



Announcement

Second Meeting of the *Federation of European Protistological Societies (FEPS)*, on the occasion of the *VI European Congress of Protistology*, July 25–29, 2011, Berlin, Germany

The second meeting of the FEPS was held on Tuesday, 26 July, 18.00–18.30, in the Lecture Hall 2, Institute of Biology/Plant Physiology, in Berlin-Dahlem, Germany. The *Secretary General*, Prof. Dr. Klaus Hausmann, Berlin, Germany, had issued invitations to the *FEPS* council to attend this meeting. Seven representatives of the 12 member societies were present (two societies sent apologies by mail for their absence, the others had not responded).

The discussion of the topics on the *Agenda* came to the following conclusions:

1. *Election of the Secretary General*: Before voting the convention agreed that a *Secretary General* will be elected for a 4 year period lasting from one Congress to the next. Prof. Dr. Aurelio Serrano, Sevilla, Spain, was nominated as *Secretary General* and elected unanimously with one abstention. He accepted the election.
2. *Venue and date of the VII European Congress of Protistology*: The *Protistology Group (GEP)* of the *Spanish Society of Microbiology (SEM)* offered to organise the next Congress in 2015. This invitation was accepted unanimously. The exact date and venue of the Congress (most probably in Sevilla, September 2015) will be communicated in the near future.
3. *Affiliation of EJOP with FEBS*: Prof. Dr. Thomas Weisse, Mondsee, Austria, Editor-in-Chief of *EJOP*, emphasized that each member society has the possibility to publish special announcements or reports in *EJOP* free of charge. These should be sent to the *Secretary General* of *FEPS* or to the *Editor-in-Chief* of *EJOP*, not directly to the publisher. Additionally he pointed to the special subscription offer of the *EJOP* to all members of the constituent Societies of *FEPS*. The offer is only valid for individuals with mention of the FEPS member society. For information please contact the Elsevier subscription department: journals@elsevier.com.
4. *Home page of FEPS*: The new *Secretary General*, Prof. Serrano, will contact the member societies in order to upgrade the home page (www.feps.eu/).
5. *Miscellaneous*: Prof. Dr. Maria Cristina Angelici, Rome, Italy, initiated a vivid discussion about the affiliation between *FEPS* and *ISOP*. This matter will be in the focus of future considerations.

During the closing banquet of the *Berlin Congress* Prof. Serrano, speaking on behalf of *FEPS*, informed the participants that the *VII European Congress of Protistology* will be hosted by the Spanish colleagues.

Klaus Hausmann