

# IUBS 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

## Resolutions

### 1 IUBS Scientific Programmes

#### Current programmes:

##### **Integrative Biology**

**Resolution 1.1:** That support for the Integrative Biology Committee be maintained. That this be chaired by Professor Motonori Hoshi.

##### **Diversitas**

**Resolution 1.2:** That IUBS maintains links with Diversitas through *ex officio* Science Committee member, Professor Christoph Scheidegger.

##### **Human Dimensions of Biodiversity**

**Resolution 1.3:** That the science plan of this programme be reviewed by Professor Kamal Bawa. If necessary, a proposal for further support may be submitted to the IUBS Executive Committee for consideration.

##### **Systematics Agenda**

**Resolution 1.4:** That as the aims of this programme have been achieved, that it be closed.

##### **Biological Education**

**Resolution 1.5:** That support for the Biological Education Programme be maintained. That this be chaired by Professor John Jungck.

##### **Bioethics**

**Resolution 1.6:** That support for the Bioethics Programme be maintained. That this be chaired by Professor John Buckeridge.

##### **Bionomenclature**

**Resolution 1.7:** That as the aims of this programme have been achieved, that it be closed.

#### New Programmes

##### **Biology and Traditional Knowledge**

**Resolution 1.8:** That support for a programme on Biology and Traditional Knowledge be initiated. That this be chaired by Professor Jan Salick, Missouri Botanical Garden. And that this programme investigate potential inter-Union Programme with the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES).  
Global Change: Migration of species and Spatial Dynamics of Communities  
Dispersal: Reproduction

**Resolution 1.9:** That support for a programme encompassing Global Change, Migration of species and Spatial Dynamics of Communities Dispersal and Reproduction be initiated. That this be chaired by Professors Christoph Scheidegger and Mikael Fortelius.

Outcomes to include a symposium, edited volume and a position paper.

## **BioEnergy**

**Resolution 1.10:** That support for a programme on bioenergy be initiated. That this include Professors Anna Palmisano, Chantal Astier, and an IUBS Executive Committee Member.

Outcomes may include a symposium, edited volume and position papers

## **From Darwin's Birthday to the publication of the Origin of Species**

**Resolution 1.11:** That the IUBS establish a programme to celebrate 2009 as a „Darwin Year“. To be chaired by Professor Giorgio Bernardi.

## **Programme Finances**

**Resolution 1.12:** That €5000,00 per year be allocated for each programme. That continued support for years 2 and 3 of the triennium be contingent upon a business plan being accepted by the IUBS Executive Committee at the end of the first year. Purpose of grant: for website development and maintenance, secretariat.

## **2. Admissions**

**Resolution 2:** For future admissions as Scientific and Associate Member of the IUBS, the applicant body should have been active for at least three years prior to its application for membership to the IUBS. This would permit an objective assessment of the applicant body/organization in relation to Objectives and activities of the IUBS.

## **3. Nominations**

**Preamble:** The Nominating Committee for the IUBS 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly urges Ordinary and Scientific Members to take seriously Resolution #1 as approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Cairo in January, 2004. It is important to further enhance the diversity of science, gender, geography, age, etc., represented by the IUBS officers and Executive Committee members in order that IUBS have the breadth of perspective necessary for IUBS to maintain and increase its leadership in internationally collaborative science.

**Resolution 3:** That the period for nomination of IUBS Officers be extended to one year before the General Assembly.

## **4. Finance**

**Resolution 4:** That the following Resolution be endorsed by the General Assembly for consideration by the Executive Committee:

- Members which have not paid their dues for 3 consecutive years or even more without having given plausible explanation for the default and not applying for putting off termination of membership shall be considered as “suspended members” for one year only.
- They shall be informed in writing about the termination of membership after one year.
- If these members are willing to pay in future, the treasurer shall negotiate the level of accumulated debt.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the annual general statements of the auditors on the IUBS be included on the balance sheet in the General Assembly documents.
- 2a. That the MERRILL LYNCH account be closed with all monies being transferred to a European bank, e.g. CREDIT LYONNAIS.
- 2b. That a professional finance advisor be consulted when investing funds.

- 2c. That preference be given to deposits in Euros, but that a reasonable proportion of IUBS assets in US\$ be maintained.
- 3a. That a new system of annual dues for Ordinary Members be adopted, as presented in the treasurer's report.
- 3b. That all Ordinary Members dues be paid in Euros, in order to avoid the significant losses on exchange during the last triennium.
4. No general revision of the Ordinary Members' adherence to their dues category is required, however the Executive Committee could address selected members to reconcile their dues category.
5. As stated in the Treasurer's Report, the G.A. should encourage the IUBS Ordinary and Scientific Members to provide financial support to specific scientific initiatives and programmes on an *ad hoc* basis.

**5. Communication:**

**Resolution 5:** That the activities and outcomes of this General Assembly – Symposium be communicated to all members.

This communication should encompass the following sentiments:

*The 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the International Union of Biological Sciences acknowledges the participation of the 194 members of representative bodies from 42 countries. This forum addressed the new and urgent challenges for the biological sciences that underpin sustainable development. A new era has dawned for the biological sciences in this rôle, integrating and sharing information and perspectives within disciplines including biological, physical and social sciences.*

**6. The 30<sup>th</sup> IUBS General Assembly**

That the 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the IUBS be held in South Africa in November, 2009.

**7. Final Resolution**

In recognising the significant planning that this General Assembly and Symposium has required, The International Union of Biological Sciences wishes to warmly commend and express our sincere thanks to our hosts, and sponsors, for a most successful, rewarding, and enjoyable meeting.