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**REPORT OF THE 12th MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE EFPP
WITH DELEGATES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES**

Krakow, Monday 8 September 2014, 17.30-19.30 hours

Attending:

M. Mańka (Poland – President)
P.M. Boonekamp (The Netherlands – Vice-President)
A. Hermansen (Norway – Treasurer)
M. Verbeek (The Netherlands)
M.M. López (Spain)
T.E. Şesan (Romania)
L. Torrance (United Kingdom)
R. Pokorný (Czech Republic)
P. Komínek (Czech Republic)
N. Sklimenok (Belarus)
V. Luksha (Belarus)
N. Keča (Serbia)
M.I. Clara (Portugal)
P. Sobiczewski (Poland)
M. Jędrzycka (Poland)
D. Errampalli (guest from Canada)
D. Şesan (guest from Romania)

1. Opening address by the President prof. M. Mańka

The meeting was opened and chaired by the EFPP-President, prof. M. Mańka, who welcomed delegates from the Member Societies. A special word of welcome was addressed to dr. D. Errampalli, the president of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. She was invited to the board meeting because the CPS is interested in the EFPP's organization and activities.

The participants of the meeting introduced themselves and the agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the 11th Board Meeting in Wageningen and matters arising

There were no remarks on the minutes of the 11th Board Meeting in Wageningen, 2012, and they were approved.

3. Report of the General Secretary, dr. G.H. Kema

The General Secretary, dr. G. Kema, was not able to attend to this meeting. Dr. Kema did not send in any remarks, except for the request of the Spanish Society of Phytopathology (SEF) to support the XVII SEF meeting (Lleida, Spain 7-10 October 2014). The board decided earlier to that request that it is not possible to support this meeting financially (this has never been done by the EFPP), but that the meeting will be announced on the EFPP web site. The SEF was informed about this decision by e-mail. For this reason a web page named 'calendar' was added to the EFPP web site to announce meetings organized by (members of) member societies.

4. Report of the Treasurer, dr. A. Hermansen

The treasurer dr. A Hermansen presented a report on income and expenditure, for the years 2012 and 2013.

In 2012, the positive financial position of the EFPP declined slightly due to the expenditures for the 10th EFPP meeting. In 2013 the sum on the bank accounts raised to approximately €8300, which is enough for the expected expenditures over the coming years. The still existing problem that only part of the societies pay their contribution to EFPP has not been solved yet. Thirteen societies pay their dues regularly. Continuation of reminding looks important as it sometimes leads to payments from a particular society of dues for more years. This is the reason why the incomes show fluctuations over the years. It was noted that there is no penalty for not-paying societies, which might be unfair to societies which pay their fees. Also was stated that the EFPP has a task in bringing scientists and phytopathological societies together. All member societies should take their responsibility in gaining the financial means to fulfill this task.

It was proposed that more visibility (such as a regularly published newsletter) will help. There will also be an action by the general secretary and treasurer to update the contact info of all member societies.

The auditors dr. T. Munthe and mr. T. Wold have examined the financial statement and declared it correct.

5. EJPP: Report of the Editor-in-chief prof. M. Jeger

The Editor-in-Chief Prof. M. Jeger was not able to attend this board meeting. He prepared a written report, which was presented by dr. Boonekamp. In his report, prof. Jeger stated that the journal's impact factor has shown a steady increase over the last years to 1.707 for 2013. The plan is that EJPP maintains a steady increase over the next 5 years. In 2013, 682 manuscripts were submitted (an increase compared to 2011 when 567 submissions were counted), of which 207 were accepted for publication (32%). Times to first decision and acceptance decreased both.

The number of full text article requests increased to 238,659 for 2013 (204,847 in 2011). Both in 2013 and 2014, special issues of the journal were published. It was planned to have a special issue each year, and proposals for a topic for 2015 are welcome. It was decided to look for topics from all presentations of the 11th EFPP conference. The journal also started publishing invited reviews, approximately 4-6 per year. The author satisfaction rates with the journal are high, with 92% of the authors giving the ratings "very satisfied" or "satisfied". The only aspect of the journal that had slightly lower ratings was the time from submission to acceptance.

