



1st meeting of the board of SBSP, MINUTES
Where: Skype
Thursday 19 December 2019 at noon Danish time

Key points: Welcome!
Summary of the year, updates, next steps

Board members present:

Pikka Jokelainen (PJ)
Andrea Miller (AM)
Guðný Rut Pálsdóttir (GP)
Gunita Deksnė (GD)
Vaidas Palinauskas (VP)
Age Kärssin (AK)
Mark Van der Giezen (MG)
Andrew Williams (AW)

Others: Webmasters: Present: Kjersti Utaaker (KU);
Absent with notification: Brian Lassen (BL)

1. Welcome (PJ)

PJ welcomed everybody, especially the new board member, to the current board meeting and shortly introduced the main raised questions for this meeting.

1.1. Board manual circulated, comments by 15.1. (VP)

VP circulates the board manual

2. Documents (GD)

2.1. Minutes of last meeting of previous board and GA

GD will finalize the GA minutes and will send to two elected members at GA to ratify them.

3. Update on CSBSP8-EVPC2019

3.1. Thank you! (PJ)

Success, huge thank you!

3.2. Finances (AW)

AW informed about the SBSP financial situation. Currently no functional access to bank account. All external bills related to CSBSP are paid.. +/- Calculations – it is plus! All who asked have received confirmation of payment.

3.3. Young Scientist Awards (VP)

PJ thanked VP for the organization.

3.4. Photo contest (AM and KU)

It was a cool photo contest. All other photos could go on FB. Idea to make a bookmark, and/or a notebook, use these pictures and logo of SBSP. Could be an idea for next CSBSP.

3.5. Flowers to new honorary members (PJ, GD)

PJ letter and flowers. Pictures from them!

3.6. Thank you to EVPC, to assistants (PJ)

The collaboration with EVPC was very positive. Our congress assistants were excellent.

4. Financial aspects

4.1. Process to change access rights to bank account (AW, MG, PJ)

Process to change accesses rights. After GA minutes will be signed, this process can continue.

4.2. ICOPA contract (PJ)

ICOPA contract is to be signed – if there will be a plus, then it will be shared between WFP and KENES. And then WFP shares their part with the hosting societies. KENES has a full financial responsibility.

4.3. Grants in 2020? (AW, GR, AK)

AW will check the SBSP financial situation until 15.01 so that on the next SBSP board meeting the board could decide about the grants available in the next rounds.

5. WFP and EFP news (Pikka)

PJ informed that last week there was a mid-term meeting of WFP officials. WFP will make ICOPA more visible. There was also an update on the process of preparing for ICOPA, with organizing committee and KENES, and short visit to venue. Key task to SBSP treasurer is to pay EFP is preparing for EMOP, ICOPA will be visible there. WFP and EFP membership fees – we should be an exemplary member.

6. ICOPAnhagen update (Pikka)

More in the hands of KENES. Plans to promote next year at EMOP and ICTMM.

7. PAREPI Special Issue: no news (Pikka)

No news. PJ will check that by 15.01.

8. BANOS CSA (Mark, Pikka).

8.1. In November, MG noticed https://www.banoscsa.org/banos_csa asked comments on their research agenda related to Baltic and North Sea. Parasites were missing, and upon request by PJ, the Board appointed an ad-hoc committee to respond; submitted comment is on next page.

MG introduced the BANOS CSA (no biology, OneHealth). PJ will follow up on the response.

9. Website updates: let us gather a list (Kjersti)

PJ suggests to start looking for an updates on website, internal deadline for looking into this: by 15.01.

10. Minutes of this meeting: compiling, round of comments, to the website (Gunita)

GD will summarize the meeting minutes, share with other board members to comment and then forward them to webmaster for publishing them on SBSP webpage.

