

2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

General Membership Meeting Agenda 51st Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology Pipeline Room, QT Building 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday August 16, 2018		
1. Welcome and Agenda Review	Johannes Jehle	10:30
2. Approval minutes of 2017 General Membership Meeting	Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes	10:35
3. In Memoriam	Johannes Jehle	10:40
4. President's Report	Johannes Jehle	10:45
5. Treasurer's Report FY2017-2018	Stefan Jaronski	10:55
6. Auditor's Report FY2017-2018	Sean Marshall	11:05
7. Division Reports plus division highlights (5 minutes each)		11:10
Bacteria	Marianne Carey	
Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates	Helen Hesketh	
Fungi	Stefan Jaronski	
Microbial Control	Dietrich Stephan	
Microsporidia	Susan Bjornson	
Nematode	Ivan Hiltbold	
Virus	Madoka Nakai	
8. Meetings Reports		11:45
Future meetings	Mark Goettel	
San Diego, USA (2017)	Surendra Dara	
Gold Coast, Australia (2018)	Caroline Hauxwell	
Valencia, Spain (2019)	Juan Ferré	
9. New Business		12:10
Voting changes to Bylaws	Johannes Jehle	
Recognition of departing Council members	Johannes Jehle	
Welcoming of new Council members	Johannes Jehle	
Transfer of the chain of office	Johannes Jehle	
10. Adjourn	Zhihong (Rose) Hu	12:25

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am, 16 August 2018, by President Johannes Jehle.

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

President J. Jehle welcomed attendees and briefly reviewed items in the agenda, which was posted on the screen.

Johannes Jehle made a motion to approve the General Membership Agenda, the motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

2. Approval minutes of 2017 General Membership Meeting.

Minutes had been shared via email and on the SIP website for more than 2 months before the meeting.

Stefan Jaronski made a motion to approve the 2017 minutes, Juan Ferre seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. In Memoriam

President Jehle requested a minute of silence in memoriam of members deceased since the last business meeting, including Irwin Hall (member since 1967) and Tom Tinsley (member since 1968).

4. President's Report FY2018

President Jehle thanked and acknowledged members of Council, Committees, Division officers, and Executive Secretary for their work and for bringing their ideas to make SIP a thriving and alive society. He made special recognition of Elizabeth Davidson for her role as Chair of the History Committee for many years.

He presented membership numbers. The number of full members was similar to previous years, although student membership was a bit lower, probably due to location of the meeting. He then proposed a total of 500 members as a good goal for the Society.

The President then referred to the results of the elections that took place in Spring and introduced Just Vlak, Brian Federici and Mark Goettel as newly elected honorary members.

In regards to SIP finances, the President reflected on increased dues received from the recent increase in membership fees combined with an increased membership for last fiscal year. Corporate contributions also increased by combining \$18,900 from direct contributions with \$13,500 received from the workshop organized during the 2017 meeting. Expenses for the 2017 meeting were higher than usual because it was the SIP jubilee and more funds were dispersed to Divisions. Three out of the four last meetings made profits, which contributed to solid finances and an increase of \$40,000 in the General Fund since 2014, which gives flexibility to the Society since not much interest is currently earned from the savings accounts.

Members of Council, Committees and Division Chairs have worked to put together the newly collected SIP organizational handbook that includes duty guidelines and collected experience to facilitate transitions for new officers. The President commented that this handbook should be considered a living document and that it is important for Chairs to update so it does not get outdated. The handbook includes guidelines for President, Secretary, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Division Chair, meeting organization, and the Student Awards Committee.

The President recognized Jean Louis Schwartz for his great work as Editor of the Newsletter and introduced and commended the new Associate Editor, Sreerama Kumar Prakya for his excellent work in the last two newsletters. He then asked for volunteers to help with compiling and preparing materials for the newsletter and asked volunteers to contact the newly elected Secretary and President.

Through an initiative from Patricia Stock and with the participation of Bryony Bonning from the Publications Committee, SIP has produced a new folder promoting the society. This folder tells about SIP, where we are, what do we do and what are the benefits for members. Members and volunteers can take this folder to local meetings to promote the society (2,000 were printed) from the registration desk, and the folder can also be downloaded and printed from the website.

