

## **Minutes of the 2019 Virus Division Business Meeting**

The annual Virus Division Business Meeting was held at 7:30 pm on July 29, 2019 in Valencia, Spain, with 35 attendants. Division Chair Elisabeth Herniou presented the agenda and no additional items were forthcoming from the floor. Elisabeth asked for approval of last year's minutes, which were posted on the SIP website after the 2018 meeting and members were notified of its availability by email. Elisabeth made a motion to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved.

The Chair's report was given by Elisabeth Herniou. The Virus Division membership decreased slightly to 91 (with a decrease in regular members to 68 and slight increase in student members to 23) for 2019. Overall the division membership slightly decreased. Elisabeth presented the current list of Virus Division officers. Elisabeth reported that there were 7 virus oral presentation sessions at the Valencia, Spain meeting, with 53 contributed oral presentations (14 student presentations). There were 32 virus poster presentations (11 student presentations).

Secretary/Treasurer Adly Abdalla summarized the Division financial status by presenting the Treasurer's report. The financial state of the Division is sound, with a current balance of \$7,975.92, as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The income from dues was \$1,147 and \$3,000 was received from the SIP General Fund. Expenditures for the Gold Coast meeting were \$4,000 (\$2,250 for four student travel awards and \$1,750 for two speaker travel awards). Since this was equal to the amount received from the SIP General Fund, no money was returned to the SIP General Fund. For the current Valencia meeting the expenses were planned at \$3,717.20 for four student travel awards and at \$ 900.00 to cover one speaker travel awards and \$ 17.20 differences between the money received from the IOBC and the spent fund in 2018. For the coming year (FY 2020) all Divisions will receive \$2,250 from the SIP General Fund

The Student Representative Report was given by Bob Boogaard and Hiroyuki Hikida. Bob mentioned the number of student oral (14) and poster (11) contributions this year in the Valencia. The amount of poster presentations was greater than last year. A student workshop entitled "The nuts and bolts of grant writing" was conducted by Patricia Stock with good attendance of the students. No student Journal Club was held this year.

A planned Virus division workshop 'The forthcoming change in virus species naming to a binomial system' organized by Bob Harrison, Elisabeth Herniou, John Burand was not held due to the absence of Bob Harrison and discussion was done to keep it as a workshop joined to the virus Division business meeting next year 2020 or to conduct it as virus symposium. No clear decision was made.

Elections were held for four Virus Division executive committee positions (Member-at-Large, Student Representative). More than one nomination was received for these positions. The following nominations were confirmed for the Member-at-Large position: Cristina del Ricon Castro (Mexico), Carol Fassbinder-Orth (USA), Manli Wang (China), and Umut Toprak (Turkey) - for renewed mandate. For the Student Representative, the nomination of Gözde Güney (Turkey) and Shili Yang (Germany) was confirmed. The present nominated individuals briefly introduced themselves. And election was done for both position and Manli Wang and Shili Yang were the winners for Member-at-Large and Student Representative, respectively. Congratulations to those elected.

Upcoming symposia were then discussed for the 2020 meeting in Merida (Mexico). The possibility to conduct the forthcoming change in virus species naming to a binomial system' organized by Bob Harrison, Elisabeth Herniou, John Burand workshop planned for the Virus Division business meeting this year (was not done due to the absence of Bob Harrison was proposed by Elisabeth for discussion. No clear decision was reached, and Elisabeth will follow up on this issue. No other proposal for symposium was revived and it was agreed that proposal can be send to Elisabeth by email later.

A proposal from Bryony Bonning to held a Cross-divisional symposium DBI-Virus for viruses of pollinator was mentioned for discussion by Elisabeth and the audience agreed for it. The DBI division also agreed on this symposium. So it will be organized for the 2020 SIP in Merida.

Elisabeth showed the highlight of the virus Division and asked for any proposal.

Elisabeth reminded everyone to encourage students to apply for a student travel award, since this is the only way they can receive the Mauro Martignoni award.

Submitted respectfully,

Adly Abdalla, Secretary/Treasurer