

ICSP- International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

Officers of ICSP

Minutes of Internet-meeting 28 November 2019

Redacted minutes

Action points:

1. Resend near final minutes of Sept 19 meeting to the EB (LD).
2. Send a reminder to ICSP members for renewal membership early January (LD).
3. Send a reminder regarding the Video contest to ICSP and JC members (LD).
4. Call to members about the date of the next meeting (LD)

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), L. Dijkshoorn (Executive Secretary), F. Venter (Member-at-Large), W.-J. Li (Member-at-Large), D. Arahal(Chair JC) and R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC). Not participating were F. Rainey (Vice-Chair), D. Brown (Secretary Subcommittees), B. Whitman (Treasurer) and C. T. Bull (Secretary JC) with apologies.

Minute 3. Minutes of the 26th September 2019 meeting. The concept minutes with accepted edits and including some comments were sent to the EB on 6 October. The members present agreed these were an accurate record. The near-final version will be re-circulated to the EB members. Unless significant amendments are received within one week, the accepted Minutes can be forwarded to the ICSP and JC members. (The October 2019 meeting was cancelled).

Minute 4. Matters arising/Action points from previous (September) meeting.

1. Minutes of the 29th August have been sent to ICSP and JC members and are on the ICSP website.
2. Notification of the voting results RfaO 97-99 have been sent to Members ICSP. The Opinions are in press (IJSEM), see Minute 7.
3. The Van Niel prize: see Minute 9.
4. Sutcliffe has responded to Ventosa that the ICSP is interested to have a session at the next FEMS meeting (FEMS 2021 Hamburg). We await confirmation from FEMS. Dijkshoorn and Sutcliffe have responded to a separate enquiry from Carianne Buurmeijer (FEMS Division Coordinator) to inform her of ICSP's enthusiasm for a session.
5. Sutcliffe has completed the correspondence with Cha (S-Korea) regarding IUMS 2020.
6. Dijkshoorn will finalize the Glasgow minutes asap.
7. Information on the Video contest has been forwarded to ICSP and JC members with the request to spread the flyer. (See also Minute 9).
8. Succession planning of ICSP members: see Minute 6.

Minute 5. Editorial Board of the ICNP (update). Sutcliffe reported that the Editorial Board has been active and is awaiting Aharon Oren to progress with circulating the proposals on sequence as type to the ICSP for wider consultation. Oren is also dealing with the wider backlog of proposals to emend the Code.

Minute 6. Recruitment of new members and succession planning. The ICSP members have been informed that action is needed for the current ICSP members to contact their national societies to renew their nomination as a delegate or ask their society to recruit a new delegate to insure succession. In response, a few members have sent their renewed nomination. A reminder should be sent to the members early January (Dijkshoorn). There is already one new delegate, Mei-Chin Lai, from the Taiwan Society.

Minute 7. Update on the JC. Arahal reported that the Opinions on RfaO 97-99 have been accepted for publication in IJSEM and that the paper will likely be published or online before the end of this year. The

Chair commented that this is the first Opinion since RfaO 96 in 2014! He thanked Arahal and Rosselló-Móra, the members of the JC and the publisher for this achievement. Opinions 100-102 are shortly to be circulated to the ICSP for voting.

Minute 8. Update from IJSEM. In the absence of Rainey and Whitman, Sutcliffe reported that Martha Trujillo has received a modest travel grant from ICSP. Venter communicated that the Editorial Board has everything under control. The next date for consultation of the editorial board is September 2, 2020.

Minute 9. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach The video contest is launched and all are encouraged to promote this to colleagues (see email of 11th Nov). No videos have been received yet. A reminder will be sent early January (LD). All ICSP and JC members are requested to circulate the flyer among their contacts. Carolee Bull has used her Twitter network for information on the video contest.

Minute 10. Date of the next meeting. December 26th of this year is Boxing Day. The Chair has suggested alternative dates: 2 pm GMT on either Thursday 19 December or Thursday 2nd January. **All EB members are urgently requested to let Sutcliffe or Dijkshoorn know which dates are options!** (LD)

Minute 11. AOB. Venter has attended an international dialogue session sponsored by the Norwegian Government where the access to Digital Sequence Information linked to biodiversity was discussed. The concern of the scientific community related to any restrictions to the use of this data for scientific purposes was discussed and the overall view was that scientific use, in contrast to commercial use, should not be regulated. Final agreement on this issue has still to be negotiated as part of the renewal of the Convention on Biological Diversity next year.

Minute 12. Update on the Van Niel prize. Comment from Sutcliffe, received 28 November after the EB meeting: Regarding the nomination of *a candidate (name redacted)* for the Van Niel prize as required, Sutcliffe has passed on this nomination to Prof Paul Young (Head of School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences, The University of Queensland (UQ)). Paul Young has reported back that he is happy to accept this choice on behalf of UQ. Either Sutcliffe or Young will draft a letter to the candidate informing her/him of the prize award, in order to confirm if she/he will accept.

Adjournment. The meeting was closed at 15:00 BST (London Time).

Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary, 2 December 2019 with edit from Fanus Venter and Iain Sutcliffe.