The next SIP meeting in Valencia (Spain) will be combined with the meeting of the International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control - West Palaearctic Regional Section (IOBC-WPRS). This organization is organized around working groups with five subgroups that match very well with the SIP divisions. President Jehle introduced Eustachio Tarasco as the IOBC-WPRS convener for the meeting. The conveners of the IOBC-WPRS subdivisions are already SIP members, so it makes sense to have a joint meeting. The IOBC publishes extended abstracts from its meetings. More information will be provided for any member interested in voluntarily provide an extended abstract (short communication format) for publication by IOBC, the SIP Publications Committee will not be involved.

Support for next year's meeting from the General Fund will be \$3,000 per division. The IOBC will provide 600 EUR/subgroups matching SIP divisions for additional student travel award(s). Support of \$3,000 and registration fee waivers will be available to organize SIP/IOBC plenary session(s). All unused funds will go back to the General Fund.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (Stefan Jaronski) presented his report. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year SIP had \$176,918.56 as income from all sources and \$146,633.53 in expenses, resulting in a net gain of \$30,285.03. He then presented a historical perspective of how funds in SIP bank accounts. He noted that the fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. Looking over the last four years, balances have remained more or less constant in the endowment and savings funds, in the General Fund there was a small decrease in 2017. The balance in the Martignoni and Lomer funds has increased slightly to a current \$36,472 and \$24,158, respectively.

The 2019 budget has a good outlook, especially considering a potential benefit from the Gold Coast meeting. Membership is the main contribution to the SIP budget, so the Treasurer requested full and student memberships and renewals, and also for members to attend the annual meeting as benefits from meetings are also an important source of funds for SIP. Student travel awardees and speakers will be contacted in next week or so to arrange for reimbursement or awards by PayPal or electronic funds transfer.

6. Auditors' Report FY2017-18

Sean Marshall and Sassan Asgari (FY2017-18 Auditors) reported that even though there was a \$421 amount that could not be accounted for associated with the SIP 2017 meeting, the books were only off by \$57, which is considered a negligible and reasonable imbalance. Overall, the Society's finances appear to be in good shape.

Johannes Jehle made a motion to approve the FY2017-18 Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

7. Division Reports and Highlights

Summaries of the Division Reports and scientific highlights were presented by Chairs in a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix I).

8. Meeting Reports

The Chair of Meetings Committee (Mark Goettel) commented on results of an on-line survey distributed to SIP members to learn their opinions on meeting site selection and organization. For the 2020 year the Committee is soliciting proposals from Mexico; Jorge Ibarra is looking for a potential venue. For the 2021 year the Committee is soliciting proposal from South Africa; Sean Moore is putting together a proposal. The meeting in 2022 is expected to take place in North America, possibly USA but pending submission and review of proposals.

2017 San Diego Jubilee meeting

Surendra Dara (Chair of Organizing Committee) presented a report of the last meeting, which was dedicated to the memory of Lerry Lacey. There were about 368 registrants (9 cancellations/no show) and about 60 companions representing a total of 36 countries. For the scientific sessions there were 320 presentations, 216 of them oral (169 regular members and 47 students) and 104 poster presentations (85 regular members and 18 students), and 50 divisional and cross-divisional symposia. New initiatives during the meeting were the first Early Career Scientist Award, the use of color-coded ribbons for divisions, mugs and hats, and a meeting app. The Ag Innovations Conference and ag expo drew much interest and was very well attended. Surendra finished by thanking all the members of the Organizing Committee.

2018 Gold Coast

Carrie Hauxwell (Chair of Organizing Committee) reported few very late cancellations, a few walk-ins, and that two people could not get their visas (the Lomer award recipient from Pakistan was one of them) due to short time to process. Otherwise, there were very few issues with visas. There were 293 attendees, 263 of them as part of the scientific program, including 181 full and student members. Approximately there were 146 oral and 76 poster presentations. The meeting will probably make a minor profit, although this needs to be confirmed after working through the tax system and once accounts are audited. As feedback for future meeting organizers, Carrie shared the importance of identifying symposiums and keynote speakers as soon as possible and use their CV and information on the website and other promotional venues as soon as possible as SIP is competing with other scientific groups for meeting attendees. For instance, she had corporate support that could have been used for promotional items, but could not use it because

did not have the list of confirmed speakers until it was too late. Carrie finished by acknowledging Travis Glare (Chair of Scientific Program Committee) and Christin Knight (Treasurer) for all their help.

