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**REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE  
EFPP AND DELEGATES OF MEMBER SOCIETIES**

**UNIVERSITY KVL OF COPENHAGEN  
15TH AUGUST 2006 18.00 – 19.30h**

**Attending**

**L. Munk (Denmark – President)  
A. Hermansen (Denmark)  
D. Jensen (Denmark – Meeting Secretary)  
S. Wale (United Kingdom – Vice-President)  
M. Dickenson (United Kingdom – Meeting Secretary)  
L. Sunheim (Norway – Treasurer)  
P. Boonekamp (Netherlands – Generally Secretary)  
J. Bremmen (Netherlands)  
M. Cooke (Editor-in-chief EJPP)  
Z. Bernhart (Springer Publishers)  
M. I. Clara (Portugal)  
J. Polák (Czech Republic )  
P. Rysanek (Czech Republic)  
M. Mańka (Poland)  
H. Pospieszny (Poland)  
I. Sache (France)  
A. Catara (Italy)  
A. Minuto (Italy)  
I. Morocko (Latvia)  
B. Bankina (Latvia)  
M. Toome (Estonia)  
J. Yuen (Sweden)**

**Apologies for absence: Please complete if some delegates have send a letter of apology.**

## 1. Opening Address by the President

The meeting was opened and chaired by the EFPP-President, Prof. L. Munk, who welcomed delegates from the Member Societies. She thanked the BSPP-board for the good co-operation in order to organise a joint meeting of EFPP and BSPP in Copenhagen. The President further appreciated assistance of the members of the Organising Committee from both societies for the excellent co-operation during the preparation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference. Then the participants of the meeting were asked to introduce themselves.

The agenda was adopted, but an extra item was added at point 11b: future of EFPP

## 2. Minutes of the eights Board Meeting and matters arising

The President requested the approval of the minutes from the previous EFPP-Board Meeting. After a small adoption made by Prof Polak, they were approved.

## 3. Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary, Dr P. Boonekamp asked for information for the website during the last board meeting in Aberdeen, but he did not receive much response from the member societies. He pointed out again that EFPP can only be a success if all board-members and member societies feel responsible for it and contribute to the visibility of EFPP. All participants agreed that EFPP should have a better visibility (see point 11b)

## 4. Report of the Treasurer

The treasurer Prof. L. Sundheim presented the report on income and expenditure, for the years 2004 and 2005. They fairly present a continuation of the positive financial position of the EFPP. As agreed during the eights Board meeting he advised that indeed part of assets can be used for new actions (see point 11b). The treasurer also expressed the wish to have more members paying their contributions and mentioned the countries from which he got regular contributions. The fee is limited and dependent on the number of members of the local society. Details can be found on the website.

The auditors Drs G. Paulsruds and T. Wold have examined the financial statement and declared it correct.

## 5. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of the EJPP and Comments by the Publisher

The Editor-in-Chief, Prof. M. Cooke presented a short report on the period June 2004 – July 2006, which will be attached to these minutes. It was concluded that the quality of EJPP has been improved importantly, and it is now a top 5 ranking journal on plant pathology. The President acknowledged the dedication of Prof Cooke and expressed the wish that he will continue in this way.

Dr. Z. Bernhart from Springer Verlag, publishing editor of the EJPP mentioned the smooth co-operation with the editorial board of EJPP. She also announced that a special issue of EJPP might appear including the proceedings of the Copenhagen meeting, and that in due time it will be possible to view films and photos on the website of EJPP, which are connected to published papers. She also expressed the intention to continue this way.

## 6. Election and Appointment of Officers of the EFPP

As new President, Prof. M.I. Clara was nominated from the Portuguese society, Prof L. Munk as new Vice President, Dr A. Hermansen as Treasurer and Dr P. Boonekamp as General Secretary.

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 Clara would nominate a programme secretary for organising the next meeting in Portugal, and that the Executive Committee would decide on this nomination.

The President expressed her special thanks to the resigning Treasurer Prof. L. Sundheim. She acknowledged his long time dedication to EFPP as he has been the treasurer for 16 years, from the start of EFPP. As it is a general problem to receive contributions from members and EFPP is absolute no exception on this rule, she mentioned his tact and determination by which he was able to convince members to pay their dues. By his „silent diplomacy“ he was able to build a solid financial position for EFPP and now he is resigning he leaves the Board with substantial positive assets, allowing them to organise new activities. The President substantiated her gratitude by promising him a present (which was still on her kitchen table) and expressing the hope that he will continue to participate in EFPP events.

