

**General Membership (Business) Meeting Agenda,
10:30 to 12:30, August 13, 2015**

1.	Welcome and Agenda Review	Peter Krell	10:30
2.	History of Invertebrate Pathologists in Sault Ste Marie	Betty Davidson	10:35
3.	Scientific Highlights 2014-2015	Johannes Jehle & Stefan Jaronski	10:45
4.	In Memoriam	Peter Krell	11:05
5.	Minutes of 2014 General Membership Meeting	Peter Krell	11:10
6.	President's Report	Peter Krell	11:15
7.	Treasurer's Report	Stefan Jaronski	11:20
8.	Auditor's Report	Travis Glare & Sean Marshall	11:30
9.	Division Reports (2 minutes each)		11:35
	Bacteria Division	Baltasar Escriche	
	Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates	Kelly Bateman	
	Fungi Division	Ingeborg Klingen	
	Microbial Control Division	Travis Glare	
	Microsporidia Division	Susan Bjornson	
	Nematode Division	David Shapiro-Ilan	
	Virus Division	Martin Erlandson	
10.	Meetings Reports		11:50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainz, Germany (2014) • Vancouver, Canada (2015) • Proposal for 2017 meeting • Tours, France (2016) 	Johannes Jehle Mark Goettel Surendra Dara Elisabeth Herniou	
11.	New Business	Peter Krell	12:15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Jubilee • Ambassador Program • Early Career Award • 2018 Meeting 	Peter Krell Peter Krell Monique Van Oers Peter Krell	
12.	Adjourn	Peter Krell	12:30

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am, 13 August 2015, by President Peter Krell.

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

President Krell welcomed attendees and noted Phyllis Johnson's introduction of Robert's Rules of Order to the general membership meeting of the SIP. The meeting agenda was posted on the screen and reviewed. *Susan Bjornson motioned to approve the General Membership meeting agenda, Johannes Jehle seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved.* Peter Krell presented a slide presentation with names of Council. The list of trustees included David Shapiro-Ilan, but should have instead included Surendra Dara.

2. SIP historian Betty Davidson provided a presentation on the history of invertebrate pathologists in Sault Ste. Marie.

3. Scientific Highlights

Johannes Jehle and Stefan Jaronski gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2015 scientific highlights that were proposed by the Chairs of the seven Divisions. Details will be posted in a future SIP Newsletter and to the SIP Web Site.

4. In memoriam (P. Krell)

President Krell noted that Harald (Harry) Lincoln Zimmack (b. 1925 - d. 2012) of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana (<http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/photo/id/8856>) passed away in 2012, but that it had not been noted earlier. Stephan Jaronski reported that Edgar Butz, who played a critical role as a regulatory consultant for registrations of microbial pesticides passed away during the past year. Peter Krell requested a moment of silence in memory of those recently deceased.

5. Minutes of the 2014 General Membership Meeting (P. Krell)

President Krell asked for approval of the 2014 minutes. *Just Vlak motioned to approve the minutes and Martin Erlandson seconded. The Minutes of the 2014 SIP general membership meeting were approved.*

6. President's Report (submitted by P. Krell)

President Krell summarized his report in a PowerPoint Presentation. He acknowledged the contributions of the Council, Division Chairs, and the Executive Secretary to the success of the SIP. The financial health of the Society is good, much to the efforts of Treasurer Stefan Jaronski, Roma Gwynn's Endowment and Financial Support Committee and Executive Secretary Cecilia Schmitt. The approval of the Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report were tabled until the 2016 General Membership meeting so that some minor discrepancies in the budget can be rectified. He noted that Surendra Dara is now chairing the Membership Committee and requested that ideas to increase membership be sent to Surendra. All Divisions, and the Founders' Lecture Committee are doing well. Andreas Linde is stepping down as chair of the Awards and Student Contest Committee after 10 years in that role. Monique van Oers will replace Andreas as chair. Jørgen Eilenberg as Past President is chair of the Nominating Committee and

is selecting candidates for Elective Council positions. David Shapiro-Ilan is the chair of the Publications Committee. Eric Haas Stapleton is stepping down as editor of the newsletter, and the committee is seeking a new editor and co-editor. A PhD student, Gianpiero Gueli Alletti, is chair of the Student and Post-Doctoral Affairs Committee, with Patricia Stock as the faculty advisor to the committee. Roma Gwynn continues to chair the Endowment and Financial Support Committee and President Krell thanked her for her continuing efforts. History Committee chair, Elizabeth Davidson, who has also agreed to now be the SIP Archivist. President Krell thanked Mark Goettel and Todd Kabaluk and their local arrangements team for hosting a very successful meeting. *Loy Volkman motioned to accept the President's Report and Mark Goettel seconded. The President's Report was approved, with a correction of two, as opposed to three symposia organized by The Diseases of Beneficial Insects Division.*

7. Treasurer's Report (Stefan Jaronski)

Stefan reported that the society is in good shape financially, with balances of approximately US\$106,000 in checking and \$154,000 in savings. These balances reflected an increase of approximately US\$31,000 from the 2014 SIP meeting in Mainz, Germany. Efforts to resolve minor discrepancies remaining in the budget are underway and not yet completed. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Report by Council will be tabled until the mid-year teleconference, and the finalized budget report will be presented at the 2016 General membership meeting in Tours, France.

8. Auditor's report (T. Glare/ S. Marshall)

Because the Budget Report is in the process of being finalized, the Auditor's Report has been tabled until the mid-year teleconference, and the finalized Auditor's Report will be presented at the 2016 General membership meeting in Tours, France.

9. Division Reports (Division Chairs)

Summaries of the Division Reports were presented in a PowerPoint Presentation.

