

SIP Business Meeting minutes, Buenos Aires (Argentina)–August 9,2012

Agenda

1.	Welcome and Agenda Review	L. Solter	10:30
	Presentation: Karl Maramorosch	K. Maramorosch	10:35
2.	In Memoriam	L. Solter	10:50
3.	Minutes of 2011 Business Meeting	L. Solter	10:55
4.	President’s report	L. Solter	11:00
5.	Treasurer’s report	K. Hoover	11:10
6.	Auditor’s report	K. Hoover	11:15
7.	History Committee – Archiving issues	E. Davidson	11:20
8.	Meetings reports	L. Lacey	11:30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halifax, Canada (2011) • Buenos Aires, Argentina (2012) • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA (2013) • Mainz, Germany (2014) 	S. Bjornson A. Sciocco-Cap N. Jenkins J. Jehle	
9.	Division reports		11:50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteria Division Report • Fungus Division Report • Microbial Control Division Report • Microsporidia Division Report • Nematode Division Report • Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates • Virus Division 	J.L. Jurat Fuentes H. Hesketh S. Jaronski D. Goertz E. Lewis G. Stentiford M. van Oers	
10.	New Business	L. Solter	12:10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Other 	L. Solter	
12.	Adjourn	L. Solter	12:30

Lee Solter (LS) called meeting to order at 10:37am

1. Welcome and Agenda Review (LS)

LS welcomed attendees and briefly showed the Meeting Agenda. She then introduced Karl Maramorosch, who gave a captivating presentation titled “The

three Gs: personal reminiscences of invertebrate cell culture pioneers: Goldschmidt, Gao and Grace". After the presentation Dr. Maramorosch was recognized with a standing ovation.

2. In Memoriam (LS)

Retired SIP members. Names of retiring members were read and recognized with applause. Members were: Mark Goettel, Just Vlak, Jeff Lord, and Nguya Maniania.

Deceased SIP members. LS requested a minute of silence to honor and remember the SIP members that passed away in the last year. Members were: Nancy Beckage, David Cooper, Carlo Ignoffo, John Kramer, Albert Pye, Albert Sparks, Flavio Moscardi, Jaroslav Weiser and Constantin Vago.

3. Minutes of the 2011 Business Meeting (LS)

Minutes were approved and are posted on the SIP website

4. President's report (LS)

From the standpoint of finances, the two past meetings (Trabzon 2010 and Halifax 2011) were profitable (more in Treasurer's report). Finances also successful due to sponsorship; LS pointed out a banner with all the sponsors contributing to the SIP meeting in Buenos Aires asked for applause to recognize them. Martignoni and Lomer awards cannot be maintained only with the generated interest due to low rates, the silent auction made about \$1,200 this year which will be used to fund both awards. Last year dates for the SIP fiscal year were changed to May 1st-April 30th to match the dates used by the US revenue service (IRS) and to make tax reporting easier.

Continuing a multi-year trend, membership was lower in the past year. LS stressed the need to work on advertising and convincing new potential members. Despite potential financial issues related to reduced membership, profitable meetings and sponsor's contributions have resulted in a balance representing more than two-times the operating costs of the Society. All SIP Divisions are financially healthy.

Eric Haas-Stapleton has been the new Newsletter Editor and LS shared his message inviting for submission of files and input. He also suggested the help of an Assistant Editor from the membership.

A new meeting website has been developed and used this year for the first time. The website is owned by SIP; Cecilia Schmidt (CS) can change and adapt each year so there is no expense for website design for future SIP meetings. LS thanked and recognized the presence of Susan Bjornson (SB) as organizer of the Halifax 2011 meeting with applause.

New Council Officers elected this year: Peter Krell (Vice President), Patricia Stock (Secretary), and Ed Lewis and Surendra Dara (Trustees). Kelli Hoover generously agreed to remain as Treasurer for a second 2-year term.

Student workshop was announced to incentivise assistance. Announcements were made for picking up and paying auction items and signing up for buses to the banquet. No questions from audience. LS then introduced Kelli Hoover (KH).

5. Treasurer's report (KH)

SIP meeting last year in Halifax did very well (about \$26,000 benefit) that together with the income and expenses resulted in more than \$31,000 in net benefit for the General Fund. Also participation of sponsors has been very important, contributing about \$21,000 this year. The meeting in Trabzon also resulted in a net benefit to the Society. Current balance for the Society is \$203,424.19, which represents more than two times the operating expenses for the Society. There was not enough interest generated from the Martignoni and Lomer Funds to support the respective awards, but funds raised from the auctions as well as funds collected for the portraits by Surendra Dara have help obtain enough funds to maintain the awards.

Current assets (4/30/2012):

General Fund = \$117,922.17

Endowments: Martignoni = \$32,897.09

 Lomer = \$19,359.75

 Endowment = \$11,001.67

No questions from audience.

6. Auditor's report (KH)

David Shapiro Ilan and Steven Arthurs were the auditors and concluded everything looked fine with the Society's finances. No questions from audience.

