

Society News

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ISBE 2004 CONFERENCE

The 10th Jubilee Congress of the ISBE will be held in Jyväskylä, Finland, 10-15 July 2004. Details can be found at www.isbe2004.com.

WORKSHOPS AND OTHER MEETINGS

XIXth (NEW) International Congress of Zoology will be held in 2004 in Beijing, China.

Basic information, such as correspondence,

first announcement, online registration and how to organize a symposium, is available on the web page <http://www.icz.ioz.ac.cn/>. The research papers presented in the congress will be published in *Acta Zoologica Sinica*.

Fisheries Society of the British Isles Annual International Symposium: Fish as models of behaviour. Norwich, UK. 30 June - 4 July 2003.

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GRANTS AND JOBS

Grants and Job postings are listed in detail on the newsletter's webpage:
web.unbc.ca/isbe/newsletter/index.htm

MINUTES OF ISBE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, 10TH JULY 2002.

Chair: Malte Andersson, Society President

Agenda

1. Local meeting report
2. Oxford University Press report
3. Editors' report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Newsletter report
6. 2004 meeting report

Malte Andersson, opened the meeting and explained its main purposes were to hear the Society officers' reports and to raise issues of general relevance. There were around 90 members present.

Don Kramer gave a report on the Montreal meeting. There were 285 talks and 257 posters, with a total of 701 participants (including the plenary speakers). Forty volunteers had helped with the organization. The budget is sound.

Cathy Kennedy, Senior Editor at Oxford University Press, reported that the journal is

doing well compared to other journals, with subscriptions increasing. She stressed that members should **ensure their libraries register their IP numbers with the press if they are taking the journal**. The Impact Factor of the journal is increasing over the years. The finances are sound and this is the first year in which the Society will receive income from the journal, increasing in later years. Online submission is planned for 2003.

Ron Ydenberg gave the Editors' report. Submissions are increasing, with 639 since the last report, which is 71 per editor per year. 182 were accepted and 371 rejected (the others are still in handling), giving a 33% acceptance rate. 1314 reviews from 853 referees were handled. The lay summaries are working well. The blinded reviewing procedure is also working well, even though there are some complaints, but Ron commented that reviewers are not as good as they think about identifying authors. Ron Ydenberg and Innes Cuthill have come to the ends of their terms and are being replaced by Ian Owens and Marlene Zuk. There will be a change in the organizational structure of the journal editing when electronic submission is introduced.

Walt Koenig gave the Treasurer's report. The Society is in good shape, especially as it has become a tax-exempt organization in the USA. The main income comes from the journal,

money in the bank and (sometimes) (small) profits from the meetings. The main expense is the Newsletter. The Society committee decided to help participants from disadvantaged countries attend its next meeting.

Ken Otter gave the Newsletter report. The book reviews are a success. He intends to publish workshop proceedings, especially where no published proceedings are planned. He is also interested in receiving commentary pieces, especially from students. Cartoonist wanted! Send him stuff - it might well get in. There is a website at web.unbc.ca/isbe.

Rauno Alatalo informed about the next meeting in Jyväskylä, Finland, July 10-15 2004. Jyväskylä is three hours from Helsinki. The logo is an attractive displaying black grouse. Details at www.isbe2004.com.

Steve Emlen, Marion Petrie, Jane Brockmann and Andre Dhondt have completed their terms as Past President, Secretary and committee members. They are replaced by Nick Davies, Paul Ward, Hanna Kokko and Nina Wedell respectively. Jack Bradbury joins the committee as President Elect. Malte Andersson thanked all the outgoing officers and welcomed the new ones

Malte Andersson closed the meeting to uproarious applause.

Paul Ward, ISBE Secretary

SWEET CANADA, CANADA, CANADA: REVIEW OF THE 2002 ISBE, MONTREAL.

I must admit, my first impressions of this conference were not good. Our party couldn't follow the directions provided on the meeting website and got lost among the crowded streets of central Montreal. Even when we reached the UQAM campus, we had problems locating the actual conference building because it was so poorly advertised. It never ceases to amaze me how much of the confusion that plagues conferences could be solved by a few simple

arrows or cheaply made signs. Still, a quick trip to the nearby dorms to drop off my stuff and freshen up worked wonders, and I returned to the reception in a more positive frame of mind. Fortuitously, the start of the conference overlapped with the end of the International Jazz Festival, held just a few blocks away from campus. Like many other delegates, I hastened downtown after the mandatory glasses of reception wine, and spent an affable evening