

Report 2012 of the Virus Division to the Council of the Society of Invertebrate Pathology (SIP)

Officers

Current officers:

Chair:	Monique van Oers	(Netherlands)	2010-2012
Chair Elect:	Lorena Passarelli	(USA)	2010-2012
Secretary/Treasurer:	Nor Chejanovsky	(Israel)	2010-2012
Member-at-Large:	Sassan Asgari	(Australia)	2010-2012
Member-at-Large:	Kai Yang	(China)	2011-2013

Student Representatives: Tuğba Erdoğan (Turkey) (2010-2012), Jörg Wennmann (Germany) (2011-2013)

SIP membership committee: Sassan Asgari (Australia) (2010-2012)

Face book representative: Bryony Bonning (USA)

Election of Officers in Buenos Aires 2012

The following nominations were received by the Virus Division Chair prior to the election at the meeting in Buenos Aires. The nominations were seconded by members in good standing and who were solicited by the nominator or by the Division Chair. For the student representative two nomination were received, and we will ask the other member students to give their vote at the council meeting.

Chair:	Lorena Passarelli (USA)
Chair Elect:	Martin Erlandson (Canada)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Rollie Clem (USA)
Member-at-Large (one position):	Bob Harrisson (USA)
Student representative (two candidates for one position):	Aurelien Chateigner (student in Tours, France) and Yang Liu (student in Guelph, Canada)

Membership (July 7, 2012)

We see that the number of regular members drop, but are happy that many students became a member. We are currently checking whether we miss prominent members that may have forgotten to pay their fees. See below for the membership development over the last years.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Regular	111	96	90	73	69
Students	27	10	13	11	17
Total	138	106	103	84	88

Finances:

Fund balance fiscal year 2011: \$ 3,919.43

Current balance July 2012: \$ 3,592.31

FY2011	Income	Expenses	From GF	Fund/division Expense	Interest	Current Balance
<u>\$3,919.43</u>	<u>\$898.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>		<u>\$24.88</u>	<u>\$3,592.31</u>

Note the current balance does NOT show the \$750 for student travel awards or the \$1,000 for speaker travel awards for the Buenos Aires meeting that we should get if we use it. The expenses are for three student travel grants and one speaker grant for the Halifax meeting.

We were afraid that with the reduced numbers for membership we would not be able to fund more than two travel awards in 2012, Buenos Aires, but with the extra money for speaker grants from council, \$1000, we are still able to give out 3 travel awards in 2012 (as well as two speaker grants of \$500 each). Next year we may need to go for 2 travel grants though as our budget is going down due to reduced membership.

Symposia and Workshops

Halifax 2011

The virus division sponsored one symposium on “Pathology of Insect-Virus Interactions” and one special symposium in honor of Basil Arif on:”Forest Insect Viral Diseases”. In addition one cross-division symposium was held entitled “Viruses of Aquatic Invertebrates” with the Division of Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates. A workshop on Virus Taxonomy was held following the Virus Division business meeting.

There were 37 (-11 compared to 2010, +7 compared to 2009) contributed oral presentations, of which 13 (+1) presentations were student oral presentations. There were 26 (-7) poster presentations, of which 14 (+2) were student presentations. So we saw a reduction in numbers compared to last year, but with a larger student contribution, both absolute and relative. This resulted in 5 contributed oral presentation sessions, one less than in 2010 in accordance to the general wish to reduce the number of session for the virus division to keep more space for scientific discussions. The reduction in session numbers could be made without having to disappoint people and without asking people to convert oral presentations into posters.

Fourteen (+5) applications were submitted for student travel awards to the Virus Division, and were judged by Virus Division officers. Three awards of \$500 each were given at the Halifax SIP meeting. The awardees are Henri Kariithi (The Netherlands/Austria), Darren Underwood (Australia) and Kayvan Etebari (Australia). One speaker grant of \$500 was given to Timothy Flegel for his contribution to the cross divisional symposium.

Buenos Aires 2012

Symposia

The virus division will sponsor one symposium on Viral Biocontrol, In addition a cross-division symposium will be held with the Fungus Division on Pathogen-induced host behavior. There will be 39 (+2 compared to 2011, -9 compared to 2010) contributed oral presentations, of which 13 (+0) presentations are student oral presentations. There will be 39 (+13) poster presentations, of which 9 (-5) student presentations. This will give 5 contributed oral presentation sessions, the same as last year and in accordance to the general wish to reduce the number of session for the virus division to keep more space for scientific discussions. We did not have to disappoint people, and could actually ask a few students to convert posters into oral presentations.

Student Travel awards 2012

10 (-4) applications were submitted for student travel awards to the Virus Division, and were judged by Virus Division officers and candidate officers. Three awards of \$500 each will be given at the Buenos Aires meeting. The awardees are Julien Thézé (France), Chateigner Aurélien (France), Jörg Wennmann (Germany). The Mauro Martignoni award will go to Virus Division student Stineke Van Houte (the Netherlands)

Speaker awards 2012

Speaker awards of \$500 dollar each will be provided to Julien Varaldi (France) and Vera Ros (the Netherlands) for their contributions to the Cross-Divisional Symposium.

Preparation for future meetings

The Chair of the Virus Division solicited symposium proposals from members in July 2012 for the 2013 meeting in Argentina. New proposals will be discussed at the business meeting in Buenos Aires along with ideas solicited during the business meeting and ideas remaining from previous years.

Other

Web Site Development

Monique van Oers submitted web site updates to Cecilia Schmit, which were posted on the website. Input was given to the development of the new SIP-wide website format.

Certification: Author: Monique M. van Oers Date submitted: July 10, 2012
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