

International Society of Zoological Sciences

Minutes of the International Society of Zoological Sciences

Executive Committee Meeting

Held in the Meeting Room A301, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

1930 - 2100 on 25 November 2014

Attending: John Buckeridge, Yoshitaka Nagahama, Jürgen Heinze, Jean-Marc Jallon, Sarita Maree, Yury Dgebuadze, Zhibin Zhang, Chunxu Han, Wenhua Xiong, Wei Zhang, Jacob Wickham

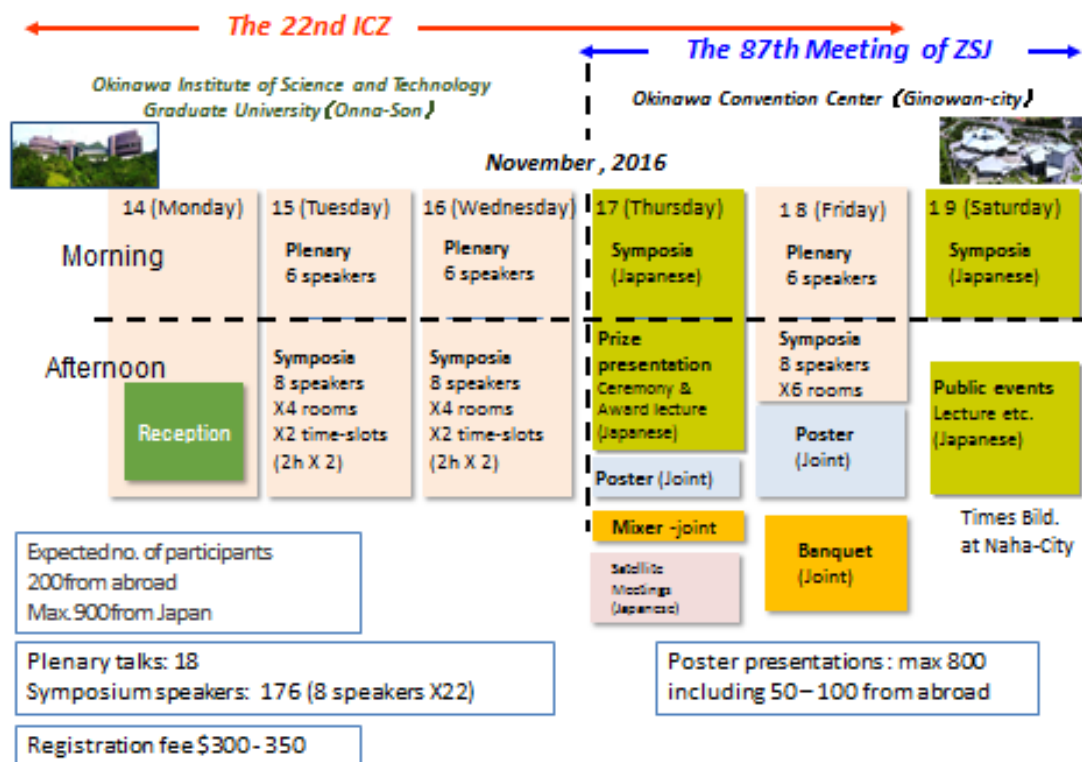
Apologies: Abrahan Haim, Marvalee Wake, Rosa Polymeni, Nils Chr. Stenseth

Issues for Discussion:

1. Report and discussion on the 22nd ICZ in Japan:

Yoshitaka Nagahama presented a report on the preparation for the 22nd ICZ in Japan in 2016, which included the following points:

- Local Hosts: Prof. H. Takeda, Univ. of Tokyo, President of the joint meeting, Secretary General of IUBS; Prof. N. Sato, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Chair and Local Organizer; Prof. E. Hirose, Chair and Local Organizer of 87th Zoological Society of Japan (ZSJ)
- Registration fee will be in the range of \$300-\$350, registration will occur in early 2016
- The conference will comprise two overlapping meetings of the 22nd ICZ and the 87th meeting of the Zoological Society of Japan (ZSJ), with some of the 22nd ICZ held at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate Univ. (Nov. 14 to 16) and joint ICZ and JZS meeting held at the Okinawa Convention Center (Nov 17 to 19).
- The ICZ Plenary Lecture Sessions will be held on the mornings of Nov. 15, 16, and 18; ICZ's Symposia, on the afternoons of Nov 15, 16, and 18; and Joint Poster Sessions, on the afternoons of Nov 17 and 18.
- The ISZS GA will be held on the afternoon of Nov 16 before dinner time.



