

## Minutes of the ISCE Business Meeting, Atlanta 2019

Thursday June 6, 2019

Chair: Coby Schal, president ISCE

### 1. Opening (short tribute to Koji Nakanishi and Kenji Mori by Coby Schal)

### 2. Results of elections

*Vice-president:* Andrés González Ritzel (Uruguay)

*Councilors:* Marcelo Lorenzo (Brazil), Andrea McCormick (New Zealand), Magali Proffit (France), Christelle Robert (Switzerland), Fredrik Schlyter (Sweden)

### 3. ISCE Awards

*2020 ISCE Silvestein-Simeone Award* – Aleš Svatoš (Jena, Germany)

*2020 ISCE Silver Medal Award* – Stephan Schulz (Braunschweig, Germany)

*2019 ISCE Early Career Award* – Danielle Dixson (Delaware, USA)

***The rules for nominations for each award, including recent changes, are specified on the ISCE website.***

### 4. Student/Postdoc Travel awards

19 ISCE Student/Postdoc Travel Awards were given (total sum USD 19,700) and 3 students and postdocs were awarded through the new ISCE-ALAEQ (total USD 2,500 from ISCE and USD 500 from ALAEQ). 20 of the 22 student winners were present at the Business Meeting to receive the award certificate.

Last Name	First name	Country	Degree status
Bae	Munhyung	USA	1 <sup>st</sup> year postdoc
Balaraman	Priya	Canada	6 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
Blanchard	Solène	Belgium	3 <sup>rd</sup> year PhD
Caesar	Lindsay	USA	4 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
Chiu	Christine C	Canada	1 <sup>st</sup> year postdoc
Cofer	Tristan	USA	1 <sup>st</sup> year PhD
Derstine	Nathan	USA	2 <sup>nd</sup> year PhD
Eckshtain-Levi	Noam	USA	2 <sup>nd</sup> year postdoc
Fischer	Andreas	Canada	1 <sup>st</sup> year PhD
Gao	Ke	Netherlands	4 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
Johnson	Todd D	USA	6 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
Mittal	Neha	USA	5 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
Moris	Victoria	Germany	3 <sup>rd</sup> year PhD
Nevo	Omer	Germany	3 <sup>rd</sup> year postdoc
Paudel	Sulav	USA	3 <sup>rd</sup> year PhD
Rigby	Kristie	Sweden	2 <sup>nd</sup> year PhD
Roggatz	Christina	UK	2 <sup>nd</sup> year postdoc
Saripah	Binti Bakar	Malaysia	3 <sup>rd</sup> year PhD
Schleyer	Guy	Israel	5 <sup>th</sup> year PhD
<b>ISCE-ALAEQ:</b>			
Amoro	Maria Eugenia	Uruguay	PhD student

Bouzada	Lucia Ibarra	Argentina	PhD student
Gonzalez	Paula	Argentina	3 <sup>rd</sup> year postdoc

## 5. Student presentation awards

The committee was chaired by Junwei (Jerry) Zhu and consisted of Councilors present at the meeting. The committee decided to give six awards for posters, three sponsored by ISCE and three by the Royal Society of Chemistry (*Natural Product Reports*). Three awards for oral presentations and the Electrophysiology Award (Golden Probe Award sponsored by Syntech) were given.

Oral Presentation Award Winners:

Last Name	First name
Geier	Benedikt
Speck	Franziska
Birnbaum	Stephanie

ISCE Poster Presentation Award Winners:

Last Name	First name
Chhetri	Bhuwan
Brzozowski	Lauren
Paret	Taylor

Royal Society of Chemistry Poster Award Winners:

Last Name	First name
Mittal	Neha
Adams	Seira
Nguyen	Linh

Syntech Electrophysiology Golden Probe Award Winner:

Last Name	First name
Bouzada	Lucia Ibarra

## 6. Summary of the Atlanta Meeting

The meeting had 270 registered participants from all continents except Antarctica. There were 159 oral presentations and 89 posters within 19 themed sessions. The organizers experienced some cancellations in the last minute, requiring some changes in the program.

The ISCE President thanked Mark Hay and Julia Kubanek for organizing a successful meeting and offered each an engraved Copper Medal in recognition of their dedication and service to the ISCE.

## 7. Information on the 2020 meeting (Jeremy Allison)

The meeting is planned for September 6-10, 2020, with a preceding workshop on September 1-4. The venue will be Cape Town, Stellenbosch University campus. It will be hosted by Jeremy Allison (Canadian Forest Service) and Bernard Slippers (University of Pretoria). The registration fee is estimated between 400 and 500 USD. The website has been created (<http://www.isce2020.science/>).

