



## **Documents (Draft) for EAPR Virology Section Business meeting Thursday 21 June, Coylumbridge, Scotland**

### **1. Minutes of Virology Section Meeting Bilbao 19 July 2005**

Present:

Isla Browning (United Kingdom)  
Kirsten Bundgaard (Norway)  
Petr Dedic (Czech Republic)  
Peter Dolnicar (Slovenia)  
Sandra Goodfellow (United Kingdom)  
Udo Heimbach (Germany)  
Colin Jeffries (United Kingdom)  
Camille Kerlan (France)  
Carolyn Nisbet (United Kingdom)  
Arie Rosner (Israel)  
Luis Salazar (Peru)  
Carl Spetz (Norway)

#### **1. Opening**

On behalf of the EAPR C Jeffries (Chairman) offered apologies for the management problems that have beset the EAPR and also the publication of Potato Research and assured members that steps are being taken to resolve difficulties through

- a) appointment of Europoint to handle administrative activities (members lists, invoicing, website).
- b) Appointment of new publishers for Potato Research (Springer). First edition expected February 2006.  
The aim is to create a new Journal with a high impact factor. Since the contract with Springer requires a journal of 100 pages per volume the members support is vital.
- c) The appointment of an emergency team to clear all outstanding papers submitted for publication.
- d) Establishing closer links with members, section Chairmen and country representatives by appointing a councillor responsible for liaison. For the Virology Section this is Jari Valkonen. The council will also promote section Newsletters.

These actions were supported by the members present although some thought that an EAPR Newsletter should be promoted instead and this was likely to be more sustainable than Section Newsletters. C Jeffries recalled that the Section had already tried this under a previous Chairman, Enrique Ritter and only one issue had been published. He indicated that he had promoted the idea of an EAPR Newsletter at a meeting of Council and Chairmen in early 2005 but unfortunately had not been able to attend the recent meeting with Section chairmen 17 July 2005 because of illness and so had not been able to press this case.

## **2. Report of the Section**

C Jeffries presented the report of the Section, including:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the EAPR NTN working Group held at the VIIIth International Virus Epidemiology Symposium which Isla Browning (chairman of Working Group) attended.
- the Section Business Meeting held at the 15<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference, Hamburg (2002)
- the Section Business Meeting held at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Virology Section, Le Tronchet, France (2004)
- Meeting of Council with Section Chairmen (2005)

## **3. Scope of the Section**

C Jeffries stated the scope of the section that had been presented to Council.

“To promote the exchange of scientific and general information relating to potato virology between countries, both in and outside Europe. To promote interdisciplinary discussion and networking between researchers, diagnosticians, epidemiologists, plant health regulators and potato breeders.

To encourage and assist international cooperation in potato virology. Primarily it does this by holding a virology section meeting (conference) every 3 years where papers and posters are presented and fields visits organised. Proceedings are produced and the abstracts are published in Potato Research.

The Virology section also provides a forum for setting up work groups. Currently two PVYNTN working groups operate 1) a working group, co-ordinated by Isla Browning, SASA, UK which is determining the reaction of a range of PVY isolates in several potato cultivars and 2) a new working group, coordinated by Neil Boonham (CSL, United Kingdom) and Rudra Singh (AAFC, Canada) which is considering the status of PVYNTN as a separate 'strain' of PVY and the nomenclature of PVYN and its various isolates.” This scope was supported by members

## **4. The NTN Working Groups**

Isla Browning indicated that there was little support for the group continuing, but said that she would continue working on NTN and invite other willing participants. It was agreed that the results of the working party be written up as a full paper for submission to Potato Research. Isla Browning agreed to do this and Camille Kerlan has offered to help. L Salazar from CIP informed the members that he was testing what he considered to be a non tuber necrosing isolate of PVY<sup>N</sup> using Nadine and

results would be available around September this year. He considered that a range of cultivars might be useful for identification of PVY<sup>NTN</sup>.

C Jeffries indicated that no progress had been made by the working group considering the strain status of PVY<sup>NTN</sup>. He would contact the chairmen (Neil Boonham and Rudra Singh) and ask that progress be made so that the conclusions can be presented to the 13<sup>th</sup> EAPR Virology Section Meeting in Scotland.

