

APS Bacteriology Committee Meeting Minutes

8/1/09

Chair- Jeri Barak

Vice Chair- Caroline Roper

Minutes recorded by Caroline Roper

- Called to order 7:00pm by Chair, Jeri Barak
- Welcome to all new members, new members asked to fill out info on roster
- Frank Zhao nominated by Carolee Bull for incoming Vice Chair
- Nominations for Vice Chair closed and voted on
- Frank Zhao appointed new Vice Chair

- Current Sessions sponsored by Bacteriology Committee Announced- 2 sponsored and 3 Co-sponsored

- Subcommittee report from Norm Schaad: List of Prevalent Bacteria- to make permitting issues easier for commonly found bacteria
- List of Prevalent bacteria will be available online at <http://www.bugwood.org/>
- List is State controlled- State pathologists do a survey and submit their list of prevalent bacteria to APHIS
- Anne Alvarez is also on the Prevalent Bacteria Committee

- Unlimited membership approved

- Website and Splash Page discussed
- Link to previous bacteriology committee website (Wes Chun) is dead
- Chair asked if anyone is willing to support a new website?
- Anne Alvarez pointed out that Wes Chun's website is still alive at the University of Hawaii but needs a new link and updating
- Chair Proposed a Subcommittee for regenerating website
- Nominees for Subcommittee: Anne Alvarez, Carolee Bull, Caitilyn Allen, Jeff Jones- Leader, and Sarah Dossey
- APS cannot host website if we do not have a permanent committee member in charge
- Proposed that we switch website to a Facebook group but it was pointed out that many government employees do not have access to FB

New Business:

- Carolee Bull- Committee on taxonomy of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria of the ISPP
- Paper recently published
- International Meeting in La Reunion- June 7th-11th, 2010
- Lecture on Taxonomy available through Skype from Carolee Bull- useful for those teaching

Proposed Sessions for APS 2010, Nashville, TN:

1. TAL effector function, structure and diversity
Organizer: Frank White
Votes: 17
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Organizer: Frank Zhao
Withdrawn until 2011
3. From high tech to low tech- What's new in detection? Possible co-sponsorship with detection Committee
Organizer: Patrice Champoiseau
Votes: 21
4. Bacterial Cell Surfaces and Plant Microbe Interactions
Organizer: Caroline Roper
Votes: 9
5. Antibiotics and Agriculture
Joint Symposium with Chemical Control Committee (Doug Gubler-Chair)
Proposed by Jim Adaskaveg- not sure if he named himself Organizer
New antibiotic kasugamycin
Possible Speakers George Sundin
Shien Lu would be Bacteriology Committee representative-Mississippi State University
Votes:16

Top 3 symposia were pushed through to be proposed at the next level:

1. From high tech to low tech- What's new in detection?
2. TAL effector function, structure and diversity
3. Antibiotics and Agriculture- Possible co-sponsorship with detection Committee; Joint Symposium with Chemical Control Committee (Doug Gubler-Chair)

Possible 2011 symposia:

1. What BREAD projects have been funded? \$50 million
BREAD is a joint NSF and Gates Foundation funding stream to bring agricultural science to developing countries
Perhaps could be a webinar rather than a symposium

Workshops:

1. *Ralstonia* race 3 biovar 2
Organizer: Caitilyn Allen
Committee Voted: Approved

Future Meetings Announced:

HLB and Zebra Chip meeting- Mt. McAllen, TX Nov 16th-18th.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:00 pm