



**FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIETIES
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Minutes of the meeting with Editors of FESPb Affiliated Journals – via Zoom platform.

Thursday 1 of July 2021

Present:

FESPb EC Committee: Laura De Gara, Janos Gyorgyey, Christophe Robaglia, IsabelDíaz , Andrea Schubert.

Editors: Alrun Albrecht (Journal of Plant Physiology and Plant Physiology and Biochemistry); John Lunn (Journal of Experimental Botany), Uwe Sonnewald (Journal of Plant Physiology) Christiane Werner (Plant Biology).

The meeting starts at 13.00. After a round of introduction among the participants, the discussion is open on possible initiatives to strengthen the collaboration between FESPb and the affiliated Journal.

Janos Gyorgyey, Chair of publication and web media, illustrates the FESPb Facebook page, with its more than 3.5K followers mainly among 22 and 35 years old, and the very recently opened Facebook-X-change, a new social media allowing all the members to post information and news. FESPb is pleased to offer the possibility to the affiliated journals to post information in its Facebook page about special issues or other topics of interest for the Journal, as well as to admit in Facebook-X-change the editors, or their delegates, for having the possibility to directly post news and information about their Journals. Christiane Werner asks whether FESPb uses also different social media. It is possible that in the near future FESPb also has a Twitter account, since this has also been requested by a National Delegates.

Among its activities, FESPb supports the organizers of international event with small grants for facilitating the participation of young researchers. Before the pandemic events, FESPb was used to receive 3-5 requests each year for supporting this kind of congress/workshop. FESPb suggests creating a contact between the organizers and the affiliated Journals to organize a special issue on the topics of the congress/workshop. John Lunn says that JXB is very open to this kind of activities and that a special issue could be also organized on one of the main topics of the next 2023 Congress.

John Lunn also asks if it is feasible, that FESPb organizes (also in collaboration with EPSO) something similar to the Plant Signal platform of the American Society of Plant Biology (<https://aspb.org/publications/signal/>). This issue requires a more in deep analysis for verifying the feasibility of creating a European platform or to join the American platform.

After a positive interaction among all the participants on the treated issues the meeting is closed at 14.00

Prof. Laura De Gara, FESPb Secretary General, 1st of July 2021