

Minutes of the ISCE Business hybrid meeting on August 12, 2022

Chair: Nicole van Dam, Vice-President ISCE

Present: 34 members in person, 18 members online.

Agenda and Reports

1. Opening

2. Official transfer of the presidency

Nicole van Dam took over the position of the ISCE President from Stefano Colazza who became the ISCE Past-President.

3. Results of elections for new councilors and vice-chair

Vice-President: Ted Turlings

Councilors: Shannon Olsson, Jacqueline Serrano, Xiaoling Sun, Tobias Züst

4. Thanks to outgoing councilors

Andrea Clavijo McCormick, Marcelo G. Lorenzo, Christelle A. M. Robert, Magali Proffit, Fredrik Schlyter, and Coby Schal served as councilors for 3 years. Nicole thanked them for their contribution.

5. ISCE Awards and Daaks-Chemicals Memorial Lecture

Due to the equal number of votes, two awards are given this year in the categories "ISCE Silver Medal" and "ISCE Early Career Award".

ISCE Silver Medal: Anne-Geneviève Bagnères Urbany and Wilhelm Boland

Silverstein-Simeone Award: Florian Schiestl

Applied Chemical Ecology Award: Ashraf El-Sayed

Early Career Award: Maryse Vanderplanck and Shuqing Xu

Daaks-Chemicals Memorial Lecture: John Pickett: In the memory of Jerry Meinwald.

6. Report on social media (Christelle Robert)

ISCE is active on Twitter, Instagram, WeChat, and Facebook. Twitter is the most followed by people. In Asia, people mostly follow WeChat. LinkedIn will be included in the ISCE social media plan. Christelle will resign from the Social Media Director position (3 years term). The following Director will be Kerry Mauck. Christelle invites everybody to contribute to the media as well as to bring up topics that could be discussed there (e.g. predatory journals, links to *J. Chem. Ecol.* and other important journals in the field).

7. Report Journal of Chemical Ecology (Gary W. Felton)

Gary Felton could not participate; he sent a presentation ahead of time. The journal impact factor increased to 2.793, an ascending trend can be seen in the last 20 years. The number of submissions declined in last 5 years. The rejection rate is more or less stable. Three special

issues will be published in 2022-2023; they attract good papers and much attention. The Editor-in-chief is seeking one new Associate Editor for 2023.

Discussion: Open access published papers are beneficial for non-subscribers. Some grant agencies request to publish project results in "gold open access" journals. The possibilities of transformation of J. Chem. Ecol. in such a journal however depends on the decision of Springer, the publisher.

8. Report from the webmaster (Rob Mitchell)

Rob Mitchell could not participate; he sent a presentation ahead of time. The most visited pages are Employment, Annual meeting, Future meetings, News archives, and Newsletters. The membership is encouraged to continue sending job advertisements to the society. All ads are also forwarded to our social media team for further distribution. Information about the new Daaks-Chemicals Memorial Lecture is available under the "Awards" tab.

9. Report from the treasurer (Kerry Mauck)

Kerry Mauck could not participate; she sent a presentation ahead of time. The report is attached to the minutes.

10. New textbook: Introduction to Chemical Ecology

An application/proposal came from prof. Dr. Tristram Wyatt (June 21, 2022). He and a group of other ISCE members intend to publish a textbook that is missing in the market. The intention is to make it open access, available to students and teachers. Tristram Wyatt proposed that ISCE could partially contribute to the publishing fee for the open access book. The sum sought from ISCE is 15,000 Euros (~ \$16,000 US). Such a grant could come under Article XI, Section 2 of the ISCE Bylaws, which includes education of scientists, the next generations of chemical ecologists worldwide.

The EC members and councilors agreed that the textbook is needed. However, a call for participation in writing the book should be open to the ISCE members (perhaps some topics/chapters may be added). The EC decided to ask the editors to send the outlines to ISCE members with a question whether somebody would like to join the authors in writing a special topic. Clear deadlines have to be set for proposals (September 30) and writing (summer 2023 or earlier) not to delay publishing of the book.