### **5. New Working Groups**

Two new Working Groups had been proposed

- a) to establish an International Genebank of test plants for detection and diagnosis of potato viruses – proposed by Pal Salmon (Hungary)

*There was no support amongst the group for this proposal*

- b) To collect information on current virus distribution in fields around the world and release it to EAPR Members once a year – proposed by Arie Rosner, Israel

*There was no support amongst the group for this proposal*

### **6. Next meeting of the EAPR Virology Section**

C Jeffries outlined preparations for the 13<sup>th</sup> EAPR Virology Section Meeting, Scotland. The organising Committee were investigating hotel conference centres with accommodation for 70-100 delegates and with a target per day of £100 per delegate (accommodation + conference costs). The preferred timing of the conference was in the last 2 weeks of June to coincide with visiting the SASA potato inspector training plots.

While delegates supported the proposals it was noted that costs were considerably more expensive than they had been in the Czech Republic and France. C Jeffries agreed but added that these were very reasonable costs for the UK and Petr Dedic added that costs in the Czech Republic had increased substantially since this meeting. The alternative would be to hold the conference at SASA and bus in delegates from a conference hotel. This did not find favour with members since the tried at tested combined conference and hotel was a successful formula. L Salazar requested that the Section considers having an EAPR Section meeting in Peru, it may be cheaper than in Scotland. This was noted but the Chairman who said he would have to check on the whether there was an EAPR policy of having to hold meetings in Europe.

### **7. Any Other Business**

C Jeffries raised the idea of establishing a Scientific Committee for the Section to help spread workload so that the increased demands expected from Council could be achieved. While being sympathetic members felt that they could not support this given their own time constraints and instead emphasised that in their opinion tasks should be prioritised. And the main priority was the EAPR Virology Section Meeting every 3 years and its associated task (editing abstracts for Potato Research).

C Jeffries

9 June 2007

## **2. Minutes Council Meeting EAPR 2 February, 2007 (Draft)**

*Present:*

*Romke Wustman, Norbert Haase, Johan Haarhuis, Enrique Ritter, Sorin Chiru (chairman), Anton Haverkort (secretary), Mike Storey, Didier Andrivon, Paul Struik, Jari Valkone.*

*Special guest member of next triennial organizing committee: Ghorghé Olteanu.*

*Absent with notice: Kazimira Zgorska*

### **1. Opening**

Sorin opened the meeting at 18:00 hrs.

### **2. Any other points for the agenda**

- News from PAA: was distributed by e-mail by Anton after the PAA meeting in July 2006
- Composition of Council after 2008: moving out: Kazimira and Jari (as Councillors), Enrique (as Past President); Jari will enter the board as President. **ALL COUNCIL MEMBER COME UP WITH NAMES FOR US TO CONSIDER AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.** Among them the president elect (president between 2011 and 2014; 2013 in case of biennial meetings (see action Anton))
- EuroCrop: Mike invited a small group for a concerted action meeting in March in Edinburgh. EAPR (council) members have been invited. EAPR as a platform, the outcome of EuroCrop may also be disseminated through the EAPR.
- Honorary members: Kees van Loon, Ron Fox, Bärbel Schöber-Butin presently are honorary members, next time an American?, (Ewing, Thornton?) + some Matei Berindei ? Candidate must have contributed to EAPR (editor, council, etc and virtually always present at triennials, substantially contributed to potato science and industry. **Mike** will coordinate and collect names and propose to the Council at next meeting.

### **3. Minutes last Council meeting January 20, 2006**

Approval: a few textual changes were made

Signed by Sorin and Anton on 01-02-2007

Follow up: Enrique will send a thank you note to the members of the emergency team

- Not all countries have a country representative yet. **Enrique** will identify some from Spain. Monti was contacted for Italy, **Norbert** will contact a Norwegian. **Johan** will ask a Russian (Boris Anisimov?) and check on a Ukrainian, **Mike** will have a look at the list of UK members and approach someone. **Didier** will ask Eva in Poland for some names in Central Europe. Potato Moscow in August will give opportunity to give attention to the EAPR. Note a country rep should be accepted by his countrymen, we discussed ways how to get the best ones. **Johan** will send the list of members per central and eastern European countries to **Norbert** who will contact them and identify suitable candidates.
- Section meeting reports as PDF's on the website: **Yari** will approach the section to supply this along with the photos.

