

ICSP- International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

Officers of ICSP

Redacted Minutes ICSP-EB Internet Meeting 27th June 2019

Action points

1. Send approved minutes of the 30th of May to the Members of the ICSP and JC, and place them on the ICSP website (LD, FV).
2. Summary of RfaO for vote by the ICSP (IS/DA)
3. Proceed to handle the backlog of the JC (DA).
4. Ask IJSEM to make specific categories for matters related to ICSP (IS/FR).
5. Prepare the final Agenda for FEMS 2019 (IS/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), F. Rainey (Vice-Chair), L. Dijkshoorn (Executive Secretary), F. Venter (Member-at-Large), W.-J. Li (Member-at-Large), D. Arahal (Chair JC)). W.B. Whitman (Treasurer), D. Brown (Secretary Subcommittees), R. Rosselló-Móra (Vice-Chair JC and C. T. Bull (Secretary JC) could not participate and had sent apologies. .

Minute 3. Minutes of the 30th May 2019 meeting. These concept minutes were approved and will be forwarded to the EB and JC members.

Minute 4. Matters arising/Action points from previous (30th of May 2019) meeting:

1. Send the approved minutes of 28 March and 25 April 2019 to the members (LD) and place them on the ICSP website (FV). Done.
2. Send a report of the voting on the revised statutes to the members of ICSP and JC (LD) and place a link of the revised and approved Statutes on the website (FV). Done.
3. JC to begin process of dealing with backlog of RfaOs (DA). See Minute 5.
4. Add points to the Glasgow agenda (LD/IS). See Minute 9.
5. Contact C. Bull regarding the video contest (LD). See Minute 8.
6. Proposal for nomination Editor-in-Chief of ICNP (all EB members). A candidate Editor was discussed. There have been many proposals to modify the Code. Venter suggested to combine all proposals in a single round of revision but it was noted that each individual proposal requires consideration by the JC and/or ICSP. The nomination of an E-i-C for the ICNP and the possible revision of the Code will be further discussed in Glasgow.
7. Draft statement for IJSEM on ICSP position regarding Nagoya. Ongoing. Venter reported that he has asked his university in South-Africa for a legal opinion on some aspects of the protocol.

Minute 5. Update on JC. Arahal reported that, previous to the current ICSP-EB meeting, he and Sutcliffe had been in contact per e-mail and had reviewed the options for how to proceed. Taking into consideration the outcomes of the discussions and voting on the three oldest pending RfaOs (i.e. Opinions 97-99), Sutcliffe, with advice from Arahal, will draft a summary which can be forwarded to the ICSP members for a vote. The same procedure will apply for the next three RfaOs (100-102) making a total of six RfaO to transfer to the ICSP. As for the rest of the pending ones (from 103 onwards), they will not be referred to the ICSP yet since no voting has been done on them. It was noted that there is documentation available for some other RfaO on the list.

Minute 6. Update from IJSEM. F. Rainey and M. Trujillo have proposed 2 new editors for IJSEM, J. Newman and M.A. Amoozegar. Both have published multiple papers in IJSEM and are well regarded reviewers. The EB agreed with these two nominations. Rainey also reported that the impact factor of IJSEM has increased from 1.9 to 2.2. The Chair congratulated M. Trujillo, the Editorial Board, and the publishing team of MS for this success.

Sutcliffe also asked Rainey to determine whether IJSEM can arrange for ICSP matters (such as RfaOs or matters related to the ICNP) to be published as distinctive ‘article types’ to improve clarity for the benefit of ICSP and the readership. Rainey asked Sutcliffe to provide suggestions.

Minute 7. Update on subcommittees. In the absence of Brown it was reported by email that there was nothing to report.

Minute 8. Update from the working group on Education & Outreach. Dijkshoorn will prepare some flyers to announce the 2 ICSP events to the attendants of FEMS2019 and put these, if possible on a message board or on a table in the entrance hall. She will also send the files to ICSP-EB for distribution. Venter will put these messages on the ICSP website.

There was no progress regarding the video contest. The EB is waiting for proposals from C. Bull on how to proceed. If external technical support is required, funding can be considered by ICSP. This ongoing item (video contest) will be taken off the agenda until a clear proposal is made.

Minute 9. FEMS 2019 agenda. A draft of the Agenda had been circulated to the EB and was discussed. Dijkshoorn put forward that one item, i.e. the Taxonomic Note written by Whitman (Modest proposals to expand the type material for naming of prokaryotes, IJSEM 2016) should be on the Agenda. This paper proposes to amend the ICNP such that whole or partial genome sequences could be considered as type material for species validation. After some discussion of this matter, Sutcliffe suggested that the Whitman proposal could be discussed under item 5 on the draft agenda (ICNP “2020 revision”).

Minute 10. Date of next meeting. This will be 25th July 2:00 UK time.

Minute 11. AOB.

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

Lenie Dijkshoorn, Executive Secretary, 25th of June 2019 with edits from David Arahal and Iain Sutcliffe