

**THE XXI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ZOOLOGY (ICZ)**

**HAIFA, ISRAEL, 2-7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**ZOOLOGY IN A CHANGING WORLD  
HOW ANIMALS RESPOND TO HUMAN ACTIVITIES**

***SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT***

**The preparations for the International Congress of Zoology (ICZ), also the hosting the General Assembly of the International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), are accelerating as we have less than a year to September 2012, so please secure the dates 2-7/9/2012. Our website (ISZSINT.CON.2012.Haifa.ac.il) will soon be launched and it will include all information in regards to the scientific program, social events, accommodation registration forms and fees, tours and events related with the 21<sup>st</sup> ICZ. Please note the main topic of the congress which has to do with our present studies and definitely with the future of zoological research.**

**Human activities cause major changes in ecosystems worldwide and the main question would be how can we, as zoologists, deal with these changes and how the animals we study will respond to them? Thinking of the variety of human activities and their impact on animal life, such topics are discussed under “biology of conservation”. However, animal responses to such anthropogenic changes have zoological outcomes *per se* and therefore the scientific committee puts forward the theme as a central one for the meeting in Haifa.**

**So far we have topics for 15 symposia and most of them follow the main theme of the meeting. We thank all the members who have suggested topics for symposia. The topics will appear on the website. Although the main subject of the congress revolves around the anthropogenic changes and their zoological impact, a wide range of integrative zoological subjects are also welcome. You are kindly invited to contribute, either by suggesting and organizing a symposium theme if you have not already done so, or by proposing single lecture subjects. The deadline for new suggestions is December 15<sup>th</sup>, please send it to: [izc2012@sci.haifa.ac.il](mailto:izc2012@sci.haifa.ac.il)**

**The proposed congress plan will include four days of presentations and lectures and half a day dedicated to a tour.**

**On behalf of the local organizing committee, I look forward to meeting you in Haifa.**

**Abraham Haim**