council meeting. These need to be officially responded to at the next council meeting. (text below taken from minutes of Council meeting)

(i). There was a question as to why there were so many new Fellows in comparison to passed ICPP meetings. Greg Johnson answered to the satisfaction of those present, noting that ISPP Fellows are only elected at ICPP (i.e. every five years). The reasons included the fact that there previously had not been quite so many nominations. The ISPP had undertaken to publicize the nomination of Fellows more widely and this is possibly why there have been more nominations and thus more Fellows than in the past. This is considered to be positive and an indication that the ISPP is reaching more people through a number of interventions than in the past.

(ii). There was a question as to what the priorities of Task Force 2050 will be. It was explained that this task force will be an opportunity to profile Plant Pathology, especially with regards to IYPH 2020 but also beyond. The priorities of the task force still need to be developed.

(iii). Ralph Lopian (invitee representing IYPH2020) also suggested that in light of IYPH 2020 that the legacy /outcome in terms of public awareness should be considered. This is particularly with regards to collaborative research and that funds for research should be used better than they have been in the past. Also suggested that ISPP interact with the IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention Commission) IYPH2020 steering committee and the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) to facilitate these kinds of collaborations.

(iv). There was a question from David Olufolaji regarding how ISPP could support research in the developing world. Bursaries to attend the ICPP meeting while appreciated are not enough. ISPP could also assist in providing opportunities for Africans to visit laboratories in the more "developed world".

(v). There is a "One Arctic - One Health" conference in 2019¹. Plant Health is missing from this meeting yet it includes "health of environment, wildlife, domestic animals and humans". Jennifer McBeath suggested that there needs to be more effort to include Plant Health as this and equivalent meetings.

(vi). Mike Wingfield asked if there are Plant Pathology Societies which are not members of ISPP. South America is certainly a challenge, some of the European Societies are not members, Cuba also seems not to be a member. Suggestion that part of the IYPH 2020 that all societies should be tasked to assist in identifying non-member organisations and facilitating ISPP membership. (next APS Caribbean Division Meeting is in Cuba (<https://www.apsnet.org/members/divisions/carib/meetings/Pages/default.aspx>))

¹ <https://www.uarctic.org/news/2018/10/call-for-papers-one-arctic-one-health-conference-2019> - The science sections will focus on all the multidisciplinary themes of One Health approach - health of environment, wildlife, domestic animals and humans - from social aspects to technological solutions.

(vi). It was also suggested that regional Plant Protection organisations could be used to reach out to Plant Pathologists. In addition Councillors could be asked to reach out in regions that they are from to encourage joining ISPP.

There was also the suggestion of “a plant pathologists pledge” raised by Sophien Kamoun and Lodovica Gullino (text taken from council minutes)

It was suggested that there should be a Plant Pathologists pledge, a code of conduct similar to that undertaken by the medical professions – “to do no harm”. This issue is particularly important in the case of emergencies. A draft was circulated and there was some discussion about the suggestion as well as the draft documents. There was a suggestion that IPPC could look at it to see if it complied with international regulations. Also need to consider role of Twitter etc – these forms of communication can be useful but are also challenging. There was a suggestion that ISPP needs to also consider government protocols and procedures. There is a need to also consult with the entomologists. ISPP executive will take this draft forward and get feedback from the ISPP membership prior to a formal vote. This will be done through the ISPP newsletter.

There was then some discussion around the ideal structure of the council meeting. It was suggested that the meeting could be held in a different way to accommodate different ways of expression by the different councillors. It was mentioned that while there is only one council meeting every 5 years that the ISPP President does engage with the various councillors at other meetings in the “in between” years.

It was suggested that we should encourage some more social engagement between the councillors to allow for some mixing. We could also try to highlight some of the smaller societies at the next council meeting. We particularly need to engage with societies in the Arab regions as our participation with these regions is particularly low. For the Boston meeting this might also reflect difficulties in obtaining visas to enter the USA.

Given the realities of climate change and particularly its impact on the Arctic it might be important to consider an SMC on Arctic and cold environments.

Lise suggested that she could lead a position paper on “one health”.

SMC feedback is given under (4).

Action 4: Subcommittee to be established for Plant Pathologist Pledge (could also include an article in the ISPP newsletter) – Sophien Kamoun and Lodovica Gullino/Daniel Huberli.