## 8. Future meetings

2021 Malaysia (joint meeting ISCE+APACE)  
2022 Bangalore, India

2023 not yet decided, Europe options: Brussels, Prague, Jena  
2024 not yet decided, option: New Zealand

## **9. Report on the *Journal of Chemical Ecology* (Gary Felton, Editor in Chief)**

Cesar Rodriguez-Saona (Rutgers University) became a new member of the Editorial Board. The journal published two special issues: a) Pheromone-mediation of female reproduction and reproductive dominance (September 2018) and b) issue dedicated to the memory of Thomas Hartmann (February 2019). In 2020, a special issue on Multitrophic Microbial Interactions is planned (Guest edited by Jared Ali, Clare Casteel, and Kerry Mauck, deadline for submission: September 1, 2019, anticipated publication date: February 2020). The journal became affiliated with ALAEQ. Journal status is more or less stable, IF 2018 has not been published yet. List of the most downloaded papers is now published in the newsletter regularly. The Editor-in Chief is working on improving the time to assigning papers to an editor and the time to decision on manuscripts.

## **10. Treasurer's report 2018**

The report was prepared by Treasurer Kerry Mauck, and presented by former Treasurer Jeremy Allison in K. Mauck's absence. The assets of the Society grew moderately. The 2017 meeting in Kyoto had a surplus and returned to the Society USD 15,675. Delwart provided ISCE USD 8,000 in sponsorship of the Silver Medal Award, Springer provided USD 2,000 in sponsorship of the Silverstein-Simeone Award, Trécé provided USD 2,500 in sponsorship of student and postdoc travel awards, and Syntech provided USD 2,500 in sponsorship of the Early Career Award and USD 300 in sponsorship of the electrophysiology Golden Probe presentation award.

In Budapest (2018) the ISCE adopted the practice that spending should be at approximately 4% of the portfolio, which is roughly USD 30,000 (12,000 student travel awards, 15,000 for speakers + up to 3,000 for possible extra expenses). This year spending on student/postdoc travel awards exceeded this amount, but new sponsorship (eg, Bedoukian Research) should resolve this in 2020.

The ISCE paid the student travel awards (19 students and postdocs; 3 ALAEQ students and postdocs), student poster and oral presentation awards (6 students), electrophysiology award (1 student/postdoc), and invited speakers of the 2019 meeting. The ISCE paid the webmaster fees to maintain the website. In addition, the ISCE reimbursed the winners of the Silver Medal Award, Silverstein-Simeone Award and Early Career Award for their travel expenses.

The Treasurer's report was audited and endorsed by Kenneth Haynes and Gabrielle Nevitt. At the business meeting, the report was **unanimously approved** by the present members.

## **11. New initiatives with ALAEQ and APACE**

Two new types of travel awards were ratified by the Executive Committee and Councilors and introduced to the membership: Student/Postdoc/Early Career Travel Awards and Travel and Participation Award (rules can be found on the ISCE website). These awards are meant to strengthen the relations with the sister societies in Latin America (ALAEQ) and the Asia-Pacific (APACE) regions.

## 12. New Bedoukian Research Sponsorship

Three new award classes were kindly offered by Bedoukian Research and ratified by the Executive Committee and Councilors:

- a. Student/Postdoc Travel Awards (~5-7 awards; USD 6,250) – recurring
- b. Applied Chemical Ecology Travel Award (1 award; USD 2,000) – recurring
- c. Presidential Tie & Scarf design competition and travel award

The membership thanked Robert Bedoukian, Lacey Cole and Emily Kuhns for their generosity.

## 13. Outgoing Councilors and Changing Executive Committee

The ISCE President thanked the outgoing Councilors (Kenneth Haynes, Kirk N. Hillier, Robert R. Junker, Thomas Schmitt, Johannes Stökl) for their service and presented a certificate of recognition to K. Haynes for his service as Councilor (twice), Treasurer (twice) and President of ISCE.

The ISCE President also thanked Irena Valterová (Secretary) and Anne-Geneviève Bagnères (outgoing Past-President) for their dedicated service to the ISCE membership, and transferred the yellow tie and gavel to incoming President Junwei Zhu, who in turn presented the vice-presidential hat to Andrés González Ritzel.

Minutes approved

Irena Valterová  
Secretary

Coby Schal  
President

Junwei (Jerry) Zhu  
Vice-President