

EAFP council meeting
Las Palmas, September 6th 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was attended by all council members; Jose Garcia (president), Patrick Smith (vice president), Ivona Mladineo (meetings secretary), Roy Palmer (publications officer- outgoing), Sean Monaghan (publications officer- incoming), Klaus Knopf (treasurer), Lone Madsen (general secretary- outgoing), Snjezana Zrcic (general secretary- incoming).

1) Status of action points from minutes of Belfast council meeting April 2015

All actions points done apart from

Most interesting picture published during the last 5 years in the Bulletin.

Action: The Meetings secretary will deal with this October 2015.

2) President

a) Report

The President has been contacted by the Mississippi State University for as an EAFP representative to take part in the workshop “Food Security for the Future: The role of Aquatic Animal Health”, October 22-23, 2015, arranged by and held at the Mississippi State University.

b) EAFP newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter will be November. Contents will be information from the meetings secretary, general secretary (call for membership fees 2016), publications officer.

Action: the President to send out the next EAFP newsletter in November.

c) Facebook – change of administrator details/renew of the web site

Bart Gorgoglione has taken on the role as administrator. Britt Bang Jensen is thanked for being one of the initiators to set up an EAFP facebook page.

New website will go online after the EAFP Conference in Las Palmas.

d) FAO

The President is still awaiting an answer from the FAO regarding getting funds for letting members from the third countries attend the EAFP conference.

Action: The President to get in contact with FAO before the next council meeting.

e) Histopathology CDs

There will be no CDs from the histopathology workshop this year. Instead information from the workshop will be made available to all EAFP members on the EAFP website.

f) Necropsy manual

This will not be a CD but will be available through the EAFP website for members only. There have been delays in finalising the work, so it will first be available after the EAFP conference, and not launched during the conference as originally planned. The necropsy manual will be presented at the EAFP General Assembly.

3) Vice president

a) Report

The Vice president suggested more workshops for members, e.g. academic writing courses, business planning. The Vice president had been contacted by the FishMed Group with a view to having representation from a member of the EAFP. The need for a new batch of the Council Member's lapel badge was raised.

Action: The Vice president to find and get a quote (before next council meeting) from a jeweller who can replicate the Council Member's lapel badge.

b) Sustaining members update

Potential sustaining members are being approached.

c) The possibility of collaborative links and joint activities between FEAP and EAFP.

Action: The President and Vice president to contact e.g. EU for potential funding before next council meeting.

d) Small grants

Potential sponsors should be approached (current sustaining members) for the next call. A call for small grants will be set up for next year.

Action: The Vice president to contact potential sponsors before next council meeting.

4) General secretary

a) Report

The membership for 2015 is 840 members, the same as in 2014. For the last two years approximately 70 new members has joined each year. Currently the

membership can be divided in 704 regular members, 75 student members, 8 honorary members, 37 library members and 14 sustaining members.

b) Council elections in 2015

Elections had been announced via the EAFP bulletin, the website as well as the newsletter. The Election was done electronically via the Electionbuddy website. In total 160 members voted. For the Vice president position Patrick Smith got 81 votes, whereas Sven Bergmann got 70 votes. Nine members abstained from voting. For the General secretary position Anne Ramstad got 34 votes, Roy Palmer 41 votes, Sven Bergmann 37 votes and Snjezana Zrncic 43 votes. Here 5 members abstained from voting. For the Publications officer only one candidate had stepped forward, wherefore Sean Monaghan, UK, will take up this position in the period 2015-2019 together with Patrick Smith as the Vice president and Snjezana Zrncic as the General secretary.

5) Treasurer

a) Report (01.09.2013 – 24.08.2015)

Account balance

01.09.2013 173 073.09 €

24.08.2015 177 004,89 €

Pending expenses 7 153.00 €

Income:

Membership fees: 91 214.24 €, histopath. CDs: 1 130.00 €; funding necropsy manual 12153.00 €; interest: 8.98 €

Expenses:

Bulletin printing: 47 002.41 €; histopath. CD production: 2 981.14 €; necropsy manual 6 000.00 €; administration: 21 802.46 €; council expenses: 17 761.44 €; homepage: 1 378.63 €; small grant scheme: 3 015.00 €; incidental bank charges: 633.34 €

b) Audit

An external auditor (Norbert Krämer, Berlin) confirmed proper documentation of the bank movements from 01 January 2014 to 31 July 2015.

c) Individual payments compared to the actual system, where for most countries branch officers collect the fees: The actual procedure is economic. Losses in membership fees by bank fees, exchange rates etc. amount to 0.3 %.

d) The auditor was asked for an offer for an assessment of legal issues.

Action: The legal status of the EAFP shall be looked into as a matter of urgency. The offer of the auditor will be sent to the council members as soon as it is available.

6) Meetings secretary

a) Report

b) 2015 conference update

At the EAFP conference in Las Palmas there will be 221 poster presentations, 217 presentations and 9 workshops. The participant number will be around 480. There have been 10 cancellations during the last two weeks.

c) 2017 conference update

The Conference site will be “revealed” at the General Assembly.

d) Most interesting picture published in 2014 in the EAFP bulletin – update of the status regarding this

See under point 1.

e) Bids for 2019 conference

Action: The meetings secretary to look into this. A decision has to be taken in spring 2016 the latest.

f) Reports from WS organized in Las Palmas and keynote talks to be published in the Bulletin

7) Publications officer

a) Report

Published articles by topic have stayed much the same over the last two periods each of four years, parasitology going from 51 % to 45 %.

Number of articles cited at least once – around 30 %.

Mean time from submission to print – around 4 months.

Other figures are available in the Publications officer’s report, which can be found together with the minutes.

b) Bulletin available online for members – progress

New EAFP/bulletin website contract has been set up, and the new website will go live shortly after the EAFP conference.

c) Discussion regarding the inclusion of review articles from keynote speakers and Workshop reports to be published in a special edition of the bulletin.

It was agreed that this was a very important part of the EAFP Bulletin.

8) Any other business

9) Next council meeting

Berlin March/April 2015 – date to be settled.

September 24th, 2015

General secretary