

## **DBI Business Meeting, Pittsburgh, 2013**

Meeting opened: 19:00

Opening: Elke Genersch (chair) summarised events at the SIP Committee meeting for benefit of DBI members

Election: Due to funding issues with our current Chair-Elect (Hamish Small), a decision (with Hamish's support) was made to open the position of Chair-Elect for applicants. Kelly Bateman was proposed by Grant Stentiford and seconded by Lyric Bartholomay. All members present were in favour. Kelly was therefore elected to Chair-elect with immediate effect and will take over Chair of DBI at the 2014 meeting in Mainz. The current Chair (Genersch) thanked Kelly for offering to take on this role.

Finances: From the SIP Committee meeting, it was reported that DBI currently had 26 regular members (paying \$10 per member) and 16 student members (paying \$0 per member). The financial position as of FY13/14 was \$2008.56, generated from member fees since establishment and profit from the OECD symposium held in Canada in 2011.

2013 meeting: The Chair reported that DBI had hosted a Symposium on biocontrol of aquatic invasive invertebrates, had co-hosted (with the Virus division) a symposium on innate immunity and had contributions for the population of 2 open sessions covering aquatic and terrestrial hosts, respectively. Congratulations were offered to the winner of the DBI student travel award (Gillian Hertlein) and a certificate will be forwarded to her.

2014 meeting: delegate at the meeting had an open discussion about possible symposia/workshops at the 2014 meeting in Mainz. Although not decided at the meeting, Stentiford proposed a symposium on emerging aquatic pathogen discovery and Genersch proposed a cross-divisional symposium on biology of major bee pathogens. The decision will depend upon availability of key speakers and consideration of emerging topics in coming months.

Any other business: the delegates discussed a potential topic for future meeting: 'realities of RNAi delivery for pathogen/host control'. This will be followed up for discussion in Mainz.

Meeting closed: 20:00

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