

# International Society of Zoological Sciences

Meeting Minutes  
Executive Committee Meeting– UPMC, Paris  
29 August, 2008

## **Opening:**

The first meeting of the second Executive Committee of the International Society of Zoological Sciences was called to order at 18:18 on 29 August 2008 in Paris by John Buckeridge (Chair).

## **Present:**

Executive Committee: John Buckeridge, Zhang Zhibin, Jean-Marc Jallon, Rosa Polymeni, Abraham Haim, Edwin Cooper and Juergen Heinze  
Secretariat: Yan Xie, Benjamin Bravery

## **Apologies:**

Nils Stenseth

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the General Assembly were corrected and will be distributed by the Secretariat.

### **C. New Business**

#### Election of Secretary General

Dr Zhibin moved that Dr Xie be elected Secretary General of the ISZS, seconded by Dr Buckeridge. Passed unanimously.

#### 2009 meeting of Executive Committee

Dr Zhang Zhibin proposed that the next Executive Committee meeting take place along side the annual meeting of the Society of Conservation Biology in July 2009, Beijing. Dr Zhang will notify all committee members of the exact dates of the SCB meeting and a possible schedule for the ISZS meeting.

**Action: Dr Zhang Zhibin  
20 September 2009**

#### Working groups and tasks

Discussion around additional activities the ISZS could be supporting between Congresses was raised by Dr Jallon. There was support from all Executive members for this, but problems with securing funds were noted. Dr Haim suggested a program whereby the ISZS sponsors researchers to visit institutions in other countries to run courses for students. Dr Cooper informed the group that he had been involved in courses on article writing and publication and that these had been successful. As a first step towards expanding any activities and the range of the ISZS the Executive Committee will compile a list of potential funding sources. This will be coordinated by Dr Cooper with help from the Secretariat.

**Action: Executive Committee, Dr Cooper, Secretariat  
30 September 2009**

#### Financial structure of ISZS

Dr Buckeridge (Chair) moved that Han Chunxu (ISZS Secretariat) be elected Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Regarding the position of Auditor, Dr Zhang suggested that a financial controller from the Institute of Zoology could assume this role. There was support from the Executive for this. Dr Zhang will inform the Executive Committee about who will take on this role.

**Action: Dr Zhang Zhibin  
20 September 2009**

Decisions on establishing an ISZS foundation and legal and financial advisors

The Executive Committee felt no action was required at this stage regarding these matters but did not rule them out for the future.

Resolutions on trends within the zoological sciences and the role of the ISZS and ISZS priorities

There was continued support for a comprehensive document to be developed with Executive support and input that provides a summary of zoological research and that will define critical areas for future attention. Dr Buckeridge (Chair) moved that the report be complete by the next meeting of the Executive Committee in July 2009.

**Action: Executive Committee, Secretariat**

Role of past presidents

Dr Cooper moved that a President's Committee be formed as an advisory body to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Dr Jallon. The committee would comprise past presidents and be chaired by the current President of the ISZS. Passed unanimously.

Dr Jallon moved that Dr Buckeridge and Dr Por be elected President Emeriti and take up positions on the President's Committee. Passed unanimously.

Publication of abstracts from XX ICZ

It was agreed that publication of the abstracts would be dependent on the cost to the Society and that a quote was required before discussion could proceed on this matter. Mr Bravery has been in contact with Wiley-Blackwell and will inform the Executive Committee once the full costs and details are known.

**Action: Mr Bravery  
30 September 2009**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 19:35 by Dr Buckeridge.

Minutes submitted by: Benjamin Bravery and Yan Xie