

Business Meeting - Microsporidia Division, Mainz, 6 August 2014

The Annual Business Meeting of the Microsporidia Division was called to order at 8:05 pm on August 6th, 2014 at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology in Mainz, Germany

Present: James Becnel, Dominic Wiredu Boakye, Elke Genersch, Sebastian Gisder, Regina Kleespies, Andreas Linde, Sebastian Niehus, Daniela Pilarska, Renate Radek, Jackline Sirisio, Yuliya Sokolova, Lee Solter, Grant Stentiford, Graham Thomas

1. Election of officers (new officers are in bold)

- Chairperson: Susan Bjornson (2014-2016)
- **Chairperson-Elect: Yuliya Sokolova (2014-2016)**
- **Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas Steele (2014-2016)**
- Member-at-Large: Johnny Shayahan (2013-2015)
- **Member-at-Large: Sebastian Gisder (2014-2016)**
- **Student Representative: Graham Thomas (2014-2016)**

2. Acceptance of 2013 Division Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2011 business meeting were published online (<http://www.sipweb.org/microspor/minutes/2013min.pdf>)

Moved by Becnel, seconded by Solter "that the 2013 minutes of the Microsporidia Division Business meeting (Pittsburg) be accepted". Motion carried.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance for last FY: \$3,245.19

Income (dues): \$455.00

Awards: -\$3340.00

From general Fund: \$1750

Interest: \$8.87

New Balance: \$2119.06

4. Membership

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013-2014
Regular	40	35	29	40	36
Students	2	3	6	7	5

5. Summary from Mainz: Symposia, Workshops, Other events

- Microsporidia Division Symposium: "Microsporidiology: Advances in Europe" (Organizers: Carlos Lange and Elke Genersch) - 4 invited speakers
- One contributed paper session - 8 speakers (4 were presented by students) and 7 posters

6. Division Awards

Travel Awards

- \$1750 provided by Council
- \$750 was used for a student travel award (recipient: Dominic Wiredu Boakye)

- \$1000 for Jiri Vavra (the Division added an additional \$1000, which will presumably be returned to the Division. The Division Chair will confirm with the SIP Executive as to whether this will change our Division balance)

7. New business

1. Andreas Linde purchased a card for Dr. Vavra, who could not attend our meeting. It was passed around for signatures and will be mailed to him.
2. We discussed electronic voting for division officers. Those present were in favour of this idea.
3. New money: Council will now provide \$2500 per year for invited speakers: \$750 must be spent on a student travel award. \$1000 for a speaker and the remainder is spent on travel at the discretion of the division chair (add a student travel award or provide more money for a speaker). This money must be spent or it will be returned to the General Fund.
4. Dates for upcoming SIP meetings: (1) Vancouver (9-13 August 2015); Tours (24-29 July 2016).
5. Symposia ideas for Vancouver: microsporidia as emerging pathogens in food-related invertebrates. Workshop ideas to follow.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.