

ICSP- International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes
Officers of ICSP

Minutes of Internet-meeting 30th January 2020

Redacted and unredacted minutes are the same.

Action points:

1. Circulate minutes of 28th Nov and 2nd January EB meetings [LD]
2. Collate contributions to the discussion on the Whitman (2016) proposals [WW/LD/IS]
3. Contact IUMS member societies with no delegate [LD/IS]

Minute 1. Call to order. The Chair opened the session at 14:00 London time.

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

Minute 3. Milton da Costa. The Chair reflected upon the death of Milton de Costa (1948-2020). Milton was a dedicated scientist, a great teacher and a beloved friend and colleague. His main interest was in the systematics of extremophiles. Besides his professorship at the Coimbra University (Portugal), he played a vital role in promoting microbiology both at the scientific level and at the organizational level. He was, to mention some, President of the Portuguese Society for Microbiology, and was President-Elect and President of the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) from 2003 to 2010. From 2014 -2017, Milton was the inspiring Chair of the International Committee on the Systematics of Prokaryotes (ICSP). A more extensive in memoriam of Milton can be found at the FEMS site. The ICSP expresses its sadness about the loss of this great personality and extends its condolences to Milton's family and colleagues.

Minute 3. Minutes of the 28th November 2019 meeting. The redacted Minutes of 28th November will be forwarded to the ICSP and JC members and placed on the website. The Minutes of the 2nd January still need to be approved as they were sent to the EB on the 29th of January (LD).

Minute 4. Matters arising/action points from 2nd January meeting:

1. Forward the approved/redacted minutes of 26th September and 28th November 2019 to ICSP and JC members, and to Venter for the ICSP website (LD, ongoing)
2. Send a reminder to ICSP members for renewal membership mid-to late January (Done). See Minute 6.
3. Send a reminder regarding the Video contest to ICSP and JC members (Done).
4. Launch the consultation period prior to voting on the Whitman (2016) proposals to allow sequence as type (Done). Extensive discussion has begun. Whitman volunteered to collate the discussion, Sutcliffe and Dijkshoorn will assist.
5. The Van Niel prize: the process is ongoing as University of Queensland needs materials to allow Senate approval of the recommended ICSP candidate (Done).
6. Minutes of the Glasgow mini-Plenary to be finalised (ongoing). Draft Minutes were forwarded to the EB on 2 January 2020 for comments before the end of January.

Minute 5. Editorial Board of the ICNP. Oren has given his resignation as Editor-in-Chief on 04th January 2020. A discussion regarding Oren's resignation followed. It was suggested that the appointment of a new Editor-in-Chief be delayed until the outcome of the forthcoming ICSP vote on the Whitman (2016) proposals is known, as this will allow the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief with an appropriate willingness to enact the

outcome of the vote. Although this point was generally accepted, it was also agreed that if EB-ICSP members wished to nominate candidates in the meantime then these will be considered.

Minute 6. Recruitment of new members and succession planning. Up to 2nd January the following members have been renominated by their national societies: A. Oren (Israel) P. Nielsen (Denmark), P.-E. Fournier (France), I. Sutcliffe (Microbiological Society). The Portuguese Society for Microbiology has delegated Prof. Celiá Manaia as replacement for M. da Costa and the New Zealand Society for Microbiology will delegate Prof. Stephen On. In addition, IUMS member societies that have no delegate should be asked to nominate delegates asap (LD/IS). Sutcliffe reported he has been in correspondence with the Canadian Society for Microbiology and the Phillipines Microbiology Society about receiving delegates.

Minute 7. Update on JC. Voting is underway on the JC recommendations to form Opinions 100-102. Other material is being prepared for vote by the JC.

Minute 8. Update from IJSEM. There was no news reported.

Minute 9. News from subcommittees. Brown reported that the subcommittee on *Campylobacter* species will become active by midsummer. The subcommittee chair will be Stephen On (Lincoln University, New Zealand). Replacement of officials of subcommittees has been initiated (DB).

Minute 10. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach. No entries for the Video contest have yet been received. It was agreed to extend the deadline for submissions (30th April) and to send a reminder to the contacts e.g. ICSP members, JC members, leaders of the subcommittees (via D. Brown). (LD/CB). All addressees will be requested to forward the reminder to their personal networks.

Minute 10. Date of the next meeting. The meeting will be 27th February 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