

### **Report of the AIS Scientific Committee (Fall, 2017).**

The Committee was asked to review a proposal resubmitted to the AIS Foundation by Dr. Yuval Sapir et al. at Tel Aviv University. This had the goal of further studying the phylogenetic relationships between *Oncocylus* species in Israel. This proposal was initially submitted earlier in 2017 and was not approved by the reviewers. The resubmission had substantially revised methodology and new collaborators, and was approved by the Committee. Subsequently it was approved by the AIS Foundation at the funding level requested, \$10,500.

The composition of the Committee is unchanged: Kevin Vaughn, Carol Wilson, Jim Waddick and Bob Pries continue as members. Gary White has become an ex officio member after assuming the AIS Presidency. The Committee continues to operate effectively.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Hollingworth, chair