

Minutes of the ISCE Executive Committee Online Meeting 2020

September 10, 2020

Chair: Junwei Zhu, President ISCE

Present

Executive Committee:

President:	Junwei Jerry Zhu	yes
Vice-President:	Andrés González Ritzel	yes
Past-President:	Coby Schal	yes
Treasurer:	Kerry Mauk	yes
JoCE Editor:	Gary W. Felton	no
Secretary:	Irena Valterová	yes

Others:

Incoming Vice-President	Stefano Colazza	yes
Webmaster:	Robert Mitchell	no

Councilors:

Vincas Buda (2017-2020 term)	yes
Sandra Steiger (2017-2020 term)	no
Gabrielle Nevitt (2017-2020 term)	yes
Sybille Unsicker (2017-2020 term)	no
Christer Löfstedt (2017-2020 term)	yes
Anna Jirošová (2018-2021 term)	yes
Anat Levi-Zada (2018-2021 term)	yes
Zainulabeuddin Syed (2018-2021 term)	yes
Christopher I. Keeling (2018-2021 term)	yes
Anne-Geneviève Bagnères (2018-2021 term)	yes
Andrea Clavijo McCormick (2019-2022 term)	yes
Marcelo G. Lorenzo (2019-2022 term)	yes
Christelle A. M. Robert (2019-2022 term)	yes
Magali Proffit (2019-2022 term)	no
Fredrik Schlyter (2019-2022 term)	yes

Incoming councilors:

Etya Amsalem	yes
Gen-Ichiro Arimura	yes
Yonggen Lou	yes
Christian Pirk	yes
Wei Xu	yes

Other Attendees:

Jeremy Allison, host of the ISCE Meeting 2021	yes
Ted Turlings	yes

Agenda - Reports:

1. Opening. Junwei Jerry Zhu

2. Results of elections (announced by Jerry Zhu)

Vice-president: Stefano Colazza

Secretary: Irena Valterová

Councilors: Etya Amsalem, Gen-Ichiro Arimura, Yonggen Lou, Christian Pirk, Wei Xu

The Society currently has 17 councilors – 5 instead of 4 were elected in last two years because of a tie.

Congratulations to all elected officers!

3. ISCE Awards (announced by Jerry Zhu)

ISCE Silverstein-Simeone Award 2021 – Paulo Zarbin (Paraná, Brazil)

ISCE Silver Medal Award 2021 – Gerhard Gries (Vancouver, Canada)

ISCE Early Career Award 2010 – Tobias Züst (Bern, Switzerland)

ISCE Applied Chemical Ecology Award 2021 – John Borden (Burnaby, Canada)

Congratulation to all awardees!

4. Report on social media (Christelle Robert)

To promote research in chemical ecology and the Society as well as to attract new members especially among students and young scientists, ISCE opened accounts on social media. After preparations and recruitment of people, the Social Media Team was established and it consists of 6 members: Coby Schal (USA, director), Christelle Roberts (Switzerland, team leader), Fernanda Peñaflor (Brazil), Sara Hermann (USA), Lingfei Hu (China), Jin Zhang (Germany).

ISCE uses all common social media (ChemEcol_org) – Facebook, WeChat, Instagram, Twitter. Most visits are on Twitter. In total, there are 700 followers, thus, the project is very successful.

It was proposed that the ISCE Past-President becomes the Media Team leader (not the director) as an EC Representative to ensure a close contact between ISCE EC and the Media Team. The proposal was accepted by all present members.

5. Information on the next ISCE Annual Meeting (2021) in South Africa was given by Jerry Zhu (Jeremy Allison joined the meeting later). The tentative date is September 5-10, 2021. The venue and program remain the same as planned for 2020. There will be new call for abstracts announced on the meeting website (www.isce2020.com).

6. Future meetings: 2022 – Malaysia, 2023 – India (both confirmed).

For the year 2024, Anna Jirošová suggested Prague, Czechia (short presentation, invitation). The members pointed out to avoid overlap with the World Entomological Congress in Kyoto (August 25-30, 2024) and advised to plan the meeting for the end of July or later because of the field season.

Voting: the proposal was accepted unanimously.

For 2025, Andrea Clavijo McCormick invited membership to Kia Ora, Wellington (New Zealand). Questions arose whether the meeting will be joined with APACE. APACE organizes society meetings every 4 years, thus, theoretically, the year 2026 would suit better. It is necessary to discuss it with the EC of APACE.

Voting: the proposal of NZ was accepted unanimously, however, the meeting will be 2025 or 2026 depending on the APACE.

