

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Stock (Past Secretary)

**Business Meeting Agenda, 10:38 to 12:30, August 7, 2014**

1.	<b>Welcome and Agenda Review</b>	J. Eilenberg	10:30
2.	<b>Scientific highlights from last year</b>	S. Jaronski and P. Krell	10:35
3.	<b>In Memoriam</b>	J. Eilenberg	11:00
4.	<b>Minutes of 2013 Business Meeting</b>	J. Eilenberg	11:05
5.	<b>President's report</b>	J. Eilenberg	11:10
6.	<b>Treasurer's report</b>	K. Hoover	11:20
7.	<b>Auditor's report</b>	S. Jaronski/J. L. Jurat Fuentes	11:30
8.	<b>Meetings reports</b>		11:35
	• Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA (2013)	N. Jenkins	
	• Mainz, Germany (2014)	J. Jehle	
	• Vancouver, Canada (2015)	T. Kabaluk	
	• Suggestions for 2016 meeting		
	<b>Divisions Reports</b>		12:10
	• Bacteria Division	B. Escriche	
	• Fungus Division	H. Hesketh	
	• Microbial Control Division	S. Jaronski (for L. Ravinovitch)	
	• Microsporidia Division	D. Goertz (for C. Lange)	
	• Nematode Division	S. Hazir	
	• Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates	S. Björnson (for E. Genersch)	
	• Virus Division	L. Passarelli	
10.	<b>New Business</b>	J. Eilenberg	12:20
	TBD		
11.	<b>Adjourn</b>	J. Eilenberg	12:30

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:38 by President Jørgen Eilenberg.

**1. Welcome and Agenda Review**

President Eilenberg welcomed attendees. Agenda was posted on the screen and reviewed. P. Stock motioned to approve business meeting agenda. L. Hacken seconded, agenda was unanimously approved.

**2. Scientific Highlights**

Peter Krell gave a PowerPoint presentation for the 2014 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

Bacteria Highlights

Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates Highlights

Fungus Highlights

Microbial Control Highlights

Microsporidia Highlights

Nematode Highlights

Virus Highlights

**3. In memoriam (Jørgen Eilenberg)**

President Eilenberg listed SIP members who passed away during 2013-2014 period. He requested one minute of silence in memory of those deceased.

**4. Minutes of the 2013 Business Meeting (Jørgen Eilenberg)**

President Eilenberg asked for approval of the 2013 minutes. J. Vlak motioned to approve the minutes and B. Bonning seconded. The Minutes of the 2013 SIP meetings were approved.

**5. President's Report (submitted by Jørgen Eilenberg)**

President Eilenberg presented a detailed report in which he acknowledged the hard work and dedication of many members of the SIP to ensure the Society remains strong, international and relevant. The financial health of the Society is good, much to the efforts of Treasurer Kelli Hoover and Executive Secretary Cecilia Schmitt. He noted that membership is currently above 400 members. The President acknowledged the efforts of Nina Jenkins, as Chair of the membership committee. All Divisions are doing well, developing and coordinating various symposia, one of the strengths of the Society. The Meeting in Pittsburgh was a success in attendance, scientific and social programs, and financially. Many thanks to Nina Jenkins and her local arrangements team and to Roma Gwynn, as chair of the Endowment and Financial support Committee, for her fundraising efforts. President Eilenberg commented on the Mainz meeting, which was highlighted as excellent under the capable coordination of Johannes Jehle and his team. J. Eilenberg announced that he, J. Becnel and J. Jehle visited Dr. Huger at his home and presented him with the plaque and letter of recognition for his Founder's Lecture Award.

The President announced plans for the 2016 meeting in Vancouver, Canada and highlighted the efforts of Mark Goettel and Todd Kabaluk as local arrangement organizers. He noted that the venue for the 2016 meeting will be Tours, France. E. Herniou will be the Chair of the local arrangements.

The Student Affairs Committee chaired by Gillian Hertlein and the Awards Committee chaired by Andreas Linde were credited with keeping students in the spotlight during and between SIP meetings.

