

## International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

### Officers of ICSP

#### Redacted Minutes ICSP-EB Internet Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

##### Action points

1. Send approved minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to the Members of the ICSP and JC and place them on the ICSP website (LD, FV).
2. Collect voting results RfaO 97-99 (LD/DA)
3. Ask Dan Brown to check the Concept Minutes of Glasgow Miniplenary and then circulate the Minutes among ICSP and JC members and interested guests of the Glasgow miniplenary (LD).
4. Follow up correspondence with Prof Cha (IUMS) regarding the Korean IUMS meeting (IS).
5. Read the documents regarding the Van Niel prize (see Code and documents from UQ (all)).

**Minute 1. Call to order.** The Chair Iain Sutcliffe called the meeting to order at 14:00 BST (London time)

**Minute 2. Record of attendance.** The Members that participated were I. Sutcliffe (Chair), F. Rainey (Vice-Chair), L. Dijkshoorn (Executive Secretary), W.B. Whitman (Treasurer), F. Venter (Member-at-Large), W.-J. Li (Member-at-Large), R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC) and D. Arahal (Chair JC). D. Brown (Secretary Subcommittees) and C.T. Bull (Secretary JC) did not participate (both with apologies).

**Minute 3. Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 meeting.** The concept minutes were approved on the condition that a specific item would be redacted for the wider readership i.e. outside the EB.

##### **Minute 4. Matters arising/Action points from previous (25<sup>th</sup> July 2019) meeting:**

1. Send approved unredacted and redacted Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> July to ICSP and JC members, respectively, and place the redacted minutes on the website. (LD/FV).
2. Report voting on revised statutes to ICSP and JC members and add a link to the statutes on the website (done).
3. Tags for IJSEM article types (see minute 6): (IS) done.

Other actions are addressed below.

**Minute 5. Minutes of miniplenary in Glasgow.** The concept minutes are circulating among the EB members who attended the meeting.

**Minute 6. Editorial Board ICNP (update).** Aharon Oren has accepted to be Editor-in-Chief. According to the statutes the following individuals will sit on the board: Oren, Sutcliffe and Rainey (Chair and Vice-Chair of the ICSP), and Arahal and Rosselló-Móra (Chair and Vice-Chair of the JC). There is also the possibility of co-opted members. Several candidates have been invited to join and full membership will be confirmed on acceptance. There are three potential controversies the Board will have to deal with:

- 1) the rank of phylum; 2) how to deal with Cyanobacteria; 3) the 'modest proposals made by Whitman (2016).

**Minute 7. Van Niel prize.** The prize is awarded by the University of Queensland (UQ) in conjunction with the ICSP. The history of the prize is in appendix 12 of the Code. The full EB takes responsibility for proposing candidate(s), who need to be nominated within 1-2 months. (*Redacted: Several potential candidates were discussed.*) The question is how to proceed: either propose one individual, or make a list from which UQ may select a candidate. The EB members are requested to read Appendix 12 of the ICNP and read the document provided by UQ regarding the prize. It was suggested that the candidate should be someone who is driving the field of systematics forward. All EB members are requested to think about potential candidates.

**Minute 8. Recruitment of new members and succession planning.** Apart from Li and Sutcliffe, all members of the current EB will have to step down in 2020 since they will have served 2 terms. Action plan: 1. All ICSP members will have to contact their own society either to ask for renewal of their nomination as delegates or, if standing down, to ask for replacement delegates to be nominated; 2. Societies which have no delegates should be contacted for delegates. 3. Potential candidates for the EB among the ongoing delegates of the ICSP need to be identified; outgoing officers can assist by identifying suitable candidates for their replacement.

For this, a letter has to be sent to sitting members with information about ICSP and elections, and to societies which have no delegates yet. Chair and Secretary will need to deal with this in Autumn. In addition an announcement should be made on the ICSP website.

**Minute 9. Planning next Plenary.** Sutcliffe and Whitman have had contact with Jongsik Chun who gave the name of the Korean contact person to support a session at IUMS. This person has been contacted (Sutcliffe). If no reply is forthcoming, a message will be sent to the Chair of IUMS. It was noted that the plenaries have changed function now that voting can be done electronically.

**Minute 10. Update JC.** The RfaO 97-99 are currently being voted on within the ICSP. To ensure that sufficient votes are received reminders will be sent before the deadline, which is 26 Sept. For the next three RfaO (100-102) a summary similar to the one we had for 97-99 will be circulated to the ICSP for endorsement. Finally, in the case of RfaO 103 and 104 the voting within the JC has been set up to the end of September.

**Minute 11. Update from IJSEM.** There was no news. Next week there will be a meeting of the Editorial Board. IJSEM has a new website, and it may take time to get familiar with its functionality.

**Minute 12. Update from subcommittees.** There was no news.

**Minute 13. Update Education and Outreach.** There was no news.

**Minute 14. Date of next meeting.** This will be September 26 2:00 UK time.

**Minute 12. Adjournment.** The meeting was closed at 15:05 UK time.

*Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary, 1 October 2019 with edits from Iain Sutcliffe, Barny Whitman, David Arahal.*