



## The International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)

### Minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting ISPP Executive Committee (EC) (2013-2018)

July 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 – 9:00 am 17:00

July 29<sup>th</sup> 2018- 8:00 am – 12:00

**Venue:** Hynes Convention Centre - Executive Boardroom 300. Boston USA

#### **Present**

Saturday-

President Dr Greg Johnson (Australia)

Secretary General –Professor Brenda Wingfield (South Africa)

Vice President Tom Evans (USA)

Vice President - Serge Savary (France)

Immediate Past President - Prof M. Lodovica Gullino (Italy),

Treasurer: Prof Zamir Punja (Canada)

President (2018-2023) – Professor Jan Leach (USA)

Vice President (2018-2023)– Dr Nathalie Poussereau (France)

Co-chair of ICPP 2023 Mathias Choquer (France)

Vice President President (2018-2023) – Dr Khaled Makkouk (Lebanon);

Editor, ISPP Newsletter –Dr Daniel Huberli (Australia);

Joined on Sunday

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

Editor, Food Security - Professor Richard Strange (United Kingdom).

Apologies

Peter Williamson (Australia)

Zamir Punja did not join until late on Sunday

#### 1 Welcome, agreement on agenda

Greg welcomed everyone and asked for the apologies.

Everyone was asked to briefly introduce themselves.

There was some clarification regarding the evening dinner and final directions were sent to everyone.

#### 2 Minutes of 5th Meeting ISPP EC 2013-2018 – (Att. 2)

Minutes were accepted by Brenda and Tom

It was agreed that all action items were either completed or had been captured in the in the agenda.

#### 3 President's Report (Greg)- (Att. 3) including ISPP Report 2013-2018 and Workplan 2018-2023

Greg took the majority of the report as read, noted that an edited version was supplied to the Council meeting (financial figures were not included). There are specifically 13 recommendations that are suggested in the report. These were discussed.

Greg also reported that the ISPP president's reception was a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. This will also be used to present the Fran Fisher Award. This is the first time this will be awarded (to Charlie Delp). Rick Bennett, Tom and Lodovica will speak at the reception. EC need to decide if this should be repeated at the ICPP in Lyon to make the award.

*Recommendation 1 –: ICPP hosting*

The ISPP Executive should continue to liaise with ICPP organizing committees to streamline planning procedures and strengthen international involvement in planning the scientific program so as to optimize procedures and opportunities for more member societies to host future Congresses.

*Recommendation 2 – ICPP Frequency*

Commencing after 2028, the ISPP should consider moving to a four-yearly cycle for ICPP. This would complement frequencies of the International Plant Protection and Mycological Congresses. (IPPC will be in 2023; 2027; 2031; IMC would be 2022; 2026; 2030; ICPP would be 2023; 2028; 2032; 2036).

*Recommendation 3. ISPP Individual Members*

The ISPP should introduce a life-membership of ISPP option for individual members – perhaps 11-12 times the cost of annual membership (\$16.00) say USD180.00. (This would encourage more people to join on a one-off basis and thus grow the number of individual members – it is probable that many individual members currently retain membership for less than 10 years).

*Recommendation 4. ISPP Council Membership.*

The ISPP Executive should consider additional categories eligible to vote in Council – e.g. ISPP Fellows (18); ISPP Past Presidents (3-4); Editor in Chief ISPP journal, ISPP Newsletter editor. People who serve in these roles have a deep knowledge and broad experience in the objectives of ISPP and their continuing contribution through ISPP Council could be an advantage. Agreement on this would require changes to ISPP Statutes.

*Recommendation 5 – ISPP Commission on Global Food Security*

In 2018-2023, the Commission on Global Food Security will continue to serve as a platform for information exchange, for example through the Food Security journal, and through knowledge bases, position papers, think tanks and conferences and the organization of a Plenary Session at ICPP2023

*Recommendation 6 – ISPP Task Force on Challenges for Plant Pathology 2050*

In 2018-2023, the Task Force on Challenges for Plant Pathology 2050 will be a major focus of ISPP through activities and foresighting linked to the proposed International Year of Plant Health with outcomes delivered through workshops, meetings and publications and activities that engage youth and young plant pathologists.