The President acknowledged the help of the SIP Council including Vice President Peter Krell, as Treasurer Kelli Hoover, Secretary Patricia Stock, and trustees Regina Kleespies, Ed Lewis, Juan Luis Furat-Juentes and Surendra Dara, in providing direction and continuity to the Society. Lee Solter was recognized for her efforts as Chair of the Nominations Committee, ensuring nominations of others willing to serve in our society.

The President gave his perspective on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) for SIP. He considers that it still remains challenging to maintain or increase membership. This could in part be achieved by reaching out to those who might not yet consider themselves invertebrate pathologists and to widen the geographic reach of the Society through, for example, region specific SIP ambassadors. He acknowledged Cecilia Schmitt, executive secretary, for her efficiency and ability to solve problems and administer the daily business of the Society.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Kelli Hoover)

Kelli reported that as of April 30, 2014 (end of FY 2014), we had \$153,271.83 in our ING savings account and \$76,088.38 in checking, for a total of \$229,360.21 (see Table 1 of H. Hoover's report). Kelly noted we had many additional expenses in the last fiscal year, including \$5,544 for the Society's reinvigorated web site and \$10,713 for credit card processing. The general fund balance increased from \$137,020.71 at the conclusion of FY 2013 to \$139,383.39 at the close of FY 2014, which is an increase of \$2,173.68 (Table 2). We are currently holding \$433.70 in our bank account that belongs to JIP because of the pass-through effect (timing of when members pay for the journal to SIP and when we send JIP a check). The general fund income was reduced by \$3,679.14 for FY 2013 because it was transferred into the Lomer fund. The 2013 SIP meeting in Pittsburgh earned a profit of about \$16,220.33, but the realized profit was reduced to about half of this amount by credit card fees SIP paid to process registrations.

#### 7. Auditor's report (Juan Jurat-Fuentes)

The Auditors' report from Juan Jurat-Fuentes and Stefan Jaronski was sent to Patricia Stock as Secretary of the SIP. Juan reported that the auditors found the accounts to be in order.

#### 8. Meetings Reports

##### Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 2013 (Nina Jenkins)

Nina Jenkins reported that there were a total of 332 delegates, which included 73 students and 16 companions from 32 countries. There were a total of 197 oral presentations (including the plenary session, 10 symposia, 3 workshops, and 21 contributed papers sessions) and 130 posters presented during the meeting.

##### Mainz Germany 2014 (Johannes Jehle)

Johannes reported there were 460 delegates from 43 countries. He provided a detailed slide with the precise number of delegate per country and/or continent. There were a total of 246 oral presentations (1 plenary session, 7 Division Symposia, 1 Cross-Divisional Symposium, 1 Special Bacterial Symposium from a German DFG Priority Program on "Host parasite co-evolution", and 26 Contributed Paper Sessions) and 160 posters.

##### Vancouver 2015 (Mark Goettel and Todd Kabaluk)

Mark and Todd reported that the meeting venue will be on the University of British Columbia campus. Specifically, the meeting will take place at newly constructed Student Union Building, which will accommodate the opening ceremonies and plenary session, as well as up to 4 concurrent sessions. Rooms have also been reserved on campus at the Walker Gage Residence and West Coast Suites. They provided information on the rates which are in Canadian dollars and are guaranteed not to increase by more than 5% for 2015. The banquet will take place at the Museum of Anthropology located on the University Campus. They also discussed social activities such as the BBQ, 5K and tour options.

#### Tours 2016 (Elisabeth Herniou)

Elisabeth provided a presentation for the venue of the 2016 meeting and provided details on transportation, accommodations for the meeting. She indicated that the venue for the meeting will be the Vinci International Convention Centre located in the heart of Tours. She also gave details for the social activities including the BBQ, 5K and meeting and post meeting tour options.

