Present (23): Hiroshi Takagi (ICY Chair; Japan), Charles Abbas (ICY Vice-Chair; U.S.A.), Andriy Sibirny (2018 NCY Chair; Ukraine), Tiina Alamae (Estonia), Grzegorz Bartosz (Not registered at the meeting; Poland), Neža Čadež (Slovenia), Rimantas Daugelavicius (Candidate for nomination; Lithuania), Hüseyin Erten (Turkey), Patrick Fickers (Belgium), Angelica Ganga (Chile), Mykhailo Gonchar (Ukraine), Hyun Ah Kang (South Korea), Akihiko Kondo (Japan), Diethard Mattanovich (Austria), Volkmar Passoth (Sweden), Gabor Peter (Hungary), Valentyn Pidhorskyi (Ukraine), Alexander Rapoport (Latvia), Doris Rauhut (Germany), Nitnipa Soontorngun (Thailand), Johan Thevelein (Belgium), Kenneth Wolfe (Ireland), Teresa Zoladek (Poland).

Meeting Agenda

Chair Opening Remarks: Dr. Hiroshi Takagi welcomed the delegates to the meeting. He thanked Dr. Andriy Sibirny and the Organizing Committees for the excellent job regarding 2018 NCY and presented the agenda. He also reported ICY14 held in Japan, 2016. ICY14 donated the surplus funds to the forthcoming ISSY33-35 (2017-2019), ICY15 (2020) and Non-conventional Yeasts (2018).

Tribute to Dr. Cletus P. Kurtzman and Dr. Gennadi Ivanovich Naumov: Dr. Takagi informed of sad news that our honorable Commissioners, Dr. Cletus P. Kurtzman from U.S.A. and Dr. Gennadi Ivanovich Naumov from Russia passed away six months ago (November 27, 2017) and just two weeks ago (May 6, 2018), respectively. Both of them were very active
members of ICY and solid and reliable persons as an excellent yeast scientist, particularly in the field of “yeast taxonomy”. Commissioners mourned their death by paying one minute’s silence tribute. After discussion, as sincerest condolences, Commissioners will dedicate memorial address to honor their contribution to the community at ISSY34 organized by Dr. Diego Libkind. Some memorial talks/messages will be included in the program of ISSY34.

**New Commissioners to ICY:** Dr. Takagi introduced three candidates for ICY membership. Dr. Masako Takashima is Unit Leader of Resource Advancement Unit, Microbe Division/Japan Collection of Microorganisms, RIKEN BioResource Center, Tsukuba, Japan, and is an expert on taxonomy, ecology and biodiversity, and evolutionary genomics of yeasts, nominated by Prof. Hiroshi Takagi. Dr. Vivien Measday is Associate Professor of Wine Research Centre, the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, is an expert on yeast genetics, physiology and applications to vinification including ecology of yeasts involved in wine production, nominated by Prof. Philip Hieter. Dr. Chen Ee Sin is Assistant Professor of Department of Biochemistry, the Medical School of National University of Singapore, and is an expert on epigenetic regulation, cell cycle research, studies on chemotherapeutic drug response using yeast systems and synthetic biology, nominated by Prof. Hiroshi Takagi. 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. All proposed candidates got full support from 56 Commissioners. Commissioners unanimously elected Drs. Takashima, Measday and Sin as new ICY members.

**Updates for Future ISSY/ICY Meetings:** Each organizer provided a progress report on meeting preparation. Firstly, Dr. Hüseyin Erten presented the update for ISSY35 that will be held in Turkey (October 6-10, 2019). Secondly, Dr. Diethard Mattanovich presented the update for ICY15 that will be held in Austria (August 23-27, 2020).

**Suggestions for Future ISSY:** At the last meeting, Dr. Takagi proposed that the candidate venues for ISSY36 in 2021 is North America, as many recent ISSY meetings had been held in Europe, Slovakia (2013), Slovenia (2014), Italy (2015) and Ireland (2017). Dr. Charles Abbas also outlined the plan and concept for ISSY36 to be held in North America, possibly Vancouver (Canada). Dr. Vivien Measday, who has just approved as a new Canadian Commissioner, is willing to organize ISSY36. Dr. Takagi will ask Dr. Measday to officially introduce and propose ISSY36 at the ICY Commissioners meeting held in Argentina whether Commissioners endorse her proposal to host ISSY36 in Vancouver. Regarding ISSY37 (2022), Dr. Vladimir Jiranek and Dr. Sakkie Pretorius are interested in hosting, and will start considering the draft of ISSY37 to be held in Australia, which has never hosted ISSY or ICY.
since ISY9, 1996, organized by Dr. Graham Fleet. Dr. Takagi will ask Dr. Jiranek and Dr. Pretorius to officially introduce and propose ISSY37 at the ICY Commissioners meeting held in Argentina whether Commissioners endorse their proposal to host ISSY37 in Australia.

**Boot of ICY Website:** To share the information or to follow the past and upcoming meetings between us, Dr. Takagi has just started the website of ICY with the aid of Dr. Rob Samson, the secretary-general of IUMS, who is kindly assisting without any charges. The website in the IUMS webpage as follows:

https://www.iums.org/index.php/87-icy/138-international-commission-on-yeasts

Dr. Takagi is asking the past/future Chair of ISSY/ICY to collect some available “documents, program, PowerPoint presentation, resource, data and literatures” to upload. Also, regarding “Yeast Newsletter” dedicated and managed by Dr. Marc André Lachance, Dr. Takagi asked him to link its website that includes the back numbers to the ICY website. Dr. Takagi also rectified by adding some words, terms and sentences to the current statures of ICY and asked the former Chairs, Dr. Andriy Sibirny and Dr. Charles Abbas to confirm.

**Chair Closing Remarks:** On behalf of ICY, Dr. Hiroshi Takagi expressed gratitude once again to Dr. Andriy Sibirny and his staff for the excellent meeting, well balanced and organized scientific and cultural program. The ICY meeting was closed.

May 21, 2018

**Minutes presented by:**

Dr. Hiroshi Takagi  
ICY Chair

Dr. Charles Abbas  
ICY Vice-Chair