

## Minutes of the Microbial Control Division Annual Meeting

### 2015 SIP Annual Meeting, Vancouver.

August 10, 2015

Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

Chaired by: Travis Glare

Minutes recorded by: Michael Brownbridge

#### Current officers:

Chair	Travis Glare (NZ)	2014-2016
Chair-elect	vacant	2015-2017
Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Brownbridge (Canada)	2013-2015
Member at large	Pasco Avery (USA)	2013-2015
Member at large	vacant	2012-2014
Student representative	Naworaj Acharya (USA)	2015-2017

#### MCD Finances

FY2014	Income	Interest	From Gen Fund 2015	2015 Expenses	Current Balance (to 30-4-2014)
\$6,423.05	\$342	\$17.14	\$1305	(\$1305)	\$6,782.19

Current student award amount: US\$750

Propose to raise award to US\$1,000. Will require SIP Council decision to raise the value of the Lomer Award. MCD Chair to propose this at next Council meeting in 2016.

#### Membership

120 regular and 13 student members (2014)

#### Student Travel Awards for 2015 Meeting

7 applications; 2 Awards given:

**Anna Moldovan**, Moldova State University and Institute of Zoology, Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. 'Virulence of a newly isolated *Bacillus thuringiensis* strain against lepidopteran larvae.'

**Katharina Saar**Germany, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany. 'Evaluation of the entomopathogenic fungi *Isaria* sp. as a biocontrol agents against pest insects in greenhouses.'

*Special support for young students:*

Sumanth Dara and Suchitra Dara (for their poster presentation) 'Compatibility of fungicides with *Beauveria bassiana*.'

(contribution to meeting registration costs by MCD)

### **MCD Symposium**

Microbial Control - Synergies Enabling the Registration and Adoption of Biological Pest Controls - The Role of Governments, Academic Programmes and Industry

*Organiser/Moderator: Tobias Laengle*

### **Joint Symposium with Fungal Division**

The Underestimated Value of Applied Research: Moving the Theoretical to the Practical

*Organisers/Moderators: Roma Gwynn, Michael Brownbridge, Travis Glare*

### **MCD Presentations**

22 contributed oral presentations (4 by students)

19 poster presentations (6 by students)

### **MCD Officer Elections**

- Chair-elect
- Members at Large

*Candidates:*

Members at Large

- Stefan Jaronski
- Mike Dimock (nominated from the floor)

Both duly elected. Two-year terms from 2016.

No nominations received for the position of Chair Elect. Propose to solicit via email over the coming year.

**Divisional, Cross-Divisional Symposia Ideas for 2016 Meeting**

Suggested:

'Recruitment of beneficial microbes and nematodes'.

Others to be submitted to MCD Chair or Secretary.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8.34 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Brownbridge, Secretary MCD.