### 9. Division Reports (Division Chairs)

#### Bacteria Division (Baltasar Escriche)

Baltasar reported that the division's finances are in good standing. In 2014, the division membership was 66, of which 63 were regular and 3 were student members. He reported that for the Mainz meeting they organized one divisional Symposium on "Structure and function of novel insecticidal toxins" organized by Ken Narva and Colin Berry, and a cross-divisional Symposium with the Beneficial insects division on "Host - pathogen ecology at the molecular level: Gene regulation and environment sensing" organized by Christina Nielsen-LeRoux and Elke Genersch. The Division also organized a workshop titled "Non-target effects of biological pesticides transgenic crops" organized by William Moar and Ken Narva. There were 32 contributed oral presentations, of which 10 presentations were from students.

#### Fungus Division (Helen Hesketh)

Helen reported that the division has 80 members (67 regular and 13 students). This division organized one symposium on "Chemical Ecology of Arthropod Fungi interactions" (Organizer: Ingeborg Klingen) and provided partial funding for invited speakers. The Division was able to support two students with travel awards each of \$750 to attend the 2014 meeting in Mainz.

#### Microbial Control Division (Stefan Jaronski for L. Ravinovich)

Membership in the division stands at 129 in 2014, versus 156 (including 15 students) in 2013. It was noted that this was a significant downturn from the trend of the past few years. The division provided two student travel awards (\$750 each). The Microbial Control Division organized one symposium: "Developments and issues in the regulation of microbial products: harmonization across jurisdictions" (organized by David Grzywacz and Roma Gwynn). There were also 21 contributed presentations, and 9 student competition presentations.

#### Microsporidia Division (D. Goertz for Carlos Lange)

The Microsporidia Division has 36 regular and 5 student members, with an April 30, 2013, balance of \$2,119,06. The division organized one symposium for the 2014 meeting on "Microsporidiology: Advances in Europe" which was organized by Elke Genersch and Carlos Lange.

#### Nematode Division (Selcuk Hazir)

The Nematode division reported 43 regular and 10 student members. They organized one Division Symposium (organized by Raquel Campos-Herrera and Fatma Kaplan) on “Chemical signaling in nematodes: above and below ground interactions”. They also organized one workshop on "Use of invertebrate pathogens for teaching " (organized by Patricia Stock and Glen Stevens). There were a total of 37 presentations (27 submitted oral and 10 submitted poster presentations). The division provided two student travel awards (one for \$750 and one for \$500) to attend the Mainz SIP meeting

#### Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates Division (Susan Bjornson for E. Genersch)

Susan reported a fiscal year balance of US\$ 2,284.05. The division granted two Student Travel Awards (US\$ 500 each) to Mrs. Birte Arlt and Mrs. Lauren Hall. Mrs. Arlt participated with a poster on “Identification and characterization of immune inhibitor A metalloprotease of the honey bee pathogen *Paenibacillus larvae*”. Mrs. Hall participated with an oral presentation on “Assessment of immunocompetence in the shore crab, *Carcinus maenas*, to natural exposure of pathogens.” DBI hosted a symposium on “Emerging tools for aquatic pathogen discovery and description” (Spencer Greenwood and Grant Stentiford). Also they organized a DBI/Bacteria Symposium on “Host - pathogen ecology at the molecular level: Gene regulation and environment sensing” (Christina Nielsen-LeRoux and Elke Genersch). There were two contributed papers sessions with 15 presentations

#### Virus Division (Lorena Passarelli)

Lorena reported a past fiscal year balance of \$4,516.32. The division currently has 74 regular and 15 student members. For 2014 they hosted a symposium on “Small non-coding RNAs as regulators of insect host-virus interactions and immunity,” organized by Sassan Asgari. The student travel awardees for 2014 were Laila Gasmi (Spain), Siddhartha Biswas (Canada), and Germain Chevignon (France). Two students were nominated for a Mauro Martignoni award Chateigner Aurélien (France) and Laila Gasmi (Spain). Chateigner Aurélien (France) was awarded this prestigious award.

11. New Business President Eilenberg acknowledged all council members and requested their presence on stage. He provided mementos to all of them and officially transferred the presidential gavel to incoming President Peter Krell.

#### 12. Adjourn (Jørgen Eilenberg)

The meeting concluded at 12:45 pm, and adjournment was moved by P. Stock and seconded by J. Jehle. The motion was supported unanimously and the President declared the meeting closed.