

Notes from the SBSP board meeting 24.04.2013 (conference call)

Participating board members: 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: Marilyn Kooskora (Estonia), Bounechada Mustapha (Algeria), Per Skallerup (Denmark), Andrew Williams (Denmark), Christopher Florian Saarnak (Denmark), Mohamud Sheek-Hussein (United Arab Emirates), Regis Wendpayandge Tiendrebeogo (Denmark), Dimitar Dimitrov (Lithuania) and Mikas Ilgunas (Lithuania).

2.2 Exclusion of members

Several members have not paid their membership fees and thus, according to the statutes, should be excluded. Treasurers should remind a member once or twice before he/she is excluded.

Treasurers have to update their membership lists, including honorary members (reduced fee!) before the GA at SBSP5.

§3 SBSP 5 – update

3.1 Update

Deadline for abstract is May 1, possibly it will be extended. Eight interesting sessions are planned and confirmed. Overall, the content will be aimed for a broad audience although some parts are very specific. The program is being continuously revised and maybe, additional four sessions will be included. It has not yet been decided if SBSP members will have access to both conferences. For the GA, a room which takes 55 people has been booked.

3.2 Young scientist's award

Jakob will update the guidelines for Young scientist's award (3) and the award criteria will be published on the web site.

It was suggested that an evaluation committee including three researchers should nominate two of the Young scientist award candidates, one from the poster session and one from the oral sessions. The third award will be chosen by the conference participants. The board members will contact potential researchers for the evaluation committee.

3.3 Grant applications

No applications have arrived yet.

§4 SBSP6

Eva: Most likely, the meeting could be arranged in Uppsala, Sweden in 2015. This will be confirmed before the SBSP5 meeting.

§5 Change of the name of the Baltic account

Asta: It is complicated owing to various legislations. Statues signed by the president, translation of the text etc are required. The best would be to bring the documents to be signed at GA, SBSP5. It is necessary to show that a decision was made regarding the change of name from Baltic to Scandinavian-Baltic. Maybe this matter can be included in the SBSP5 GA meeting? I was agreed that the society could pay for the translation of the documents.

§6 One account for the society

Treasurers need to investigate the national rules and consequences associated with a change from national accounts to one commons account in one country. Which country will be the “home country” have to be further discussed. . Lithuania is not an attractive option (see §5). Finland is not an attractive option due to high maintaining costs.

§7 Facebook update

There is a great interest for our society! More than 800 have seen the SBSP5 postcard! It would be nice if people could share their publications (not too old, <5 ys). Those who have something to promote – article, meeting etc – are recommended to use the Facebook page for that. Post it on your name, or alternatively as SBSP via Pikka or Brian.

§8 Manual for board members

This has not been finished. Board members should have a draft written before the GA.

§9 Update EMOP XII Finland 2016

Brian: According to Antti Oksanen, not much has happened.

§10 Other matters

10.1 Yearbook of International Organizations

Brian: we have been contacted by the publisher of YIO asking if we would relist updated information there for free. The board concluded no benefits would come from this and decided to decline.

10.2 Reach

It is important to encourage local societies to feed SBSP with news.

10.3 ESCCAP

Brian has been informed that ESCCAP is looking for experts in the Scandinavian-Baltic region who could assist in the work of spreading guidelines. An ESCCAP conference on *Echinococcus* spp is planned in 2014 (Vilnius) which SBSP will promote and take part in. Board members are encouraged to give ESCCAP some names of experts in pet parrasitology who could possibly be part of the arrangement.

10.4 Travel grants

It was suggested (Pikka) that travel grants for SBSP6 should be paid as a grant in advance and not as reimbursement. The board agreed this should be a point for voting at the next GA.

10.5 Payment and membership system

In order to facilitate the payment system, a proposal will be presented at the SBSP5 GA:

- One common account for the society instead of local ones
- Possibility to pay a membership fee for several years (2, 4, 10, life time)
- One common membership database which could track due payments
- Payment possible on line at the website
- Automatic approval of members when the fee has been paid

Brian has found different payment systems that would be possible to use.

One member has proposed that a company membership should be introduced so that a company could pay for x number of memberships and then get a reduced conference fee. The board discussed this briefly. Jakob will contact the member and talk more about this proposal.

10.6 SBSP5, General Assembly

- Make a graph of the number of SBSP members in the different countries (Pikka)
- Make a budget overview (Inger)
- Find an accountant to verify Inger's financial report (Inger)
- Find new board members (all); Eva, Muza and Asta will leave.
- Suggest a chairman of GA (all)
- Suggest auditors (all)
- Suggest two members ratifying the GA minutes (all)
- Create a full and clear proposal of a reform of the membership fees and payment system (all). Brian will continue to work on this.
- President's overview of board activities (Brian)
- Write a list of items to be decided by members at the GA (Brian), for example should honorary members pay full fee, a symbolic fee or no fee for attendance at SBSP meetings? Discuss at GA what SBSP can do for honorary members.
- Nominate honorary members. A list of nominated persons will be presented at GA and suggestions from the board could be sent to Brian (all). Some names are already suggested.

§13 Closing of the meeting

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Eva Osterman Lind