



Svenska Föreningen för Mikrobiologi

Swedish Society for Microbiology (SFM)

Protocol for the Annual Meeting 25 April 2024, 5.00-5.50 p.m.

The Annual Meeting was a hybrid meeting at the Stockholm University (seminar room Vivi Täckholmssalen) and via zoom link.

Participants

Per-Eric Lindgren (LiU), Öjar Melefors (KI), Kristina Jonas (SU), Karin Ernits (LU), Göte Swedberg (UU), Åsa Sjöling (GU), Klas Flärdh (LU), Olena Rakhimova (UmU), Aleksej Schmidt (UmU), Petra Geiser (UU), Elin Svedholm (UU), Zelia Bontemps (UU), Angeliki Ntokaki (UU), Dione L Sánchez-Hevia (UU), Justina Zigmantaviciute (UU), Naima Ali (AS), Lars Hederstedt (LU), Stefan Bertilsson (SLU), Christopher Birk (UU), Margarita Komi (UU), Hanna Eriksson (UU), Anjeela Bhetwal (UU), Petra Muir (UU), Rachel Dwane (UU), Kim Boi Le Huyen (UU), Athina Eleftheraki (UU), Sofia Bergman (UU), Claes von Wachenfeldt (LU), Gerhart Wagner (UU), Helen Wang (UU), Lionel Guy (UU), Yuanyuan Wang (KI), Jon Jerlström Hultqvist (UU), Fredrik Söderbom (UU), Erik Holmqvist (UU), Maria Letizia Di Martino (UU), Abubakr Omer (ÖU), Daniel Scheller (UU), Andrea Puhar (UmU), Bernt Eric Uhlin (UmU), Peter Wilhelmsson (LiU).

1. Opening of the meeting

Chairman Per-Eric Lindgren declared the meeting open.

2. Election of meeting chairman and meeting secretary

Per-Eric Lindgren was elected chairman of the meeting, and Peter Wilhelmsson was elected meeting secretary.

3. Election of meeting adjusters

Andrea Puhar and Stefan Bertilsson were elected meeting adjusters.

4. Approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting agenda was accepted.

5. Previous Annual Meeting protocol

The protocol from the previous Annual Meeting (23 May 2023) was approved.

6. The report from the Board on the state of the Association, including reports from the Society's representatives elected to external organizations (Annual report 2023). Rapporteur: Chair, decision.

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The Annual report from 2023 was presented by Per-Eric L. Here is a short summary: In 2023, SFM experienced several notable advancements. A new logo was developed and the SFM statutes underwent a thorough revision process. To enhance member convenience, SFM introduced a Swish account as a new payment option. Additionally, SFM played a crucial role in co-organizing the National Infection Week & Microbiology Spring Meeting (SVIM) and is also co-organizing SVIM for 2024 which will be held in Linköping 22nd – 25th May.

Per-Eric L, as our FEMS delegate, reported that he attended the last FEMS annual meeting in September 2023, organized as a hybrid meeting (digitally via Zoom and on site in Vienna) and gave a short report.

Treasurer Öjar Melefors reported SFM's financial statement, currently 180.000 SEK. The surplus is mostly due to income from membership fees and the National Spring Meeting, held annually. Besides, no grants were handed out by SFM last year.

7. The Auditor's report. Rapporteur: Auditors, decision.

Sanna Koskiniemi and Göte Swedberg served as auditors for SFM. They confirmed that the accounting was in order and aligned with their audit findings. Accordingly, they recommended that the annual meeting approve the income statement and release the board members from responsibility for their 2023 operations. The meeting approved the audit report for the year 2023.

8. Granting freedom of action to the Board. Rapporteur: Auditors, decision.

The board was granted freedom of action for 2023. The members of the board for 2023 did not participate in the decision.

9. Motions to be debated.

No motions had been received.

10. Statutes to be decided.

Per-Eric L, Keira Melican, and Åsa Sjöling undertook the task of revising the SFM statutes, presenting their work for the board, which proposed a revision at the current annual meeting. Per-Eric L then presented the revised statutes, which were met with approval from the attendees, resulting in their official adoption by the meeting. Note: the following changes of the statutes are to be made:

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11. The size of the membership fee for the next financial year (2025).

Rapporteur: Secretary, decision.

The meeting decided to keep the membership fee for the next business year 2024-2025 unchanged, i.e. SEK 200/1 year or SEK 500/3 years.

12. The Board's proposal for a business plan and budget. Rapporteur: Chair and treasurer, decision

The board presented only a very short plan for the business year 2024:

- Co-organizing the Infection Week & Microbiology Spring Meeting in Linköping, May 2024.

The budget for 2024 is expected to closely resemble that of the previous year in terms of both income and expenses.

In response to a member suggestion, the upcoming SFM annual meeting should include a more comprehensive proposal for a business plan and budget.

13. Election of Board Members. Rapporteur: Election nomination committee, decision.

Election of board members 2024-2026. The Nomination Committee has consisted of Klas Flärdh (LU) and Åsa Sjöling (GU). It was decided in accordance with the Nomination Committee's proposal to elect the following members to the board:

2024-2026	Peter Wilhelmsson (LiU), re-election
2024-2026	Öjar Meléfors (KI), re-election
2024-2026	Kristina Jonas (SU), re-election
2024-2026	Anne Farewell (GU), new election
2024-2026	Claes von Wachenfeldt (LU), re-election

The following board members are elected until 2025:

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2023–2025	Per-Eric Lindgren (LiU), chairman
2023–2025	Helen Wang (UU)
2023–2025	Andrea Puhar (UmU)
2023–2025	Gemma Atkinson (LU)
2023-2025	Erik Holmqvist (UU)
2023-2025	Astrid von Mentzer (GU)

The resigning board member Anders Bergqvist (UU) was thanked for his eminent contributions to SFM and to the microbiological community. Anne Farewell was welcomed to the SFM board.

14. Election of two Auditors and one Deputy Auditor. Rapporteur: Election nomination committee, decision.

Göte Swedberg (UU) and Sanna Koskiniemi (UU) were re-elected as the auditors for 2024-2025. Sun Nyunt Wai (UmU) was elected as deputy auditor. The resigning deputy auditor Magnus Evander was thanked for his contributions to the Election nomination committee.

15. Election of an Election Candidate Nomination Committee to identify possible future Board candidates in preparation for the next Annual Meeting. Decision.

Åsa Sjöling (GU) and Klas Flärdh (LU) were elected as the Nomination Committee 2024-2025.

16. Activities of the Society (information and discussion)

- See point 12.


17. Decisions on any other issues

- No decisions were made to any other issues.

18. Ending of meeting


Per-Eric declared the annual meeting 2024 closed.

Chairman



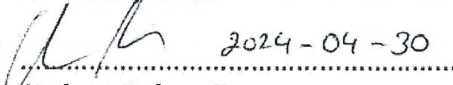
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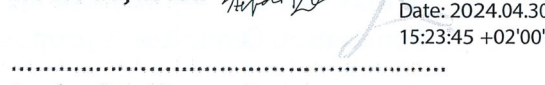
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