The 11th International Mycological Congress was held from (15–16)–21 July 2018 at the San Juan Convention Center in Puerto Rico. There were 813 full registrations, 14 one-day passes, and 15 guests making a total of 842 registrants, though sadly only 701 of the registrants from 53 countries made it as a consequence of travel difficulties. The attendance was quite good considering Puerto Rico was stuck by two major hurricanes only 10 months prior to the Congress.

There were eight keynote and plenary presentations, 274 oral presentations in 45 symposia, and 588 scheduled poster presentations. The arrangement of the posters into discussion groups within the six poster sessions worked well in stimulating discussion (with much thanks to embedded discussion leaders). The 10-ft spacing of the rows allowed people to view posters on both sides while allowing others to pass through. The feedback was very positive regarding the facilities and programme, though a couple of sessions exceeded the room capacity, and more registrants would have liked to have gone on the field trips to El Yunque National Forest.

The number for the El Yunque field trips was capped because of restrictions on the number of minibuses allowed in the forest, the limited number of trails that were open to the public (though we were given access to one trail not open to the public), and limited access to bathrooms. We were able to accommodate 56–58 people on pre-congress field trips and the mid-congress free-day, led by Beatriz Ortiz Santana, D. Jean Lodge, Paul Bayman, Kurt Miller, and Joel Mercado. We were able to arrange for two groups to visit La Cabezas de San Juan coastal mangrove and dry forest, led by Sandra Moldanado and José Pérez Jiménez. Kurt Miller led two trips to the Rio Abajo forest, and there were two pre-congress field trips and one mid-congress field trip to the Carite Commonwealth Forest, led by Yaritza Rivera and Joel Mercado. Two workshops also had field trips – the pre-congress ascomycete workshop field trip to Parque Monagas, led by Sandra Moldanado, and the Forest Pathology field trip led by D. Jean Lodge.

This was the first time a formal decision-making Nomenclature Session had been held at an IMC, which is reported on elsewhere in this issue (IMA Fungus 9(2): (47–51), (xv–xxi). Submitted on behalf of the Mycological Society of America (MSA) Program Chair, Donald H. Pfister, and all the Local Organizing Committee members, including Matías J. Cafaro (Congress Secretary), José Pérez Jiménez Carmen Acevedo, Juan Acevedo, Paul Bayman, Benjamin Bolaños, Marian Espola, and Sandra Moldenado.

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Scenes from the IMC11: 11th International Mycological Congress, held in the Puerto Rico Convention Centre in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 16–21 July 2018.
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The IMA Executive Committee (EC) met twice during IMC11, in San Juan, Puerto Rico; on 16 and 21 July 2018.

16 July 2018

The IMA officers headed by President Keith Seifert, together with executive committee members and regional representatives, voted on nominations received for new officers and new EC members to serve from until IMC12 in 2022.

Officers
- President: Wieland Meyer
- Secretary-General: Jennifer Luangsa-ard
- Treasurer: Andrej Yurkov
- Vice Presidents: Sharon A. Cantrell Rodriguez and Pedro Crous
- Past-President: Keith Seifert

Executive Committee members

Beside the officers, and representatives of Regional Mycological Member Organizations (RMMOs) and Sustaining Member Mycological Organizations (SMMOs), the Executive Committee is represented by a maximum of 12 non-office holding members, serving a maximum of two consecutive terms, elected by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee from nominations (received not later than the date notified to Congress participants) from the SMMOs.

It was decided to propose the following as new members of the Executive Committee to the IMA General Assembly to be held at the end of IMC11. These replace EC members Tetiana Andrianova, Karen Hansen, Ana Esperanza Franco Molano, and Mike Wingfield who had already served two consecutive terms:

- Ahmed Abdel-Azeem
- Mathew Fisher
- Tatiana Gibertoni
- Dee Carter
- Irene Barnes
- Paola Bonfante

Specific portfolios for EC members were discussed, including: (1) representation in the council for RMMOs and SMMOs; (2) steering committee for MycoBank; (3) webmaster for the IMA website (to be continued by Dominik Begerow; (4) Chiharu Nakashima to remain Vice-President for Awards; (5) membership of the new Publication Committee; (6) mycological education for the community to encourage more appreciation of fungi through workshops; and (7) mycological databases and bioinformatics where the IMA should have a leading role, and establish a working group to apply for funding.

21 July 2018

The first meeting under the new President, Wieland Meyer, took place after the General Assembly and Closing ceremony of IMC11.

At the meeting, results of the bids for IMC12 were discussed as well as the recipients of IMA awards and Fellows medals, the financial situation, proposed changes in the Statutes to be put to the General Assembly, and importantly, the selection of publisher bids for *IMA Fungus*.

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In a discussion of the Nomenclature Session at IMCs, it was decided that the organizers of the next IMC should include the costs for the Session in their bid. Wilhelm de Beer was chosen to represent the EC in discussions regarding nomenclature meetings. Other topics involved more discussion about the selection of a new publisher for *IMA Fungus*, incorporation of the IMA, finances, where annual EC meetings could be be held, and IMA representation in the organization of IMC12. Online meetings are to be encouraged for those who cannot attend EC meetings.

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