11. Information on fundraising (Ted Turlings)

Many companies are hesitant to commit due to economic hardship and supply-chain problems. The Delwart Foundation will continue to sponsor the Silver Medal Award. Ted will meet with J. M. Delwart in October and will be seeking additional support. Tofwerk, ISCA and Syntech promised to continue their support, but it is still under negotiation.

It is important to offer free meeting registration to sponsors and keep them informed about recipients of awards/grants.

12. Funds associated to memorial lectures (Daaks-Chemicals Memorial Lecture Fund)

Basic rules:

It should not be limited to chemistry: it should honor any outstanding chemical ecologists. The speaker should be an outstanding scientist, but the lecture is not an award to the speaker. The memorial lecture would combine and honor both the science and the person, not just the person.

Committee 2021 – 2022: Christer Löfstedt, Anna-Karin Borg-Karlson, Jeremy McNeil, May Berenbaum.

The EC suggested to adopt more members in the committee 2023. These members may be Andrés Gonzales and Walter S. Leal.

Awards: 2021 Stefan Schulz: The impact of Wittko Francke on modern research in chemical ecology.

2022 John Pickett: In the memory of Jerry Meinwald.

EC + Councilors decision: Appoint a committee to elaborate a proposal about the “The Wittko Francke's Daaks-Chemicals donation” in the future before the end of this year.

13. Proposed amendment to the bylaws

a) OFFICERS - Section 4

“Upon a request in writing to the President, the Society may provide financial support to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society to enable them to attend the annual meeting of the ISCE, including the Executive Committee meeting and the annual Business meeting. Such support may consist of one or more of, but not all of, reimbursement for airfare, reimbursement for accommodation costs, or a waiver of registration fees. However, such support will only be provided upon application with a clear motivation of the need; the Secretary and Treasurer are most strongly encouraged to try and find alternate funding sources to finance their attendance at meetings, analogous to regular members of the Society.”

b) MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP - Section 1

A paragraph has to be added to legalize virtual or hybrid meetings:

“In well-justified cases such as worldwide pandemics that restrict travel, the annual meeting may be organized as a virtual meeting with the use of technical means of distance communication (such as videoconferencing), or as a combination of technical means of distance communication and in-person meeting. Proposals to have a fully virtual meeting or a combination virtual-in person meeting must be submitted to the ISCE Executive Committee with a detailed justification at **least 3 months before the meeting**, for ratification by the Executive Committee. In the event of a virtual meeting or combination virtual-in person meeting, the ISCE webmaster will arrange for secure web-based voting by all current ISCE members in good standing, on any matters arising from the annual ISCE business meeting that require a vote by the membership. In the event of a virtual meeting or combination virtual-in person meeting, the ISCE president or her/his designee, will be responsible for organizing

a videoconferencing or combination videoconferencing-in person annual meeting of the ISCE Executive Committee."

Both suggestions for amendments were approved by present and virtual participants. Formally, the amendment has to be accepted on the next annual meeting by voting on paper at the business meeting. The incentive to change the bylaws will be announced to membership at least 14 days before the next meeting (India, July 2023).

14. ISCE Student travel awards

ISCE Student Travel Awards were given to 11 students and postdocs. One of them couldn't make it to the meeting. One Bedoukian Applied Semiochemical Research Travel Award, one ISCE-ALAEQ travel Award, and two ISCE-APACE Awards were given to the following students/postdocs.

Quoc Hung Le, Germany
Natáliade Souza Ribas, Brazil
Munir Mostafiz, South Korea
Rajarajan Ramakrishnan, Czech Republic
Jeremy Chan, USA
Vignesh Venkateswaran, Germany
Gaëlle Ramiaranjatovo, France
Cao Li, France
Peter Biwer, Germany
Aswathi Sasidharan, India
Bashiru Adams, Kenya

Bedoukian Award

Manish Kumar, India

ISCE-ALAEQ Award

Amanda C. Túler, Brazil

ISCE-APACE Award

Shuting Chen, China
Yuki Chiba, Japan

15. Student's presentation and poster awards

Posters

First: Kevin Bartl, Germany
Second: Jessil Ann Pajar, Germany
Third: Anjana Unni, Germany

Oral presentations

First: Weizhao Sun, Germany
Second: Nisansala Perera, Australia
Third: Yuto Ohata, Japan

Syntech Electrophysiology Award

Mayuri Shewale, Czech Republic

The Kenji Mori chirality award was not awarded.