*Recommendation 7 – ISPP newsletter and social media*

In 2018-2023, the ISPP will continue to produce a monthly newsletter and to expand the social media of the society.

*Recommendation 8 – ISPP Journal*

In 2022-2023, the ISPP will progress the agreement to obtain full ownership of the Journal, Food Security.

**Motion** The ISPP Executive expresses its deep appreciation for the tireless efforts of Professor Richard Strange in helping to launch and then steering the ISPP Journal *Food Security* as Editor in Chief from 2009 until 2018. It further congratulates Prof Strange, Deputy EiC, Stephen Waddington, the Editorial team and Zuzana Bernhard and the publishing team at Springer Nature for achieving an impact factor of 'almost' 3 in 2017 and we welcome as incoming Editor in Chief Dr Serge Savary.

*Recommendation 9 – ISPP Books*

In 2018-2023, the ISPP will continue to publish the book series *Plant Pathology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* in partnership with Springer Nature.

*Recommendation 10 – Jakob Eriksson Prize*

In 2018-2028 the ISPP will continue to work closely with the Jakob Eriksson Commission to oversee and select the recipient of the Jakob Eriksson Prize for Plant Pathology.

*Recommendation 11 – ISPP Fellows and Francenia Fisher Award*

The Council delegates to the Executive of responsibilities for nomination of candidates for election as Fellows of ISPP and for selecting the recipient of the Francenia Fisher Award.

(Delegation of nomination responsibilities to the ISPP Executive will allow nominees to be advised in advance of the Congress so that nominees can plan to attend)

*Recommendation 12 – Executive delegation and changes to Statutes/Rules*

In 2018-2023, the Council delegates to the Executive of responsibilities for Appointments within the Secretariat, and for filling any casual vacancies that may occur on the Executive prior to the 5-yearly election of the new Executives of ISPP.

Co-ordination of Subject Matter Committees (SMC) and changes to SMC membership.

In 2018-2023, the Executive will review ISPP Statutes 14 and 15 and change Constituent body (a) General Assembly to (a) Membership since in modern large congresses, it is impractical to convene a 'General Assembly' Under the revised statutes, ISPP member interests would be maintained through the ISPP Executive and the ISPP Council which is convened at each Congress.

*Recommendation 13 – Finances and purchase of Journal*

In 2018-2023 ISPP Should maintain a fiscally conservative spending pattern through to 2021 to allow for the purchase of the half share of the ISPP journal Food Security.

The Executive had endorsed the recommendations by email prior to the meeting and circulated to Council as part of Council papers.

**Action item 2018-1:** Recommendations and motions will be presented at Council meeting – EC/Greg

4 ISPP Report 2013-2018 and Workplan 2018-2023 – also discussed with item (3) above.

5 Subject Matter Committee report (Serge) (Att 4)  
Serge presented the report regarding activities of the SMC but noted that there were some significant challenges regarding the SMCs. These are mainly regarding communication with the SMC leaders. Daniel Huberli has also been interacting with the leaders of the SMCs and reported that he had a mixed response.  
The one suggestion was that the proposed Task Force 2050 could engage with the SMCs. This might also lead to new SMCs being proposed.  
Serge will meet with the SMC leaders at a separate meeting during the ICPP meeting. This is the first time this has happened and it is anticipated that this might assist in getting the SMCs more organised. The SMCs should be actively involved in organising sessions at ICPP meetings but it is often more difficult to get SMC engagement with ISPP in the years between ICPP meetings  
The SMC reports which had been received would be presented at the Council meeting.

**Action item 2018-2:** SMC reports would be presented at the Council meeting EC/Greg

5 Associated Societies (Greg) (Refer Att 3 and Council papers)

## Plant Pathology in Cuba (Greg) Att 5

The reports from the associated societies are on the ISPP webpage and are also attached to the Council documents. There are also some challenges regarding the associated societies with regards to obtaining membership dues. This has improved a bit now that societies are being asked to pay three years at a time. From the numbers in the current reports ISPP has 26 000 members which is an increase in numbers from the previous count.

One of the ways in which the ISPP is trying to keep connected with the associated societies is through the regional societies. In the last period the ISPP president has attended all the Asian Association of Societies for Plant Pathology.

