

Notes from the SBSP board meeting 09.09.2009

Board members participating: Asta Krizanauskienė, Brian Lassen, Eva Osterman Lind, Juha Laakkonen, Muza Kirjusina and Inger Sofie Hamnes

Not present: Rune Stensvold

§1 Membership matters

The Society has got four new members: Anu Näreaho, Finland; Eva Osterman Lind, Sweden; Philip D. Harris, Norway; Lutz Bachmann, Norway.

There are some new members who have paid the fee but not sent a membership application to the Society. Local treasurers should remind these members to complete their applications.

Members who have not paid the membership fee for two years will be excluded from the Society (according to the statutes) and if they want to become active again they will need to send a new application.

Local treasurers update the membership lists for their countries and they send a list of members that have been active in 2008 and/or 2009 to Eva and Brian.

By the end of 2009 Eva will e-mail a letter to all members that were active in 2008 and/or 2009 to remind them to pay their membership fee for 2009 and 2010.

Brian will put active members' names and fields of interest on the web page.

About instructions for how to pay the fee, for security reasons the information about bank accounts will not be available on the web site. New members will get the information from the local treasurer.

§2 ICOPA 2014

SBSP has been asked to support the Danish Society for Parasitology as they will apply to be the host country in 2014. Generally, there is a low/no interest in several of the SBSP countries. Juha will circulate a draft of an official letter to the Danish Society for Parasitology. Board members who have not yet responded will then have a chance to come with input.

§3 Update on SBSP4

The definite date for the meeting in Oslo is not clear; the organisers are working on that. News will be put on the website.

§4 Support for SBSP reviews

An idea of review publications that has previously been presented by Brian was discussed. The board suggested the following: before a SBSP symposium it should be possible for a scientist to apply for economical support to write a review in English and present this at the symposium. The financial support from the Society would cover the costs for the publication. The aim is to make studies written in other languages than English available for more people.

Brian will write and circulate a suggestion for the application procedure, the format of a review etc. The plans will eventually be published on the web page.

§5 ScanBalt Invitation

An invitation to join ScanBalt has come to SBSP. The board was against a membership since this seems to be a bit beyond the purpose of the Society and because it would cost a lot of money.

§6 Other matters

6.1 Travel grant (suggestion by Asta)

By the establishment of a travel grant, the Society could be more attractive for students.

Members of SBSP, in particular students, could apply for money to visit other Scandinavian-Baltic universities, institutes etc. The board was positive and it was decided that Asta is going to write a proposal which will be sent to the board.

6.2 Marketing of SBSP (Brian)

In order to market the Society Brian suggested that a poster should be made. The poster should be printable from the web site and members could bring it to conferences, symposia etc. Brian will design a suggestion.

§7 Next meeting

Spring 2010.

Uppsala 09.09.2009

Eva Osterman Lind