Virtual (online) poster and presentation:

Poster: Jay Darryl Ermio, Italy

Presentation: Chengcheng Yao, China

16. Future meetings (Stefano Colazza)

2024: Prague, Czechia. 39th ISCE Annual Meeting, hosted by Dr. Anna Jirošová (Czech University of Life Sciences).

2025: Christchurch, New Zealand. 40th ISCE Annual Meeting, hosted by Dr. Kye Chung Park (The New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research).

2026: Tel Aviv, Israel. 41st ISCE Annual Meeting, hosted by Dr. Anat Levi-Zada (Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Institute).

2027: Proposal by Marcelo Lorenzo, II Joint Meeting of the ISCE and ALAEQ, Argentina. Candidate cities: Mendoza or Buenos Aires. The EC and councilors were in favor and recommended to proceed with preparations.

2028 meeting should take place in USA, proposals by hosts are welcome.

17. Invitation to the 2023 ISCE Meeting in India (René Borges)

38th ISCE Annual Meeting will be hosted by Dr. Rene Maria Borges (Indian Institute of Science). It will take place in Bangalore, India, on July 23-27. The topic of the meeting is "Chemical Ecology in the Anthropocene". The venue will be Hilton Hotel, Manyata Tech Park, Bangalore. The internet domain secured – www.isce2023.org. A satellite 2-weeks School in Chemical Ecology will precede the meeting. Meeting in presence is planned, however, if circumstances would not allow, a hybrid form is possible, too. The early bird registration fee is preliminarily planned to USD 550.

18. Closing of the ISCE 2022 Meeting (Alvin Hee)

In the hybrid meeting, 261 participants joined: 148 virtual attendees and 113 participated in-person. The audience consisted of 64 regular participants, 36 grad students, 6 sponsors and 7 accompanying persons. 29 countries were represented. Beside the traditional award plenary lectures, the first Wittko Francke's Daaks-Chemicals Memorial Lecture was given by Stefan Schulz. Online Symposium entitled "Frontiers in Chemical Ecology" sponsored by BedoukianBio was organized by Walter S. Leal. Both events were open to the public, not only to the meeting participants. About 700 listeners were expected. Poster session was both, in presence and a virtual one.