There is a list server with all the addresses for the associated societies and councillors. This is a challenge to keep updated. The regular newsletters have improved this. The ISPP needs to have the input of the councillors to function. Having a meeting every 4 years may also help in keeping the communication channels open.

**Action item 2018-3:** Newsletter editor and business manager will continue keeping the data on the councillors and SMC leaders as up to date as possible. Daniel and Andrea

### 6 ISPP Council Meeting (Greg) (Agenda and Minutes in Council Meeting Papers) (refer Council papers)

The council meeting documents have been sent to all the councillors and the SMC leaders. It is anticipated that there will be 60 attendees at the council meeting.

Greg showed a powerpoint presentation prepared to lead the Council meeting. He highlighted that it was important to particularly report back on issues that had been raised at the council meeting in Beijing.

#### *a) Equity/transparency in relation to financial support for invited speakers*

“The Secretary and President noted that support was generally provided for a small number of Plenary or Keynote speakers as well as the Eriksson Prize recipient and Glenn Anderson Speaker. It was noted that Congress organisers face tremendous pressure from some individuals and in some cases their reciprocal linkages with other Societies or Institutions added to the pressure they faced. The ISPP policy was that all invited speakers should cover their own costs with the exception being for speakers from developing countries who may be offered full or partial bursary support by the congress organisers.”

It was agreed that significant funding had been raised by the APS to provide funding at different levels to a number of delegates from developing world countries. Tom Evans spoke to this issue. It is important that the organizers of the next meeting ensure that they have a budget to support delegates from developing world countries.

#### *b) Support for developing countries and ICPP not frequent enough!*

“It was noted that support for some developing countries was provided under the Congress bursary scheme however it was impossible to provide support for all who requested it”

ICPP takes a great deal of organization and holding the congress every 5 years was a challenge itself – without holding it more frequently.

#### *c) Comparative lack of participation by Latin America and Africa*

“The comparative lack of participation by South America and Africa was acknowledged, but it was also noted that the Associated Societies in these areas were comparatively non-responsive to the numerous contact attempts made by the Secretary General and Business Manager. The Hosting of ICPP2018 in USA offered a key opportunity for ISPP to strengthen links with South America in particular but also Africa.”

The figures for the ICPP meeting in Boston in this regard were an improvement on the numbers of delegates from these regions in the past.

#### *d) Guidelines for promoting fungicides – session organization (Raised by KPNV Councilor)*

“Concern was expressed that one chemical control session had given a perception to attendees as too biased towards the interests of particular chemical companies. The Secretary acknowledged that this would be followed up in 2013-2018.” It was noted that the person who raised the issue had not been identified and so followup was

not possible. It was agreed that such a session was not desirable and that every effort should be taken for this not to happen again.

7 Secretary's Report (Brenda)

Brenda reported that there were no specific items to report on, all issues had been captured in the minutes or in the Presidents report.

8 (a) Treasurer's Report and ISPP Income and Expenditure 2013-2024:(Zamir) (Att 8 a)  
(b) Tax filings separate pdf (Atts 8 b)

The ISPP is financially doing okay, the main source of funding are the membership dues, the journal and the ICPP congress.

Projections regarding the purchase of the journal were discussed. Based on the projections the ISPP should be able to purchase journal in 2023. It was agreed that Greg will write to Springer to indicate that intention of ISPP to buy the journal in 2023-24.

There was also a recommendation that there should be an official audit of the ISPP. Agreement that this should take place only once a new Treasurer is appointed. Zamir will step down due to health reasons in 2018.

Zamir raised the issue that the only person currently who can sign off on expenditure is the Treasurer and suggested that at least one other person should be empowered to do this. Tom (previous treasurer) explained that there was another person at the APS (Amy Hope) who also had signing rights. Agreement that the new Treasurer and the President should have signing rights on the account. It was also decided that Andrea as business manager needed to have "sight" of ISPP bank accounts so that he can determine what monies have been received.

A decision was taken that the monies in the ISPP account need to be invested in an account that has the potential for growth. There is the potential to have an account in Europe. New Treasurer to investigate this.

Suggestion that Mathews Paret could take over as Treasurer. This has been recommended by Tom. Mathews CV had been circulated to EC before the meeting. A decision was taken to interview Mathews at the end of the meeting on Sunday (at 11:00am). Tom would contact Mathews and co-ordinate this.

