

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of the SIP Bacteria Division
August 6, 2012; 18:45-20:00 Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Respectfully submitted by Dennis K. Bideshi, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was held in Auditorium 3 of the Centro de Convenciones UCA, Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 18:45-20:00.

Division Executive Officer and Committees:

Chair:	Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes (USA)	2011-2013
Chair-Elect:	Baltasar Escriche (Spain)	2011-2013
Secretary-Treasurer:	Dennis K. Bideshi (USA)	2011-2013
Member at Large:	Marianne Pusztai-Carey (USA)	2011-2013
Member at Large:	Jean-Louis Schwartz (Canada)	2011-2014*
Past Chair:	Hyun-Woo Park (USA)	2011-2013

*This Member at Large position was agreed to be extended for a total of 3 years so Member at Large positions expire in different years.

Student Representative: Mr. Siva Rama Krishna Jakka 2012-2014

A. Attendance: All Officers present with the exception of Jean-Louis Schwartz; 22 non-student members and 4 students

B. Agenda: The Agenda for the 2012 meeting was presented by the Chair, Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, as follows;

- 1. Approval of minutes from the 2011 Bacteria Division meeting (Halifax, Canada)**
- 2. Chair's report to the SIP Council**
- 3. Financial Report**
- 4. Election of Officers (Student Representative)**
- 5. Selection of picture for website**
- 6. Future Symposia and Workshops**
- 7. Student travel awards**
- 8. Other Business from the floor**

C. Action on Agenda Items

1. Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Bacteria Division Minutes from the August 8, 2011 SIP meeting at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada was presented by the Chair, Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes

Bill Moar moved to approve minutes

Dennis K. Bideshi second the motion

There was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes

2. The Chair Presented the Bacteria Division Report to the SIP Council:

Please see **Addendum 1** for complete report.

Additional information presented by the Chair was as follows:

- a. SIP student membership increased although there was a decline in overall membership for the 2011/2012 year (refer to Addendum 1)
- b. There were 22 oral presentations, including 4 by students, and 35 posters which included 9 by students attributed to the Bacteria Division.
- c. Future SIP venues: 2013, Pittsburg, USA; 2014, Mainz, Germany; 2015: Suggestions solicited.

3. Financial Report:

The Financial Report was presented by Dennis K. Bideshi. Based on the finances presented in Agenda item "2", after the SIP meeting in Buenos Aires, the balance for the Bacteria Division was reduced from \$3657.80 (\$1907.80 balance from May, 2012 plus \$1750.00 from General Fund for Buenos Aires, 2012) to \$407.80.

4. Election of Officers and Student Representative:

- a. All Executive Officers' positions are filled until 2013.
- b. The Student Representative (Natalia Munteanu) term ended in 2011 (2009-2011). Mr. Siva Rama Krishna Jakka was nominated for the Student Representative position. He graciously accepted and was unanimously elected to the post.

5. Selection of Picture for website: 17 members voted by email, Picture #1 (6 votes) was selected.

6. Future Symposia and Workshops:

- a. Resistance to Bt crops – suggested by Bill Moar
- b. Reflections on Bt mode of action – organized by Neil Crickmore
- c. Ecology of entomopathogenic co-infections - cross-divisional Symposium organized by Christina Nielsen-LeRoux.

Because only one divisional symposium is allowed, options b and c were selected for the 2013 meeting.

7. Student Travel Awards:

Six applications were submitted for student travel awards to the Bacteria Division and were judged by Division Officers. Two of the applicants were awarded by other Divisions, and three awardees were selected from the remaining four applicants. Three awards of \$750 each were conferred at the Buenos Aires meeting to Laila Gasmi (University of Valencia, Spain), and Cristina Crava (University of Valencia, Spain), and Estefania Contreras (University of Valencia, Spain). The awards were presented by the Chair

8. Other Business from the floor (Miscellaneous):

- a. Updating website. Neil Crickmore has graciously performed this task for the past 3 years. Help from those who are technologically inclined is welcome.
- b. There was a brief general discussion to propose a change to the SIP logo. The general consensus was that since the SIP website will be updated, it may be an ideal time to change the SIP logo.
- c. Increasing student participation: Can this be encouraged by providing free membership to students and promoting the Bacteria Division through Facebook or other online alternatives?
- d. Juan Ferre took a picture of all those in attendance at the Bacterial Division meeting to post in the Newsletter.
- e. Neil Crickmore moved to close the Bacteria Division 2012 Business Meeting. Bill Moar second.

ADDENDUM 1.

DIVISION REPORTS

Bacteria Division Report (submitted by Juan L. Jurat-Fuentes)

Current Officers

Chair:	Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes	2011-2013
Chair Elect:	Baltasar Escriche	2011-2013
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dennis Bideshi	2011-2013
Member-at-Large:	Jean Louis Schwartz	2011-2014*
Member-at-Large:	Marianne Carey	2011-2013

*This position was agreed to be extended for 3 years so Member at Large positions expire in different years.

Student Representative: Natalia Munteanu 2009-2011

SIP Founders lecture Committee representative: Bill Moar

SIP Fundraising Committee representative: Jeroen Van Rie

SIP Membership Committee representative: Jean Louis Schwartz

Elections of Officers in Buenos Aires 2012

The Division will hold elections during the business meeting for the position of Student Representative. A message soliciting nominations will be sent before the meeting

Membership

Year	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Regular	92 (41 Bacteria plus)	84 (34 Bacteria plus)	33 (29 Bacteria plus)
Students	6	6	10
Total	98	90	72

Finances

1. Balance May 2011	2. Expenses Halifax 2011	3. From General Fund for student awards	4. Balance after Halifax 2011
\$2,536.71	\$1,750	\$750.00	\$1,536.71
5. Dues 2011/2012	6. Interest 2011/2012	7. Balance May 2012	8. From General Fund for Buenos Aires 2012
\$355.00	\$16.09	\$1,907.80	\$1,750.00

Planned Expenses

\$2,250 for three (\$750 each) student travel awards and \$1,000 for three symposium speakers (\$250 each for two speakers in cross-divisional symposium and \$500 for divisional symposium speaker). The funds for speakers will be covered by allowance from the General Fund, which will also cover one of the student awards. The Division will finance the other two student awards. After all these expenses the balance will be reduced to \$407.80.

Symposia, Workshops, Other Events**Halifax 2011**

The Bacteria Division organized one symposium (Resistance to Bt crops – organized by Juan Ferre and Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes) and one cross-divisional workshop (Industrial innovation in biocontrol – organized by Ken Narva).

There were 24 contributed oral presentations, of which 4 presentations were from students.

There were 25 poster presentations, of which 13 were from students.

Buenos Aires 2012

The Bacteria Division will organize one divisional Symposium on “Bacterial topics of special interest to Latin America” organized by William Moar and Alicia Sciocco-Cap, and a cross-divisional Symposium with the Nematode Division on “Beyond Agriculture: Nematode and bacteria applications in other science disciplines” organized by Glen Stevens and Arne Peters. The Division will also co-organized a workshop with the Diseases of Beneficial Invertebrates Division and organized by William Moar and Ricardo Salvador titled “Use of RNAi to control insects or diseases of insects”

There were 22 contributed oral presentations, of which 4 presentations were from students.

There were 35 poster presentations, of which 9 were from students.

Division Awards 2012

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Certification:

Author: Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes

Respectfully submitted: July 13, 2012