



Irish Fungal Society
Annual General Meeting
12th June 2015
*13.15 Trinity College
Dublin*

Agenda

1. Minutes June 2014
2. Matters arising
3. President's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Selection of a new President
7. Next IFS Annual Meeting
8. Future plans for the society
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Minutes Irish Fungal Society Annual General Meeting

13.15, June 20th 2014, NUI Galway

1. Matters arising from minutes of previous AGM

No matters were arising from the minutes of the IFS 2013 AGM.

2. President's Report

Tom Rogers thanked the local organiser, Maria Tuohy and her team, for all their efforts in preparing for the 4th official meeting of the Irish Fungal Society. He also thanked Gilead for their continued support and Susan Lyons in particular for her great contribution to the running of the meeting.

3. 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. Derek reminded the membership that the IFS is still affiliated with the European Confederation of Medical Mycology. Prof. Rogers has represented the IFS at ECMM meetings. 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 also reported on the possibility of the IFS supporting a bid for ISHAM and/or a joint meeting with the British Society for Medical Mycology (BSMM) in the 2016-2018 time frame Prof. Sullivan asked if any member had suggestions for affiliation with any other relevant organization to contact him.

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

In order to ensure a smooth transition between new members of the executive, Derek Sullivan stepped down from the role of General Secretary. The only nominee for this role was Maria Tuohy who was duly elected. Sean Doyle also stepped down from the role of Treasurer. The only nominee for this role was David Fitzpatrick who was duly elected. The new appointees will continue in office for a 2 year period.

4. Treasurer's Report

Sean Doyle outlined the expenditure and income for the IFS account. As of the date (18/6/2014) of the meeting the balance of the IFS Maynooth BOI account was €2,790. The PayPal account balance was €6,164 with additional registration fees amounting to €660 in cheques and bank transfers. The total of these funds amounts to €9,615, however, with expected speaker expenses of approx. €3,000 and other conference associated costs the current balance is approximately €6,565. The Secretary suggested that the IFS funds should be conserved to support future meetings in the event that Gilead reduce or withdraw their support. The Treasurer is to check the tax status of IFS with the Revenue (IFS is a registered charity).

5. Next IFS Annual Meeting

Alastair Fleming and Ursula Bond from Trinity College Dublin agreed to host the 2015 meeting in Dublin. 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 BSMM meeting is a 2-day meetings and takes place in March/April. Prof. Gary Moran (TCD) is the Irish area representative in the BSMM. 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. Prof. Rogers will approach the BSMM (meeting secretary, Prof. Gordon Ramage) re the joint IFS/BSMM meeting and a potential meeting venue.

The ISHAM 2018 meeting was also suggested as a further joint meeting opportunity for IFS.

5. Future of the Society

All agreed that the Society is continuing to thrive. Prof. Ursula Bond suggested strengthening links with the Eukaryotic division of the Society for General Microbiology (Prof. Bond is a member of the committee) with a view to IFS participation in specialized thematic SGM meetings. The incoming Secretary highlighted opportunities for closer collaboration with the British Mycological Society.

AOB

The prize for best poster was awarded to Gráinne O’Keeffe, NUI Maynooth, while the prize for best speaker went to Stephen Dolan, also from NUI Maynooth. There was no other business.

6. Date of next meeting

The next AGM will take place during the 2015 Annual Meeting to be held in Dublin, date to be arranged.