- Archive: **Paul and Anton** will look for alternative space before 2009 when they both move out of the office buildings? Back copies: **Anton** will contact Wageningen Academic Publishers (can they make business) and CIP can they give it to libraries? **Anton** will inform Eric Küneman of progress of Brasov and ask Sonino who now works at FAO, **Anton** will inform him and ask him to become involved. One of the key note addresses could be FAO.
- We discussed that the Council should be in closer contact with the sections and country representatives
- Jari was asked to remind the section chairmen to make a point of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at their section meetings.

#### 4. Potato research

Paul Struik reported:

- all issues 'old regime' were finished
- Bilbao plenary papers were in first issue of Springer
- Springer will adapt the format and appearance to make it more attractive
- Recent (January 2007) we had a meeting with Jacco Flipsen of Springer: the present procedures are too much work for Willemien, Springer will improve procedures, screen language and format, will also do a better job of language editing, procedures after acceptance need improvement (they outsource to countries like the Phillipines.
- This year 2007) 6 issues will have to go out to catch up
- 50 years EAPR: minireviews are requested (over 40) for special issues with special editors Paul and Anton
- Review papers: Eva Zimnoch: **Paul** will contact her and try to get more papers out of her line
- The time between acceptance and appearance is far too long. **Anton** will write to Springer that the period is too long and makes it difficult for us to get papers from authors: internet and print must come earlier. Anton will also Springer that members are departing and we have difficulties getting fees from them and that Springer now is responsible for part of losing members and funds.
- Springer likely also will publish The American Journal of Potato Research and it is up to them to merge the two journals when the need is there
- Potato Research cannot (yet) be put on the ISI list as requested by Sorin because of lack of flow: Springer is aware of this.

#### 5. Financial matters (Romke)

- Accounts and cash flow: has improved considerably in 2006: current and saving accounts increased in 2006 from €26,304.16 to €40,557.91.
- 451 members in the list, 32 sustaining are listed in total. We do not know how many paid their dues in 2006. Springer has to send out the 2006 issues: we will invite final call the members and say you pay 2006 if not be taken off the list
- New payments: credit card and internet payments, **Romke and Johan's** office will take care of that
- Romke showed list of outstanding payments per country
- Before 31 January **Romke** will supply a list of paid up members to the organizing committee for them to see who is allowed the low conference fee
- Attracting new members: the conference is the best means, when eliciting papers make them a member they then pay the low fee. When not paid up for 2008 they will be asked to do so. Also membership forms will be handed out at the Conference.
- Mailing (6000) yielded only one sustaining member. Mike suggests we go to the policymakers of companies after meeting with the European Processors Union. Prepare a paper (selling document) for what is in it for them. Anton will (with help of Mike ) make such an accompanying letter of the flyer we already have.

Elements: employees go to our events with membership fees. Small companies (15 employees) pay €225, large ones (> 15 employees) pay €450.

- Logos and links of sustaining members will go to the EAPR website: **Romke**
- Springer's marketing mails, alert service, website has not yielded us one single member.
- **Romke** will organize the printing of 2000 (A5) flyers and make them available to those organizing events (e.g. Moscow August 2007), and also for country representatives

## 6. Website

Romke reported:

- website is in the air now
- Mike showed hits per country over the last year, there was a dip in 2006 but we expect it to grow again in 2007 with the new site
- **Yari** will ask section chair persons to provide photographs of their events and send it to Evert Besamusca for placement on the site
- Romke asks **all** of us if more buttons are needed (e.g. Brasov meeting) before February 2007
- **Romke and Johan** will find out if it is complicated to create a closed section (password protected) where section meeting reports and so are placed.

## 7. Brasov 2008

Sorin and Gheorghe reported on the committees, venue, logo, slogan, budget and dates.

- We discussed at length the theme for the 2008 triennial and decide to look into the future. Twenty years hence:
  1. there are likely to be much less potato than now, how to avoid the decrease?
  2. health and wellness are becoming increasingly important, how can potato contribute to these desires of consumers?
  3. Molecular breeding opens new avenues regarding resistance and desired metabolic compounds for food and non-food use.
  4. The industry of our sustaining members will have to satisfy the future desires of the consumers. How do Research and the Industry meet?