6. Election and appointment of officers of the EFPP:

As we do not yet know the society which will organize the next meeting, the president and vice-president do not resign yet. After the organizing society has proposed a president, prof. Mańka will be appointed vice-president.

- Appointment of the President: Prof. M. Mańka
- Appointment of the vice-president: Dr. P. Boonekamp
- Appointment of the treasurer: Dr. A. Hermansen
- Appointment of the general secretary: Dr. M. Verbeek

All nominated officers were unanimously elected, and they will form the Executive Committee of EFPP for the next term.

We will have to wait until the organisers of the next meeting are known, who will appoint a meeting secretary for organising the next meeting.

Prof. Mańka expressed her thanks to the resigning officers dr. Kema and prof. Sobiczewski for all the work they have done for EFPP in the past period.

During the board meeting in Wageningen, 2012, the French Society for Phytopathology (SFP) made a bid to organize the meeting of 2016. However, it appeared that the SFP has difficulties to organize the meeting of 2016 and proposed to organize the meeting of 2018. The EFPP has an agreement with the ISPP to not organize a meeting in the same year that an ISPP congress will be organized. The next ISPP congress is scheduled for 2018 in Boston USA. It was proposed to switch from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle of EFPP-conferences, and this was adopted unanimously by the board and delegates.

The French society will be asked if they are willing to organize the 12th EFPP meeting in 2017. If the answer is negative, prof. Torrance is willing to ask the BSPP if the meeting can be organized in the UK. When the SFP is positive and is willing to organize the 12th meeting, the UK has a bid on the organization of the 13th meeting in 2020.

7. Report of the tenth EFPP-Conference 2012 in Wageningen (dr. P.M. Boonekamp)

Dr. Boonekamp reported that the Dutch Society (KNPV) did a very good job when they organized the 10th conference on ‘IPM 2.0 – Towards future proof crop protection in Europe’. The theme had been chosen as the new EU-regulation on Integrated Pest Management expects much scientific support for their policy about crop protection within the next decade. The program included sessions on EU-regulation, New Threats, Fundamental and Applied IPM Measures and Socio-Economics aspects of Implementation. More than 150 participants from 25 countries were present, including some important local and EU policy makers. The program was completed with a visit to the large horticultural exhibition, ‘Floriade’. Also financially this meeting was a success, with a small positive (€50,-) result.

Prof. Mańka expresses her thanks to dr. Boonekamp and his team for the organization of such a successful conference.

8. Status Report of the eleventh EFPP-Conference 2014 in Krakow, Poland (prof. M. Mańka).

Prof. Mańka gave a short update on the current meeting, comprising eight scientific sessions, four workshops and field days. The meeting has been given the theme “Healthy plants - healthy people”. There are over 300 delegates attending this meeting, originating from 5 continents and 44 countries. The board thanks prof. Mańka and her team for doing a wonderful job in organizing a meeting with a varied and very interesting program.

9. Progress Report of the twelfth EFPP-Conference 2017

As discussed under 6, the French Society for Phytopathology (SFP) will be asked to organize the next meeting in 2017.

10. Society bidding for the thirteenth EFPP conference 2020 (bid opportunity for Member Societies)

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11. Any other business

Our guest, dr. D. Errampalli from Canada, is attending this EFPP board meeting with a special assignment. She was asked to investigate the model of the EFPP and to look whether this model (a European 'umbrella' for national phytopathological societies) could be implemented on the American continent. Also she is looking for possibilities of cooperation between American societies and the EFPP. The board and delegates are positive about dr. Errampalli's visit and look forward hearing about her findings.

12. Closing

The President prof. Mańka thanked all the delegates for their active participation in this meeting and their effort in exchanging useful information.
The meeting was adjourned at 19.30 h.