Action 5: Khaled Makkouk to engage with Serge Savary regarding the suggestion of another SMC – one on Arctic and Cold environments.

Action 6: Lise Korsten to lead a position paper on “one health”.

6. Memberships and Invitations

No additional discussion on this topic – some discussion above.

7. Report from the ICPP2023 committee (Mathias and Nathalie)

There was some discussion about how we can ensure that attendees at ICPP2023 stay for the full 5 days of the meeting. Tom Evans (APS committee chair) was asked to provide a debriefing documents on ICPP2018. Tom Evans noted that there will also be an E-mail survey after the ICPP2018 meeting which can also be shared. (Tom Evans reported that 2410 people registered for ICPP2018). It was also suggested that we ask APS if we could use the APS App for the 2023 meeting.

Action 7: Tom Evans to provide Nathalie Poussereau with debriefing documents and engage with APS regarding the use of the App for the 2023 meeting.

There was additional discussion around some of the other potential challenges regarding session and content of sessions. We can ask the SMC chairs specifically to assist with session topics.

8. Suggestions for the Website www.isppweb.org (Peter Williamson)

Andrea Masino will take over some aspects of the website. There was a suggestion that we need to better (more obviously) advertise the ISPP journal on the web site. We could also look at improving aspects of the home page of the website.

9. Forward strategy (Jan)

Jan Leach talked to the strategy for the next five years. She suggested that we should consider using the SDGs as a driver to support the task force. Also that we need to press forward with initiative linked to the IYPH 2020. We also need to investigate how we can assist the international Plant Pathology community. ISPP could have a powerful voice especially in the international community and we need to use this.

Jan Leach suggested that the initial focus should be on the journal and the newsletter. It is important that we support both. Andrea Masino is tasked to start a LinkedIn page, we can also investigate social media platforms such as Research Gate and Facebook (ISPP already has a presence on Facebook).

Action 8: Andrea Masino is tasked to start a LinkedIn page for ISPP

10. New Business (Jan)

Jan Leach asked whether ISPP members and ICPP attendees are automatically subscribed to ISPP newsletter. Nobody could supply a definitive answer and it was suggested that we needed to ask Peter Williamson. It was suggested that we need to put out an article in the APS news about the ISPP newsletter.

There was a suggestion that the Newsletter could be redesigned to make it visually more stimulating.

Action 9: Andrea Masino to ask Peter Williamson as to whether ISPP members and ICPP attendees are automatically subscribed to newsletter

Action 10: Daniel Huberli to contact APS (with assistance from Tom) about putting an article in APS news about ISPP newsletter

Action 11: Daniel Huberli to consider ways of making ISPP newsletter more attractive.

11. EC Meetings 20018-2023 (Jan/Brenda)

There was a discussion about the next ISPP EC meeting. Suggestions were, Glasgow 2019, APS 2019 or APPS in Melbourne 2019. Consensus was that the majority (but not all) would be able to make the APPS meeting (25th – 28th Nov 2019). It was also mentioned that some EC members will be attending a meeting in Vienna in 2019. It was also mentioned that the 58th Meeting of the APS Caribbean Division will be held in Cuba May 6-10, 2019. EC members are encouraged to network with ISPP members and especially the councillors when they attend meetings across the globe.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. Jan Leach thanked everyone (including current and previous ISPP EC) for their attendance and participation. It was noted that the baseball that APS had presented to ISPP would go with Jan Leach to Colorado for safe keeping.

Meetings that are on in 2018-2023 (will be updated as we are advised of meetings)

General Plant Pathology Meetings

2019

51st SASPP Congress - Southern African Society of Plant Pathology -

Club Mykonos, Langebaan 20-24 January (<https://saspp.co.za/2019-conference/>)

19th International Reinhardsbrunn Symposium on Modern Fungicides and Antifungal Compounds

Friedrichroda, Germany, 07 to 11 Apr 2019

1st International Molecular Plant Protection Congress

Adana, Turkey, 10 to 13 Apr 2019

2nd International Conference on Biotechnology

Valencia, Spain, 15 to 16 Apr 2019

AAB meeting: Adding Value to Field Crop Genetic Resources

John Innes Centre, Norwich Research Park, Norfolk, UK (Plant Physiology & Crop Improvement Group, 25 to 26 Apr 2019

