

# Notes from the SBSP board meeting 17.06.2013 (conference call)

**Participating board members:** Pikka Jokelainen, Brian Lassen, Eva Osterman Lind and Jakob Skov

## §1 Opening of the meeting

Brian

## §2 Membership matters

The following applicants were accepted as new members in the society: Kaisa Velström (Estonia), Jennifer Edwards (UK) and Leena Seppä-Lassila (Finland).

## §3 Student travel grant applications for SBSP5

Four applications have been submitted to the secretary. However, one does not fulfil the criteria that the applicant must be a SBSP member. Eva will contact this applicant and ask her to send in an application and pay the fee within two weeks. The other three will get a message from Eva that the board has decided that they will get a grant which will be given as an expense reimbursement up to €300.

## §4 Website

Updated membership lists have been published. Members that had not paid membership fees despite being reminded thereof are removed from the member list of the website.

## §5 ESCCAP

Brian has passed on information from SBSP on pet parasitology experts in the Scandinavian-Baltic region to ESCCAP's representative Diane Richards. Diane thanked for the assistance.

## §6 SBSP5

Jakob informs that approximately 70 abstracts have been submitted, maybe a little more. Now, they are trying to group abstracts into relevant sessions and then send them to a publisher by the end of June. Totally, more than 400 are registered for the conference. Jakob will send an e-mail with updated figures.

Brian: will try to finish the GA agenda by mid-July for the board to comment.

Jakob: Danish parasitological company has expressed interest in making a company membership to SBSP where one subscription would make a number of the employee's members. Jakob will discuss this further with the company representative and present it at the GA for voting.

## **§7 SBSP6**

Will likely take place in Sweden, most likely in March or beginning of April 2015. Eva will push for obtaining specific information as we get closer to the SBSP5 event.

## **§8 Honorary members**

Persons from four countries have been nominated by the board. It was discussed whether the names should be included in the agenda of the GA. Should short presentations of the nominated persons be made at the GA? Brian will ask Carl about the procedure (it is almost ten years since the last election of honorary members).

## **§9 Replacements**

Sweden still lacks a new candidate for board/local treasurer. Eva will continue to look for someone.

## **§10 Closing of the meeting**

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*Eva Osterman Lind*