7. History Committee – Archiving issues (ED)

LS introduced Elizabeth Davidson (ED) as Chair of the History Committee, which was charged with reporting on the archiving situation. Currently there is no room to store the old Society's files. Wayne Brooks has archived materials from SIP's founding to the present at North Carolina State University, including newsletters, correspondence, original constitution, meeting slides and photos. Archiving nowadays is done digitally and the Committee has been investigating possibilities to digitalize and store the Society's files.

University of California at Irvine has a large collection of materials from Edward Steinhaus, but cannot take SIP materials.

The Center for Biological Sciences Archives at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County (UMBC) and Iowa State University (ISU) have offered to archive SIP's materials. They have experience doing this for other scientific societies. If Council approves, the most important materials (newsletters, meeting programs, membership lists...) will be cataloged and sent to UMBC and ISU for archiving. ED asked members for photos, letters and other materials that may be valuable to contact the Committee. The Committee is looking especially for photos of the first SIP meeting. Drauzio and Arlene Rangel have digitized all the newsletters up to 1999 (when they started to be delivered in digital form through the website).

ED also shared some news from the last living SIP Founder, Dr. Carl Sindermann. He retired from the US Fisheries Service in 1990 and published 2 books on Marine Pollution after retirement. He recently submitted a book titled "The scientific research director: and essential figure" and is currently writing another book. He lives in Maryland with his wife.

No questions from audience

8. Meeting reports (LL)

LS introduced Larry Lacey as Chair of the Meetings Committee. He introduced Susan Bjornson (SB) as organizer of the 2011 meeting in Halifax.

SB presented information from the 2011 meeting. There were 315 assisting, 164 regular members, 36 student members, 63 non-members, 36 student non-members, 9 companions, and 7 symposium speakers from the OECD symposium (from a total of 18 speakers). These attendees came from 28 different countries. There were 227 regular and 77 student presentations. SB shared pictures from the social program as well as logos for sponsors and thanked the Organizing Committee and Council members for their assistance. The meeting had a benefit of about \$26,000 and the OECD symposium had a \$937 benefit that will go to the Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates.

LL introduced then Victor Romanowski (VR) from the Organizing Committee for the 2012 meeting in Buenos Aires. There were 310 registrants, 339 scientific presentations totalling 989 authors and including 169 oral (116 regular + 27 student), 170 posters (134 regular + 36 student), and 53 symposia and workshop talks. VR commented on 34 pre-registered for the 5K and 27 runners showing up. Also mentioned problems related to late registrants due to currency exchange issues and suggested encouraging early registration for future meetings to help organizers booking rooms and entertainment.

LL introduced Nina Jenkins (NJ) as organizer of the 2013 SIP meeting to take place from 11th-15th August in Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania, USA). The Organizing Committee also includes KH, co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee

and Matt Thomas, Chair of the Scientific Program Committee. The meeting will take place at the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square, with many areas for dining and socializing around. The BBQ will be on a boat reserved for SIP that will include open bar and disco music. There will be a meeting of NEMASYM (Nematode-Bacterium Symbioses) Research Coordination Network. This group will provide funding for speakers and students who will give any type of presentation (oral or poster) under the theme of the network. Organizers encourage sharing rooms to reduce costs, there are double, triple and quadruple rooms. There will be a feature at the meeting website to facilitate room sharing. For the excursion there will be two options: 1) Andy Warhol museum or 2) Carnegie Natural History Museum (including a private visit to the insect collection limited to 2 groups of 15 persons). The 5K race will be along the river with finish at Station Square (meeting venue).

LL introduced Johannes Jehle (JJ) as organizer of the 2014 meeting to take place from 3-8 of August in Mainz (Germany). JJ presented facts about Mainz history (Roman foundation >2,000-year old, hometown of Gutenberg...) as well as its localization (24 km from international airport of Frankfurt). The excursion will consist of a boat trip on the Rhine River (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Weather will be 20-30°C during the day, cooler at night. There will be pre- and post- meeting tours available to attendees. Tom Hankeln will be Co-chair, Elke Genersch, Chair of the Scientific Committee, Dietrich Stephan, Treasurer, and Regina Kleespies Secretary for the Organizing Committee.

LL stated the committee is looking for potential venues for the 2015 (North America) and 2016 (rest of the world) meetings. There were no questions from the audience.

9. Division reports

-Bacteria Division (Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, JLJF)

Current Officers:

Chair:	Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes	2011-2013
Chair Elect:	Baltasar Escriche	2011-2013
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dennis Bideshi	2011-2013
Member-at-Large:	Jean Louis Schwartz	2011-2014*
Member-at-Large:	Marianne Carey	2011-2013

Election 2012:

Student Representative: Siva R. K. Jakka

Membership:

33 regular + 29 Bacteria Plus +10 students = 72 members (90 in 2011)

Finances:

Student travel awards (\$750 each):

Laila Gasmi

Cristina Crava

Estefania Contreras

Buenos Aires 2012:

-“Bacterial topics of special interest to Latin America” William Moar and Alicia Sciocco-Cap

-“Beyond Agriculture: Nematode and bacteria applications in other science disciplines” Glen Stevens and Arne Peters.

- “Use of RNAi to control insects or diseases of insects” William Moar and Ricardo Salvador

22 contributed oral and 35 poster presentations, of which 4 oral and 9 posters were from students.

