



FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIETIES OF PLANT BIOLOGY

Minutes of the FESPB Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, June 25th 2021 - 14.00-16.00,
by Zoom platform.

FESPB Executive and Council Members Present: Jana Albrechtová, Laura De Gara,
Maria Isabel Diaz Rodriguez, Janos Györgyey, Andrea Schubert, Christian Zörb.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Christophe Robaglia

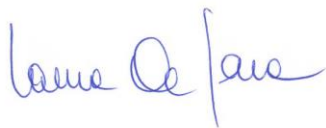
2. Reports of Members of the Executive Committee
 - i. President (Andrea Schubert) Prof. Schubert gave some information on the PBE 2021 Congress, giving the number of the registered participants, presented posters and an overview of the program.

 - ii. Secretary General (Laura De Gara)
Prof. De Gara presented the issues to be illustrated during the Council meeting on the activities of the FESPB Executive Committee during the last years.

 - iii. Treasurer (Christian Zörb)
Professor Zörb gave a short presentation of FESPB budget, including income and outgoings over the reporting period. He underlined that, due the pandemic situation, the Federation had less activities than in the previous years. The EC agreed to verify the possibility to make the biannual audit by using a web platform.

 - iv. Chair, Grants Committee (Jana Albrechtová)
Prof. Albrechtová gave a short presentation concerning the activities of the FESPB Grants over the reporting period. She underlined the new organization of the evaluation committee composed, according to the suggestion, of the National Delegates. The EC agreed to maintain this organization as much as possible for all

- the activities of FESPB, in order to increase the involvement of all the affiliated Societies.
- v. Chair Awards Committee (Maria Isabel Diaz Rodriguez)
Prof. Diaz gave a short presentation concerning the activities of the FESPB Awards over the reporting period. Also for FESPB Awards, the two winners were selected among 7 candidates with the help of an evaluation committee of five members selected with the help of the National Delegates of those Countries which had no candidates presented for the Awards. In relation to the selection of the best posters, the evaluation will be made during the Congress, again the members of the evaluation committee were selected with the collaboration of the National Delegates
- vi. Chair, Publications Committee (and Web Media) (Janos Györgyey).
Prof. Györgyey gave a short presentation on the activities of the Publications Committee related to the Facebook page that reached almost 3500 followers, and the statistics of the past months. He informed that another more interactive virtual space was very recently opened on Facebook: “FESPB info-X-change”. This new web media allows all the participants to exchange information without the need of the administrator.
3. Future FESPB activities
Prof. De Gara informed that the meeting for the Editors of the affiliated Journals will take place on July 1st and asked to the other EC members to participate to this meeting and to suggest activities and initiative aimed at involving more the affiliated journals.
4. Any other Business
The Secretary General remembered that a bid for the 2025 Congress was already presented by the Hungarian Society of Plant Science. Prof. Schubert suggested discussing this point with EPSO after the end of the congress (end of July, beginning of September) in order to explore the possibility to co-organize the 2023 and 2025 congresses.



Prof. Laura De Gara, FESPB Secretary General, 25th of June 2021