



**REPORT OF THE 11th MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF THE EFPP  
WITH DELEGATES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES**

**Wageningen, Monday October 1, 2012, 18.00-19.30 hours**

**Attending:**

**P.M. Boonekamp (Netherlands – President)**  
**M. Mańka (Poland – Vice-President)**  
**G.H. Kema (Netherlands – General Secretary)**  
**A. Hermansen (Norway – Treasurer)**  
**J. Polak (Czech Republic)**  
**P. Sobiczewski (Poland)**  
**P. Talhinas (Portugal)**  
**P. Reignault (France)**

1. Opening address by the President Dr P.M. Boonekamp

The meeting was opened and chaired by the EFPP-President, Dr. P.M. Boonekamp, who welcomed delegates from the Member Societies. The President further appreciated assistance of the members of the Organising Committee for the excellent preparation and organisation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference in Wageningen. A special welcome had been addressed to Dr F. Feldmann president of the German Phytopathological Society DPF. He is invited being a guest at the conference and the board meeting, because the German Society is considering a membership of EFPP. Then the participants of the meeting were asked to introduce themselves. The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the 10th Board Meeting in Evora and matters arising

The President requested the approval of the minutes from the previous EFPP-Board Meeting in Evora and they were approved.

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

The General Secretary mentioned that it is still hard to activate member societies, despite the different actions the EFPP-Board performed in the past period, including a Newsletter, update of the website and requests to the member-societies to share and upload information of their activities. Some discussion took place to improve involvement of member societies, but no new actions could be mentioned within the limited financial and professional resources of EFPP, than already tried in the past.

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

The treasurer Dr A Hermansen presented the report on income and expenditure, for the years 2010 till 2011. They fairly present a slight decline of the positive financial position

of the EFPP, due to the actions as decided during the last board meetings, but the overall assets of EFPP (stable around 10,000 €) are still enough for the expected expenditures over the years. The problem that only part of the societies pay their contribution to EFPP has not been solved yet. Continuation of reminding looks important as it sometimes leads to payments from a particular society of dues for more years.

The auditors Drs T. Munthe and 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 could unfortunately not join the board meeting as his documents had been robbed during his travel. In a short written report he stated that EJPP is still performing well: the number of accepted manuscripts increased but the impact factor decreased a bit although the number of citations increased consistently. The processing rate of manuscript is good, thanks to the professional support of the publisher. The 9<sup>th</sup> EFPP conference of Evora has been published in a Special Issue of EJPP in 2012, also including the results of the meeting on Climate Change and Plant Diseases. The plan is to have one Special Issue each year, starting with Plant and canopy Architecture (conference in Rennes, France in 2012) and Wild Pathosystems (conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic, 2013). Prof. Jeger is requesting suggestions for the years to come. The Editor-in-Chief is doing much work on copy-editing to support the policy of EJPP that also scientists, not experienced in English writing, should get the opportunity to have their good scientific manuscript published in the proper English language. The President acknowledged the dedication of Prof Jeger and expressed the wish that he will continue in this way.

6. Election and appointment of officers of the EFPP:

- 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 G. Kema

All nominated officers were unanimously elected, and they will form the Executive Committee of EFPP for the next term. It was also agreed that Prof Mańka would nominate a programme secretary for organising the next meeting in Krakow and that the Executive Committee would decide on this nomination

Dr Boonekamp expressed his special thanks to the resigning officers for all the work they have done for EFPP in the past period.

7. Report of the ninth EFPP-Conference 2010 in Évora (Prof. M.I. Clara)

As Prof. Clara was unfortunately not able to come, Dr P. Talhinas from the Portuguese Society was so kind to give some information. Although not all registrations did show up and sponsoring was not easy due to the economic crisis, the conference was a success thanks to all the coworkers of Prof Clara who did excellent assisting jobs, and some good support from local industries for the social events. Therefore with limited financial support, the conference should still be made very successful. Finally Dr Talhinas mentioned that the book of abstracts has been uploaded on the EFPP-website and that the proceedings have been published in a Special Issue of EJPP.

The Board and delegates express their sincere thanks to Prof Clara and her staff for the perfect organization of the conference and for organizing a very pleasant stay for all participants in Évora.

8. Status Report of the tenth EFPP-Conference 2012 in The Netherlands (Dr. P. Boonekamp).

Dr Boonekamp reports that the Dutch Society (KNPV) did a good job to organize the current conference on 'IPM 2.0 – Towards future proof crop protection in Europe'. The theme has 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 includes sessions on EU-regulation, New Threats, Fundamental and Applied IPM Measures and Socio-Economics aspects of Implementation . More than 150 participants from 25 countries are present, including some important local and EU-policy makers. A visit to the large horticultural exhibition, 'Floriade' has been included in the program.

The Board and delegates express their sincere thanks to Dr Boonekamp and his staff of KNPV for the perfect organization of the conference and wishes him much success.

#### 9. Progress Report of the eleventh EFPP-Conference 2014 in Poland

Prof. Mańka gives a short presentation on the venue (Cracow) and some content of the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference in September 2014. The theme will be 'Healthy plants – healthy people' as the EU-policy on IPM will support both. She presented a staff, which seems really enthusiastic to turn the theme in a promising program for an excellent conference.

The EFPP-Board approved this proposal, and the President wished Prof. Mańka and her staff very much success with the organisation of the 11<sup>th</sup> EFPP conference.

#### 10. Society bidding for the twelfth EFPP conference 2016 (bid opportunity for Member Societies)

The French delegate Dr P. Reignault mentioned that the French Society would be interested to organize the 12<sup>th</sup> EFPP conference in France. Dr Reignault could not make a formal bid yet, as he first needed the formal consent of the Board of the French Phytopathological Society. The Board is happy to have the 12<sup>th</sup> EFPP conference in France and agreed on this proposal.

#### 11. Future of EFPP:

As mention under agenda point 3, strong activities from member societies in the framework of EFPP cannot be expected, and the EFPP-Board has not the resources to stimulate them.

The future of EFPP is organising regular European conferences as it is very positive to see that members still favor these multidisciplinary events, organized by different societies in different places in Europe

#### 12. Any other business

Prof. J Polak explains that he has made a statement to support GMO, which he wants to present to the participants of the current conference . If they endorse this statement it will be send to the policymakers in Brussels, including a list of supporting signatures. The Board decided to give Prof. Polak the floor to present his proposal to the participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> EFPP-conference, and they may sign on a personal basis, under the condition that it must be avoided that EFPP as an organization is supporting it.

#### 13. Closing

The President Dr Boonekamp thanked all the delegates for their active participation and useful exchange of information. He wished much success to the EFPP in future.

The meeting was adjourned at 19.30 h.