

Business Meeting - Microsporidia Division, Vancouver, 12 August 2015

The Annual Business Meeting of the Microsporidia Division was called to order at 8:05 pm on August 12th, 2015 at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology in Vancouver, Canada.

Present: James Becnel, Susan Bjornson, Naomi Fast, Alex Ardila Garcia, Sebastian Gisder, Spencer Greenwood, Wei-Fone Huang, Patrick Keeling, Andreas Linde, Louise Roux, Yuliya Sokolova, Lee Solter, Grant Stentiford, Thomas Whelan, Bryony Williams

1. Election of officers (new officers are in bold)

- Current Officers: Chairperson: Susan Bjornson (2014-2016)
- Chairperson-Elect: Yuliya Sokolova (2014-2016)
- Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas Steele (2014-2016)
- **Member-at-Large: Naomi Fast (2015-2017)**
- Member-at-Large: Sebastian Gisder (2014-2016)
- Student Representative: Graham Thomas (2014-2016)

2. Acceptance of 2014 Division Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 2014 business meeting were published online

(<http://www.sipweb.org/microspor/minutes/2014%20Mainz%20Microsporidia%20Division%20business%20mtg.pdf>)

Moved by Solter seconded by Keeling "that the 2014 minutes of the Microsporidia Division Business meeting (Mainz) be accepted". Motion carried.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance for last FY: 2,119.06

Interest: 5.65 (+)

Dues: 440 (+)

Amount from GF: 2,250(+)

Amount awarded: 2,200(-)

Adjustment (Money not used from GF): 50.00 (-)

Ending Balance 2015: 2,564.71

4. Membership

	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013-2014	2104-2015
Regular	40	35	29	40	36	30
Students	2	3	6	7	5	5

5. Summary from Vancouver: Symposia, Workshops & Other events

- OECD-CRP Symposium (Sunday, August 09 2015)
"Microsporidia in the animal to human food chain: An international symposium to address chronic epizootic disease"
Organizers: James Becnel, Leellen Solter, Grant Stentiford, and Louis Weiss
16 speakers in 6 sessions (including microsporidia in humans, aquatic & terrestrial animals, and pollinators)
- Microsporidia Division Symposium (Cross-Divisional with Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates)

"Microsporidia as emerging pathogens"

Organizers: Kelly Bateman and Susan Bjornson

5 invited speakers

- Microsporidia Workshop
 - "War and Peace: the comparative impact of morphology- and sequence-based phylogenies on practical taxonomy and evolutionary history of microsporidia"
 - Organizer: Yuliya Sokolova
- One contributed paper session
 - 4 speakers, including 2 students
- 4 posters

6. Division Awards

Travel Awards

- One-day registration fee (Keeling, \$250 CDN)
- Travel expenses (Louis Weiss, ~\$1250)
- No Student Travel Award (no applications this year)

7. New business

1. Symposia ideas for Tours, France (24-29 July 2016):
 1. High throughput sequencing methods in invertebrate pathogenic systems (cross-divisional)
 2. Regional microsporidia studies (physiology & cell biology)
2. Workshop ideas for Tours: TBA

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.