

International Polychaetology Association

9th International Polychaete Conference, Portland, Maine, 12-17 August 2007

Executive Meeting of the Advisory Council

Monday, 13 August 2007, 17.30h

Since the actual president Guillermo San Martín was unable to attend the conference, it was agreed that Dan Dauer (member of the Advisory Council), would chair the business meeting of the IPA on Friday August 17th and that Ruth Barnich (secretary/treasurer) would chair the executive meeting.

List of participants:

Bakken, Torkild (Norway)	Gambi, Maria Cristina (Italy)
Barnich, Ruth (Germany)	Gillet, Patrick (France)
Ben-Eliahu, Nechama (Israel)	Hutchings, Pat (Australia)
Blake, Jim (USA)	Lana, Paulo (Brazil)
Chambers, Susan (UK)	Martin, Daniel (Spain)
Dauer, Dan (USA)	McHugh, Damhnait (USA)
Ebbe, Brigitte (Germany)	Sato-Okoshi, Waka (Japan)
Fauchald, Kristian (USA)	Simon, Carol (South Africa)
Fiege, Dieter (Germany)	

Minutes:

1) Next president

It was agreed that the present members of the Council would act as the Nominations Committee. Dan Dauer proposed Jim Blake to be nominated as presidential candidate and was seconded by Kristian Fauchald. Jim Blake accepted the nomination, and the council decided to nominate JB as candidate for the next president at the business meeting.

Dan Dauer said he would remind the conference participants at least 24 hours before the vote that a possible candidate could also be nominated by them, provided the candidate agreed to act as president.

2) Next conference

On behalf of Adriana Giangrande, Maria Cristina Gambi proposed the University of Salento in Lecce to be the host of the next conference in 2010. Conference proceedings will be published in a special issue of *Marine Ecology* with MC Gambi and Lisa Levin as editors.

Dan Dauer strongly supported this proposition.

3) Changes/amendments to the constitution

Jim Blake pointed at the need to have an additional officer, i.e. vice-president, in case the president would be unable to fulfill his/her duties. It was agreed by the council to put this amendment to the constitution to vote during the business meeting.

Further propositions of amendments by Jim Blake were discussed: a) results presented at a conference should be substantially new and unpublished, and b) number of presentations per person. It was agreed that the decision regarding these points should be left to the organisers of a conference.

4) Various

Ruth Barnich proposed that minutes of the meetings together with the list of current IPA members (only names, no addresses !) should be available on the Annelida.Net homepage (moderated by Geoff Read) and that members will be informed via the Annelida mailing list about the availability of these files. It was agreed that RB should ask Geoff Read for assistance.

Business Meeting of the IPA
Friday, 17 August 2007, 16.40h

Minutes:

1) Vote for the next president

Dan Dauer presented Jim Blake as the candidate of the Nominations Committee and asked for further nominations by members of the IPA. Since no further candidate was presented, the members were asked to vote by acclamation for Jim Blake. The vote for JB was positive by more than 2/3.

2) Amendment to the constitution

Dan Dauer explained the necessity to have an additional officer, i.e. a vice-president, at the Council, in case the president is unable to attend a conference and opened the discussion on this proposed amendment.

Jim Blake added that a future vice-president should also help the president at his/her request and take over tasks.

DD asked the members to vote for this amendment to the constitution by raising hands. Approximately 95 % of the members voted positively.

3) Next conference

Maria Cristina Gambi presented the University of Salento in Lecce, Italy, as host of the 10th IPC in 2010 with Adriana Giangrande as convenor. The conference motto will be "Polychaetes as systematic, biological, and ecological models". In general contributions on all subjects will be accepted, but those corresponding best to this motto will be given priority; pure alpha-taxonomy should be presented on posters.

The conference will take place either end of June or beginning of September 2010.

Conference proceedings will be published as special issue of Marine Ecology with MC Gambi and Lisa Levin as editors plus a number of guest-editors.

Posters will be shown during the entire conference if possible.

Comments by members:

Fred Pleijel: regarding publication in Marine Ecology, will purely taxonomic papers also be accepted ?

MCG: will be discussed with the publishers.

Albrecht Fischer: suggestion to add "development" to the motto of the conference.

MCG agreed.

Ken Halanych: will this be a polychaete or annelid conference ?

Dan Dauer: do you want to change only the subject of the conference or also the name of the Association ? In the latter case this request must be submitted in written form 24 hours before the next business meeting at the next conference.

N.N.: people are not aware of articles in the constitution !

Dan Dauer: constitution will be made available to everybody.

Sarah Lindsay: the best would be to keep the name International Polychaetology Association and simply invite specialists of other annelidean taxa to participate in the conference.

Dan Dauer supported Lecce as host of the next conference, since he had the opportunity to visit Lecce and the conference hotel recently.

Members acknowledged the next conference to be held in Lecce by acclamation.

4) Various

Jim Blake informed members that the page limit for the proceedings of the current conference in ZOOSYMPOSIA will be approximately 12 to 14 pages.

Sarah Wooding pointed at the fact that life bait machines are used in France, Italy and the USA with worms not occurring in the respective region or country.

Jim Blake agreed to find out more on this issue and try to talk to the responsible companies.