Symposiums for 2013:

-Divisional: “Reflections on Bt mode of action” Neil Crickmore

-Cross-divisional: “Ecology of entomopathogenic co-infections” Christina Nielsen-LeRoux

There was a question from the audience about which Divisions will participate in the Cross-Divisional Symposium. JLJF answered that Christina Nielsen-LeRoux will organize and look for interested Divisions.

-Fungi Division (Helen Hesketh)

Membership: Regular Members 77, Students 5

Finances: \$3338.57

Travel Awards: 2 Student awards (Tarryn Goble, Alexis Barbarin)
1 invited speaker (Thiago Rodrigues de Castro)

Buenos Aires Meeting:

1 Symposium “Host immune response to fungal pathogens”

1 Cross-div (with Virus) “Pathogen-induced behaviour - clues for mechanisms”

22 papers & 36 posters

New Officers: Chair Elect (Ingeborg Klingen)
Secretary-Treasurer (Drauzio Rangel)
Member-at-large (Éverton Fernandes)

Proposed Symposium 2013: Stress tolerance in entomopathogenic fungi

Cross-Divisional Workshop (with Microbial Control) 2013:

Changes to nomenclature and taxonomy of fungi

-Microbial Control Division (Stefan Jaronski)

Current Officers:

Chair: Stefan Jaronski 2012-2014

Chair Elect: Leon Rabinovitch 2012-2014

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Brownbridge 2012-2014

Member-at-Large: Nick Jessop 2012-2014

New Officers:

Member at Large: Jarrod Leland

Student representative: Siva R. K. Jakka

Membership: 140 members

Finances: \$5,622.97

Travel Awards: 4 applicants, 1 awarded: Siva R. K. Jakka

Buenos Aires Meeting:

19 oral presentations (4 student), 39 posters (1 student).

1 Symposium "Microbial control- The Latin American way"

1 short workshop "Efforts of the Biopesticide Industry Alliance to Promote Microbial Agents in the U.S." after business meeting.

Proposed Symposium 2013: Several ideas suggested decision to be made in October 2012.

Cross-Divisional Symposium/Workshop (with Fungus Division) 2013:

"The new fungal nomenclature- How does it affect us?"

Other Business: The Division has been supplying "Recent Regulatory Actions": column in the SIP Newsletter with information from US and Canada, but would like to ask for inputs from other Countries.

-Microsporidia Division (Dörte Goertz)

Current Officers:

Chair:	Carlos Lange	2012-2014
Chair Elect:	Susan Bjornson	2012-2014
Secretary/Treasurer:	Michael Brownbridge	2012-2014
Member-at-Large:	Daniela Pilarska	2011-2013
Member-at-Large:	Grant Stentiford	2012-2014
Student Representative:	Thomas Steele	2012-2014

Membership: 2010/2011: 35 regular + 3 students
2011/2012: 29 regular + 6 students

Finances: \$2,945.43

Travel Awards: No applicants

Speaker travel: Victoria Micieli, Sandro Plischuk, and Bryony Williams

Buenos Aires Meeting:

Workshop: Host range of microsporidia

Symposium Divisional: Microsporidia from South America

Cross-divisional symposium with DBI: New insights into host-pathogen interaction in the Microsporidia

Future workshops and Symposia:

-Cross-divisional in memory of Dr. Weisler

-Eupath database

-Microsporidia in nematodes and/or extreme environmental conditions.

-Nematode Division (Edwin Lewis)

New Officers:

Chair:	Selçuk Hazir	(Turkey)
Chair Elect:	David Shapiro-Ilan	(USA)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Glen Stevens	(USA)
Members-at-Large:	Arne Peters	(Germany)
	Luise Leite	(Brazil)
Student Representatives:	Tiarin Ferreira	(South Africa)

-Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates (Grant Stentiford)

-Virus Division (Monique van Oers)

New Virus Division Executive Committee:

Chair Elect to Chair:	Lorena Passarelli	USA
Chair Elect:	Martin Erlandson	Canada
Secretary/Treasurer:	Rollie Clem	USA
Members-at-Large:	Bob Harrison	USA
	Yang Kai	China
Student Representatives:	Aurélien Chateigner	France
	Jörg Wennmann	Germany

Virus Division symposium 2013:

Trait evolution and host usage strategies of large DNA viruses (Baculoviridae, Nudivirus, SGHVs and Bracovirus (Polydnviridae). (Michael Strand/Elisabeth Herniou)

Cross-divisional 2013:

Insect innate immunity (Lorena Passarelli), looking for second division.

-10. New Business (LS)

New website for SIP has been designed by Karen Edwards at the University of Illinois, Vet Med Graphic Design Group. LS showed the main page and asked for input.

LS passed the gavel and the Robert's Rules of Order book to the President Elect Jorgen Eilenberg (JE), who thanked LS for her service and asked for recognition by applause. JE expressed he was honored to be elected to serve.

-11. Adjourn (LS)

JE moved to adjourn the meeting and Patricia Stock seconded. There was no discussion or questions and there was unanimous vote for adjourning at 12:17pm local time.