**Action Item 2018-4:** Recommendation that the tax documents that were filed should be attached to minutes

**Action item 2018-5:** Springer to be informed of ISPP intent to purchase journal in 2023 – Greg.

**Action item 2018-6:** Official audit of ISPP to be undertaken. This will probably be done in late 2018 or 2019. New Treasurer and Zamir will see to this.

**Action item 2018-7:** Zamir, new treasurer and Jan Leach will urgently ensure that the appropriate authorisations regarding the ISPP account are updated – Jan Leach and new Treasurer to both have signing rights on account. Also Andrea needs to have rights to view but not transact on the account.

**Action Item 2018-8:** ISPP needs to re-invest some of the funds currently sitting in the Wells Fargo account. New Treasurer needs to attend to this.

**Action Item 2018-9** Tax filling to be attached to minutes Brenda/Zamir

(c) ISPP Life member fee for individuals (Greg) (refer Att 3)

Dealt with in recommendation list above

8 (a) Business Manager Report (Peter W) (Att 9a)

The report was considered as read. Andrea will take over as business manager from Peter Williamson as of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Andrea can be contacted at the address [Business.Manager@ispp.web.org](mailto:Business.Manager@ispp.web.org). Peter can be contacted at [web.manager@ispp.web.org](mailto:web.manager@ispp.web.org). Andrea indicated that he was in discussions with Peter regarding taking over as business manager. It was decided that the ISPP web site needs to be encrypted. This will cost 150 pounds a year. Andrea will engage with Zamir to get this payment done using the ISPP credit card.

Greg indicated that the ISPP is hugely grateful to Peter Williamson for his long service to the ISPP as business manager and beyond. This sentiment was shared by all at the meeting and will be indicated again at the Council meeting and closing ceremony.

**Action item 2018-10:** Andrea to organise that the ISPP web page is encrypted. Andrea

(b) Appointment of new business manager (Greg) (Att 9 b)  
Dealt with in previous item.

## 10 ISPP Publications Reports

10a Journal Report (Richard S (att 10 a) and Springer – SEPARATE pdf)  
Richard Strange discussed report. It is also indicated that there is a separate report form Springer.

Serge Savary will take over as Editor in Chief of the journal as Richard is retiring.

Serge suggested that he will discuss with the SMC's the potential of publishing in the ISPP journal "Food Security". He will also look into the potential of holding workshops in systems modelling in Sub Saharan Africa.

**Action item 2018-11:** Serge to take over as editor in Chief of journal. Contract needs to be completed - Greg

**Action item 2018-12:** Serge to engage with SMC's to publish in journal and hold at least one work shop in Sub Saharan Africa

Action item 2018-13: Add Springer report to Minutes Brenda/Greg

10b ISPP Books from ICPP2008 & ICPP2013 (Lodovica) (Refer Att 3 item 10 (b))  
Lodovica discussed the report and the book series that have appeared and the ones that are planned.

10c Newsletter Report (Daniel) (Att 10 c)

Daniel reported on the Newsletter. He indicated that Brain Deverall started the last 5 year period as editor of the newsletter and Daniel took over from him.

Daniel reinforced that will engage with the SMC leaders to provide information about the newsletter. He will also engage with other groups/workshops to obtain content for newsletter.

## 11 Congresses

11 (a) ICPP2018 Report (Tom) (att 11 a)

Tom discussed the report but also indicated that the Plenaries will be live streamed.

11 (b) ICPP2023 Report (Nathalie/Mathias) (Att 11 b (i))

Nathalie and Mathias, who will organise the ICPP 2023 meeting presented their report. The Powerpoint of their report is attached as a separate pdf. A contract has been signed with Europa Group to secure the venue in 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It was further noted that the French Society of

Plant Pathology will celebrate 50 years in 2021. The local organising committee include INRA/CNRS/CIRAD/IRD/INSA.

The web site for ICPP 2023 will be launched in August 2018 (<https://www.icpp2023.org>).

## 12 ISPP administration (Brenda/Zamir /Peter W)

### Changes to Statutes and Rules (Greg) (refer Att 3)

Changes to the ISPP states are proposed as recommendation 12 and will need to be ratified at the Council meeting. EC agreed on changes.

