

**Minutes of SBSP telephone meeting
10th March 2015**

Present: Brian Lassen (BL), Jakob Skov (JS), Gunita Deksne (GD), Pikka Jokelainen (PJ), Vaidas Palinauskas (VP), Ulrika Forshell (minutes)

1. Status of PayPal registration (BL, UF, RD)

UF and RD have looked into the online payment system in more depth. The only viable remaining option is registering a personal credit card to get the PayPal option. RD spoke to Paypal and they advised said that once the account was verified we could block/delete the credit card info from the paypal account leaving just the SBSP bank info. The credit card confirms the person that made the account is a real person. As UF once started the registering process with PayPal, she is the one whose credit card is required.

PL thinks it is possible to revise the contact info. RD is willing to „risk“ a credit card, with Pikka as an alternative person using her credit card. UF will look into revising contact info and discuss further steps with RD.

2. Accepting new members (All)

Tuuli Aahlberg (FIN) and Mika Asikainen (FIN), Katja Turunen (FIN), Pille Paats (EST), Age Kärssin (EST), Behdad Tarbiat (SE), Eline Palm Hansen (DK), Johan Lindh (SE).

All voted in favor of the new members. The handling of new members will be simplified when the new online membership registration is in place.

3. Applications for Mobility grant (UF)

Pille Paats, Rebecca Kathrine Davidson Klaveness

Both Pille Paats and Rebecca Davidson were approved for mobility grants of EUR 500 apiece. Pille to visit SVA to study parasitological methods and Rebecca to attend the GA in Uppsala.

4. Other

Information given to new members about payment (PJ)

Local representatives should advise new members from their own countries and then check the accounts again and ask Jakob to give a reminder if needed. Please check this before the 30th March. JL will look over the new member list.

VP has paid all four travel grants from the Lithuanian account.

The accounts need to be audited by externals, and after a discussion it was agreed that we would suggest at the GA that we would employ a trained accountant at regular intervals to go through the books (every 6 years was proposed), and all audits in between would be performed by non-professional appointees. BL would add this point to the GA agenda.

JS raised the “Young Scientist Award” issue, and advised that we had not reached a conclusion regarding this. JS to issue old and new versions for the Board to vote on.