



Open Meeting of the Section

during the 8th Conference on Recombinant Protein Production in Palma, Mallorca, April 23, 2015.

Attendees:

Jeff Cole, Pau Ferrer, Diethard Mattanovich, Jan Maarten van Dijl, Christine Lang, Peter Neubauer, Alan Dickson, Sudesh Mohan, Ursula Rinas, Joseph Shiloah, Brigitte Gasser, Tim Overton, Markku Saloheimo, Klaus Liebeton, Natalia Kwiatos, Klaudia Jadczyk, Gerard Wall, Boguslaw Szewczyk, Ioannis Voulgaris

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence

Susann Müller, Jean-Marie Francois, Jens B Nielsen, Michael Sauer

2. Minutes of the last Section meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting (Laupheim, 2013) have been posted on the EFB Microbial Physiology Section Website.

They were accepted unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

4. Report from the Section Chairman

- See attachment 2015A

JAC summarised the written report.

Main activity of the section: 6 streams of conferences.

Central Office has built up capacity to support the organisation of conferences. New staff member: Marian.

Report from the Executive Board of EFB: Financial situation of EFB has been stabilised, thanks to excellent effort by Karsten, supported by several ExBo members.

New Sections developing in EFB: Bioengineering and Bioprocessing (EBBS), Plant Biotechnology, Polymer Biotechnology.

New President: Mathias Uhlen.

EFB is a charity, not for profit. Therefore, surplus from conferences organised by the Microbial Physiology need to be re-invested into the benefit of biotechnology. It was proposed to instigate bursaries for some young biotechnologists from research groups that have supported Section meetings to attend the ECB2016 EFB Congress in Krakow next July.

Proposed is the supply of 10 scholarships of 250 € each.

(With preference to research groups that have been represented/have supported Section meetings.)

The proposal was approved unanimously.

JAC thanked all people who make the section such a success.

5. Treasurer's report

Pau Ferrer to report.

- The current assets of the Section are €58,092, consisting of €46,909 in the bank and a repayment of €11,183 deposit paid for the hotel for the current RPP meeting. A further contribution will soon be received from the EFB Central office as our share of the surplus from the Section meeting entitled "Bacteria Electron Transfer and its Regulation" held in Vimeira, Portugal, in March.

There are currently few movements in the account. Conferences with upfront payments are supported.

The current RPP meeting expects to result in a low surplus. More students than expected attended, which is very good. As their registration is subsidised, this reduces the financial outcome – which conforms to the Sections policy.

6. Report from the organizers of the current RPP meeting

- DM/Pau Ferrer to report

Fully booked (>250). >65 students. Participants from Europe, North America, but also from Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

Offer for another meeting:

JMvD volunteered to organise the next RPP, either in NL (vicinity of Amsterdam) or in Southern Europe. Because of the better weather early in the year, the attendees indicated a preference for another meeting in Southern Europe.

7. Review of progress in the organisation of forthcoming Section symposia:

(a) 6th International Conference on Analysis of Microbial Cells at the Single Cell Level

- DM reported that the next meeting has been organized by Nicole Borth in Retz, Austria, 19-22 July 2015. Registration and abstract submission are open. Session titles were reported.

(b) Microbial Stress: From Molecules To Systems III

- The next meeting will be organized by Michael Sauer, Paola Branduardi and Peter Lund, in Sitges, Spain, 12 - 15 November 2015

Website is online, registration will start soon.

(c) 3rd meeting on Applied Synthetic Biology in Europe

--Organised by Tim Overton in collaboration with the EFB Central office, the meeting will be in Lisbon, Portugal. Similar concept like the previous meeting.

(d) Invitation to propose other Section activities.

8. Election of Section Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chair (JAC), Vice-Chair (DM), Secretary (MS) and Treasurer (PF) were re-elected unanimously.

9. Any other business.

None

10. Next meeting of the Section.

No decision taken. ECB2016 In Krakow might be a good possibility.