

Minutes from the General Assembly Meeting of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology, Latvian University, Riga, Latvia, April 17, 2009

Number of persons present (see the enclosed list): 27 – including 23 SBSP members

Opening of the meeting:

President Muza Kirjusina opened the General Assembly.

a) Election of the chairperson of the meeting:

Karl Skirnisson was elected.

b) Acceptance of the agenda:

The agenda of the meeting was accepted.

c) Election of the secretary of the meeting:

Johan Höglund was elected.

d) Election of two members to approve the minutes of the General Assembly:

Inger Hamnes and Eva Osterman Lind were elected.

e) The Board business report over the two last years:

Muza Kirjusina presented the report on the Board activities during the past period. The former president Charlotte Maddox-Hyttel decided to leave the board in advance some time after the meeting in Rouvaniemi in 2008. This has affected the board activities. For example, no formal board meetings have been organised and the board has only communicated through occasional e-mail contacts. However, it needs to be emphasized that the main activity, i.e. the organisation of the biannual SPBS meeting was successfully organised and it attracted nearly 50 delegates including four invited scientific presentations of which one was covered from funds raised by the Scandinavian Network for Veterinary Parasitology.

f) Report from the treasurers:

The SBSP treasurer Jurijus Komisarov made a financial report. Including honorary 10 members the society has around 200 members of which 53 in Sweden (SWE), 27 in Norway (NO), 7 in Iceland (IS), 32 in Denmark (DE), 21 in Finland (FI), 39 in the Baltic States and 20 foreigners and a fortune of 22,062 euro (for details see the attached treasurer's report).

g) Approval of Business and Treasurer's reports:

Both reports were approved by the General Assembly and the Board was released from responsibility.

h) Election of the members of the Board:

Juha Laakkonen (FI) was elected new President

Muza Kirjusina (LI) was elected new Vice-president

Eva Osterman Lind (SWE) was elected new Secretary

Inger Sofie Hamnes (NO) was elected new Treasurer

Asta Križanauskienė (LI) was elected new Board member
Christen Rune Stensvold (DE) was re-elected Board member
Brian Lassen (LA) was elected new Board member and Webmaster.

i) Election of two auditors:

Einar Strømnes (NO) and Lucy Robertsson (NO) were elected auditors.

j) The annual fee for next period

25 euro for ordinary members and 10 euro for students and members who have retired were approved by the General Assembly.

k) Place and time for the next General Assembly

The 6th SBSP meeting and General Assembly will be held at the Natural History Museum in Oslo, Norway and Tor Bakke will be responsible for the local organisation committee.

l) Other matters

Stig Milan Thamsborg (DA) raised the issue of the organisation of the next ICOPA and asked for support amongst the SBSP delegates for a bid that will be sent in by Denmark.

Muza Kirjusina
Chairman



Johan Höglund
Secretary



Inger Hamnes
Scrutiniser



Eva Osterman
Scrutiniser

