

Minutes of the SFRR-International General Assembly in London 2012

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Held from 17:00 – 18:00 on Saturday 8 September 2012 at 16th Biennial SFRR-International Meeting, Imperial College London, U.K.

Present:

Malcolm Jackson (SFRI President), Michael Davies (SFRI President-Elect), Giovanni Mann (SFRI Secretary-General), Cesar Fraga (SFRI Treasurer), Nesrin Kartal-Ozer (SFRI President-Elect), Helen Griffiths (SFRI Secretary General), Corinne Spickett (SFRI Treasurer), Henry Forman (SFRBM President-Elect), Lin Mantell (SFRBM), Shinya Toyokuni (SFRI-Asia), Clare Hawkins (SFRI-Australasia), David Pattison (SFRI-Australasia) and several other SFRI members

1. Report of the President

Malcolm Jackson provided an overview of discussions at the SFRI Committee Meeting held on Friday 7 September at Imperial College London. The consensus view was that SFRI should serve as an 'umbrella' organization with regional SFRI Societies hosting biennial meetings. There was a proposal from the Executive for future SFRI Biennial Meetings to adopt the successful planning and transparent selection of research symposia, plenary lectures and abstracts for oral communication. Malcolm Jackson further proposed that a rotation of SFRI between Europe, Asia and the Americas could provide long-term stability for future of SFRI meetings.

To underpin the SFRI website, the SFRI Executive sought the advice of the SFRI Committee concerning the possibility of charging a sponsorship fee for peer-reviewed journals to be listed on the SFRI website. This was initially proposed by Anthony Newman from Elsevier as a means of supporting maintenance of the SFRI website. This option was being explored further by a small working group to ensure that the selection of specific journals would be transparent and based on the academic standing of the journal and that Publishers could provide evidence that a Journal Publication Committee is closely involved in reviewing appointments of Editors and has a Publications Ethics Committee. Malcolm Jackson agreed to consult further with all the regional SFRI Societies.

Helen Griffiths enquired whether SFRI should increase membership fees, but for the foreseeable future fees would be kept at present rates. Henry Forman mentioned that an increase in fees would be in £ and that this income had decreased in value due to the exchange rate. Henry Forman further enquired how SFRI spent its income, and suggested that SFRI could run an abstract service linking all journals' abstracts. Other suggestions included setting up an outreach programme, similar to SFRBM, which would appeal to the membership.

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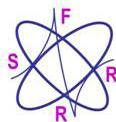
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2. Report of the Secretary-General

Giovanni Mann reported on the SFRRRI 2012 conference and highlighted future SFRRRI meetings (see point 6 below). SFRRRI 2012 had a total of 582 registered delegates, 5 plenary/keynote lectures, 16 research symposia, 72 oral presentations and 565 poster presentations. The conference had received generous financial support from SFRBM, SFRR-Europe, SFRR-Asia, SFRR-International and Oxygen Club of California. Major financial support for the 16 research symposia was obtained from the Biochemical Society and Seahorse, Mars Incorporated, Kyowa, as well as, support from Qiagen, Biosyn, Alltech, Bertin Pharma, Bioquote Ltd, PromoCell, Don Whitley Scientific, BMG Labtech, Abcam, LabLogic, Magnettech, Ruskinn-The Baker Company, Bruker, IOS Press, Informa Healthcare, Antioxidant Redox Signaling, Food & Function. As conference organizers Elsevier had also committed major resources to underpin the conference by waiving registration fees for all invited speakers, including the three Satellite meetings held on Wednesday 5 September.

Corinne Spickett enquired about profits expected from SFRRRI 2012 and how these profits would be split between SFRR-International and the hosts SFRR-Europe. Giovanni Mann agreed to liaise with the SFRRRI Executive and to inform SFRRRI of the proposed split of profits from the SFRRRI 2012 meeting in London, 5-9 September.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Cesar Fraga reported that the successful transfer of the SFRRRI account/funds from Credit Swiss to HSBC in London. He further commented that SFRRRI could consider additional sources of income. Financial accounts were presented by Cesar Fraga, and he agreed to circulate the finalised financial accounts to the regional SFRR Societies.

4. Report of the President-Elect

Michael Davies highlighted that the SFRRRI Statutes and Charter require updating and agreed to undertake this during the next few months.

5. Nominations and elections

Giovanni Mann reported that an online voting template for the election of President-Elect had been sent to all regional SFRR Societies, asking them to cascade this to their members. Prof Frank Kelly and Prof Rafael Radi were nominated and agreed to stand. The deadline for the receipt of online votes was 12 September 2012, and Prof Rafael Radi was elected as the next SFRRRI President-Elect and will be taking up office on 1 January 2013. Prof Michael Davies will be succeeding Prof Malcolm Jackson as the new SFRRRI President on 1 January 2013.

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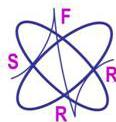
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6. Future meetings

The 17th Biennial SFRI Meeting will be organised by Yuji Naito and Shinya Toyokuni on behalf of SFRR-Asia and be held in Kyoto, Japan from 23-26 March 2014. Yuji Naito and Shinya Toyokuni have invited the submission of symposium proposals with a deadline of 1 February 2013 (http://www.sfri2014.org/call_for_symposia.htm). The organisation of SFRI 2014 will largely adopt the guidelines of the successful SFRI 2012 conference held in London.

Giovanni Mann proposed that SFRI 2014 should be supported by the regional SFRR Societies, similar to the support of SFRI 2012 in London. A bid for the 18th Biennial SFRI Meeting had been received from SFRR-Africa, and Giovanni Mann mentioned that there may be other bids received in due course. All bids for future SFRI Biennial Meetings could complete an application form, including information on the venue, dates of the meeting, Local Organising Committee, International Advisory Board, International Scientific Programme Committee, registration fee, accommodation, arrangements for invited Plenary Lectures, submission of Symposium proposals and Abstracts.

7. Any other matters

Lin Mantell (SFRBM) queried why attendance was so low at the SFRI General Assembly. A possible explanation was the very full programme at SFRI 2012, but the consensus was that in future the SFRI General Assembly required better advertising.

8. SFRR-I General Assembly concluded at 17:45

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