



Asian Association of Societies for Plant Pathology  
Notice of House of Delegates Meeting  
Boardroom 1, Level 1, Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand  
16:30-17:30, Tuesday 4 November 2014

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting Beijing, 28 August 2013 (circulated)
3. President's report (Prof David Guest)
4. Treasurer's report (Dr Caroline Mohammed)
5. 6<sup>th</sup> ACPP 2017 (South Korea)
6. Nominations to host 7<sup>th</sup> ACPP 2021
7. Feedback on the AASPP website
8. Introduction of new AASPP Executive (Prof Somsiri Sangchote,  
Incoming President)
9. Any other business

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

The AASPP committee held the AASPP Executive meeting at 16.30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014 at the Empress Hotel during ACPP2014, Chiang Mai, Thailand with Prof. David Guest in the chair. The list of participants appears below:

#### Participants of the meeting

1. David Guest            [david.guest@sydney.edu.au](mailto:david.guest@sydney.edu.au)    Australia
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4. Xueping Zhou           [zzhou@zju.edu.cn](mailto:zzhou@zju.edu.cn)                    China
5. Yong-Hwan Lee         [yonglee@snu.ac.kr](mailto:yonglee@snu.ac.kr)                    Korea
6. Sonsiri Sangchote     [agrsrs@ku.ac.th](mailto:agrsrs@ku.ac.th)                      Thailand
7. Greg Johnson           [greg.johnson@velocitynet.com.au](mailto:greg.johnson@velocitynet.com.au)    ISPP
8. Tang Wenhua            [wenhuatang@sina.com](mailto:wenhuatang@sina.com)                China
9. Pattavipha Songkumarn   [fagrpps@ku.ac.th](mailto:fagrpps@ku.ac.th)                    Thailand

#### Apology

Christian Cumagun        [Christian\\_cumagun@yahoo.com](mailto:Christian_cumagun@yahoo.com)    Philippines

### 2. Minutes of Previous meeting, Beijing, 28 August 2013

The minutes, which had been previously circulated, were accepted without amendment.

### 3. President's Report

#### 1. How to engage the AASPP society more effectively?

- To keep contact among AASPP communities, the AASPP does have an official website, <http://www.isppweb.org/aaspp/>. Any updated information should be done via the website. Any changes in membership should be informed to the AASPP president via the website.
- Prof. Yong-Hwan Lee informed the participants that the facebook of AASPP has been available. This will be another channel to keep information updating. The availability of AASPP facebook will be announced to AACPP2014 participants during the ACPP2014, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- To join the AASPP, their countries of applicants are needed to be in the country-list of the ISPP.

#### 2. The benefits of the AASPP society were discussed:

- Creating opportunities to share information from one to other countries through the website and facebook.
- Organising the Asian Conference of Plant Pathology.
- Providing financial support for participants from developing countries to attend the conference. In this particular issue, Professor Guest reminded the House of Delegates that a small surplus of \$A3,000 from the 4th ACPP, held in Darwin in 2011, had been made available to fund travel bursaries for participants from Least Developed Countries (as defined by the UN) in Asia to present their work at this, the 5<sup>th</sup>, ACPP. An application from Mr Jamba Gyeltshen from Bhutan was considered by email circulation amongst the House of Delegates, and \$1,000 was allocated to assist the participant joining the 5<sup>th</sup> ACPP. His paper on "Phytophthora wilt of chilli: a major constraint to chilli production in Bhutan" was well received.

3. The AASPP House of Delegates discussed a proposal to allocate a proportion of any surplus arising from ACPP towards a fund supporting similar activities of AASPP. The House of Delegates agreed on "The Chiang Mai Resolution" in which if there has surplus from any conference organised under the auspices of the AASPP conference, 10% of it will be allocated to AASPP within 6 months after the end of the conference. This fund will continue to be

managed on behalf of AASPP, by the APPS Business Manager, and expenditures will be authorised by the House of Delegates.

4. The issue on how to decrease the cost of conference attendance was raised during the meeting. Prof. Yong-Hwan Lee purposed that the conference organizing team may provide different types of accommodation with different rates of payment as an option for students. Full price vs student price or optional price for undeveloped country can be used for this purpose. The AASPP committee did agree that this will be up to organizing committee.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

Prof. David Guest informed the participants about the small income from last conference in Darwin which has been used for supporting the ACPP2014 attendance of participant from Bhutan (see Item 3.2).

#### **5. ISPP report**

Dr. Greg Johnson ISPP President noted the support of ISPP for AASPP. He raised questions for consideration of the House of Delegates, including:

- Should AASPP establish a membership fee?
- Should AASPP consider publishing an electronic Newsletter?

#### **6. Next Asian Conference of Plant Pathology**

Prof. Yong-Hwan Lee made an announcement of ACPP2017 which will be held on September, 2017 in Jeju, Korean under the theme of "Translation from Genomics to Disease Management". The official announcement of the forthcoming conference, ACPP2017 will be publicized in the ACPP2014 with the short VDO presentation. The provided website of ACPP2017 will be linked to the AASPP website. Fixed dates for ACPP2017 will be announced one year prior to beginning of the conference.

## **7. New AASPP Executive**

Dr Somsiri Sangchote, Kasetsart University, Thailand, is the incoming President of AASPP. He will announce his Executive at a later date.

## **8. Any other business**

1. Dr. Tang Wenhua suggested that conference held by the society should pay attention in practical use in disease control; fundamental research should not be a main topic. Furthermore, main problems related in the field of Plant Pathology specifically in Asian region should be raised.

2. Constitutional amendments. Constitutional changes require discussion and approval at a House of Delegates meeting, announcement by the outgoing President at the ACPP Closing Ceremony, and publication of the AASPP website. The following amendments were approved for announcement and publication:

- Article 11 Members of the House of Delegates
  - Delete “Past-President” so the Article now reads “The President of a Constituent Member Societies, who is not a delegate, shall be admitted to speak to the House, but has no right to vote”
- Article 12 Members of the House of Delegates
  - The term of the Office Holders will coincide with House of Delegate meetings held every three years during the ACPP.
- Article 13 Office Holders:
  - The position of Past-President will be added as an Officer of the AASPP for the term immediately following their Presidency