

Microsporidia Division Meeting

Trabzon, Turkey

Date: 12 July 2010

Attendees: Kelly Bateman, James Becnel, Susan Bjornson, Nils Cordes, Eva Forsgren, Kees van Frankenhuyzen, Ingemar Fries, Dorte Goertz, Gernot Hoch, Jaroslav Holusa, Joe Ironside, Manana Kereselidze, Regina Kleespies, Andreas Linde, Ji-Ping Liu, Li Liu, Matt Longshaw, Khrolina Lukasova, Yu-Shun Nai, David Oi, Katy Peat, Daniela Pilarska, Emrah Secil, Lee Solter, Grant Stentiford, Yuri Tokarev, Rudolph Wegensteiner, Chih-Yu Wu

1. Meeting called to order: 8:45 pm
2. Attendee Introductions
3. Approval of the minutes from the Microsporidia Division Meeting, Park City, Utah (made available online)
Becnel/Solter (moved/seconded)
Approved (unanimous)
4. Report from the SIP Council Meeting
 - a. The aim of the Society is to cover general costs with the registration fees that are collected annually
 - b. Low interest rates due to the recent economic decline may mean that the Divisions will be responsible to cover future Student Travel Awards
 - c. Symposium Speaker Travel Awards currently come from Division Funds
 - d. We raised our membership fees for this year and the resulting increase of funds is reflected in the Division account balance
 - e. Last year, members of the Microsporidia Division voted unanimously against merging with the Fungi Division. The Fungi Division remain welcome to a merger with the Microsporidia Division in the future
5. Microsporidia Division Updates
 - a. Membership: 42 members (including 2 students), decrease of about 8 members from 2009
 - b. Budget balance: \$2707 (as of 30 April 2010)
 - the balance has decreased \$216 from last year
 - most expenditures are due to speaker awards
 - income is from membership fees and donations
6. Election of New Officers
 - a. Chair-Elect: Carlos Lange (Argentina) (unanimous)
 - b. Secretary Treasurer: Andreas Linde (Germany) (unanimous)
 - c. Member at Large: Wei- Fone Huang (USA) (unanimous)
7. Potential Symposia/Workshop Topics for 2011
 - a. -Taxonomy of Phylum Microsporidia
 - b. Stentiford explained proposal being crafted to OECD grant program to fund special symposium for the 2011 meeting (on diseases and their impact on future food security)
 - The proposed OECD symposium will fund about 25 speakers,
 - Currently soliciting ideas for suitable speakers with concentration on:
 1. barriers to the production of food
 2. diseases of aquatic or terrestrial species that are important as food
 - c. A committee (headed by Becnel) will be formed to suggest OECD speakers/ideas

- d. Consider division symposium topics that could include OECD speakers
 - e. Workshop topic: Why microsporidia are not fungi. --Could take the form of a joint workshop with the Fungi Division
8. Other Business
- a. Microsporidia Division Student Representative
 - Nils Cordes has resigned due to move to another research program
 - Replacement: Gwyn Puckett (USA) (unanimous)
 - b. Microsporidia collections need a permanent home
 - Vavra and Larsson may not have permanent facilities for housing their collections
 - Further inquiries should be made to determine what the need is and what can be done to accommodate these collections
9. Microsporidia Division Student Travel Award
Katy Peat (UK) was awarded a parchment and \$750 USD from the Society
10. Meeting Adjourned: (Becnel/Hoch) (moved/seconded) 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Bjornson & David Oi