

## Minutes ISPP-CTPPB Beijing 2013

In attendance: C.T. Bull, T.A. Coutinho, M. Fischer-Le Saux, X. Li, Y. Takikawa  
Apologies received from: Marco Scortichini, Tim Denny, Gerry Saddler, Giuseppe Firrao and David Stead

Carolee thanked the committee for their dedicated volunteer work. She recognized that each of us has full time and demanding jobs. As volunteers, we do an outstanding job for the ISPP-CTPPB and are the most active subject matter committee. She thanked the committee for their patience with each other when other commitments get in the way and asked that everyone continue to fully participate to the best of their ability.

Carolee outlined the plan for the meeting. We would discuss the topics and decide yes or no to take action and at the end we would rank the bigger projects in order of priority. We also needed to identify agenda items for the open meeting as we discussed.

For the following items there was consensus among the group either immediately or after discussion.

Publications were ranked in the order of importance

1. List of new names 2010 – 2012 (to be submitted this fall)
2. Letters to the editor about the need for including type and pathotype strains in papers for classification and identification of plant pathogenic bacteria. Letter to be sent to major plant pathology journals were new reports are published.
  - Comment from Carolee as she writes the minutes – Perhaps it would be better to write one formal Letter to the Editor and when that is published send a copy of that publication to other journals.
3. Review the standards for a possible re-write in the next five years (before 2018 meeting). Perhaps someone would volunteer to lead this effort? One question that should be resolved is what to do with pathotypes that are no longer pathogenic?
4. Review article on taxonomic groups that require significant taxonomic work.

Anyone can lead the writing and be first author on these group publications. Carolee currently is because she instigates many of the publications, but it doesn't have to be that way. Please let Carolee know if you want to take the lead on any topic.

Website issues:

- We have decided to remove the list of names of bacteria ([http://www.isppweb.org/names\\_bacterial.asp](http://www.isppweb.org/names_bacterial.asp)) and new names ([http://www.isppweb.org/names\\_bacterial\\_new.asp](http://www.isppweb.org/names_bacterial_new.asp)) from public view on our website because they are defunct. I will ask place a link to a page with links to pdf of the comprehensive and new names lists in their place.
- We also decided to work on making a comprehensive list in the format of the LPSN. This will take some time but we need to work on it. We did not make a plan of action however. One suggestion was to work on one taxon at a time.

- No website reorganization is needed, but we will add a link to search functions in culture collections. Carolee will add the minutes to the website, up-date the history and membership lists.

### **Function and Structure:**

- We decided to not pursue formalization of the function and structure. We discussed that we thought the effort, which started in 2000, was in response to critiques about membership on the committee. We want to wait to see what type of response we will get at the open meeting before we do anything. However, there was a general consensus that we shouldn't work on this if it is not needed. We will continue to replace people as they retire or add people as we need them.
- We have decided to add a new member when D. Stead retires from the committee and will announce this at the open meeting. Carolee will write the call for nominations.
- Carolee suggested rotating the convener position but the idea was rejected. She reminded everyone that she would gladly give up or share the position if someone wanted to lead.
- We decided to take nominations for an intern for the committee to serve approximately 2 years so that they can participate in the workings of the committee. Carolee will write the call for nominations. This will help us educate scientists and increase diversity.

### **Standards and Code**

We will take Brian Tindall's advice and petition to have our committee be a subcommittee of the ICSP of the IUMS. Carolee will send out the information she has and Marion will contact the committee to find out how we go about this. We will then need to commit to attend these meetings.

From Brian:

"I fully support your wish to see the two systems dovetailing efficiently and is a very constructive effort. This is one reason why you should also seek to have your committee recognised as a subcommittee under the statutes of the ICSP, without losing your important independent status."

### **Committee Identity**

The committee decided that we need to increase the profile and recognition of the committee. Here are some things we are going to do that.

- We will continue to try to have something from our committee in the ISPP Newsletter each year.
- Teresa is going to ask bacteriology committees from major plant pathology societies to link to our webpage (the main webpage).
- Marion will ask the main culture collections to put a link to our website on their websites.
- We could document our impact by reviewing citations of our publications and making a list of agencies world-wide that use our lists (Carolee will initiate).
- We are going to make an email list to send the new names lists to.

- Sean Li will get the list of email addresses from the Plant Bacteria committee to send the new names list to.
- Carolee has collected all the email addresses of phytobacteriologists from the program book to add to the list.
- Advertising for the intern and replacement will help raise the awareness.
- The publications we are planning should help increase the profile of our committee.
- Open meetings at the ICPP need to be announced in the program or held in conjunction with any symposium that we have. We had a brief open meeting at the 2013 ICPP meeting but only three people from outside of the committee attended.

We decided to not put our effort into a guide to writing the new names list. We may have our intern do this.

We are interested in having a database that could be searched by the committee to help us keep track of our discussions about each of the taxa. Carolee has started one for herself.

- Marion, Sean and Carolee will ask the information systems people they know about approaches to generating as shared database.

We would like to know if the Guide to Plant Pathogenic Bacteria is moving forward. Carolee will ask Gerry if he knows anything about it. We might be able to work with a larger group of phytobacteriologists to update the book if John Young is not continuing the effort.

We heard at the meeting that John Young is not doing very well physically. We hope everyone will keep his best health in your thoughts.

## **To Do Lists**

Carolee

- Finish New Names Document
- Up-date website (remove names, add links to papers, up-date history and membership history, add links to culture collections and relevant pages)
- Write call for nominations for student intern and new member to replace David Stead, even though he is irreplaceable.
- Ask Gerry if he knows anything about the Guide to Plant Pathogenic Bacteria.
- Start a document about impact of the committee throughout the world.
- Talk to website manager about a shared database for information about taxa.
- Send information to Marion having the committee recognized as a subcommittee under the statutes of the ICSP of the IUMS.

Marion

- Make formal inquiry to the ICSP of the IUMS for having our committee recognized as a subcommittee.
- Ask the main culture collections to put a link to our website on their websites.

- Ask the information specialist about approaches to generating as shared database for information about the taxa leading to our decisions.

Sean

- Get list of emails from bacteriology committee for sending new names list and other information.
- Ask the information specialist about approaches to generating as shared database for information about the taxa leading to our decisions.

Teresa

Contact bacteriology committees from major plant pathology societies and ask them to link to our webpage (the main webpage).

Respectfully submitted September 3, 2013 (Salinas, CA)

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