Minutes written by Irena Valterová

August 15, 2022

Minutes approved

Stefano Colazza

Andrés Gonzales

Nicole van Dam

President

Past-President

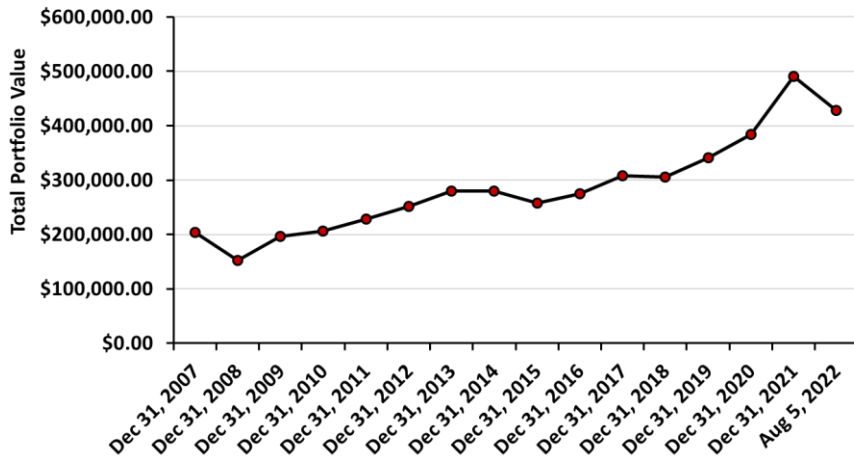
Vice-President

Appendix: Treasurer's report August 2022

8. Treasurer Report

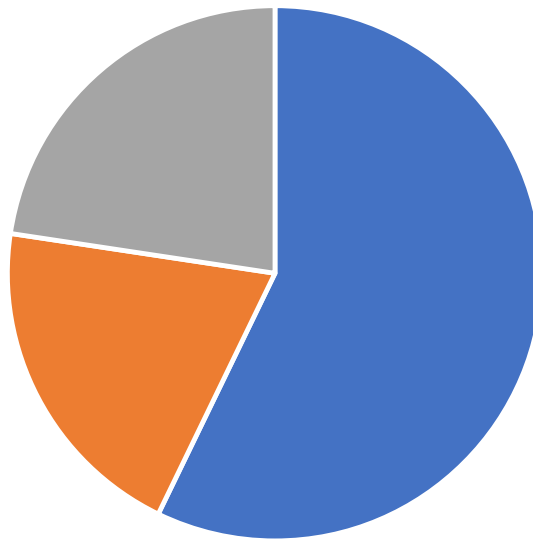
Sept 2021-July 2022	Credit	Debit
Membership dues (including Journal Subscriptions and Donations)	\$9,465.00	
Syntech donation (Early Career Award, Golden Probe Award)	\$2,800.00	
Springer Nature LLC	\$2,000.00	
Bedoukian (Frontiers in Chemical Ecology Symposium)	\$3,000.00	
Dividends	\$27,012.41	
Refund from ISCE 2021	\$16,100.67	
Total Revenue	\$60,378.08	
Silver Medal Award (<i>awarded as lifetime membership</i>)		\$0.00
Silverstein-Simeone Award (2022)		\$0.00
ISCE-ALAEQ Meeting Sponsorship Award (2022)		\$2,500.00
Early Career Award (2022)		\$2,636.00
Applied Chemical Ecology Award (2022)		\$0.00
Student Travel Awards (2022)		\$0.00
Kenji Mori Chirality Award (2021)		\$500.00
Meeting subsidy for 2022		\$15,000.00
Website Administration fee (2022)		\$1,109.90
Fees for portfolio management, wire transfers, storefronts		\$1,706.09
Journal subscriptions		\$700.00
Dividend reinvestments		\$25,864.38
Total Expenses		\$50,016.37
Net	\$10,361.71	
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.		

Estimated Pending Activity for 2022	Credit	Debit
Delwart Foundation (Paid \$8,000 in 2021 for \$4,000/year donation)	\$0.00	
Trécé donation (Student Travel Awards)	\$2,500.00	
PheroBio (Applied Chem. Ecol. Award)	\$2,500.00	
APEX Bait Technologies (Applied Chem. Ecol. Award)	\$2,500.00	
Bedoukian (Travel Awards)	\$6,250.00	
TOFwerk	\$2,000.00	
2022 Meeting reimbursement/revenue	\$15,000.00	
Silverstein-Simeone Award		\$2,000.00
Silver Medal Award		\$2,000.00
Early Career Award		\$2,500.00
Applied Chemical Ecology Award		\$2,500.00
Student Travel Awards		\$4,200.00
Student Presentation Awards		\$1,500.00
Kenji Mori Chirality Award		\$500.00
Net Pending Credits	\$30,750.00	
Net Pending Expenses		\$15,200.00
Net Pending Activity	\$15,550.00	



Market value on	Assets
Dec 31, 2007	\$203,397.93
Dec 31, 2008	\$152,055.05
Dec 31, 2009	\$196,323.96
Dec 31, 2010	\$206,539.79
Dec 31, 2011	\$228,047.53
Dec 31, 2012	\$251,355.00
Dec 31, 2013	\$280,059.12
Dec 31, 2014	\$280,103.98
Dec 31, 2015	\$257,264.89
Dec 31, 2016	\$275,252.49
Dec 31, 2017	\$307,682.66
Dec 31, 2018	\$305,090.53
Dec 31, 2019	\$341,758.41
Dec 31, 2020	\$384,696.31
Dec 31, 2021	\$491,277.14
Aug 5, 2022	\$427,761.76

Asset Distribution



■ **Equity**
 ■ **Fixed Income**
 ■ **Cash**

	Amount	Percentage
Equity	\$244,619.75	57.19%
Fixed Income	\$86,382.09	20.19%
Cash	\$96,759.12	22.62%
	\$427,760.96	