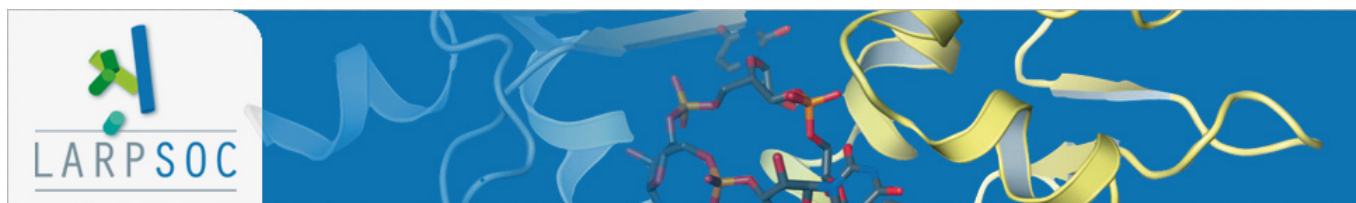


Minutes of 4th Annual General Meeting of the LARP Society October 10th 2013



The 4th Annual General Meeting of the LARP Society (LARPSOC) was held by teleconference on October 10th 2013 at 2pm GMT.

Were present:

Rich Maraia (RM), President
Sarah Blagden (SB), treasurer
Cécile Bousquet-Antonelli (CBA), secretary
Maria Conte (MC): Website maintenance and update
Mark Bayfield (MB): Website maintenance and update
John Brogie (JB): PhD student representatives
Elodie Billey (EB): PhD student representatives
Manuela Mura (MM): Postdoc representative
Uta Boger-Brown (UBB).

Excused:

Utz Fisher, vice-president represented by C.Bousquet-Antonelli (see attached letter)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Unanimously agreed by vote (10 voting).

2. Reports and accounts

U. Boeger-Brown presented the accounts for the period 2012-09-01 to 2013-08-30. The closing bank balance is at +5145.40 GBP.

3. 3rd LARP Society meeting: 10-14 Sept 2014, Airlie conference centre , Virginia

- Fund raising for the meeting: sponsorship by companies

R.Maraia informed the committee that as US governmental employee he cannot participate in fund raising actions. He nevertheless transferred contacts from several companies to S.Blagden who agreed to get in touch with them to find sponsorship for the meeting.

The LARPSoc will offer three packages of sponsorship. SB will put together an offer and email to officers and meeting organizers for approval.

Members of the LARPSoc may suggest companies/contact names for sponsorship to SB who will put together a list and get in touch with companies.

- Grants: can we offer grants to students?

LARPSoc as charity is aiming at such action. LARPSoc will offer grants and poster /best talk prize for students in the 2014 meeting. Number and amount of the reward will be decided later on in 2014 after fund raising for the meeting is completed.

- Registration deadline:

Early bird registration: 2014-02-28

Registration and abstract submission: 2014-06-30

Late registration: until 2014-09-09 (a day before meeting starts)

- Meeting topics:

The AGM attendees agreed on the following topics for the 2014 meeting:

- * disease
- * stress
- * structure
- * translation
- * RNA maturation
- * RNA stability
- * Basic mechanisms
- * RNA targets
- * evolution/phylogenetics
- * genomics
- * Functional regulation.

After abstract submission deadline RM, as meeting organiser, will put together the conference program.

- Best poster/talk prize to student ?

See above "Grant" item.

- UBB says that the registration system for the 2014 meeting is ready to be tested by officers who should give her feedback before it can go live.
- RM will take care of putting together the abstract book and print it.

4. 2014: Election of new officers

The officers are in their 2nd mandate (ending september 2014) and by constitution new officers should be elected.

- How to proceed? During the meeting? On the website

Elections will be set up at the end of the 2014 meeting.

- Call for candidates

CBA will organize a call for candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer in early spring 2014. This call will be organised through the LARPSoc website and mailing list system.

- Other:

The LARPSoc is a charity established in UK and by law there should always be a citizen from UK as part of the LARPSoc board. RM suggests the as a founders of the LARPSoc SB and CBA should be made permanent member of the LARPSoc board.

An amendment is hence proposed by RM so that the LARPSoc constitution states that SB and CBA are made permanent members of the board. Amendment is voted and accepted by 10 votes out of 10.

5. LARPSoc Website

- What's new?

Following the 2013 AGM decision, MB modified the LARPSoc website so that the login page was deleted.

MB will prepare and email to members of the board a list of website upgrades that he finds necessary. Members of the board are strongly encouraged to give feedback to MB.

- Journal club: periodicity.

How should the journal club be organised was discussed. It was decided to keep it informal and with a rough periodicity of 1-2 month. MB will add to the website that people interested in posting a journal club comment or suggesting a paper for journal club should contact MB and/or CBA. Otherwise MB and CBA will regularly suggest papers and people for the journal club. The board strongly encourages PhD student and postdoc to write for the journal club section.

- Mailing list: shall we create a mailing list with people registered to the LARPSoc (see also point 5).

UBB will email CBA with the comprehensive list of participants to the 2010 and 2012 meeting. CBA will upgrade this list with name and contacts of people who registered to the LARPSoc. A mailing list will hence be created. People from this list will be contacted by CBA and asked whether they wish to be part of this list.

People from the mailing list will be regularly informed of any changes and news posted on the website.

- Add financial report and AGM minutes to the website :

The minutes of the AGM, after approval by the board, will be posted on the website. The financial report will not be posted on the LARPSoc website but are public and available through the Charity Commission website <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/>. LARPSoc is charity number 1146005

- other

6. Registration to the LARP Society

- membership fees?

Registration fees are 80USD. It is has been discussed what benefit should people get out of paying registration fees.

Suggested benefits:

- *discount for meeting registration fees
- *paper advertised and focused on the website.
- *possibility to apply for travel grants to the LARPSoc meeting

When an article is to be the focus of the monthly journal club, the last/corresponding author should be contacted and encouraged to become a registered member of the LARPSoc.

- Registration through the website: people have a free access to the website but shall we create a "register to the LARPSoc." option so that we can have a mailing list. People on the mailing list would automatically be notified.

7. LARP meeting advertisement

Suggested action:

- contact the RNA society so that there is a Highlight of the meeting on their website
- Prepare a poster for the meeting that will be attached to the mail send to the mailing list already put together by RM (>1000 contacts).

Meeting abstract book cover/meeting poster : RM will collect structure image of LA/LARP from MC and pollen sub-cellular loc. of FP-AtLARP6c from EB and CBA and will design a cover /poster for the 2014 meeting.

8. Other

No other matters discussed.

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Subject: LARPSoc AGM

Dear Cécile,

Due to other engagements I will be unable to attend the upcoming LARPSoc AGM. Therefore I would like to transfer my vote for this meeting to you.

Sincerely



Prof. Utz Fischer