

Minutes Division of Fungi – Business Meeting 15th August 2018 – Gold Coast, Australia, USA

The meeting was called to order by Stefan Jaronski (Chair Elect) because Nicolai Meyling (Chair) could not attend.

Officers present (3): Stefan Jaronski (Chair elect), Ann E Hajek (Secretary/Treasurer), Dietrich Stephan (Member-at-Large)

Other members present (12)

Total Present: 15

Division of Fungi Annual Report: Stefan Jaronski delivered the Annual Report, which had been put together by the Chair.

Current Officers

Position	Name	Year
Chair	Nicolai Vitt Meyling	2016-2018
Chair Elect	Stefan Jaronski	2016-2018
Secretary/Treasurer	Ann Hajek	2016-2018
Member-at-Large	Pasco Avery	2017-2019
Member-at-Large	Dietrich Stephan	2016-2018
Student Representative	Rodrigo J L Plantey	2017-2019
Student Representative	Carina Ehrich	2016-2018

Election of Officers in Gold Coast, Australia, USA (2018)

There were four positions available on the committee this year: Chair Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, One Member-at-Large and One Student Representative.

Membership

Membership in the Fungal Division has been relatively stable although membership numbers for 2018 are slightly lower compared with last year. All Division members are encouraged to make sure their dues are up to date and to encourage new members to register as Fungal Division members.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Regular	77	105	68	69	67	74	64
Students	5	15	13	12	16	15	14
Total	82	120	81	81	83	89	78

Finances

The balance in the Fungus Division's account at the close of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 was \$6,767.98. Fungal Division finances are in good shape at present.

Fungi Division Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018)

Opening Balance FY 2016	\$ 9,004.68
REVENUE FY 2016	
Membership Dues FY 2016	\$ 700.00
Interest FY 2016	\$ 13.30
Total Revenue FY 2016	\$ 9,717.98
EXPENSES FY 2016	
Student Travel Awards for 2017 (2x\$750.00 each)	\$ 1,500.00
Special Student Travel Award (Jubilee; \$1,200)	\$ 1,200.00
Speaker Awards (\$1,000 and \$750)	\$ 1,750.00
Total Expenses FY 2017	\$ 4,450.00
Net Revenue Before Fund Transfer	\$.00
FUNDS TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUNDS	
Fund Transfer from General Funds FY2017	\$ 1,500.00
Total Fund Transfers	\$.00
Net Revenue after Fund Transfers	\$.00
End Balance	\$ 6,767.98
((Opening Balance+Revenue+Fund Transfer)-Expenses)	

2017 Symposia, Workshops, Other Events:

Fungi Division Symposium:

“Insect defense against fungal pathogens: mechanisms, variations and efficacy”
Organized by Louela Castrillo

Fungi-Nematode-Microsporidia Cross Divisional Symposium:

“Ecology of Invertebrate Pathogens”
Organized by Ann Hajek and David Shapiro-Ilan

Fungal Division had 26 Contributed oral presentations (11 student presentations) and 24 posters (5 student posters).

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Fungi Division Symposium (Thursday)

“Fungus-insect interactions in post genomic era: Advances and perspectives” Organizers:
Chengshu Wang and Jae Su Kim

Fungi Division Presentations

18 Oral presentations (4 student) and **10** Posters (2 student)

2/Division Student Travel Awards 2018

Victoria Woolley

PhD student at University of Warwick, UK

Project title “Understanding the natural function of cordycepin, a metabolite of the fungus *Cordyceps militaris*”

Presentation Wednesday (Fungi #2): “Elucidating the natural function of cordycepin, a metabolite of the fungus *Cordyceps militaris*”

Received \$750.

Kari Zurowski

MSc Student at Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada

Project title “Sublethal effects of the fungus *Metarhizium brunneum* on the click beetle *Agriotes obscurus*”

Presentation Monday (Fungi #1): “Targeting adult click beetles with the entomopathogenic fungus *Metarhizium brunneum*: Is it effective and are there reproductive trade-offs?”

Received \$750.

3/Division Speaker Awards 2018

Fungal Division Symposium: “Fungus-insect interactions in post genomic era: Advances and perspectives” organized by Chengshu Wang

But there were no requests for speaker awards this year

4/2017 Election of New Officers for Fungal Division

Member at Large:	Jae Su Kim elected
Secretary/Treasurer:	Louela Castrillo elected
Chair Elect:	No nominees
Student Representative	Kari Zurowski elected (running against Mi Rong Lee)

Current Officers are:

Chairperson	Stefan Jaronski	2018-2020
Chairperson-Elect	NO ONE IS IN THIS POSITION	2018-2020
Secretary-Treasurer	Louela Castrillo	2018-2020
Member-at-Large	Jae Su Kim	2018-2020
Member-at-Large	Pasco Avery	2017-2019
Student Representative	Rodrigo Javier Lopez Plantey	2017-2019
Student Representative	Kari Zurowski	2018-2020

5/2017: New Business Items for Discussion

For the next meeting in Valencia, Spain, 2019, council has offered the Fungal Division \$3,000.

5.1/Division awards for Valencia, Spain, 2019

Discussion about awards to be offered for the Valencia meeting:

Student Travel Awards

Stefan: What about up to \$1,000 for 3 student travel awards? (it used to be \$750).

Jarrold Leland seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Instead Dietrich suggested **4 student travel awards at \$1,000 each** and this was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Speaker Awards

Nicholai had suggested 1-2 speaker awards at \$500 each, seconded by Stefan Jaronski.

Instead, we voted that the idea was we should pay **registration costs for 1-2 speakers** (instead of \$500) and this was unanimously accepted but, in this case, **they must be non-members of SIP.**

5.2/Ideas for promoting involvement in SIP

Encourage membership

Remember to use Facebook, Newsletter and You Tube SIP platforms.

One idea for how to promote involvement was to have members renew memberships when they register for a meeting.

Perhaps student travel awards should only go to members of SIP?

10 papers on entomopathogenic fungi

- Fungi in extreme environments;
- Stress mechanisms;
- Fungal photobiology;
- Role of stress in pathogenicity and in agricultural systems;
- Industrial uses

Important contributions from research (by SIP members) on entomopathogenic fungi to the topic of fungal stress

Attendees (Fungal Division Meeting, Gold Coast, Australia, August 15, 2018)

Stefan Jaronski
Ann Hajek
Dietrich Stephan
Sevgan Subramanian
Victoria Woolley
Komivi Akutse
Donguei Li
Se Jin Lee
Jae Su Kim
Mi Rong Lee
Mary Barbercheck
Jarrod Leland
Jong Cheol Kim
Medea Burjanadze
Kari Zurowski