**Action item 2018-14:** Changes to statutes need to be ratified at Council meeting : Greg

## 13 World Directory of Plant Pathologists (EU privacy /data issues (att 13) & refer Att 3)

As a consequence of the implementation of the European Union general data protection regulation (GDPR) the World Directory is now off line. APS controls this data base and because we could not provide evidence that it complies with the GDPR it was closed. We need to ensure that the data that is presented in this list complies with the GDPR. This issue needs to be dealt with by the incoming EC. Essentially we need to ensure that all persons listed in the data base have agreed that their details can be made available. The easiest way forward will be to do this through the societies.

Tom agreed to start with the APS and will organise for a message to be sent to all who are listed through the APS to get their agreement. Greg will follow up with other societies.

There was a discussion about the need to set up a Wikipedia web page for the ISPP. Andrea agreed to do this.

**Action item 2018-15:** Need to ensure that World directory complies with GDPR – Tom (APS), Greg (other societies)

**Action item 2018-16:** Andrea to set up Wikipedia page for ISPP

## 14 Taskforce on Global Food Security (Lise/Peter Scott) (att 14)

Lise presented her report on the task force. It was a comprehensive report. Much of the material is on the ISPP web site. There is no question that the Task Force delivered significantly on the challenge it was tasked with. Going forward the task force will move into being a commission under the Subject Matter Committees. In this way it will continue to be engaged in organising sessions at the ICPP meeting.

In her presentation Lise focused on the Sustainable Development Goals. A number of these are strongly aligned to the task force and the members of this task force /commission will continue with these goals strongly in mind.

**\*\*\*Action item 2018-17:** **Attach Lise's presentation to minutes** – Brenda

## 15 Taskforce on Priorities for Plant Pathology 2050 (Greg/Lodovica) (Att 15)

Lodovica presented the idea of the new task force “Priorities for Plant Pathology 2050”.

The task force needs to develop a meeting schedule. It will be led by Lodovica. It has not been determined who will be the other representatives on the task force. Greg has indicated that he wishes to be involved. There was a suggestion that the SMCs could be asked to nominate two people.

**Action item 2018-18:** Develop the aim of the task force in 2019. Lodovica.

## 16 Jakob Eriksson Prize (Greg) (refer Council Agenda and papers)

The Jakob Eriksson Prize will be presented to Pierre de Wit at the opening ceremony of ICPP 2018. Mauritz Ramstedt of the Jacob Eriksson Prize Commission will be attending the ICPP meeting and will be involved in the presentation of the prize. Mauritz will shortly end his term and another person (Daniel Funk-Nelson) will be appointed to this task. This prize is administered by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

#### 17 ISPP Awards

##### 17 (a) Fran Fisher Award (Greg) (refer Council Agenda and papers)

This is the first time that this award will be presented and it will be awarded to Charlie Delp..

##### 17 (b) ISPP Fellows (Greg) (refer Council Agenda and papers)

We need to develop a better process for the nomination of the ISPP Fellows. The issue will be discussed at the Council meeting. This is recommendation 11 “Council to delegates to the Executive of responsibilities for nomination of candidates for election as Fellows of ISPP and for selecting the recipient of the Francenia Fisher Award.

(Delegation of nomination responsibilities to the ISPP Executive will allow nominees to be advised in advance of the Congress so that nominees can plan to attend).

#### 18 Election of Executive 2023-2028 (Greg)

The ISPP past president is tasked with this responsibility. Greg will thus drive this process. The suggestion is that before shortlisting of candidates, people who are nominated should be asked to provide a vision statement with regards to being part of the ISPP EC.

There was also a discussion on the fact that while the Councillors and EC are asked to vote for the new EC that the response rate is low. There was a suggestion that the base for the vote should be broadened (See Recommendation 4 to Council 2018).

**Action item 2018-19:** New EC to consider how to improve Council participation in ISPP.

Jan/Brenda

#### 19 Any other business

##### (i) Plant pathologists pledge (Lodovica / Sophien Kamoun)

Lodovica spoke to this. Suggestion that Plant Pathologists should be asked to pledge regarding their responsibilities as plant pathologists. Suggestion was that this would be somewhat similar to the pledge that medical professionals take – at the essence that they should do no harm, share research results and materials to ensure Plant Health globally.

