



## FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIETIES OF PLANT BIOLOGY

### *Minutes of the FESPB Executive Committee held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (14:00-16:00) on Zoom.*

Present: (EC Members) Laura De Gara, Maria Isabel Diaz Rodriguez, János Györgyey, Christophe Robaglia, Andrea Schubert, Christian Zörb  
(past EC Members) Christine Foyer, and Maria Dolores Rodriguez  
Justified absentee; Jana Albrechtova

1. **Settlement of the new members of the Executive Committee.**

The members of the Executive Committee introduce themselves and discuss the general organization of the Committee. The Secretary General, Laura De Gara, suggests to share documents by using a cloud folder. The Chair of Publication, János Györgyey volunteers to choose the most appropriate system and to organize it for the EC members.

2. **Plant Biology Congress 2020-2021**

The President, Andrea Schubert, illustrates the state of the art of the next congress that will be held in webinar mode from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021. The EC suggests to organize the following congresses in Marseille in 2022 in order to have an “in presence” FESPB Congress as soon as possible. The incoming President, Christophe Robaglia will consult the LOC of the Marseille Congress and will inform the EC on this possibility.

3. **Website**

The Secretary General shows different examples of the website front page. The EC members analyze the old text and discuss the general organization of the webpage. The EC members decide to better define the new texts in the next week, each member according to her/his duties, and to send any suggestion for modification to the Secretary General by e-mail.

4. **Membership Fee**

The treasurer Christian Zörb informs that a few societies have not paid the annual fee yet. After discussing the issue, considering the difficulties that the scientific societies have due to the covid-19 pandemic, the EC decides that the societies who have regularly made the previous fee payments do not owe the 2021 membership fee. The treasurer and the Secretary General are in charge of informing the national delegates

5. **Other aspects**

The EC decides to have periodic meetings by web platforms, more frequently in this first period of establishment of the new EC. The Treasurer’s proposal to organize the next meeting at the end of February is approved.

*Read and approved by the members of the EC present to the meeting*

*Laura De Gara FESPB  
Secretary General*