7. Treasurer report (Kerry Mauck)

Kerry Mauck presented financial result of 2019 and estimation of 2020. Some traditional sponsors didn't send the money this year (Delwart, Syntech, PheroBio, Tofwork). The award payments planned for 2020 were not realized due to cancellation of the annual meeting. On the other hand, cancellation cost of South Africa meeting was paid.

The financial report is attached to the Minutes. The financial result has been approved by present members unanimously.

8. Journal of Chemical Ecology report (by Gary W. Felton, presented by Jerry Zhu)

The journal impact factor 2019 is 2.117 which is unfortunately lower than IF 2018 (2.447). The journal has a stable number of submitted manuscripts. The average time from submission to assignment to editor is increasing, but the time to decision is only moderately higher than last year. The rejection rate is 66 %, similar to 2018. Most manuscripts come from USA, China, Brazil, and India.

In February 2019 the Special Issue "In Memory of Thomas Hartman" was published with 13 articles. Guest editors were Dorothea Tholl and Nicole Van Dam. In August 2020, the Special Issue on: "Effect of Microbes on Insect-Plant Interactions" was published with 15 articles. Guest editors were Jared G. Ali, Clare L. Casteel, and Kerry E. Mauck. There is currently a call for papers for a Special Issue on "The Chemical Ecology of Predator-Prey Interactions". Guest Edited by Sara Hermann and Jennifer Thaler. Target date for publication June, 2021. We are in the early stages of planning a Special Issue on "Induced Plant Defenses" with a target date for publication in late 2021.

9. Report from the webmaster (by Rob Mitchell, presented by Jerry Zhu)

Number of visits of the ISCE website is stable (15-20,000 monthly), the most visited sections are Employment, Login Portal, and Annual meeting. In January 2020, there was a security breach. An unknown organization gained access to chemecol.org and filled our website with code that redirected our visitors to websites of Chinese wholesalers. They didn't get access to the members database or other information. The webmaster reset all internal passwords and payment encryption keys. He should watch out for the constant phishing schemes.

10. Information on fundraising (Ted Turlings)

The ISCE officers should actively search for potential sponsors in a similar way Ted Turlings does it in Europe. It would be beneficial to find an ISCE member in USA who would have contacts on US companies and who would help with fundraising for the society.

11. New initiative was introduced by Andrea Clavijo McCormick. A joint initiative of ISCE, APACE and ALAEQ is aiming at strengthening links between members of the 3 sister societies, at an increase of networking opportunities, identifying gaps, and attracting new members. Andrea suggests to create a poll to be distributed to members of the 3 societies asking relevant questions on their age, gender, education, expertise. Outputs of the poll will be shared with executives of the societies (poll report) and a Directory of Chemical Ecologists will be created.

Discussion: How shall we attract new members? What can we offer? It was suggested to offer a discount of the registration fee on the societies regular meetings, where members of any of the 3 societies would be eligible.

12. ISCE Presidential Tie & Scarf Design Contest

Bedoukian Research offered to sponsor the design of a new **tie** and a **scarf** that capture the scientific reach of the ISCE. However, even after repeated reminders, only one design arrived from the members. The EC decided to invite members once more to send their designs to be able to make a proper choice.

13. Transfer of the presidency

Andrés González Ritzel became the ISCE President for 2020-2021. Junwei Jerry Zhu transferred the presidency virtually and thereafter he became the ISCE Past-President.

