

AASPP House of Delegates
Meeting Room 4, Darwin Convention Centre
7:00 pm, 26 April 2011

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Prof. David Guest (Chair; Australia; Vice President AASPP), Prof. Cheng-Gui Han (China; Secretary General AASPP), Prof. Sek Man Wong (Singapore), Prof. Shinji Tsuyumu (Japan), Dr Keiko Natsuaki (Japan), Prof. Somsiri Sangchote (Thailand), Prof. Eun Woo Park (Korea; Treasurer AASPP), Dr Nimal Adikaram (Sri Lanka), Dr Caroline Mohammed (Australia), Dr Susanto Somowiyarjo (Indonesia).

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting (Turin, 25 August 2008)
3. Venue for ACPP 2014
4. Election of Officers for the 4th House of Delegates (2011-2014)
5. Other business

Minutes

1. Apologies: None were received
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Business arising will be dealt with in the agenda.
3. Venue for ACPP 2014 and 2017
The Delegate from Thailand proposed that the 5th ACPP in 2014 be hosted by the Thailand Society of Plant Pathology, at a venue to be confirmed. It was suggested that the meeting be held in November or December.
Korea was suggested as a possible venue for the 6th ACPP, to be held in 2017.
There was general discussion about organising future conferences and it was agreed that nominations to host the next conference should be sought before the current House of Delegate meetings (i.e. at least 3 years before the proposed conference).
4. Election of Officers for the 4th House of Delegates (2011-2014)
President: Professor David Guest
Vice-Presidents: Professor Somsiri Sangchote and Dr Keiko Natsuaki
Secretary-General: Professor Chen-Gui Han
Treasurer: Dr Caroline Mohammed
5. Other Business
 - 5.1 Finances. Members discussed potential sources of funding for AASPP, including conference surpluses, Membership levies, commercial sponsorship and ISPP. These suggestions will be followed up by the Treasurer.
 - 5.2 Activities. Members identified the following activities as priorities for the incoming Executive:
 - Establishment of an AASPP web site
 - Sponsoring conferences and meetings
 - Promotion of scientific exchanges

- Establishment of a Disease Notes journal
- Encouraging student involvement in the society

5.3 Constitution. Proposed changes to the constitution will be circulated.

5.4 Election of Office holders. To facilitate a smooth transition, member societies are asked to formally nominate Office holders before the House of Delegate meeting. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary-General.

5.5 Role of Vice-Presidents. After some discussion, Vice-Presidents were asked to accept the additional responsibility of soliciting nominations for future ACPPs.

5.6 Missing societies? It was noted that a number of member societies were not represented at the House of Delegates meeting. Members were asked to encourage their participation.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:30 PM
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