



## **Annual General Meeting 18/12/2020**

### **0. Welcome from the President (Seirian Sumner)**

- a. Welcome
- b. PIs should encourage women to submit abstracts for talks, as there is a clear bias towards men more frequently requesting talks.

### **1. Report from the secretary (Michael Poulsen)**

- a. IUSSI email list, ca. 200 current and former members. Info can be shared here, but it is moderated by Fabio and Michael.
- b. Newsletter via Sway. Feedback: Format and frequency good; consider adding pdf to email; currently not searchable, but link will also be tweeted to increase visibility.

### **2. Report from the webmaster (David R. Nash)**

- a. Website: Now also with social media links and links/pdfs of Sway.

### **3. Report from the treasurer (Fabio Manfredini)**

- a. Stable and increasing membership numbers, with an increase in 2020 due to more PIs/postdocs from abroad joining this winter meeting. Mark Brown: can members be part of more than one IUSSI section, and does that have implications for votes during, and travel applications to, the international meetings? Fabio contacts Madeleine Beekman to ensure that we do this correctly.
- b. Financial situation is good and having this meeting online means reduced costs for 2020, allowing an increase in prize amounts for talks (1<sup>st</sup> place and runner up) and posters (1<sup>st</sup> place and runner up).

### **4. Suggestion: increase in member fees (Fabio Manfredini)**

- a. Membership fee has not increased since 2013 or earlier, and fees are lower than e.g., the French and North American sections and the British Ecological Society.
- b. Suggest to increase from 2021 onwards, and use the additional income for student travel grants (visiting other labs / conferences) and for HUB-related costs (cf. questionnaire).

- c. Results: 42 (91%) in favour of the increase, 4 (9%) oppose the increase. Conclusion: membership fees will increase from £15 to £20 (full) and £7.5 to £10 (reduced) from 2021.
5. Social media extended committee of the society (Elizabeth Bates)
- a. Set up Twitter which now has 349 followers to reach broader than the Website and Facebook pages that David Nash manage.
  - b. 150+ tweets so far, "Follow Friends" for networking, posts on 42 publications from section members from the past year.
  - c. Contact Elizabeth Bates if you want to be part of the extended social media.
  - d. Emeline Favreau: consider taking over Twitter for a week to tweet on 'life as a PhD student'.
6. AOB
- a. Place for winter meeting 2021.
    - i. Possibly hosted by Chris Pull in Oxford.
    - ii. Diverging thoughts on whether internationals would find it practical to attend.
    - iii. Poll on format: Physical only: 7 (9%); Online only: 4 (5%); Blended: 85 (64%).

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Seirian Sumner, President

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