Minutes approved

Irena Valterová
ISCE Secretary

Andrés González Ritzel
ISCE President

Junwei Zhu
ISCE Past-President

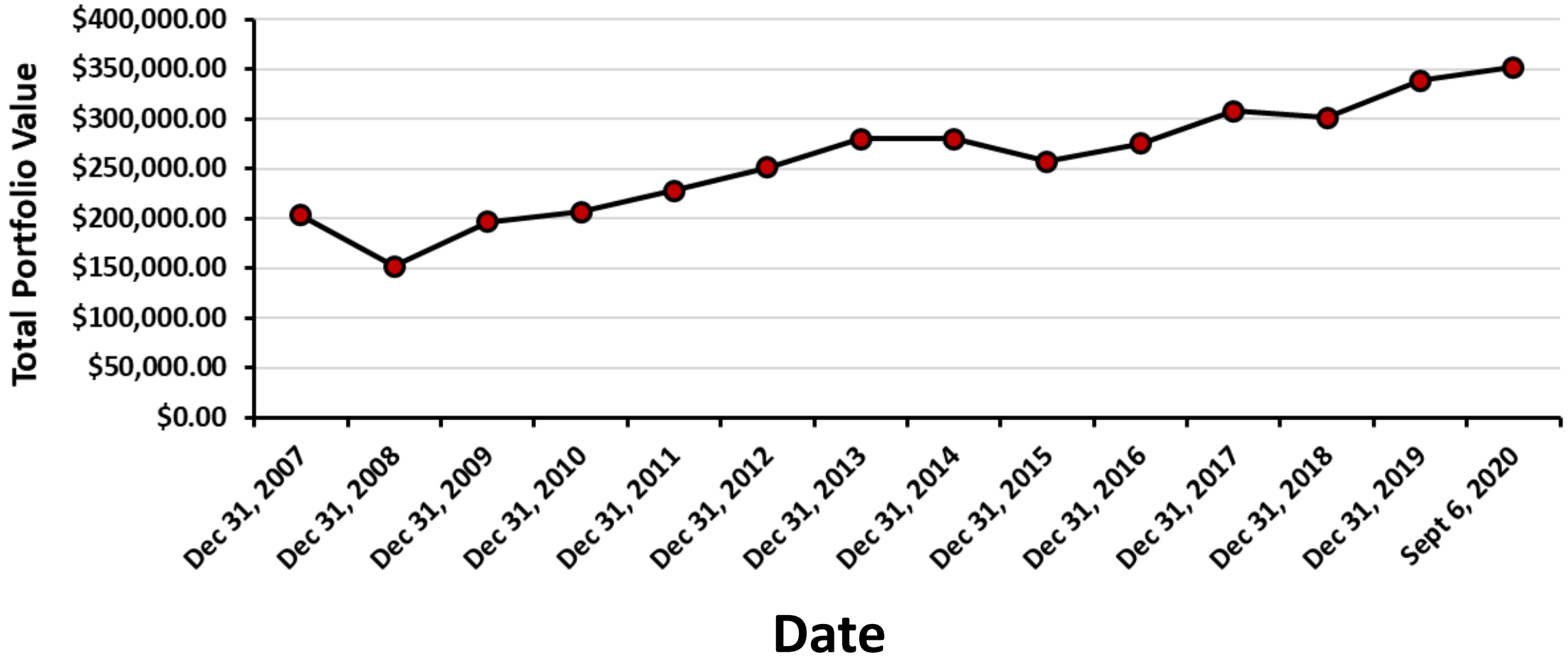
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Treasurer's report 2020