2019 Valencia (Spain) meeting

Juan Ferre (Chair of Organizing Committee) presented plans for the SIP 2019 meeting in Valencia, Spain, which will be a joint meeting with the IOBC-WPRS. Dates for the meeting are July 28th to August 1st, and the meeting will take place at the Conference Centre in the outskirts of the city. The official name of the meeting will be the 2019 International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control, 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology & 17th Meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group “Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate pests”. The IOBC will contribute to the meeting 6000 €: 3000 € for student travel awards for the Divisions matching the IOBC subgroups plus 3000 € to support the meeting. IOBC will also offer (optional) to publish papers based on the presentations in the IOBC Bulletin. The meeting will take place at the Conference Center (Palau de Congressos), the 5K run will be at the Turia gardens, the BBQ at Jardines de la Hacienda, and the banquet at Restaurant La Ferradura, next to the beach. Up to four different optional excursions (between 35-55 € each) are being considered, more information to follow. The meeting area is surrounded by hotels and other housing options, and is close to the international airport and the town historic center. Early registration rates are \$530 for members, \$ 630 for non-members, \$ 390 for students, and \$ 495 for student non-members. Rates increase substantially after April 15th. More information to follow on official website and SIP Newsletter.

9. New Business

Voting changes to Bylaws (Johannes Jehle) - The President noted that the Student Affairs Committee is not reflected in the Bylaws. In addition, Council proposed a change in the name of the annual SIP meeting to include “International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control”, because this name is important to obtain some external funding support for the meeting, and to reflect it is an international meeting. The specific changes had been approved by Council and were shared with SIP membership in the Newsletter. Specific changes in the Bylaws are detailed in Appendix II.

Johannes Jehle made a motion to approve the proposed Bylaw changes as presented in Appendix II, Peter Krell seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Recognition of departing Council members (Johannes Jehle) - The President acknowledged and presented a certificate of appreciation to the Council members with expiring appointments, including Stefan Jaronski (Treasurer), Albrecht Koppenhofer and Monique van Oers (Trustees), Peter Krell (Past President), and Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes (Secretary).

Welcoming of new Council members (Johannes Jehle) - The President presented the newly elected and currently serving Council members:

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Position	Name	Term
President	Zhihong (Rose) Hu (CHINA)	2018-2020
Vice-President	Christina Nielsen-Leroux (FR)	2018-2020
Past President	Johannes Jehle (GER)	2018-2020
Secretary	Monique van Oers (NL)	2018-2020
Treasurer	Surendra Dara (USA)	2018-2020
Trustee	Kelly Bateman (UK)	2018-2022
	Martin Erlandson (Can)	2018-2022
	Helen Hesketh (UK)	2016-2020
	Sean Moore (SA)	2016-2020

Transfer of the Chain of Office (Johannes Jehle/Zhihong [Rose] Hu) - The President thanked SIP and fellow Council members for the opportunity to serve and encouraged members to submit nominations for positions in Council. He then passed the Roberts' Rules of Order and gavel to the newly elected President, Zhihong (Rose) Hu. Rose thanked the outgoing President and shared some of the initiatives that Johannes Jehle completed during his tenure, including writing >100 letters to members to promote renewal of memberships (30 renewals as a result), and updating the handbook of guidelines together with the Secretary. The new President thanked the Nomination Committee for her nomination and SIP members for choosing her for this position. Rose mentioned the importance of diversity in the Society and the Ambassadors initiative directed by Peter Krell to have SIP representatives in 50 countries. Rose mentioned recent initiatives within SIP, such as the Early Career Award, as important to promote students and young scientists and their participation in SIP. In closing, the new President asked SIP members to bring any suggestions to the new Council.

Zhihong (Rose) Hu made a motion to close the meeting, Carrie Hauxwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, Secretary, October 1, 2018