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Meeting of the Steering Committee

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Melbourne, Australia
25 July, 2011

Meeting started at 10:00 AM.

Officers Present: Gideon Smith, Pierre-André Loizeau, Karol Marhold, Wayt Thomas, Warren Wagner; Absent, with apologies: Jan Kirschner

Steering Committee Members absent with apologies:

Jim Zarucchi (USA), substituted by Carmen Ulloa; Tarciso Filgueiras (Brazil), substituted by Maria Regina Barbosa; Christine Anderson – retiring – USA; Ana Anton – Argentina; Dave Boufford – USA; Richard Brummitt – UK; Mireya Correa – Panama; Tom Daniel – retired – USA; Barbra Ertter – USA; Ib Friis – retiring – Denmark; Alex George – retired – Australia; Werner Greuter – retiring – Germany; Craig Hilton-Taylor – IUCN; Hong de Yuan – China; Bengt Jonsell – Sweden; Philippe Morat – France; Nguyen Tien Hiep – Vietnam; H. Ohashi – Japan; Ghilleen Prance – UK;

List of People Present at the Meeting:

<u>People Present at the 25 July, 2011 Steering Committee meeting of the SPP</u>		
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1, 2. Gideon Smith opened the meeting. Because several of the SPP officers had Congress commitments that conflicted with parts of the proposed SPP agenda, the meeting was considerably shortened.

3. The minutes of the 2008 meeting held in Beaufort, NC, and the minutes of the 2010 Officers meeting held in Průhonice, Czech Republic, were presented and accepted.

4. This meeting's agenda was presented, and shortened.

5. The Secretary did not present a report, besides the minutes of the two previous meetings.

6. The Treasurer presented a report (attached). The balance available as of the date of the meeting was US\$ 16,116.85. Warren Wagner suggested that the account be transferred to Switzerland, since that is where the funds are mostly being spent. Karol Marhold (Co-Editor) is already managing the IAPT Swiss accounts and would be willing to handle the SPP account also. This shift was agreed to. Gideon Smith offered gratitude to Warren Wagner for ably handling the SPP accounts for so many years, and to Karol Marhold for taking on this responsibility.

7. Pierre-André Loizeau presented an account of publications – No new volumes have been published since the 2010 meeting. Pierre-André agreed to continue as Editor.

8. Current progress on family accounts. Not much has occurred since the 2010 meeting.

9. Global electronic publication.

Thanks to Jan Kirschner, the Species Plantarum Programme has a live site, at <http://speciesplantarum.net/> ! Notable additions here are that all the SPP monographs are available as PDFs. Also, the Steering Committee members are listed (needs to be updated), and the Constitution is available.

There was considerable discussion of how to carry out more sophisticated online publishing, how to preserve online monographs, and how to better market the website and the publications. There was the suggestion that the SPP site could also be a clearing house for online monographs elsewhere.

10. Cumulative Index. It was suggested that Alex' George's work on the index also be put online at the SPP site.

11. correcting and up-dating family treatments. There was little direct discussion on this point.

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12. 2020 GSPC Target no. 1 and the SPP; 13. SPP Relationship with IAPT; 14. Fundraising.

This discussion was, in many ways a continuation of the discussion held as part of item 9. There was a discussion of what our relationship with IAPT would be, and what IAPT would like to see from SPP (i.e., a more specific business plan). There was also discussion of fundraising for SPP initiatives, especially as they related to the GSPC. Also discussed was how to put researchers in different countries together to help achieve the GSPC 2020 goals.

15. Revised Constitution. The Constitution had been sent out to all Officers and Steering Committee members earlier. It was approved and took effect on the date of its approval (25 July, 2011).

16. Election of Officers.

At the meeting of the officers in Prùhonice last December, Gideon Smith announced that he intended to step down as Chair of the SPP and would formally resign from the position at the Melbourne meeting. Warren also indicated his desire to resign as Treasurer. As noted in item 6, Karol Marhold has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer.

The following decisions were agreed to by the officers:

Chair: Jan Kirschner was elected Chair, replacing Gideon Smith. Jan, who was not present, agreed to this vote later.

Vice-Chair: Renee Fortunato of Argentina agreed to take the role of Vice-Chair, replacing Jan Kirschner.

Publisher: Pierre-André Loizeau agreed to stay on.

Editor: Jan Kirschner stayed on as Editor, and Karol Marhold as Assistant Editor.

Treasurer: Karol Marhold agreed to become the new Treasurer, taking over from Warren Wagner

Secretary: Wayt Thomas agreed to stay on.

17. Closure. Gideon Smith closed the meeting at approximately 12:30 PM