

Notes from the SBSP board meeting 17.09.2012 (conference call)

All board members participated: Inger Sofie Hamnes, Pikka Jokelainen, Brian Lassen, Eva Osterman Lind, Muza Kirjusina, Jakob Skov and Asta Krizanauskienė

§1 Opening of the meeting

Brian

§2 Membership matters

2.1 New members

The following applicants were accepted as members in the society: Antti Oksanen (Finland), Rita Kazlauskienė (Lithuania), Simon Haarder (Denmark) and Brian Lund Fredensborg (Denmark).

2.2 Members' e-mail and speciality

Jakob suggested that members' e-mails and fields of interest/specialities should be collected and published on the web site. It was decided that the application form will be changed so that applicants may tick a box if they approve that their e-mail address and field of interest are published.

2.3 Improved application process

The application process is not optimal today, generally applicants are asked to pay the fee before official acceptance at a board meeting. Pikka will change the text in the application guidelines to clarify that the fee should be paid after the board's acceptance (should be enough with e-mail votes?).

Further, Pikka has formulated some questions that could be discussed and prepared for the next GA:

- More alternatives concerning membership fees: 2, 4, 6, 10 years and lifetime membership (discounts)?
- Is it possible to pool all accounts in one account? In which country?
- Should we organise an online payment system (e-buy)?
- Should we buy a software for management of memberships in order to handle all reminders?

All treasurers should check advantages/disadvantages of changing to one bank account. This needs to be discussed further in order to present different options at the next GI.

§3 SBSP 5 – update

Information from Jakob: the local organisations committee has had monthly meetings. Last week, a meeting was held with all the member states (ECTMIH-2013). Venue is booked and the web site is updated continuously. From now on, the organizing committee will work more intensively with the conference. The scientific committee is working on the program, plenary speakers etc. There will be one common program for both conferences.

Generally, it is important that the board members give feedback to Jakob when he sends e-mails about SBSP 5.

§4 Grants and awards SBSP 5

Following a short discussion it was decided that there will be three young scientist awards à €500. Jakob will discuss awards with the parasitology group that he plans to set up for the conference. The awards will be paid in cash on site to avoid bank transfer problems.

There will be 10 travel grants à €300. The application form for grants will be based on the previous one.

Information regarding grant application, young scientist reward etc will be put on the SBSP website.

§5 EMOP 2016

Antti Oksanen has asked for support from SBSP, for example if SBSP could be the host society. Brian and Pikka are willing to support the local organisers.

§6 Facebook

Quite active! Anyone who has something to promote – article, meeting etc – is recommended to use Facebook. Post it on your name, alternatively on SBSP via Pikka or Brian.

§7 Manual to the next board

Each board member should write a manual /instructions to help future boards. A suggestion should be formulated before 1st of November.

§8 Status on Baltic bank account

Asta: the bank requires a signed protocol from GA (2003?) which shows that the society changed name to the Scandinavian Baltic Society of Parasitology. Otherwise the board will make a new signed document.

§9 Scans for SBSP Bulletin paid?

Yes.

§10 Motility grant application

Pikka suggested a change from Scandinavian-Baltic to Nordic-Baltic on the motility grant application. The change was accepted by the board.

§11 Promotion of SBSP

The following ideas were brought up:

- Printing postcards, both for SBSP5 and EMOP XII (50 to each board member to distribute?). The cost for printing would be approx €600. Brian will come up with a suggestion.
- T-shirts which could be sent to honorary members, included in the Young scientist award. Prices vary depending on the quality. Brian and Pikka will look closer into this.

§12 SBSP6

Should be in Estonia but because of the engagement in EMOPXII, it be better if another country could organise the SBSP6 meeting. Sweden was suggested. Eva is positive and will check if it would be possible.

§13 Closing of the meeting

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Eva Osterman Lind