Minutes of Meeting


Invited (6): Neža Čadež (Slovenia), Ji-Sook Hahn (South Korea), Vladimir Jiranek (Australia), Volkmar Passoth (Sweden), Nitnipa Soontorngun (Thailand), Teresa Zoladek (Poland).


Meeting Agenda

Chair Opening Remarks: Dr. Charles Abbas welcomed the delegates to the meeting and mentioned the apologies for those who could not attend. He thanked Dr. Hiroshi Takagi and the Organizing Committees for the excellent job regarding ICY14 and presented the agenda.
New Commissioners to ICY: Dr. Charles Abbas recalled that during last year he obtained applications from six candidates for ICY membership; Drs. Neža Čadež (Slovenia), Ji-Sook Hahn (South Korea), Vladimir Jiranek (Australia), Volkmar Passoth (Sweden), Nitnipa Soontorngun (Thailand) and Teresa Zoladek (Poland). Each candidate provided his/her CV with list of publications and two Letters of Recommendation from relevant National or International Society and the current members of ICY. These documents were spread electronically among Commissioners, who could express their attitude to candidates. It has to be noted that all proposed candidates got full support from the members of ICY. After short discussion, Commissioners unanimously elected Drs. N. Čadež, J.-S. Hahn, V. Jiranek, V. Passoth, N. Soontorngun and T. Zoladek as new members of ICY.

Updates for Future ISSY/ICY Meetings: Each organizer provided a progress report on meeting preparation. Drs. John Morrissey, Diego Libkind and Hüseyin Erten presented the update for ISSY33 <http://issy33.com>, ISSY34 and ISSY35 that will be held in Ireland (2017), Argentina (2018) and Turkey (2019), respectively. Dr. Andriy Sibirny provided the update for Non-conventional Yeast meeting to be held in Poland (2018). Finally, Dr. Diethard Mattanovich presented the update for ICY15 that will be held in Austria (2020).

Other Business and Activities:
Tribute to former ICY Chair: Our community has sadly lost Dr. Graham Harold Fleet, Professor Emeritus of the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, on October 23, 2015. He was the past Chair of ICY (from 1996 to 2000) and is ICY Honorary Member. After discussion with ICY Commissioners, as our sincerest condolences, we decided to dedicate memorial address to him in ICY14.

Proposal at ISSY 32 (2015) in Perugia: Dr. Charles Abbas proposed:
- To streamline the nomination process for selection of representatives to allow any commissioner to propose new representatives provided nominees are qualified with a good publication record.
- To retire inactive commissioners to an honorary status to become automatic after three consecutive absences to insure we have active country representation.
- To held proposed endorsement of more than yeast meeting in years ISSY symposia so long as there is no conflict in venue location and dates with the exception that the year ICY Congress symposia are held as all yeast topics are typically covered.

Network of food microbiology teachers: Dr. Peter Raspor and his team currently work on structuring global network of food microbiology teachers at university education level. He approaches selection of people around the globe to suggest him the possible candidates. His
responsibility is to build solid platform of food microbiology discipline, which will serve as essential element in traditional disciplines, which take care about food safety and human health and wellbeing. They are in the process of establishing such infrastructure which would serve us for exchange of ideas, students, teachers, teaching materials and promotion of food microbiology in related areas of microbiology but also food science and technology, nutrition, biotechnology, agronomy or veterinary and related relevant disciplines. He asked us if we could connect him to such professors at relevant universities would be nice.

**Election of new ICY Chair for 2016 - 2020:** First, Dr. Charles Abbas announced that his tenure as Chair of ICY had come to an end and that Dr. Andriy Sibirny tenure as Vice Chair had also expired. Dr. Abbas would become the next Vice-Chair in accordance with ICY statutes. The Commissioners expressed their gratitude to Drs. Abbas and Sibirny. Next, based on the recommendation by Dr. Akihiko Kondo, who is one of Japanese Commissioners, the Commissioners unanimously elected Dr. Hiroshi Takagi, who is the Head of the Organizing Committee of ICY14, to be the next Chair of ICY from September 2016 to August 2020. The vote passed with a majority of the remaining commissioners present.

**Chair Closing Remarks:** On behalf of ICY, Dr. Charles Abbas expressed gratitude to Drs. Hiroshi Takagi, Akihiko Kondo and their staff for the excellent meeting, well balanced and organized scientific and cultural program. It was possible to make acquaintance with traditional cuisine, alcoholic beverages (*sake* and *awamori*) and culture with warm hospitality. Once again, on behalf of ICY Commissioners, Dr. Takagi acknowledged Dr. Abbas’s outstanding achievement as Chair of ICY for the past 4 years. The ICY meeting was closed.

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**Minutes presented by:**

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ICY Chair

Dr. Charles Abbas  
ICY Vice-Chair