



## Agenda - ASPB Program Committee Spring Meeting

**March 19th 11am - 4pm Eastern**

**March 20th 11am - 4pm Eastern**

### Present (via Zoom)

Jean Rosenberg, Stacey Harmer, Wayne Parrott, Enamul Huq, Shin-Han Shiu, Jithesh Vijayan, Crispin Taylor, Meghan Schofield, Jennifer Lewis, Laura Klasek, Teresa Myers, Catherine Pumphrey, Phil Taylor

### Regrets

Katie Dehesh

Minutes recorded by Stacey Harmer

### 1. Welcome, announcements, and approval of minutes. (Wayne)

### 2. 11:00 am - ASPB updates - Crispin Taylor

- New challenges and opportunities in the past year. Our new partnership with Oxford University Press, remote work enforced by COVID-19 pandemic have introduced many changes. It remains to be seen how many changes induced by the pandemic will lead to long-term changes in our business plan.
- The ASPB centennial is coming up in 2024; will plan celebrations and fundraising efforts to coincide
- New diversity statement expected soon. Will extend the remit of the DEI committee. Efforts to be coordinated with the ASPB Forward committee (chaired by Phil Taylor)
- Looking into putting in Research Coordination Network proposal to NSF in response to their **LEA**ding cultural change through **Pro**fessional **Societies** (LEAPS) of Biology call

### 3. Overview of PB2021 schedule & platform

- Cadmium as platform (Meghan)
  - Highlight of new features: attendee video chat, matchmaking (attendee to attendee and attendee to exhibitor), expanded poster options and features (opening these platform features 2 weeks in advance)
  - Key decision factor being privacy of posters
- Review schedule (Meghan)
  - 32 workshops currently scheduled

- Planning on one concurrent talk session per day (4 sessions in total).
  - concurrent talks will be pre-recorded. Planning for 30 second break between talks (hold title slide for next speaker, background music)
  - There will be 7 or 8 sessions running in parallel on each day; many attendees will doubtless find they want to attend more than one talk assigned to the same time slot. Recorded talks will be available after the meeting; we should strive to make them available before the meeting as well so attendees can best plan which discussion sections (at end of each concurrent session) they'd like to attend.
- Posters
  - 30 min discussions - have planning committee members lead these
    - broken out by topic, with breakout rooms by sub topic
  - will generate video with advice for attendees on how to network effectively and invite specific people to view poster
- ASPB ambassadors, the ECRs → will form a pool of moderators and record the daily introduction (Wayne)
- Joint symposium with Botany Society of America? - consensus to proceed looking into this. Would be held on Wednesday

#### 4. The broader equity, diversity and inclusion topic in the meeting planning and talk/chair selection (#ASPBForward-Phil Taylor).

- More abstracts from early career researchers this year; make sure that is reflected in speakers in concurrent sessions
- Be sure to keep diversity in mind when inviting conveners for concurrent symposia in 2022

#### 5. Create concurrent symposia:

The concurrents will all have the same format

- Pre-recorded, recordings to be launched/active at session start time
  - 30 second pre-recorded audio (VOG) introduction to session (likely by MC)
  - 3 15-min talks (15 mins)
  - A 2-min rapid communication talk (usually by a student or postdoc)
  - 2 15-min talks (15 mins)
  - Followed by Live 30 min discussion session with moderator (on Zoom)
- Overview of submissions and goals (Wayne)
  - Each abstract read and scored by two reviewers
  - Each concurrent will have five fifteen minute talks and one rapid talk (2 min). Also select two backup speakers for each concurrent in case of cancellations
  - Abstracts first considered by primary topic; when too many or not enough high-ranked abstracts for a single topic, consider scheduling talk in secondary topical area.
  - Can be creative and form some sessions outside of/across topic categories

A few pointers:

- Theme: To bring the best plant science FROM a global audience TO a global audience
- The goal is to promote excellence in science, while promoting diversity and inclusivity
- Keep an eye out for abstracts from PUIs. Approximately 10% of the abstracts submitted are from PUIs, but historically, few have been selected. We really need and want to raise the ASPB profile of science at PUIs.

- [DiversifyPlantSci List https://tinyurl.com/DiversifyPlantSci](https://tinyurl.com/DiversifyPlantSci)

## 6. Session statistics

<b>Submissions:</b>	<b>Acceptance:</b>
Female 47%	44%
ECR 72%	72%
Intl 38%	37%

## 7. Finalize symposia

- Be sure we have the right number of symposia and that each one has 5 speakers plus one rapid communication and an alternate speaker, as well as an alternate rapid communication
- Be sure speakers did not present last year and have only one presentation this year.
- Be sure diversity of speakers is balanced overall
- Need a title for each concurrent session
- Abstract for each concurrent needs to be written by the 2 main abstract reviewers for the topic
  - Due 1 April

## 8. Schedule the concurrents - as per Erica

“We need to be sure that the sessions are assigned in a way to minimize how many different sessions an attendee may want to be in at one time. We also want to be sure we have really good science spread throughout and that it’s not all front or back loaded. At the same time, sessions should fall within their tracks, and the tracks can vary a bit year to year based on the distribution of the sessions.”

## 9. Considerations for 2022 (Stacey)

- Need to incorporate hybrid elements
  - Subcommittee to form: Stacey, Jithesh, Laura
- Should the Microbiome per se be a separate track?
- Should concurrents be 15 minutes
- Right number of workshops? -- need data from this year, as 2nd year with community workshops
- Exhibitor hours -- they want business hours; we do poster/break hours
- Concurrent meetings and workshops or workshop day?
- Upcoming strategy meeting - likely late April
- No satellite meetings planned currently
- Plenaries:
  - Katie Dehesh President’s symposium
  - Canadians get 1 symposium as is a joint meeting
  - Gibbs Medal symposium
  - Program Committee still needs to select organizers for 1-2 plenary symposia
  - Proposals for concurrent symposia - 2022 (item for Fall 2021 PC meeting)
  - Note this will likely be a hybrid meeting; some live and some remote elements

**Adjourn at 4 pm, Saturday**