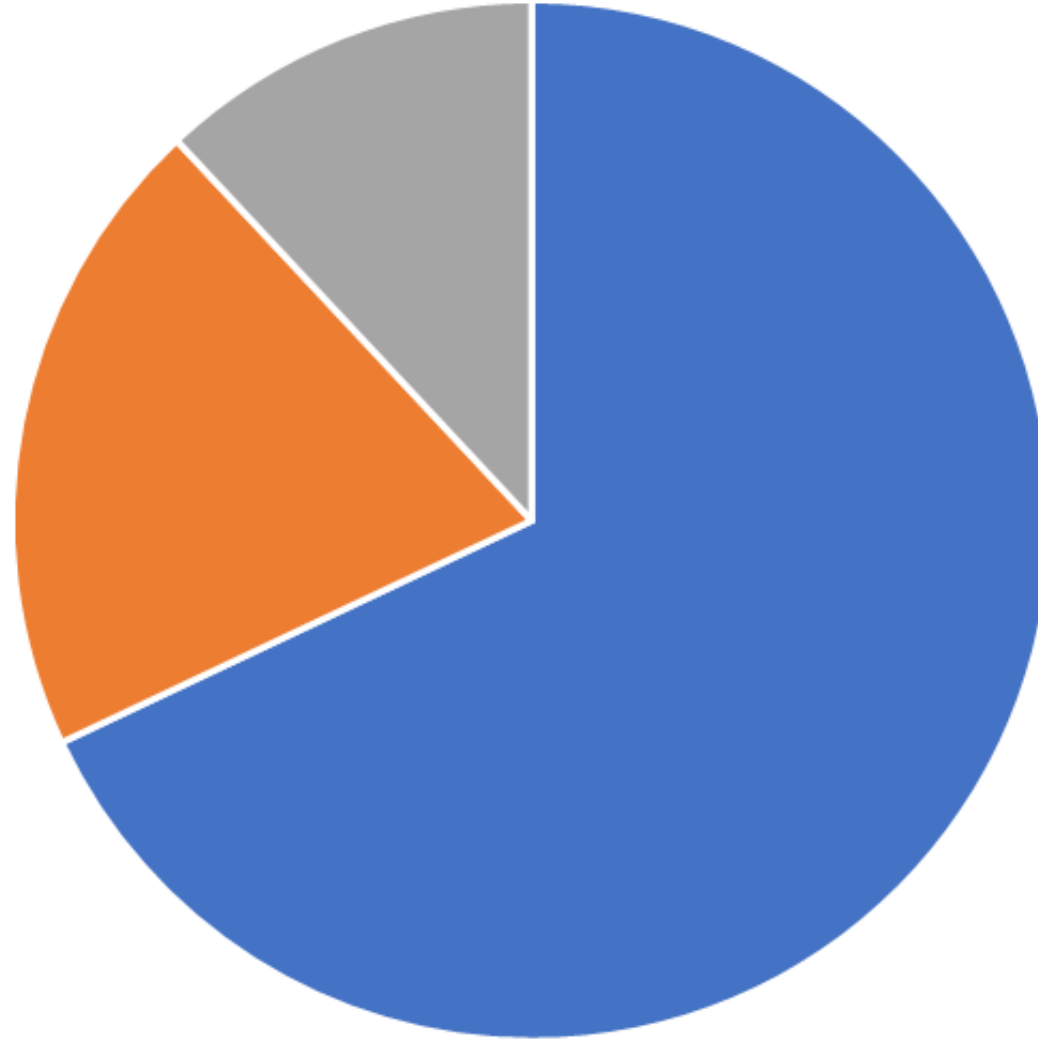
Treasurer's Report for 2020

Kerry Mauck

Summary of Account Holdings



Asset Distribution



■ Equity ■ Fixed Income ■ Cash

ISCE Treasurer's Report (through September 6, 2020)

	<u>Market value on</u>	<u>Assets</u>
	December 31, 2007	\$203,397.93
	December 31, 2008	\$152,055.05
	December 31, 2009	\$196,323.96
	December 31, 2010	\$206,539.79
	December 31, 2011	\$228,047.53
	December 31, 2012	\$251,355.00
	December 31, 2013	\$280,059.12
	December 31, 2014	\$280,103.98
	December 31, 2015	\$257,264.89
	December 31, 2016	\$275,252.49
	December 31, 2017	\$307,682.66
	December 31, 2018	\$301,191.79
	December 31, 2019	\$338,148.83
	September 6, 2020	\$352,013.51

* the Market Value includes market fluctuations and dividend income, which are not included in the activities listed below

June - Dec 2019	Credit	Debit
Membership dues (including Journal Subscriptions)	\$1,426.21	
Springer donation (Silverstein-Simeone Award)	\$2,000.00	
Syntech donation (Early Career Award, Golden Probe Award)	\$2,772.58	
TOFWERK donation (student travel awards 2019)	\$2,027.00	
Trécé donation (Student Travel Awards 2019)	\$2,500.00	
Atlanta Meeting Returned Funds	\$20,271.35	
Total Revenue	\$30,997.14	
Silver Medal (<i>awarded as lifetime membership</i>)		\$2,162.69
Silverstein-Simeone		\$3,702.38
ISCE-APACE Meeting Sponsorship Award		\$1,500.00
Early Career Award		\$2,287.66
Student award payments		\$25,522.04
Website Administration fee		\$1,234.01
Fees for portfolio management, wire transfers, storefronts		\$583.91
Kenji Mori Memorial Costs		\$190.00
Journal subscriptions		\$135.00
Total Expenses		\$37,317.69
Net	-\$6,320.55	

Note: the online payment system now allows for the payment of multiple years at one time. Multi-year payments are attributed entirely to the year in which they occur.

2020 Activity through August 31, 2020		Credit	Debit
	Membership dues (including Journal Subscriptions)	\$9,575.82	
	APEX donation (Applied Chemical Ecology Award)	\$2,027.00	
	Springer donation (Silverstein-Simeone Award)	\$2,000.00	
	Trécé donation (Student Travel Awards 2020)	\$2,500.00	
	Total Revenue	\$16,102.82	
	Fees for portfolio management, wire transfers, storefronts		\$757.66
	South Africa Meeting Venue Cancellation Costs		\$9,084.53
	Website Maintenance Fees		\$1,089.95
	Student award payments remaining from 2019		\$0.00
	Journal subscriptions		\$810.00
	Archives shipping costs		\$121.24
	Total Expenses		\$11,742.14
	Net	\$4,360.68	

Estimated Pending Activity for 2020	Credit	Debit
DELWART Biotec (Silver Medal Award)	\$5,000.00	
Syntech (Early Career Award, Golden Probe Award)	\$2,800.00	
PheroBio (Applied Chemical Ecology Award)	\$2,500.00	
TOFWERK (student travel awards)	\$2,000.00	
Silverstein-Simeone Award		\$0.00
Silver Medal Award		\$0.00
Early Career Award		\$0.00
Applied Chemical Ecology Award		\$0.00
Student travel awards, presentation awards		\$0.00
Net Pending Credits	\$12,300.00	
Net Pending Expenses		\$0.00
Net Pending Activity		\$12,300.00