ACT's US Biostimulants Summit 2019

St. Louis, Missouri, USA , 01 to 02 May 2019

Joint Meeting of the IUFRO working parties Shoot, foliage and stem diseases and Wilt diseases

Figline Valdarno, Florence, Italy, 06 to 10 May 2019

ISHS 6th International Symposium on Tomato Diseases

Taichung, Taiwan, 06 to 09 May 2019

2nd International Conference on Holobionts

Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 08 to 10 May 2019

[Link to website](#)

14th International Plant Virus Epidemiology Symposium

Seoul, Korea, 14 to 17 May 2019

5th International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology: From Consumer to Laboratory

Liège, Belgium, 19 to 24 May 2019

AAB meeting: Cultivating Healthy Food Systems

Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK (Food Systems and Cropping & the Environment Group, 21 to 23 May 2019

International Symposium on Cereal Leaf Blights

University College Dublin, Dublin, 22 to 24 May 2019

Biopesticides Europe 2019

London - UK, 29 to 30 May 2019

Virus-Vector Vice-Versa

University of Bristol, UK, 10 to 21 Jun 2019

Functional Metagenomics 2019

Trondheim, Norway, 16 to 19 Jun 2019

SPS Summer School 2019

Versailles and Orsay (France), 30 Jun to 04 Jul 2019

Rhizosphere 5

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, 07 to 11 Jul 2019

11th International Workshop on Grapevine Trunk Diseases

Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, 07 to 12 Jul 2019

Biocontrol 2019: 4th International Symposium on Biological Control of Bacterial Plant Diseases

Viterbo, Italy, 09 to 14 Jul 2019

20th annual meeting of the Oomycete Molecular Genetics Network

Scottish Association for Marine Science, Oban, UK, 10 to 12 Jul 2019

2nd Annual Congress on Plant Science and Biosecurity

London, UK, 11 to 13 Jul 2019

XVIII International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions (ISMPMI)

Glasgow, Scotland, 14 to 18 Jul 2019

1st International Wheat Congress

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, 21 to 26 Jul 2019

American Phytopathological Society Annual Meeting – Plant Health

Cleveland, Ohio, USA, 03 to 07 Aug 2019

9th Edition World Pathology Week

Tokyo, Japan, 22 to 23 Aug 2019

International Workshop on the Fruit Microbiome: A New Frontier

National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, USA, 03 to 06 Sep 2019

Algae Tech Conference

Madrid, Spain, 04 to 05 Sep 2019

Working Party Meeting of IUFRO, Methodology of forest insect and disease

Suceava, Romania, 16 to 20 Sep 2019

AAB meeting: 5th Symposium of Potato Cyst Nematode Management

Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire, UK (Nematology Group), 21 to 23 Sep 2019

AAB meeting: IOBC-WPRS Working Group - Integrated Protection of Field Vegetables

DoubleTree by Hilton, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire, UK, 13 to 16 Oct 2019

AAB meeting: International Advances in Plant Virology 2019

CREA-DC, Rome, Italy (Virology Group), 29 to 31 Oct 2019

22nd Biennial Conference of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society

Melbourne, Australia, 25 to 28 Nov 2019

International Symposium on Microbe-Assisted Crop Production – Opportunities, Challenges and Need

Vienna, Austria, 02 to 05 Dec 2019

2020

16th Congress of the Mediterranean Phytopathological Union

Limassol, Cyprus, 23 to 27 Mar 2020

14th International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria (ICPPB)

Assisi, Umbria, Italy, 07 to 12 Jun 2020

21st EAPR Triennial Conference (European Association for the Potato Research)

Warsaw, Poland, 06 to 10 Jul 2020

Asian Conference on Plant Pathology: Importance and Impact of Global Plant Health

Tsukuba International Congress Center, Ibaraki, Japan, 15 to 18 Sep 2020

AAB meeting: International Advances in Pesticide Application

Mercure Brighton Seafront Hotel, Brighton, Sussex, UK (Pesticide Application Group), 28 to 30 Oct 2020

IX International Postharvest Symposium

Rotorua, New Zealand, 09 to 13 Nov 2020

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51st SASPP Congress - Southern African Society of Plant Pathology

Future Africa Pretoria January - dates to be determined

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12th International Congress of Plant Pathology

Lyon, France, 20 to 25 Aug 2023