



Annual General Meeting

June 21st 2013

*13.00 NUI Maynooth*

## **Irish Fungal Society**

### **Agenda**

1. Minutes June 2012
2. Matters arising
3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Next IFS Annual Meeting
7. Future of the society
8. AOB

## **Minutes Irish Fungal Society Annual General Meeting**

June 22nd 2012, 13.00 Belfast City Hospital Postgraduate Centre

### **1. President's Report**

Prof. Rogers described the history of the Irish Fungal Society from its inception as the Irish Fungal Meeting in Maynooth in 2007. He then thanked the local organisers, Prof. Paul Rooney and Prof. John Moore, for their hard work in preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Official meeting of the Irish Fungal Society. He also thanked Gilead for their continued support and Margo Keating in particular for her great contribution to the running of the meeting.

### **2. Secretary's Report**

Prof. Sullivan reminded the AGM that all registered delegates are considered to be members of the Society for the following year and that currently there are no membership fees. He went on to report that there were 67 delegates at the meeting, 55 of whom had registered (the remaining delegates were invited speakers and Gilead staff).

Prof. Sullivan informed the committee that the IFS is now affiliated with the European Confederation of Medical Mycology. The cost of this is €1 per member and the benefits include reduced registration fees for attending Trends in Medical Mycology meetings and the possibility of bidding to host this potentially lucrative meeting in the future. Prof. Sullivan asked if any member had suggestions for affiliation with any other relevant organization to contact him.

Prof. Sullivan congratulated the winners of the prizes at the meeting; Grainne O'Keefe (NUI Maynooth) for best poster, Sarah Maguire (UCD) for best oral scientific presentation and Eileen Dorgan (Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast) for best clinical case presentation.

The new IFS website proved to be very useful in the promotion and running of the meeting. While this is the main function of the site it also has potential for further development, perhaps in terms of providing a forum for young researchers to discuss their research or to make available information on strain collections, techniques etc. Prof. Sullivan asked the membership to contact him with any suggestions as to how the website could be developed.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Prof. Doyle outlined the expenditure and income for the IFS account. As of the date of the meeting the balance of the account was €3,909. While this amount is still quite small, as it continues to grow it was agreed that consideration should be given to how funds could be spent in the future. One option discussed was that the IFS could provide small travel bursaries for young researchers.

### **4. Constitution**

Prof. Sullivan tabled a draft constitution and asked that if anyone had any suggestions or comments to contact him within a week. Otherwise it was agreed that the draft would be accepted by the membership.

### **5. Next IFS Annual Meeting**

Prof. Sullivan informed the membership that the next meeting would be organized by Dr. David Fitzpatrick and his colleagues (Prof. Sean Doyle, Dr. Gary Jones and Dr. Kevin Kavanagh) in NUI Maynooth in 2013. It was agreed that late June is a good time to hold the meeting. It was also suggested that the 2014 meeting could be organised in St. James's Hospital in Dublin by Prof. Rogers, possibly in conjunction with the Nordic Society for Medical Mycology.

### **6. AOB**

There was no other business

### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next AGM will take place during the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held in Maynooth, date to be arranged.