**All** of us are requested to send suggestions for names of plenary speakers and key note speakers at sessions to Sorin.
- We decided that there needs to be a scientific committee that approves the themes, posters, plenary, papers: section chair persons, later session chairs). **Paul** will chair the group and may invite others where and when needed. He reports to the council (final list of plenary and key note speakers)
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- UNYP: Johan has contact with Künemann, Anton also and may go to a 5 March Meeting, **Mike** will ask Jim Godfrey president of CIP board to find out about CIP's plans and how we may cooperate with them.

## 8. Date next meeting

January 17 (16:00) and 18 (12:00) 2008

## 9. Closure

Sorin closes the meeting at 11:10 on febr 2 2007 and wishes us a safe journey home.

## List of actions:

**All council members:**

- reports of council members' duties
- offer of 2011: Finland, offer of 2014?
- names of council members > 2008
- names new honorary members to Mike
- let Romke know before March 1 if additional buttons are needed on the website
- send names + topic for plenary speakers to Sorin

#### **Anton**

- Anton will ask Americans: 2011 first joint meeting (Finland) and first biennial in 2012 in USA then alternatively
- Will (with Paul) look for space for the archive for when they move out of their present buildings in 2009
- will keep FAO updated on progress re Brasov and will ask Sonino to become involved
- will let Springer know their processing time is unacceptably long
- will (with Mike's help) compose a letter for the industry (what's in it for them) that accompanies the flyer

#### **Mike**

- coordinates list of new honorary members
- consults the list of UK members and will contact potential country reps and reports to Norbert
- will contact James Godfrey (chairperson of CIP) about CIP's IYP programme

#### **Romke**

- will (with Johan) look into possibilities of credit card and internet payment of dues
- will present a list of (paying) members to the Brasov organizing committee
- will place logos of sustaining members (+ links to their www sites) on our website
- will organize the printing of the flyer (with a reply form to complete and make them available for events (e.g. Moscow August 2007
- (with Johan) will find out about possibilities to have closed section (for members only) on the website

#### **Paul**

- will ask Eva Zimnoch for review papers
- will compose and chair the scientific committee of the Brasov meeting.

#### **Enrique**

- sends thank you note to members of the emergency team
- identifies country rep of Spain and reports to Norbert
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#### **Norbert**

- will contact a Norwegian to become country rep

#### **Johan**

- will ask Russians and Ukrainians to become country rep and report to Norbert
- will send the list of members per central/eastern European country to Norbert to help him identify country reps
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#### **Yari**

- will approach the sections to elicit PDF's of their meetings for the web-site and also ask for photos for the website
- Yari was asked to remind the section chairmen to make a point of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at their section meetings.

**Didier**

- will ask Eva in Poland to come with names for country reps for Poland and report to Norbert
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**3. Further points arising from Council Meeting EAPR 2 February**

1. EAPR homepage ([www.eapr.net](http://www.eapr.net)): the homepages are being further developed.

If you'll find shortcomings, please notify Evert Besamusca about them at [ebesamusca@europoint.eu](mailto:ebesamusca@europoint.eu)

2. It would be nice to have the abstracts of the Section meetings to be linked to the EAPR homepage. Could you please either provide the link address, or send the PDF of the abstract book, to Evert B.

3. It was discussed as to how to provide more value via the membership and how to make the EAPR homepage more popular. The proposal came up to make a gallery of "potato photos" available via the homepage. This gallery could include any high-quality photos on potatoes, disease symptoms, etc. Including photos of varieties, machines etc might be one way to attract more sustaining members, too.

What do you think about this plan? Would you be willing to supply photos in collaboration with your section members?

Secondly, should all photos be freely available for everyone, or should there be some photos freely available as examples, and the main gallery kept behind a password provided to EAPR members?

4. In the section meetings taking place this year, would be please see how to make a point of the fact that EAPR is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This milestone would be important to highlight.

5. What comes to the Year of Potato 2008, EAPR will celebrate it in the Triennial Conference in Romania. The Council is actively seeking for collaboration with CIP and FAO in this matter.

