

Division of Beneficial Invertebrates – Business Meeting 8th August 2012 – Buenos Aires, Argentina

The meeting was called to order by Grant Stentiford (Chair) at 18:45.

Officers Present:

Grant Stentiford (Chair), Elke Genersch (Chair elect)

Present:

Rosalind James (RJ), Elke Genersch (EG), Nicolai vitt Meyling, Helen Hesketh, Grant Stentiford (GS), Andreas Linde, Gillian Hertlein, Eva Garcia-Gonzalez.

Total Present: 14

Apologies

1/ 2012: Division of Beneficial Invertebrates Annual Report

The annual report was presented by Grant Stentiford.

Current Officers

Chairperson:	Grant Stentiford	2010-2012
Chairperson-Elect:	Elke Genersch	2010-2012
Secretary/Treasurer:	Kate Aronstein	2010-2013
Member-at-Large:	Eva Garcia-Gonzalez	2009-2011
Member-at-Large:	TBC	2010-2012
Student Representative:	Gillian Hertlein	2009-2011

Officer nominations

Hamish Small as chair elect (Grant Stentiford nominated) and duly elected to post
Eva Garcia-Gonzalez as member-at-large (Elke Genersch nominated) and duly elected to post

The other member-at-large post will stay open and email sent to call for nominees – post will be filled by the end of the year

Council Meeting feedback

Income is very good with current balance at \$1742.78, with a significant income from the OECD meeting in Halifax 2011 of \$1000.

Member numbers are good: 25 regular and 15 students. GS noted students are free so this could be the reason that there are so many students of the DBI.

Student travel award: \$750 to Eva Garcia-Gonzalez
Speaker award: \$1000 to Judy Chen

Division may not get the \$1000 general transfer from council so it is up to the division whether they want to use any of the current money for spending on speakers once council general transfer is decided.

Facebook highlighted as a good way of communicating with people within the SIP. GS suggested people “like” the SIP facebook page

Pittsburgh is the 2013 meeting. Rooms have been booked at a discounted rate in the Sheraton in Time Square. There are other hotels available within a short distance (2-3miles) on the metro/underground. Members are encouraged to book as soon as possible and there are quad rooms that will be held for students.

Membership is declining. GS put forward the notion that the Society should try to look forward and become more current in the opening ceremonies. RJ pointed out that the Founders lecture used to have an element of the research of the nominee so there was a distinct link to the science.

There was discussion at council that the chairs would put forward a "top" 2 or 3 events that had happened within their field over the past year and this could be an "overview" of all the divisions and their activities. RJ suggested that this would be a challenge in presenting the information to the members of the society. The communication of this and the way it is presented would be very important.

A request has been made for assistance with the newsletter so that a section can be edited by different people and hopefully provide a rolling editorship.

Student business meeting will follow on from the discussion group at the Buenos Aires meeting. There followed some discussion about how students can get together to be involved with the society. GS encouraged students to feedback to council what they want from the society.

Summary of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates at Buenos Aires meeting Symposium 2012

Bee Health in Latin America organized by Elke Genersch

The division had 8 contributed talks and 8 posters compared to 19 papers and 14 posters given at the Halifax meeting in 2011.

End of Annual Report

Student Award for 2012

The division congratulated Eva Garcia-Gonzalez on her travel award. Eva presented her research at the meeting on "CBP, a new member of CBM33 family, is an important virulence factor of *Paenibacillus larvae*, the causative agent of AFB".

Symposia ideas for 2013 Pittsburgh

RJ suggested that 2 symposia perhaps back to back on honeybees and another on aquatic organisms. Effect of pesticides on immunity and this could be expanded. Immune response of invertebrates to stressors - particularly sub-lethal effects of pesticides on bees as this is currently such a bit topic. Shell disease in lobsters – multi-factorial syndrome. Could make it a comparison between terrestrial and aquatic with stressors and disease induction. Could make this a global theme.

Elke suggested an immunity symposium would be better to place in 2014 Germany meeting. HH suggested this could be across all the divisions to attract a number of non-SIP people working on insect immunity.

Mollusc diseases – there was a discussion regarding a contributed paper session/workshop on Molluscan diseases in America as this would be somewhere that there would be a large interested group.

“Aquatic Biocontrol: unique challenges and opportunities”. Control of alien invasive aquatic pests with pathogens could focus on key alien aquatic invasive pest species e.g. Chinese mitten crabs, killer crayfish etc as these are really big problem for UK but no solutions are being presented. Zebra mussels in the Great Lakes. Mosquitoes are aquatic and propose a joint symposium with the microbial control division. Talks could be: 1 what are the issues; 2 zebra mussels; 3; can't remember....

Helen Hesketh 8th August 2012