Totals and projections:

Plenary talks: 18

Invited Plenary Lecturers include Alison Mercer (Neuroethology), Nils Chr Stenseth (Ecology), Jurgen Heize (Social Insects), Russell Foster (Circadian Neuroscience), John Wingfield (Environmental Endocrinology), Claus Neilson (Animal Evolution), Elly Tanaka (Regeneration Biology), Thomas Cavalier-Smith (Evolutionary and Cellular Biology), and Diethard Tautz (Genome Biology and Evolution)

Symposia: 176 speakers (each symposium will last 2 hrs, 8 speakers x 15 min talks x 22 sessions)

Posters: 800 maximum (80-100 from abroad)

Expected participants: 200 from abroad, 900 from Japan

Symposium Deadline: Fri 27 Feb 2015

Submit:

- 1) Title
- 2) Names of Organizers
- 3) Brief description of theme
- 4) Tentative speaker list with the balances of gender, nationality, and experience

2. 23rd ICZ Plans (preliminary discussion)

- Cape Town, South Africa 2020
- Dr. Sarita Maree, Chair of Meeting
- 6 conference rooms
- 660 people capacity in main banquet room
- Joint meeting of South African Systematics Society and Zoological Society of Southern Africa, Entomological Society, and Society of Wildlife Management
- Proposed dates 20 JUNE - 1 AUG 2020 (Winter vacation, easy access to affordable student housing to encourage student participation)

Sarita also proposed that ISZS should be promoted in a "tangible" way, especially in Africa, before the ICZ in 2020 so as to get more members from other African countries to join ISZS and to start boosting the ICZ in 2020 attendance by creating "awareness" in the years prior to the meeting. Those might include joint workshops, training courses or symposia.

AGREED.

3. Comments on Website Design

The newly designed ISZS website looks much professional than before. However, in order to promote INZ, the website should:

- check the links and create a INZ submission link
- Update links of INZ to other societies

ACTION: New Impact Factor (1.419) to be updated and links checked by Xiong Wenhua,

4. Membership: development, membership fees, and collection

- Institutional 500 Euros/term (4 years)
(500 Euros per term for voting rights)
- Individual 40 Euros/term (4 years) (this can be paid on-line)
- Paid members enjoy voting rights

ACTION: Online payment should be set up on the ISZS website by the Secretariat Office in Beijing.

5. Weights of vote by Institutional Member and Individual member

Jürgen Heinze raised the issue on how to deal with the unequal representation of local, regional and national societies. From some countries, several local organizations, such as institutes or universities, are members, and from others only national societies.

ACTION: There is a need to amend the ISZS Statutes to clarify the weights of vote by Institutional and Individual members. John Buckeridge, Zhibin Zhang and

Chunxu Han will form a group to work on these ISZS Statutes amendments. The primary thought is that Institutional members will have 10 votes as their membership fee is 500 Euros/term which is about 10 times of that of Individual members, 40 Euros/term.

6. ISZS Young Scientist Awards

In order to encourage younger members, an ISZS award is to be established for young zoologists who have made substantial contributions to ISZS over the previous 4 years. However, to do it well, the Society has to establish protocols, including the following:

- Appropriate committees and sub-committees to examine candidates,
- Candidate recommendations (two?) and two external referees,
- Whether it should be mandatory for candidates to submit a manuscript on their work/contributions

Considering the time-frame, a working party will be established to undertake development of these protocols at the next GA.

ACTION: To establish a working party to define the criteria for the young scientist award, and related benefits to the recipients.

7. ISZS-MAB China Collaboration

MAB (Man and Biosphere) China would like to do some collaboration with the Society on wild life monitoring and research in form of becoming an Institutional Member of ISZS.

APPROVED.

8. New Institutional Membership Approvals

Three institutions sent their applications to the Secretariat Office to become Institutional Members. They are:

- Argentine Society for the Study of Mammals (SAREM), an Argentine Mammalian Society, 350 individual members
- African Snakebite Institution, South Africa (founded by 1 person, provide snake awareness and venomous snake handling courses as well as training on snakebite treatment to doctors)
- The Copperbelt University, School of Medicine, Zambia (has 210 staff and 15 from faculty of medicine)

APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 2100