This issue will be taken to Council. At this stage there is no pledge that has been drafted. Sophien Kamoun will present this at the council meeting

**Action item 2018-20:** Raise the issue of potentially drafting a pledge to council and plan from there. Lodovica/Greg/Sophien Kamoun

##### (ii) **Motion.** Accept all the reports

**Moved and Seconded by Greg and Brenda.** Carried unanimously

##### (iii) **Motion.** The ISPP acknowledges and thanks retiring and outgoing Executive and Secretariat members for their tireless support for ISPP in undertaking their duties:



Thomas Evans for service as ISPP Treasurer 2008-2013 during which time the ISPP moved bank accounts from Canada to the USA, obtained charity status in the USA and revised the ISPP Statutes and Rules of Procedure AND service as ISPP Vice President responsible for ICPP2018 in chairing the ICPP2018 Committee.

Zamir Punja for service as ISPP Treasurer 2013-2018 during which time the ISPP improved society billing procedures and income and expenditure recording and accrued considerable savings towards the future purchase of the ISPP journal.

Lodovica Gullino for service as ISPP Vice President and ICPP organising Chair responsible for ICPP2008 (2003-2008), ISPP President (2008-2013) and ISPP Past President (2013-2018), organiser of Keynote sessions at ICPP2008, 2013 and 2018 and initiator and ongoing Series Editor of the ISPP book series *Plant Pathology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. In terms of financial returns to ISPP, ICPP2008 was the most successful Congress to date.

Richard Strange for service as 'champion' and inaugural Editor in Chief of the ISPP Journal *Food Security* including establishment (with Peter Scott) of the journal, and ongoing liaison with Zuzana Bernhard and colleagues at Springer Nature and the journal Advisory Board, editors and authors.

Peter Williamson for service as the inaugural ISPP Business Manager 2006-2018 (with the support of Charmaine Williamson) – establishing the position, undertaking tireless development of the ISPP website, planning and supporting the ISPP Booth at ICPP2008 and ICPP2018, overseeing ballots for ICPP2013 and ICPP2018 and election of the Executives 2013-2018 and 2018-2023, working closely with the ISPP Newsletter Editor to prepare and post ISPP newsletters for 12 years, fulfilling requests from ISPP Executive, Secretariat and SMC chairs in relation to the website, and assisting them in many tasks.

Lise Korsten for service as Chair of the ISPP Taskforce on Global Food Security 2013-2018 - liaising with ISPP Executive, Secretariat and Task Force members and planning Task Force activities and scientific programs at the World Food Conference in Capetown 2017 and ICPP2018.

Serge Savary for service as ISPP Vice President responsible for Subject Matter Committees as well as Chair of the ISPP SMC for Crop Losses – maintaining liaison with SMCs, enhancing interaction with SMCs at ICPP2018 and conceiving and undertaking the global crop loss survey with support of Crop Loss SMC members and the ISPP newsletter.

#### **Moved and Seconded by Brenda and Tom**

Carried unanimously

#### **(iv) Time capsule 2068**

Greg discussed the idea of developing a time capsule for 2068. A book was circulated for everyone to write something to be read by Plant Pathologists of the future. This book will be circulated at other events during the meeting. The book and other items will be put in a time capsule, the suggestion is that the British Society of Plant Pathology will be asked to keep the time capsule which will then be opened at the ICPP 2068. ISPP was started by the British Society and this is the motivation to ask them to host the capsule.

**Action item 2018-21:** Greg to organise the Time capsule.

#### **(v) Mathews Paret was interviewed**

EC all agreed that he was a good candidate for Treasurer. He was offered the position of ISPP Treasurer (to meet casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Zamir Punja) subject to his election being endorsed by the ISPP Council. (Greg – ISPP Council 2013 agreed that the Executive can fill casual vacancies in Executive)

20 – End of Meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.45 am.

## Attachments

ISPP Tax filings 2013-2016 are attached as separate PDFs

**ICPP2023 Planning report powerpoint as PDF**

ISPP Taskforce on Global Food Security attached as separate file.