

ICSP- International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

Officers of ICSP

Redacted Minutes of Internet-meeting 2nd January 2020

Action points:

1. Forward the approved/redacted minutes of 26th September and 28th November 2019 to ICSP and JC members, and to Venter for ICSP website.
2. Send a reminder to ICSP members for renewal membership mid- to late January (LD).
3. Send a reminder regarding the Video contest to ICSP and JC members (LD).

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chair Iain Sutcliffe called the meeting to order at 14:00 BST (London time) and wished the Members a Happy New Year. This year will bring both challenges and opportunities since six of seven EB members will have to stand down after two terms.

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

Minute 3. Minutes of the 26th September and 28th November 2019 meeting. The near-final version of the 26th of September minutes have been circulated among the EB-members. No comments on this version were received and, therefore, they are approved. The Minutes of 28th November were also approved. Redacted minutes of both meetings will be forwarded to the ICSP members and JC, and placed on the ICSP-website (LD).

Minute 4. Matters arising/action points from 28 November meeting:

1. Near final Minutes of the 26th September 2019 should be resent to the EB. Done.
2. The Van Niel prize: Sutcliffe has drafted a letter to *the intended candidate (name redacted)* on behalf of University of Queensland, who make the recommendation for the award, not the ICSP-EB.
3. Dijkshoorn will finalize the Glasgow minutes asap. These were forwarded to the EB on 2 January 2020 for comments before the end of January.
4. Information on the Video contest has been forwarded to ICSP and JC members with the request to spread the flyer. (See also Minute 9). Send reminders in January (LD).
5. Succession planning of ICSP members: Send a reminder to ICSP members for renewal membership early January (Done). So far, only three responses (Sutcliffe, Oren and Fournier) were received from their societies. See also Minute 6.

Minute 5. Editorial Board of the ICNP (update). The Chair reported that Oren is working on the bulk of ‘technical’ proposals to change the Code. The Chair put forward that there are two ‘controversial’ proposals that need to be dealt with: 1) The Whitman proposals on type material (Whitman 2016, doi 10.1099/IJSEM.0.000980) and the follow-on proposal regarding priority of Candidatus names (Whitman et al. 2019, doi.org/10.1099/ijsem.0.003419) and 2) The status of the cyanobacteria in relation to the Code. This led to a discussion on how to act with regard to Whitman (2016). Some comments were:

- Many members of the ICSP are not familiar with the proposals
- The Whitman proposals have been waiting for nearly 4 years
- At the Glasgow miniplenary the need for a consultation with the wider microbiological community was requested by some attendants.

In the discussion that followed, it was decided by a vote of 4 to 2 that the Whitman proposals (2016) should be brought to ballot with a period for deliberation (to end of February) and 30 days for voting (end March). Draft materials for discussion prior to voting were available as they had been the subject of email correspondence among the Editorial Board of the ICNP. Sutcliffe agreed to reformat and circulate these as soon as possible. *Redacted: Sutcliffe informed the EB regarding matters related to the ICNP.*

Minute 6. Recruitment of new members and succession planning. The Chair expressed his concern about the succession planning of both ICSP members (who need to re-delegated or replaced by their member societies) and prospective EB-members. He called upon the EB members to contact colleagues and societies for recruitment of new members including potential EB members. So far, only three members (Sutcliffe, Fournier and Oren (see Minute 4) have sent their renewed nomination in response to the request from the EB. Sutcliffe sent a reminder to ICSP members on 31 December and another reminder should be sent to the members mid- to late January (Dijkshoorn). A letter should also be written asap to all IUMS member societies that do not have delegates (LD/IS).

Minute 7. Update on JC. There was no news to report.

Minute 8. Update from IJSEM. Rainey reported that there was no news.

Minute 9. News from subcommittees. Brown has asked the subcommittees to take care of replacement of officers (according to the Statutes). An inventory is being made.

Minute 9. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach. Dijkshoorn has not seen any videos yet. A reminder with an adapted outline will be sent out (early January (LD)).

Minute 10. Date of the next meeting. The meeting will be 30 January 14:00 BST (London time).

Minute 11. AOB. There was no other business to discuss.

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

Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary, and Iain Sutcliffe, 29 January 2020