



## Minutes

### General Assembly (GA) of the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology (SBSP)

Friday 23rd April 2021, 14:00-15:30,  
virtually in Vilnius, Lithuania

#### **Board members present:**

Pikka Jokelainen (PJ)  
Vaidas Palinauskas (VP)  
Gunita Deksne (GD)  
Andrew Williams (AW)  
Mark van der Giezen (MG)  
Guðný Rut Pálsdóttir (GP)  
Age Kärssin (AK)

#### **Absent with notification:**

Andrea Miller (AM)

1. Opening the meeting, welcome  
*PJ opened the GA by welcoming everybody.*
2. Election of Chairperson of the meeting  
*PJ was elected as the Chairperson of the GA.*
3. Election of Secretary of the meeting  
*GD was elected as the Secretary of the GA.*
4. Confirming that quorum is present  
*It was confirmed that quorum was present. 29*
5. Acceptance of the agenda  
*The Agenda of GA was accepted. No further matters (which must be sent to the Board at least six weeks prior to the General Assembly) were received.*
6. Election of two Members who shall ratify the minutes of the General Assembly  
*Laima Bartrnūite (Lithuania) and Carolina Chagas (Lithuania) were elected to ratify the GA minutes.*
7. The Board's Business Report for the previous period  
10 on-line meeting  
*No travel grants, many things put on hold*

Summary of memmeber – 117 members, 40 students, 14 honorary members  
SBSP communication – e-mails sent to members, maintaining our website, active on social media

*Visibility – website was updated; social media was actively used. FB more than 1,000 followers; Twitter more than 570 followers.*

*The Parasite Epidemiology and Control – nice example of bringing region together  
Conference org – 173 part, 54 SBSP mem, 44 stud, 4 Hon mam; 8 keynotes, 45 oral, 57 poster; 3 awards, golden flea awards*

*Hosted WPA president, 2019. yr December, ICOPA flyer 2022 yr21-26 August*

8. The Treasurer's Report of the financial situation and the Auditors' Report  
AW – solved the problems with bank to access the SBSP account, 2019 turnover 48 000, clear profit from the conf 7tk EUR, 2020 we still have paid not paid conference expences; 6tk EUR after payments. We have not funded any travel grants (COVID – 19)

9. The General Assembly's approval of the Business Report and Accounts, and release of the Board and Auditors from related liability  
*All present members approved the Business report.*

10. Election to vacant positions in the Board  
*Many of current board members were willing to continue. Did not get any suggestion for the positions.*

*The current SBSP board is elected to continue:  
President – Pikka Jokelainen (Finland/Denmark);  
Vice president – Vaidas Palinauskas (Lithuania);  
Secretary – Gunita Deksnė (Latvia);  
Membership officer – Andrea Miller (Sweden/Norway);  
Treasurer – Andrew Williams (Denmark);  
Treasurer assistant – Mark van der Giezen (Norway);  
Member: Age Kärssin (Estonia);  
Member: Gudny Rut Palsdottir (Iceland).*

*Other positions:  
Webmaster – Brian Lassen (Denmark);  
Webmaster assistant – Kjersti Selstad Utaaker (Norway).*

11. Election of two Auditors  
*Two auditors who will approve the financial report were elected – Rachel Paterson (Norway); Mikas Ilgunas (Lithuania).*

12. Establishment of annual fees for the next period  
*Board suggested to keep the fees as they are (50 EUR per 2 years for full members; 20 EUR per 2 years for student members). This suggestion was accepted.*

13. Establishment of place and time for the next General Assembly and Conference  
*Next GA and CSBSP10 will be held in 2023. The place will be clarified soon. Hybrid (virtual and physical)*

14. Other matters brought to the attention of the Board

*No other matters had been brought to the attention of the Board.*

15. Election of Honorary Member(s)

*One honorary member the board suggested, based on nominations, were elected – Gediminas Valkiūnas (Lithuania).*

16. Awards

*VP acknowledged the judges for their work. In total there were 18 oral and 16 poster presentations included in the competition for Young Scientist Award. Best oral presentation (with score 114/120) – Anja Vermak; Best poster (with score 78/120) – Barbara Moroni; Audience Award – Anja Vermak. All winners will receive a prize of 300EUR!*

*Golden Fleas were awarded!*

17. Closing the meeting

*PJ closed the meeting.*

*ICOPA next year August*

*AM says thanks to our president PJ for good leading, PJ thanked the board and all members – it is group work, a society!*

The minutes are read and approved by

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**Laima Bartrnūite**

**Carolina Chagas**

**Nature Research Centre**

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