

International Society of Zoological Sciences
Meeting Minutes
General Assembly – Grand Amphitheatre, Paris
28 August 2008

Opening:

The General Assembly of the International Society of Zoological Sciences was called to order at 19:00 on 28 August 2008 by Dr Buckeridge.

Present:

Executive Committee: Dr John Buckeridge, Dr Edwin Cooper, Dr Jean-Marc Jallon, Dr Rosa Polymeni, Dr Michel Schmitt, Dr Zhang Zhibin.

Secretariat: Mr Benjamin Bravery, Dr Yan Xie.

Assembly: 37 members

Apologies:

One apology from Ms Li Na was accepted unanimously.

A. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record.

C. Standing Items

Welcome to members by Dr Buckeridge

Special thanks were given to the Chinese Academy of Science for continued support and funding of the ISZS.

ISZS and INZ progress report by Dr Zhang

Dr Zhang updated the Assembly on ISZS achievements and presented the work plan of the ISZS. An invitation was given to all to attend the 3rd International Symposium of Integrated Zoology in Beijing in 2009. The symposium will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology and Darwin 200.

Acceptance of the ISZS and INZ Progress Reports was moved by Dr Buckeridge (Chair). Accepted with one abstention.

D. General Business

International research programme proposal by Dr Zhang

Dr Zhang informed the Assembly that the Chinese Academy of Science has proposed a program on biological consequence of climate change. The goals of the program are to understand some of the consequences of global climate change, changes in species distribution, and to produce management programs. The program will commence in 2008 and should be completed by 2011. The ISZS will be the coordinating body and all are invited

to participate.

Statute Amendment

Changes to the Statutes were presented by Dr Buckeridge. Acceptance of changes was moved by Dr Buckeridge (Chair) and accepted unanimously.

Nominations to the Executive Committee

Dr Buckeridge informed the Assembly there were three vacancies on the Executive Committee: Dr Schmitt is leaving his post as Executive Committee officer, Dr Buckeridge is leaving his position as President and Executive Committee member, and Daxiang Song sadly passed away.

Acceptance of nomination and election of Dr Nils Stenseth, Dr Jurgen Heinze and Dr Abraham Haim to the Executive Committee was moved by Dr Buckeridge. Accepted unanimously.

Election of Dr Jallon as President of the ISZS was moved by Dr Buckeridge and accepted unanimously.

Election of Dr Haim as Vice-President of the ISZS was moved by Dr Buckeridge and accepted unanimously.

XXI and XXII ICZ Host Selection

Dr Haim informed the Assembly of a bid from the Zoological Society of Israel to host the XXI ICZ in Haifa, Israel. This society comprises 300 members. Student accommodation will be offered at the University of Haifa. The University of Haifa has officially supported the ICZ as indicated by a letter from the Rector to the ISZS.

Dr Buckeridge opened the floor to questions for Dr Haim.

Dr Jallon asked which month the ICZ would take place and was informed it would be held in August/September.

Dr Cooper asked about the financial arrangements and if there would be adequate financial support for students and postdocs. Dr Haim informed the Assembly that the University of Haifa had provided all buildings required for the ICZ at not cost, and that the Zoological Society of Israel will contact all universities in Israel and the government of Haifa for financial support.

Dr Cooper asked if any financial pledges had been confirmed and was informed that securing the accommodation and venues had been the first step.

Dr Buckeridge highlighted the fact that encouraging students and postdocs with financial aid was very important.

Dr Buckeridge invited Dr Nori Satoh (President, Zoological Society of Japan) to address the Assembly. Dr Satoh informed the Assembly that his society comprised over 2000 members and that Kyoto would be an ideal location to host the 2016 congress.

Dr Buckeridge (Chair) moved the motion to accept both nominations and suggested that websites be established for both Congresses as soon as possible. Accepted unanimously.

Presentation of Student Awards by the ISZS

Dr Buckeridge presented student awards to Satendra Nirala, Monika Bhaudaria and Li Na (in absentia) and cash prizes.

Closing:

Meeting was closed at 20:04 by Dr Buckeridge.

Next Meeting:

The next General Assembly will be held in Haifa, Israel during the XXI International Congress of Zoology in August 2012.

Minutes submitted by Benjamin Bravery and Yan Xie.

Approved by Dr Jallon.