## 7. Report of the Seventh EFPP Conference 2002 in Aberdeen

The Vice President Prof. S. Wale summarised the success of the Aberdeen Meeting: about all EU-countries were present with more than 200 participants from 35 countries. The programme was a successful mixture from fundamental to applied research. As only full sessions and no parallel sessions were organised, participants could receive an excellent overview of the highlights in the various disciplines in a very broad area of plant – disease interactions. As all participants were always in one lecture room during the whole conference, many new informal contacts could be established. This was supported by the great hospitality of the organisers, the pleasantly atmosphere during the get-together and the great weather. New and very successful was the poster competition for young researchers, organised by Dr. M. Dickenson. Financially the expenditure and income were in balance; at the end a VAT issue caused some deficit, but this will be carried by BSPP.

The President Prof L. Munk expressed here thanks to Prof. Wale and to Dr. Dickenson for the excellent organisation of the Aberdeen Meeting and asked to transfer her gratitude to the other members the organising committee and to the BSPP for the excellent co-operation during the joint meeting. She also discharged Prof. Wale as Vice President and promised to hand him over a small present in due time.

## 8. Status Report of the Eights EFPP Conference in Copenhagen

Prof L. Munk presented a progress report on the ongoing conference *Sustainable Disease Management: the European Perspective* in Copenhagen, which has been organised by EFPP and BSPP. There are 200 delegates from 34 countries.

Unfortunately 5 delegates from the UK and 1 from Canada could not come due to terrorist threats on airplanes. KWL is a very pleasant venue with perfect conference facilities and on walking distance from the centre of Copenhagen where the participants have been hosted. The abstract book has a perfect layout, and publication in a special issue of EFPP will be considered. The expenditure and income seem to become in balance. In conclusion: all signs are positive for an interesting and pleasant meeting.

## 9. Progress Report on the Ninth EFPP Conference in Portugal

Prof. M.I. Clara announced that the University of Évora is willing to organise the next conference. She explained that Évora is a nice city with good transport facilities to the airport and to Lisboa. The university has good experience in organising international conferences of this size, and accommodations in Évora are adequate to host all participants in a pleasant way. The second week of September 2010 would be the perfect time in terms of climate and available facilities at the university.

The EFPP-Board approved this proposal.

## 10. Society Bidding for the Tenth EFPP Conference

There have been received two bids, from Dr P. Boonekamp of the Netherlands society and from Dr. M. Manka from the Polish society. Both countries have organised the conference a previous time, The Netherlands in 1990 and Poland in 1994. As the meeting in The Netherlands was rather a kick off meeting of EFPP than a conference and longer back than the conference in Poland, the President suggested to grant the bid of The Netherlands for 2012 and the bid of Poland for 2014. She added that actually two decisions had to be made: Wageningen, The Netherlands as venue for the 10<sup>th</sup> conference and Cracow, Poland as venue for the 11<sup>th</sup> conference.

The EFPP-board approved both proposals.

## 11. Any Other Business

### a) ICPP Torino 2008

Dr Minuto presented a short overview on the progress. He mentioned that the organisation is on schedule, that sessions have already been organized, that the deadline for the call for contributions will be September 2007, and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular will be distributed in October 2006. The 2<sup>nd</sup> circular will be sent to all society-members of EFPP and will appear on the EJPP-site as well, and he requested all societies to forward this information to their members. More information can be found on [www.ICPP2008.org](http://www.ICPP2008.org).

### b) Future EFPP

The EFPP has been established in 1990 as a low profile organisation with actually only the aim to bring together the European Phytopathological societies by a conference once in every two years. Doing more or making it a more professional organisation was never possible as there was no budget. As the conference in 2008 will be skipped and EFPP has build-up already some credit, some new activities

can be started. The Board Meeting agreed on this and asked the Executive Committee to work out some proposals within the budget limits. The Executive Committee immediately started with collecting good ideas from the members. Vice-President Prof. Wale made a quick inventory by asking each member for one good idea, leading to the following long list for funding: students and study tours, co-operation with EPPO, high level specific courses, publishing newsletters, specific workshops on selected items, awards for students/young researchers, scholarships, joint conference with APS, setting up lobbying at EU-Commission, organise involvement agrochemical multinationals... A further request for good ideas will appear on the EFPP-website.

It was also agreed that no extra Board Meeting will be needed to approve the proposals, but that sending them around to the members for comments would be sufficient. The Executive Committee promised that a short list of detailed proposals would be distributed before the summer of 2008, and asked the permission from the Board to execute them immediately after the consultation round. The Board agreed on this.

## 12. Closing

The President Prof. L. Munk thanked all the delegates for their active participation and useful exchange of information. She wished much success to the EFPP in future.

The meeting was adjourned at 19.30h.