

## ICSP- International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

### Officers of ICSP

Redacted Minutes of Internet-meeting 27th February 2020

#### Action points:

1. Circulate minutes of 2nd September, 28th November, 2nd and 30th January EB meetings [LD] to EB and JC members and to FV for the website.
2. Collate contributions to the discussion on the Whitman (2016) proposals (ongoing) [ WW/LD/IS]
3. Circulate the ballot paper for the vote on sequence as type [IS]
4. Contact IUMS to verify which societies are eligible to delegate voting members of ICSP [IS/LD].
5. 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), F. Rainey (Vice-Chair), B. Whitman (Treasurer), L. Dijkshoorn (Executive Secretary), D. Brown (Secretary Subcommittees), F. Venter (Member-at-Large), W.-J. Li (Member-at-Large), D. R. Arahal (Chair JC) and C. T. Bull (Secretary JC). Not participating was R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC) with apologies.

#### **Minute 3. Matters arising/Action points/ previous meeting actions (IS)**

1. Circulate minutes of 2nd September, 28th November, 2nd and 30th January EB meetings to EB/JC members and to FV for the website [LD].
2. Check how many ICSP members have supplied their renominations and send again a last reminder for renomination to sitting members (LD). See minute 6.
3. Send call for nomination to societies which have no delegates (LD/IS) (see minute 6).
4. Launch the voting period of the Whitman proposal (done).
5. The Van Niel prize: the process is ongoing (IS).
6. Minutes of the Glasgow mini-Plenary to be finalised for submission to IJSEM (LD)

**Minute 4. Editorial Board of the ICNP** (update including vote on sequence as type).

There have not been any nominations yet from the EB for a replacement of Oren as Editor-in-Chief of the ICNP.

Regarding the vote on sequence as type, Bull reported that she and Brown had a discussion with public culture collections and with diagnosticians on the Whitman (2016) proposals. These organizations were highly interested in the topic. Sutcliffe stated that the 2 month discussion process has led to a lively discussion with a range of opinions. Whitman was thanked for collating the Minutes, which can be found on the ICSP-website. Sutcliffe has designed a voting form (ballot), which was approved by the EB for circulation to the voting members. Originally, the deliberation period was planned for January and February, but given the high number of opinions, this period will last till end March. In response to postings in the email forum IUMS will need to be contacted to verify which societies are eligible to delegate ICSP members.

**Minute 5. Recruitment of new members and succession planning.** Since the miniplenary in Glasgow, 7 new members have been nominated by their societies: Mohammad Amoozegar (Iran), Phil Hugenholtz (Australia), Meral Birbir (Turkey), Birgitta Duim (Netherlands, successor to Lenie Dijkshoorn), Richard

Hahnke (Germany), Celia Manaia (Portugal successor of late Milton da Costa) and Stephen On (New Zealand). As noted in Minute 5, which IUMS Member Societies are eligible to nominate delegates needs to be checked. Recruitment will continue (LD). (*Redacted: two nominees may not be eligible.*)

**Minute 6. Update on JC.** The vote on RfaO 100-102 has now closed with the following results. Votes: 18 (out of 24 possible). Counts: Opinion 100.- 15 option A, 3 option B, 6 abstentions. Opinion 101.- 18 endorse, 6 abstentions. Opinion 102.- 18 endorse, 6 abstentions. According to article 2e of ICSP statutes the minimum number of votes (10) has been reached. Arahal now has to draft the opinions for publication in IJSEM. Arahal reported that the voting of RfaO 103 and 104 will close soon.

**Minute 7. Update from IJSEM.** Rainey reported that two editors (*names redacted*), have resigned and one editor has taken a half year off. Proposals to replace them will be made by Trujillo and Rainey.

**Minute 8. Update on subcommittees.** Brown raised the issue of what happens if a member of a subcommittee submits a RfaO which is rejected by IJSEM. Rainey commented that the statutes address this point and that an appeal procedure exists. Brown reported that the subcommittee of methanogenic Archaea is **in the process of being revived. His firm message for regarding closure of inactive subcommittees (IJSEM 2018, 68:2102-2103)** has clearly yielded results.

**Minute 9. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach.** Bull said that there were no video entries on the Video site. The competition needs to be republicised. One possibility is using the list of participants in the email discussion of the proposals regarding sequence as type but this should be at a later date.

**Minute 10. Treasurer's report.** Whitman (treasurer) reported that he has a completed a Treasurer's Report for 2019.

**Minute 11. Date of the next meeting.** The meeting will be 26th March 14:00 BST (London time).

**Minute 12. AOB.**

- Venter will not be able to participate in the March meeting.
- The overwhelming number of responses regarding the Whitman proposals has led to suggestions to draft a note in IJSEM. This can be done after the voting.

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

*Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary, 24 March 2020 with edits from Iain Sutcliffe.*