



## 8th meeting of the board of SBSP

Where: online

When: Monday 22.02.2021 at 12:00 Danish time

Key points: Received grant applications, eCSBSP planning, GA planning

### **Board members present:**

Pikka Jokelainen (PJ)

Guðný Rut Pálsdóttir (GP)

Gunita Dekšne (GD)

Andrew Williams (AW)

Age Kärssin (AK)

### **Absent with notification:**

Vaidas Palinauskas (VP)

Mark van der Giezen (MG)

#### 1. Welcome (PJ)

*PJ welcomes everyone to the meeting.*

#### 2. Documents (GD)

*Will be uploaded to website.*

#### 3. Finances update (AW)

##### 3.1. Financial situation

*Updates in progress.*

##### 3.2. PayPal

*AW informs that there are some issues with practical use of the PayPal account which will be solved as soon as possible.*

#### 4. Grants for attending CSBSP9

*GD informs that a good number of applications has been received and the application submission has been closed. The board will double check the eligibility requirements of ten (10) candidates; if eligible, they are the recipients of the grants.*

#### 5. CSBSP2021 planning update (VP)

##### 5.1. Number of abstracts received

*Abstract submission was closed as planned. A good number of abstracts was submitted.*

##### 5.2. Promotion

*PJ stresses that now the main task is to promote people to participate at the conference.*

#### 6. ICOPA update (PJ)

*PJ informs that the organizing committee of ICOPA had meeting where several important planning things were discussed, like – the conference will be organized as a hybrid conference; the announcement of the dates will be out in early April, 2021; the website will be launched within the summer 2021; during this year the scientific committee will be formed; site events will be able to take a place under ICOPA umbrella, etc.*

7. Membership matters (AM)

7.1. Letter to all about membership was sent

*The common letter and personal letters were sent. A short message will be posted on FB and SBSP web page to reach members who have changed their e-mails within last two years.*

7.2. Asking suggestions for honorary members is ongoing

*Updates in progress.*

8. Website updates and social media (PJ, VP, all)

*It was discussed that now is a good time to keep the social media active.*

9. GA preparations

*PJ informs that following issues have been planned and some also discussed with the VP for the preparation of GA - we should ensure enough people present (e.g. by informing about it repeatedly); we are looking into how to vote virtually; board positions; update of board manual; preparing for things happening before the next GA after this: WFP award nominations; start a tradition of SBSP-publication like the one in the WFP member society special issue.*

10. Support letters were sent (Institute of Parasitology of the Polish Academy of Sciences and WAAVP) (PJ)

*Letters were prepared and sent.*

11. Flags and roll-up ordering

*GD informs that the prices will be identified and new flags and roll-ups with SBSP logo will be printed.*

12. Minutes of this meeting: compiling, round of comments, to the website (GD)

*GD will summarize the meeting minutes, share with other board members to comment and then forward them to webmaster for publishing them on SBSP webpage.*

13. AOB

13.1. Next meetings

*29th of March.*

13.2. Group photo/screenshot