6. The Council is continuing its efforts to ensure that Springer will speed up the publishing procedure in Potato Research. The delays in putting accepted papers to net and publishing the filled issues are currently due to the publisher. Meetings and contacts with Springer are being held to remove this last bottleneck. Please continue encouraging the members and others active in potato research to submit their papers to Potato Research. They will start to flow out quickly in 2007.

One of the important tasks is to keep our members informed about the activities on-going and organised within the sections. Adrian Cunningham, the chairperson of the new section for Engineering and Utilization, has already prepared a section Newsletter (attached) that would function as a model for all sections.

You are welcome to distribute the Newsletters to your section members at any time, but please remember to send each of them also to the Secretary of EAPR, Anton Haverkort ([anton.haverkort@wur.nl](mailto:anton.haverkort@wur.nl)), and copy them also to the undersigned, so to be sure that they will be placed to the EAPR homepage without delay. This would help members of other sections to follow the activities available.

#### **4. Triennial EAPR Conference Brasov, 2008**

Programming a session, chairs and possible a key note speaker.

#### **5. Increasing the Citation Index for Potato Research**

Abstracts presented from section meetings do not qualify for the citation index (scientific impact). A review compiled from the abstracts does qualify. In view of the desire to receive more manuscripts coupled with the scientific exposure of your sections EAPR would like section Chairmen

- to write (or encourage a colleague, and you may want to add as many co-authors as appropriate of those submitting suitable and relevant) an overview of the contributions highlighting the science presented
- ask key speakers to write an article on the subject they presented and submit it to Potato Research.

All contributions/abstracts should go onto the website and may be useful to elicit manuscripts in future.

#### **6. Archiving of proceedings**

##### **a) CABI**

CABI would like to include the Proceedings from the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> **European Association for Potato Research Virology Section Meeting** in its Full Text Repository?.

**Information from CABI** CABI have had a great deal of feedback in recent years from the users of our database concerning the link to the full text of original papers. There is an expectation amongst users of bibliographic databases, that they should be able to link to full text after they have seen the abstract. CAB ABSTRACTS Database is valued by researchers and librarians because it covers such a wide range of published material including conference proceedings, books and reports. However many of these documents are difficult for the researchers and librarians to locate. Many reports and conference proceeding are now being published on the Internet, however, links to these are often changed or broken and when internet sites are redesigned older documents are often discarded.

In response to this demand from the users of CAB ABSTRACTS we are proposing to create a repository of full text material where documents can be located by searching the CAB ABSTRACTS database. By including documents in the repository we can ensure that they are preserved and that they can be found, so that the information and knowledge contained in them is available to scientists and professionals throughout the world.

In requesting your permission to include the conference in the CABI Full Text repository, we would need to have Internet Publishing Rights. We would not require exclusive publishing rights (the document could also be made available through other Internet sites), and we would not be seeking copyright which would be retained by the original publisher.

**Comment from Paul Struik, EAPR** In individual cases this would be a good idea, but I would not recommend it for all EAPR events. How do they offer it? Does the customer need to pay? There is also this issue that we might give something away for free to the general public that we might only want to disclose to our members who then get something extra for their membership fee.

**Question to CABI** Are there any disadvantages to us agreeing to including our abstracts in your repository? I assume that there is no cost to us since the cost will be borne by the users of your data base. I also note that you refer to the full text of the papers presented, however

our (virology) papers are traditionally abstracts of a page and are not full papers. Is this an issue?

**Reply from CABI** there are no disadvantages of going to full text other than a subscription journal may see a slight decline in its subscription levels. There is no cost to your organization (other than the time costs of our communication) with the main advantage being a repository of all your materials is held by us (and can be seen as an insurance policy should documents get lost, etc.). We do not traditionally take abstracts alone; however, in certain cases, such as yours, we would be willing to do so or add these records as title only.

**b) EAPR will publish and maintain proceedings on its web site.**

## **7. Section working groups**

Suggestions are invited for working groups.

## **8. Nomination of new Section Chairman**

C Jeffries term of office ends in 2008. Nomination for a new Chairman is invited. (see document Chairman and meeting venue 2010)

## **9. Nomination of host for the Next Section Meeting in 2008**

(see document Chairman and meeting venue 2010).

## **10. Any other business**