



Annual General Meeting

June 20th June 2014

13.15 NUI Galway

Irish Fungal Society

Agenda

1. Minutes June 2013
2. Matters arising
3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Selection of new Secretary
7. Next IFS Annual Meeting
8. Future of the society
9. AOB

Minutes Irish Fungal Society Annual General Meeting

June 21st, 12.30 John Hume Building, NUI Maynooth

1. President's Report

Tom Rogers thanked the local organiser, David Fitzpatrick, for all his efforts in preparing for the 3rd 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

Derek 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 72 delegates, the largest number yet, indicating that the Society continues to go from strength to strength.

Derek reminded the membership that the IFS is now affiliated with the European Confederation of Medical Mycology. This represents an annual cost of €50 and the benefits of this 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.

Derek congratulated Conor Young (TCD) the winner of the prize for the best poster (judged by Al Brown, University of Aberdeen).

The new IFS website proved to be very useful in the promotion and running of the meeting. David Fitzpatrick has volunteered to continue in the role of website curator.

The Secretary reported that the President of the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology (Neil Gow) had enquired about the possibility of the IFS bidding to host the ISHAM Conference in Dublin in 2018. The membership were receptive to this agreed that this should be further explored. This would be a major undertaking and would require a high-level working group to be established, probably in collaboration with the British Society for Medical Mycology. Derek agreed to contact ISHAM to ascertain what would be involved in bidding for and hosting this prestigious conference.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sean Doyle outlined the expenditure and income for the IFS account. As of the date (21/6/2013) of the meeting the balance of the IFS Maynooth BOI account was €8885.37. The PayPal account balance was €4,032.72 with additional registration fees amounting to €1,380 in cheques and bank transfers. The total of these funds amounts to €14,298.02, however, with expected speaker expenses of approx. €3,000 and other conference associated costs the current balance is approximately €11,000. The Secretary suggested that the IFS funds should be conserved to support future meetings in the event that Gilead reduce or withdraw their support.

4. Next IFS Annual Meeting

The Secretary informed the membership that Maria Tuohy and colleagues from NUI Galway had agreed to host the 2014 meeting. The President also reported that Rosemary Barnes, President of the British Society for Medical Mycology had requested to host a joint meeting in Dublin in 2016. The membership agreed that this would be a useful collaboration. However, this would more than likely require the IFS meeting to be held in the Spring. Ursula Bond queried if this would affect the broad remit of the IFS meeting however it was agreed that this should not be the case.

5. Future of the Society

All agreed that the Society is continuing to thrive.

AOB

There was no other business

5. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will take place during the 2014 Annual Meeting to be held in Galway, date to be arranged.