

Society for Free Radical Research International

SFRR-International Committee Meeting with regional SFRR Societies held during 22nd SFRR Biennial Meeting in University of Galway, Ireland 19:00 – 20:45 on Monday June 2, 2025

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Present: Giovanni Mann (SFRR Past-President), Hozumi Motohashi (SFRR President-Elect), Corinne Spickett (SFRR Treasurer), Chang Chen (SFRR Asia President), Young-Yoon Surh (SFRR Asia Past-President), Shinya Toyokuni (SFRR Asia Representative), Juan Sastre (SFRR-Europe Past-President), Nina Dickerhof (SFRR Australasia President)

Present online: Roland Stocker (SFRR President), Patricia Oteiza (SFRR General Secretary), Carola Newmann (SfRBM President), Francisco Laurindo (SfRBM Past-President)

Apologies: Andrew Bulmer (SFRR Australasia Past-President), Theesan Bahorun (SFRR Africa President), Albert van der Vliet (SfRBM President-Elect)

1. Report from President – Roland Stocker (joined online via ZOOM)

- Focused on revision of Byelaws/Statutes, officer positions, election of new President-Elect, SFRR Treasurer to reside in UK, SFRR ECR Travel Grants, ratification of changes to Byelaws, elections at General Assembly, and updating SFRR Website.
- Thanked SFRR-Europe for hosting the 22nd SFRR Biennial Meeting, which attracted >410 delegates from 40 countries.
- Highlighted that SFRR Executive decided to have the election of officers in sync with the biennial meetings, noting that this had been disrupted by COVID-19. Roland Stocker will step down as President on 31 December 2025 (after 1 year term) and Hozumi Motohashi will begin her 2-year term as President on 1 January 2026.
- Informed international committee that the Executive had contacted all regional SFRR Societies to propose nominations for President-Elect position. Only 1 nomination was received for, which was for Prof. Maret Traber, whose nomination was supported by SFRR Executive and would need to be ratified at the General Assembly on Thursday 5 June 2025.
- Explained the rationale for updating the Byelaws/Statutes, which had not been updated since 2008. Nina Dickerhof queried the criteria for SFRR Executive expelling a regional SFRR Society and Roland Stocker commented very rare but necessary to support SFRR integrity.
- Informed all that SFRR Executive would in future streamline applications for ECR Travel Awards by handling these via the SFRR Executive if feasible. If candidate received a travel award from a regional SFRR Society, they could not double-dip and apply for an SFRR travel award.
- Discussed liaising with Elsevier Publishers to clarify that all members of SFRR are eligible for a 15% discount on Open Access, and whether institutions/regional societies receiving a 20-25% discount could claim the 15% from SFRR-Elsevier on top.
- Minutes of this meeting and those of the General Assembly will be uploaded onto the SFRR website, together with minutes from previous meetings.

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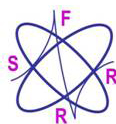
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2. Report from President-Elect – Hozumi Motohashi

- Highlighted that SFRR Asia will be hosting 23rd SFRR Biennial Meeting in Sendai, Japan in 2027. The main Conference will be held at the Sendai International Center on March 29-31, with Satellite meetings at Tohoku University Seiryō Auditorium and Talknet Hall Sendai on March 28. Sendai has excellent travel connections, good subway, accommodation/food. The meeting would schedule 4 SFRR Award Lectures (Trevor Slater, Lester Packer, Alberto Boveris, and Kelvin & Joanna Davies Rising Star) to be selected by an international scientific committee.
- Giovanni Mann commented that he had emailed the Guidelines for hosting SFRR Biennial meetings to all regional SFRR Society Executives.

3. Report from General Secretary – Patricia Oteiza

- Apologised for only be able to join the meeting online and commented:
- Communication between the SFRR Executive/General Secretary and regional SFRR Societies should be improved to ensure all regional members are aware of SFRR activities and the call for nomination of SFRR officers and biennial meeting symposia/award lectures.
- ECR members of the regional SFRR Societies may feel they are not included in the communications between SFRR and the regional Societies.
- Encouraged all regional SFRR Executives to disseminate information received by email from the SFRR General Secretary to their members, since SFRR does not have access to contact details of members of the regional societies.

