ICGTD Council Meeting

17th November 2014, Griffins Head Hotel, Adelaide, Australia.

Attendees:

Josep Armengol, Mark Sosnowski, Jordi Luque, Pascal Lecomte, Patrice Rey, David Gramaje, Jose Ramon Urbez Torres, Florence Fontaine, Lizel Mostert, Laura Mugnai, Marlene Jaspers, Helen Waite

1. Phytopathologia Mediterranea

9IWGTD abstracts have been handed over to Laura Mugnai and will be published online in December 2014.

PM journal will become open access from 15 January, with Online First

Special issue for GTD – Expressions of Interest by 15 Jan 2015, submission by March, papers finalized by June, published in August

2. Council membership

Marlene Jaspers will resign from committee due to her impending retirement at the end of the year. She nominated Eirian Jones as a new member to the council, representing New Zealand. In addition, other nominated council members included: Jordi Luque, Patrice Rey, David Gramaje and Pascal Lecomte. All nominations were accepted. Marlene to ask Eirian if she accepts the role, all others were present and accepted.

Jiye Yan was nominated as a council member and regional coordinator for Asia. Jiye accepted the role.

Jaime Auger was nominated as regional coordinator for South America. Mark to ask if Jaime accepts.

Mark Sosnowski to update the website with names of all new council members and regional coordinators.

3. ICGTD subject matter

Lizel Mostert proposed expanding the ICGTD subject matter from just grapevine to fruit tree trunk diseases, given the shift of many GTD researchers into fruit tree crops. It was discussed by the council and it was suggested that it may significantly increase the current intimate group of around 100 people at meetings. It was suggested that a session could be offered at the next meeting around alternative hosts to grapevine trunk pathogens, with potential for inviting speakers. This decision would need to be made by the host of the 10IWGTD. It was concluded that for now we should maintain the subject matter of the ICGTD to grapevine, and perhaps look at it again if numbers of GTD researchers begin to reduce based on a shift to other crops.

4. 10IWGTD

A proposal from France, led by Florence Fontaine, would see the next meeting in Reims in June/July 2017. It will coincide with the COST Action Meeting planned at that time, perhaps as a joint meeting. The council agreed to accept the proposal.

Jose Ramon Urbez Torres proposed the 11IWGTD for British Columbia, Canada in 2019. The council agreed to accept this proposal.

5. Chairperson ICGTD

As convenor of the 9IWGTD, Mark Sosnowski accepted the position of ICGTD Chairperson for the next three years leading up to the 10IWGTD. Josep Armengol, outgoing Chairperson was acknowledged for his efforts in the role since the 8IWGTD.