



MASC Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday July 21st 2020 2pm GMT

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom.

1. Welcome and Introduction (*Geraint Parry, GP*)

GP welcomed all attendees, noting that the virtual format allowed for a wider global spread of meeting participants.

2. MASC Financial and Organisational update (*Nick Provert, NP*)

- NP provides an overview of current finances of MASC Inc.

The main expenditure for 2019 is the printing and distribution of the 2019 MASC report. NP thanks the organisers of ICAR2019 in Wuhan for providing a \$10,182.61 contribution to MASC.

http://arabidopsisresearch.org/images/Documents/Agenda/2020_31st_Items/2020_PROVART_MASC_21July2020.pdf

- Election of two MASC directors 2021-2024

Current Directors:

- 2018-2020: Michael Wrzaczek (Finland), Barry Pogson (Australia)
- 2018-2021: Xuelu Wang (China), Elizabeth Haswell (United States of America)
- 2018-2022: Blake Meyers (United States of America), Sean May (United Kingdom)
- 2018-2023: Rodrigo Gutierrez (Chile), Masatomo Kobayashi (Japan)

- GP and NP thanked Michael and Barry for their time as MASC directors. Notably Michael was the lead organiser of ICAR2018 in Turku, Finland. In the autumn of 2020 GP will ask MASC members for nominations for MASC directors for the term 2021-2025. Based on these nominations the current directors will decide on the method of election (if needed)

3. Update on core MASC activities (*Geraint Parry*)

> Annual Report

- GP thanks everyone for their contributions.

http://arabidopsisresearch.org/images/publications/mascreports/MASC_Report_2020_Online_.pdf

- GP updated the progress with the Plant Direct article. This summarises the annual report and provides a prelude to the MASC 4th decadal plan to be published in 2022. Since the meeting this article has been published and is available Open Access:

Parry G, Provert NJ, Brady SM, Uzilday B **Multinational Arabidopsis Steering Committee. Current status of the multinational Arabidopsis community (2020)** *Plant Direct*. doi:10.1002/pld3.248 <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/pld3.248>

> MASC Website, <http://arabidopsisresearch.org/>

- The website is hosted in Canada by Hostpapa.ca.

- GP will update the website with the relevant information from the 2020 MASC report.

ACTION: GP to update website.



> Future of MASC secretary position

GP's current role with GARNet finished on September 30th 2020. For the next year he will continue in his MASC position and will invoice for this time through his limited company Arabidopsis Events UK (<https://arabidopisiseventsuk.weebly.com/>). The estimated cost is ~£5000. We will evaluate this relationship after ICAR2021 in Seattle.

4. Update on International Conference on Arabidopsis Research (ICAR)

> Update on 31st ICAR: 21st-25th June 2021, Seattle USA (*Joanna Friesner, JF*)

<http://icar2020.arabidopsisresearch.org/>

- JF provided an update about the postponed ICAR202_now_2021. Highlights of the meeting include the diversity of the plenary speakers and the community-participation in design of concurrent sessions. JF reports that the NAASC organizing committee will welcome input from MASC on pursuing the virtual components for ICAR2021- Seattle if needed.

http://arabidopsisresearch.org/images/Documents/Agenda/2020_31st_Items/2020_Friesner_Update-on-ICAR-2020_now-2021_July-21-2020-revised.pdf

ACTION: JF to keep MASC members informed with updates from the organisation of ICAR2021

> Update on 32nd ICAR: 20th-24th June 2022, Belfast, UK (*Geraint Parry*)

<http://icar2022.arabidopsisresearch.org/>

- GP introduces ICAR2022 and announces that Caroline Dean and Keiko Torii will provide Keynote talks. We will follow the example set by ICAR2021 with regard community participation in concurrent sessions.

http://arabidopsisresearch.org/images/Documents/Agenda/2020_31st_Items/2020_ICAR2021_Intro_Small.pdf

> Introduction of 33rd ICAR: 5th-9th June 2023, Chiba, Japan (*Motoaki Seki, MS*)

- MS introduces ICAR2023 and the Tokyo-Chiba region. The concept for ICAR2023 will be 'Arabidopsis for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)'.

http://arabidopsisresearch.org/images/Documents/Agenda/2020_31st_Items/2020_Seki_ICAR2023_Presentation_200721AM10.pdf

> Discussion on location of future ICARs

- 34th ICAR 2024 in the Americas

- GP reported that early discussions have taken place with South American members of MASC to ascertain whether they would be interested in hosting this meeting in one of their countries (Brazil, Argentina, Chile). Regional instability makes it challenging to make any firm decisions at the moment. In theory JF/GP would be able to help out with organization of this meeting but any decisions on meeting location will be made after ICAR2021.

- 35th ICAR 2025 in Europe

- GP reported that Moritz Novack and Tom Beeckman in Ghent, Belgium have previously expressed an interest in hosting this meeting.

- 36th ICAR in Asia

- Singapore/ Taiwan/ Other... Attendees decided there is no rush making a decision on the location of this meeting.

6. AOB

> Preparation of the Fourth Decadal Roadmap (Nick Provart, Geraint Parry).

- Discussion session planned for ICAR2021, Seattle



- Publication to coincide with ICAR2022, Belfast

NP encouraged attendees to consider what they would include within the 4th decadal roadmap. The previous three roadmap documents have been important milestones during the evolution of the global Arabidopsis research community. The MASC leadership team hopes that preparation of this document will involve members from outside of the historic hubs of Arabidopsis research in America, Western Europe and Japan. MASC plan to organize a workshop session to discuss the Roadmap at ICAR2021 in Seattle.

7. Meeting End

GP closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, especially those who had woken up early or stayed up late.

Appendix: Virtual Attendees

Tanya Berardini
Francisca Blanco Herrera
Siobhan Brady
Debbie Crist
Brian Dilkes
Joe Ecker
Joanna Friesner
Yalong Guo
Eva Huala
Thorsten Hamann
Angela Hancock
Marie-Theres Hauser
Masatomo Kobayashi
Yuling Jiao
Emma Knee
Sean May
Isabel Mendoza
Blake Meyers
Shahid Mukhtar
Monika Murcha
Geraint Parry
Chris Pires
Nick Provar
Motoaki Seki
Robert Schmitz
Kentaro Shimizu
David Somers
Doreen Ware
Wolfram Weckwerth
Xuehua Zhong