



## **General Assembly of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology**

**Oslo, June 21, 2011**

### **MINUTES**

Persons present: see the enclosed list

Opening of the meeting: President Juha Lakkonen opened the General Assembly.

- a) Election of a meeting Chairman  
Karl Skirnisson was elected.
- b) Acceptance of the agenda  
The agenda of the meeting was accepted.
- c) Election of Secretary of the meeting  
Eva Osterman Lind was elected
- d) Election of two Members who shall ratify the minutes of the General Assembly  
Rebecca Davidsson and Jesper Monrad were elected
- e) The Board's Business Report for the previous period (Juha)
  - Two board meetings have taken place, April 2009 and June 2011, both during SBSP meetings. Four conference calls have been held, September 2009, June 2010 and May 2011 (twice). The board members have had weekly contact by e-mail.
  - The goals during the period have been to:
    1. Have an active web page. Thanks to Brian Lassen the web page has improved substantially. Brian's registration fee was paid by the Society to show gratitude.
    2. Attract new members.
    3. Use some funds. This turned out to be difficult. Travel grants to the SBSP4 meeting and price for the best presentation were organised as well as grants for visiting another lab and for writing a review. No valid application for the latter two did arrive.
  - There is a need for instructions for the board. This work has started and will continue during the next period.
  - A promotional poster for the Society was made by Brian in 2009. It was used in ICOPA.
  - Juha visited ICOPA and represented the society. He also wrote an official supportive letter for the Danish bid for ICOPA 2014.



- Former Editor in chief, Jorun Tharaldsen, has contacted Juha regarding old bulletins. They will be shipped to the secretary.
  - New software program (Photoshop CS5) has been bought for web page maintenance.
- f) The Treasurer's Report of the financial situation and the Auditors' Report  
The treasurer, Inger Sofie Hamnes, presented the finances (see attached treasurer's report). There is an accumulation of money; the total amount of money on the five bank accounts is 23161,79 € as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011. The auditors, Einar Strømnes and [Lucy Robertson](#), recommended approval of the financial report.
- g) The General Assembly's approval of the Business Report and Accounts, and granting of freedom from liability for transactions performed during the preceding business period  
Both reports were approved by the General Assembly and the Board was released from responsibility.
- h) Election to the vacant posts on the Board
- Brian Lassen (ES) was elected new President
  - Pikka Jokelainen (FI) was elected new Board member. She is also the local treasurer for Finland and thereby replaces Juha Lakkonen who is retiring.
  - Jakob Skov (DK) was elected new Vice president. He is also the local treasurer for Denmark.
- The other board members will stay on their posts:
- Inger Sofie Hamnes (NO), Head treasurer and local treasurer for Norway  
Muza Kirjusina (LV)  
Asta Križanauskienė (LT), local treasurer for the Baltic States  
Eva Osterman Lind (SE), Secretary and local treasurer for Sweden
- i) Election of two Auditors: Einar Strømnes (NO) and Rebecca Davidson (NO) were elected.
- j) Establishment of fees for the next business period and a suggestion by the Board to have a fee which covers a two-year membership (from one assembly to the next one)  
The fees, 50 € for ordinary members and 20 € for students and members who have retired, were approved by the General Assembly. The fee will cover a membership for the whole period between two assemblies.



- k) Establishment of the place and time for the next General Assembly and appointment of the organizing committee for the next SBSP meeting

There is a suggestion from members of the Danish Society for Parasitology (DSP) to have the SBSP5 meeting in Copenhagen together with the Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health (FESTMIH) in 2013, 10-13 September. The idea is to join them, preferably parallel sessions or as a satellite meeting. One advantage would be the organisation of the meeting. Also the European veterinary Parasitology College meeting is likely to be linked to FESTMIH.

Comment from Assembly: Important that the identity of SBSP will be maintained during such a big meeting.

The Assembly was positive to the suggestion and the board will reply to the suggestion from DSP.

- l) Other matters

- Discussion on the guidelines/protocol for choosing the presentation awards winners (to be published on the society's web page)

The board will establish such guidelines. There was a suggestion to look at the DSP and adapt parts of it. Moreover, Tor Bakke has sent a suggestion to the board

- Conference fee for Honorary members

A suggestion that honorary members should not have to pay the conference fee has come up. However, the topic was closed since no further interest was shown by the present members to discuss the matters.

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Eva Osterman Lind, Secretary

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Jesper Monrad, Scrutiniser

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Rebecca Davidson, Scrutiniser

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Karl Skirnisson, Chairman