

International Society of Zoological Sciences

General Assembly (GA) - Meeting Minutes

Held in Meeting Room 1, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) Graduate University, Okinawa Japan

Time: 1800 - 2000 hrs; Tuesday, 15 November 2016

Attendance: Zhibin ZHANG, Yoshitaka NAGAHAMA, Jacob WICKHAM, Chunxu HAN, Wenhua XIONG, Wei ZHANG, Sarita MAREE, Fumin LEI, Hongxuan HE, Dehua WANG, Michael STEELE, Nils Chr. STENSETH, Jianghua SUN, Jorgen HEINZE, Weiguo DU, Guang YANG, Jianghua SUN, Alain ROQUES, Jean Marc JALLON Longying WEN, Xiaoguang Qi, Yongwen ZHANG, Yiming LI, Hongying SUN, Hongmao ZHANG, Xiangfeng YI, Youbing ZHOU

Welcome by Zhibin ZHANG, President, ISZS and the meeting called to order.

1. Brief remarks by Hiroyuki Takeda – President, IUBS and President, the Joint meeting of the 22nd International Congress of Zoology (ICZ) and the 87th meeting of the ZSJ

Hiroyuki Takeda spoke highly on ISZS and its contribution to both the IUBS and the Joint meeting in Okinawa, as ISZS is a successful organizer of the IUBS International Scientific Program, Biological Consequences of Global Change (BCGC) and it has organized three symposia with a focus on biodiversity and ecology, making the joint meeting a huge success.

2. ISZS 2008-2016 Progress Report by Chunxu Han, Secretary General, ISZS

A printed ISZS 2008-2016 Progress Report was prepared by the Secretariat and distributed at the GA. Chunxu Han presented a good summary of ISZS work in the last 4 years, which included organizing the ICZs, ISIZs, training courses, international programs and other ISZS-organized activities, as well as membership development and website maintenance.

Chunxu Han also reported the preparation work on organizing the 23rd ICZ in Cape Town, South Africa, 2020 and the 9th ISIZ in Xining, China in 2017.

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3. Integrative Zoology (INZ) Report by Wenhua Xiong, Executive Editor, INZ

Wenhua Xiong presented a report on INZ, giving a good summary of the INZ progresses in the last 4 years.

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4. Amendment of ISZS Statutes

On behalf of the working group, Chunxu Han reported the preparation work on ISZS Statutes Amendment.

At the EC meeting in 2013 in Beijing, the issue of weights of vote by individual and institutional members was raised as the former's fee is 40 Euros/term and the latter 500 Euros/term, according to the

Statutes passed in Haifa in 2012.

At the EC meeting in 2014 in Beijing, it was agreed that there was a need to amend the ISZS Statutes to clarify the weights of vote by those two-category members. John Buckeridge, Zhibin Zhang and Chunxu Han were mandated to form a working group to work on these ISZS Statutes amendments. It was also agreed at the meeting that as institutional members would have 10 votes as their membership fee (500 Euros/term) is about 10 times of that of individual members (40 Euros/term).

At the EC meeting in 2015 in Xi'an, the working group proposed the amendments draft and it was agreed that the proposed amendment should be voted by the paid-up members at the GA during the 22nd ICZ in Okinawa in 2016.

Right after the EC meeting in Xi'an in 2015, invoices claiming membership fee payment were sent to both the institutional and individual members. As a result, there are 4 institutional members and 95 individual members paid their member fee, as if at the end of October 2016. A **List of ISZS Paid-up Members** is attached to the ISZS Progress Report 2008-2016 (*pp.* 37-39) and the **Amendments proposed by Working Group and accepted at EC Meeting** are attached to the Report (*pp.* 29-36).

Furthermore, the Amendments proposed by Working Group and accepted at EC Meeting were sent to all the members in the List of ISZS Paid-up Members on 4 November 2016 and there no objection from any of them.

The Proposed Amendments are APPROVED

5. ISZS Election

Zhibin Zhang reported that at the EC meeting in 2016 in Xilinhaote, it was agreed that the election of new officers and EC members would be conducted within three months after GA by following the newly amended ISZS Statutes through an e-GA (GA through Email) and a Nomination Committee (NC) would be appointed by the EC according to the newly amended ISZS Statutes.

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6. Update on plans for the 23rd ICZ in Cape Town, South Africa in 2020

Sarita Maree updated the preparation work and plans on the 23rd ICZ in Cape Town, South Africa, 2020, which included the theme of the congress, venue, organizing structure, sponsorship, contributors and possible resources.

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The meeting adjourned at 20:00.