4. Report from Treasurer – Corinne M. Spickett

- Provided a summary of the SFRR accounts.
- HSBC bank balance has been stable over the past 5 years
- Will have the 2024 annual accounts audited by Mrs Marion Raeside for submission to the UK Charity Commission in October.
- A new HSBC mandate has been set up, so CMS now has access to the account. Future tasks are to change the bank address and Charity Commission address for SFRR to Aston University
- Thanked regional SFRR Societies for their continued regional dues support.
- Highlighted the financial support received from the regional SFRR Societies for SFRR-Europe to host the 22nd SFRR Biennial Meeting in Galway, Ireland 3-6 June 2025.
- SFRR supported a number of related outreach meetings after receiving applications, noting all supported meetings need to submit a final report to SFRR.
- Corinne Spickett and Patricia Oteiza to review and circulate meetings supported and reports received from Societies and organisations supported by SFRR.

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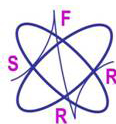
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- Announced 20 SFRR/OCC ECR Travel Grants (either €400 or €800 depending on whether applicants are located in Europe or elsewhere) had been awarded.
- Roland Stocker/Corinne Spickett highlighted that several invoices for the SFRR contracts with Elsevier Publishers (relating to income from FRBM and RB) had not been submitted. Roland Stocker had contacted Rafael Teixeira and Manon Burger about possibility of claiming retrospectively.
- Shinya Toyokuni asked for the Treasurer Report to include more information on the dues received from each regional SFRR Society.

5. Report from SFRR Europe – Juan Sastre

- Thanked Kasia Whysall (Chair of 22nd SFRR Biennial Meeting Galway) and her local team for coordinating an excellent meeting.
- 590-600 full members
- Highlighted that the ECR Sub-committee was extremely active and involved in coordinating webinars and interacting closely with
- Proposed each regional SFRR Society creates an ECR subcommittee, enabling regional Society webinar and importantly interactions with other regional Societies ECR subcommittees.
- Outreach support for 5 related conferences
- SFRR-Europe awarded 3x 10,000 Euro ECR Fellowships
- Next SFRR-Europe Annual Meeting in Mainz, Germany 3-5 June 2026
- Proposals for SFRR-Europe Meeting in June 2027 being considered by Executive

6. Report from SFRR Asia – Chang Chen

- Provided overview of membership in different regions: Japan (390), Taiwan (66), China (300) – total active SFRR Asia members 870.
- Highlighted the SFRR Asia Biennial Meeting held in Beijing, China in October 21-23, 2024. Through the "Redox Future Perspective Forum" and the Satellite meeting on Oct. 24, 2024, two key objectives emerged with broad consensus: To outline a roadmap for the future of redox biology and medicine. To advance the International Redox-Decode Project (RDP).
- Proposal to extend SFRR Asia to other regions, e.g. Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia
- Next SFRR Asia Biennial Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand 16-18 December 2026.

7. Report from SFRR Australasia – Nina Dickerhof

- Brief overview of Executive (Nina Dickerhof, President; Kristine McGrath, Secretary; Belal Chami, Treasurer; Judy De Haan, President-Elect; Natasha Vassileff, Early Career)
- Successful Canberra Meeting (9-11, December 2024; jointly with SFRR Japan) but lower than usual.
- Full membership at 43 currently, dues only collected at annual scientific meetings?

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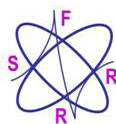
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- Highlighted Society historically affiliated with Redox Reports with Taylor & Francis and currently seeking renewal of this relationship.
- Announced Christchurch meeting 7-9 September 2026, jointly with International Human Peroxidase Meeting.

8. Report from SfrBM – Carola Newmann

- Next SfrBM Meeting in Washington D.C. 19-22 November 2025 in Capital Hilton (see <https://sfrbm.org>)
- Asked for more regular ZOOM meetings with SFRRRI Executive and regional SFRR Societies for exchange of information and best practice.

9. AOB

Host, venue and dates for 24th SFRRRI Biennial Meeting 2029

- Kent Lindeman emailed Roland Stocker that SfrBM propose to act as host for the 24th SFRRRI Biennial Meeting from 14-17 November 2029 in Orlando, Florida, USA
- Giovanni Mann commented that 24th SFRRRI Biennial Meeting in 2029 should be run/listed as a the 24th SFRRRI Biennial Meeting hosted by SfrBM.
- Further discussion concerning format and venue for the 24th SFRRRI Biennial Meeting to take place between Roland Stocker, Carola Newman (SfrBM President) and Albert van der Vliet (SfrBM President-Elect), including Hozumi Motohashi (SFRRRI President-Elect) and Maret Traber (SFRRRI President-Elect as of 1 January 2026).

Meeting ended at approximately 20:45

Action points:

- SFRRRI Executive to arrange a ZOOM meeting with SfrBM (Carola Newman + Executive) prior to their 2025 Scientific Conference (19-22 November 2025).
- SFRRRI Treasurer to provide regional SFRR Societies with overview of the membership fee income received from each regional Society

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