11. AOB

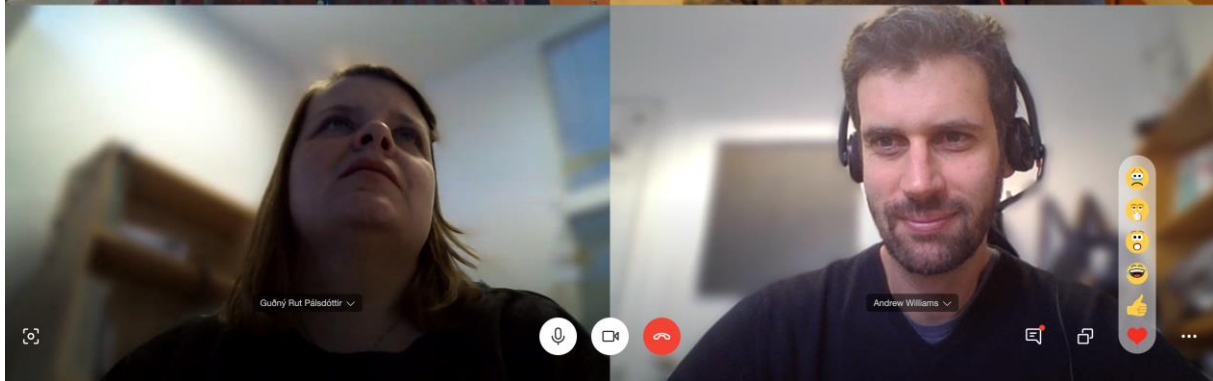
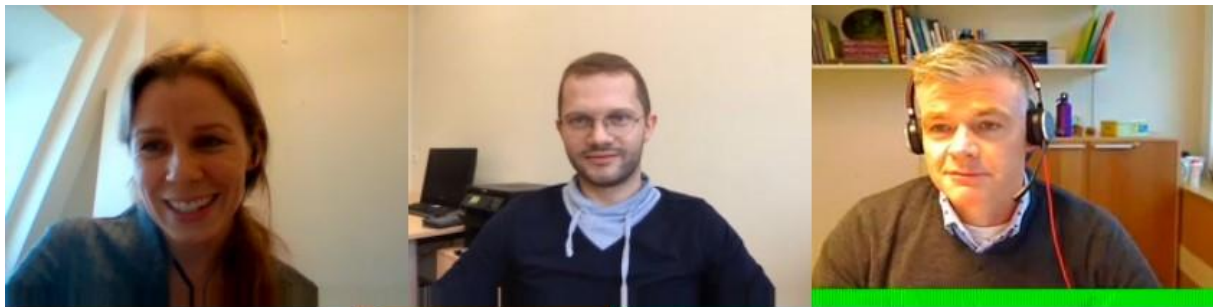
11.1. Next meetings? 4x in 2020?

VP suggests to decide about the next meetings depending of what we need. No precise number of meetings.

12. Thank you for this year!

12.1. Group photo/screenshot if we can?

This is how SBSP board works 😊



Name: Prof. Mark Van der Giezen, Dr. Muza Kirjušina, Prof. Kurt Buchmann, Dr. Pikka Jokelainen
The Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology

The North Sea and Baltic Sea are rich fisheries grounds and have played an important role in shaping the economies of the bordering nations for many centuries. Traditional fisheries are more and more replaced by innovations in aquaculture and mariculture. This blue growth is expected to be more sustainable and restore the marine ecosystems to more manageable levels. Diseases however remain a major inhibitor of growth in this sector and prevent the sustainable production of food from the sea. We noticed this important theme to be lacking from the SRIA, despite it goes under all three strategic objectives (Healthy Seas and Coasts, Sustainable Blue Economy and Human Wellbeing). Of the three aspects of One Health approach – healthy humans, animals and environment – the strategic objectives cover two. Health and welfare of the animals would be a good addition to Strategic Objective C. Other EU-funded One Health initiatives have not had focus on the marine ecosystems, which is a gap that should be filled.

Without being able to understand and control disease in farmed and wild animals (fish, crustaceans, molluscs, marine mammals, birds) a healthy sea and coast cannot be achieved. A sustainable blue economy cannot thrive without curtailing disease. Safe and healthy food will be impossible without monitoring and understanding disease dynamics. Parasites that can transmit to humans by eating raw or undercooked fish (fishborne zoonotic parasites) were recently ranked high among foodborne parasites of most concern in this region (<https://www.eurosurveillance.org/content/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2018.23.9.17-00161>). Some parasites can reduce commercial and nutritional value of fish. Therefore, we would strongly recommend to include monitoring, controlling and studying animal and zoonotic diseases in the remit of BANOS CSA in order to be able to support the sustainable use of our seas.

We suggest to include animal health and welfare to Strategic Objective C:

- Human Health and Wellbeing, Animal Health and Welfare, One Health

We suggest the following themes to be included:

- Improving management of endemic diseases and preparedness for emerging diseases: epidemiology, diagnostics, and dynamics of animal and zoonotic diseases in the marine ecosystem, applying One Health approach when applicable (under A1)
- Estimation of the prevalence and reduction of the impacts of fishborne zoonotic parasites (under C1)

banosca.org/banos_csa/get_involved/sria_themes_consultation_2025#form_34753

Specific objective C.2: Safe and accessible coast
C.2.1 Challenge-driven transformation of (local) coastal economies (or areas).
C.2.2 Developing innovative and sustainable blue tourism and recreation.

Thank you for sending us your comments on the SRIA themes!

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