10. Meetings Reports

Mainz Germany 2014 (Johannes Jehle)

Johannes reported that 455 (108 students) delegates from 42 countries attended the 2014 SIP meeting in Mainz. The scientific program was comprised of 406 (87 student) contributions. There were 38 sessions with a total of 246 (60 student) oral presentations and 160 (27 student) posters.

Vancouver 2015 (Mark Goettel and Todd Kabaluk)

Mark and Todd reported 294 attendees registered at the 2015 meeting. Of these, 191 are SIP members, 103 are non-members, 76 are students, and 33 are companions. 209 people participated in the excursion, and 317 attended the barbeque. New for this year were the OECD sponsored workshop on Sunday, the SIP app, and morning yoga sessions.

Proposal for 2017 Meeting (Surendra Dara)

Surendra Dara delivered a presentation of the 2017 SIP meeting on the University of California, San Diego campus in La Jolla, CA, tentatively scheduled for August 13 - 17, 2017. Surendra Dara will chair the Local Organizing Committee. Others on the committee include: Kelli Hoover (Accounting/ Registration), Wendy Gelernter (Local Arrangements); Nina Jenkins (5K Race); and Ed Lewis (Scientific Program). SD has created a logo for the meeting, and is receiving comments and suggestions. President Krell commented that this proposal was unanimously approved first by the Meetings Committee and then by Council at its meeting Sunday Aug 09, 2015.

Tours 2016 (Elisabeth Herniou)

Elisabeth Herniou provided a presentation on the 2016 SIP meeting scheduled for 24-28 July, 2016, at the Vinci International Convention Centre located in the heart of Tours, France. Elisabeth Herniou is chairing the Local Organizing Committee. Others on the committee include: Christina Nielsen Leroux and Jean-Michel Drezen (Program Chairs); Elisabeth Huguët, Philippe Gayral, Annie Bézier, Sebastien Moreau, Aurore Dubuffet, and Miguel Lopez Ferber (Committee Members); and CNRS (Administration) with Nadine Busson and Dominique Lidoreau (Local Administration Managers). The theme of the Plenary Session will be *Pathology of Insects Produced for Feed and Food*. A one-day pre-conference workshop on basic pathology of insects produced for feed and food is planned. Current proposed symposia include: *Invertebrates as water and air environmental sentinels* (DBI or cross-divisional); *Unity and diversity of entomopathogenic bacteria: from genomics to virulence mechanisms* (Bacteria Division); and *Viruses and Horizontal Gene Transfer in Eukaryotes* (Virus Division). She provided details of potential options for the social activities including the BBQ, 5K race and banquet. Travel to Tours is convenient by automobile, train, and air. The tourism office has blocked ~300 room for SIP participants. Web links will be provided for bookings.

11. New Business (Peter Krell)

Peter Krell announced two new initiatives: the Golden Jubilee Committee and the Ambassador Program. The 2017 SIP meeting will mark the Society's 50th anniversary (Golden Jubilee). A committee has been formed to develop special activities in association with this landmark. The Golden Jubilee Committee includes: Peter Krell, Chair; Kelli Hoover, Johannes Jehle, Leellen Solter, Nina Jenkins, Grant Stentiford, Gianpiero Gueli Alletti, Monique van Oers, Betty Davidson, and Surendra Dara. The mandate of the committee is to advise on and execute special activities and events leading up to and during the 2017 SIP meeting to best commemorate our 50th Anniversary and to attract as many members as possible to attend. President Krell requested that the membership provide any ideas in support of the Golden Jubilee activities to him. The President requested approval of funds to support the activities of the Golden Jubilee Committee. *Eva Nagy motioned to accept the creation of the Golden Jubilee Committee and to allow the expenditure of up to US\$5,000 in support of their activities, and Elizabeth Davidson seconded. The motion was approved.*

President Krell introduced a proposal to create the SIP Ambassador Program. Ambassadors would develop and maintain connections with local invertebrate

pathologists at various academic, government, industry and other institutional organizations especially in countries where members are under-represented; they would inform SIP about needs for the local scientific community and suggest how SIP could help out, e.g., sponsor local student contests; and help increase the network of SIP members in their areas. The program would need promotional materials and funds. *David Shapiro-Ilan moved to accept the creation of the SIP Ambassador Program, and Adly Abd-Alla seconded. The motion passed.*

Early Career Award (Monique van Oers). Monique van Oers introduced a proposal to create the SIP Early Career Award to recognize the contributions of early career (8-10 years post-PhD) scientists in SIP. Criteria for the award would be based on the significance of their contributions to the field of invertebrate pathology through research, teaching, and or outreach. Candidates should hold a PhD degree and should be a past (at least two previous years) and current SIP member. Active participation in the activities of SIP (e.g., division positions, committee membership, meeting organization) will be viewed positively. The award nomination should include two letters of support from senior scientists. The award would be inaugurated at the 2017 SIP meeting, and calls for nomination will be announced in the SIP newsletter and on the SIP website. *Elisabeth Herniou moved to accept the creation of the Early Career Award, and Ed Lewis seconded. The motion passed.*

2018 Meeting (Peter Krell).

President Krell announced the receipt of a proposal to hold the 2018 SIP meeting in Queensland, Australia, which was approved by the Meetings Committee. The Local Organizing Committee will be chaired by Caroline Hauxwell. The meeting organization will be a collaborative Australia – New Zealand effort. The Council unanimously approved the proposal to host the 2018 SIP meeting in Queensland, Australia.

12. Adjourn (Peter Krell)

The meeting concluded at 12:07 pm. *Kelli Hoover motioned to adjourn the meeting and Roma Gwynn seconded. The motion was passed and the President declared the meeting closed.*