

**Minutes of the International Council of Ethologists
XXIII International Ethological Conference
22 25 August 2003
Florianópolis, Brazil**

Present:

Sharon Downes	Australia
Eva Millesi	Austria
Maten Parsonttos De Casid	Brazil
Cesar Ades	Brazil
Bennett Galef	Canada
Richard Brown	Canada
Marcial Bettrami	Chile
Torbern Dabelsteen	Denmark
Stephanie Barbu	France
Fritz Trillmich	Germany
Rolf Gutterman	Germany
Raimund Apfelbach	Germany
V. Altbacker	Hungary
Jainos Torok	Hungary
Marek W. Kozlowski	Poland
Rui Oliveira	Portugal
Gunilla Rosenqvist	Sweden
Anders Brodin	Sweden
Michael Taborsky	Switzerland
CK Hemelrijk	The Netherlands
Bob Elwood	UK
Clive Catchpole	UK
Gabriel Fracescozi	Uruguay
Jane Brockmann	USA
Jan Randall	USA

1-2. Introduction, Overview of Agenda

Secretary General Jane Brockmann opened the meeting and Gunilla Rosenqvist was asked to become the recording secretary for the meeting. All delegates introduced themselves.

3. Approval of minutes from the 2001 meeting

Jane Brockmann informed delegates that there is now a web site for the IEC where minutes from the previous meeting are posted. Delegates were requested to send in any corrections.

4. Report of the Secretary General

- a) The society's web site is up and running (<http://www.zoology.ufl.edu/ICE/>) and will in the future have links to all the national animal behaviour and ethology organizations. Delegates were asked to send in relevant addresses from their own countries.
- b) Jane Brockmann stated that she had visited Florianópolis sites before the meeting and met with organizers; she continued the interactions with the organizers until the meeting started.

5. Report of the Secretary-General Elect

Secretary General Elect Michael Taborsky informed delegates that Judy Stamps had been asked to be Vice Secretary Elect and that she had agreed to take on the position.

6. Report of the Treasurer (Financial status of ICE)

The Treasurer Bob Elwood reported that the financial status of the society is at the moment 3842 Swiss francs banked in Bern and 6492 Pounds sterling banked in Oxford. There are some difficulties with having finances in different locations; the reason for the situation is historical.

A proposal was raised to consolidate the money to one account in one bank to make it easier to handle, and also that the rules should be that more than one signature is required on cheques which is the rule today.

The proposal passed and the treasurer will investigate in what country the bank should be located.

The Treasurer pointed out that at the moment the Society receives no income, which should be of concern.

A proposal was put forward that in future there should be a charge of 10 US dollars per full-paying participant at the IEC meetings. The charge would be for the use of the name of the Society, and the Treasurer will invoice the organizer of the meetings.

Council voted for the proposal and Hungary will be the first meeting to incorporate the cost in their budget for the meeting.

Council discussed whether all the national societies should pay a fee to the IEC; no conclusion was reached.

7. Election of Recording Secretary

Gunilla Rosenqvist was elected as Recording Secretary.

The obligations of the Recording Secretary were clarified as taking notes during Council meetings and writing the minutes.

8. Election of Corresponding Secretary

There were discussions about the description of the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, before electing one. At the moment the responsibilities are to provide information about upcoming meetings and to maintain the web site.

As Jane Brockmann has set up the web site and has promised to maintain it for the time being she was elected as Corresponding Secretary and during her term the description for the position will be clarified.

9. Appointment of Vice Secretary-General

Michael Taborsky has appointed Judy Stamps as Vice Secretary General - see agenda #5.

10. Council Membership

There are a few countries that do not have any representatives listed. Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary will investigate who should be the representative(s) on Council.

11. Final Report from the 2001 Meeting in Tübingen

The local committee for the Tübingen meeting presented the final report from the meeting in 2001. Numbers attending included 716 delegates, plus the local people and 160 students. The local committee also supported individuals to attend the meeting; these individuals had to apply in advance and a committee decided the fate of the applications. The meeting closed with a small profit.

12. Report from the 2003 Meeting in Florianópolis

The local committee has had representatives from the whole country. The number of delegates attending include 239 students, 146 full paying participants and 17 accompanying persons, the organizing committee of 12 people, the local committee of 15 people and 10 plenary speakers.

The surplus for the meeting is calculated to be US\$1150.93.

13. Report on plans for the 2005 Meeting in Hungary

The meeting in 2005 will be in Budapest, Hungary. The dates of the meeting are set as the 20-27 August, which means that there will be an overlap with the Evolution meeting. All planning is going well and the budget seems to hold so far. The local committee has received support from an international advisory board. To make the poster sessions more attractive the local committee plans to have the posters up for the whole meeting, which has been a main concern at earlier meetings. Flyers to advertise the meeting have been included in the bags for the current meeting in Florianópolis. The local committee in Hungary has contracted a professional conference organizer to assist with the details of the conference.

14. Presentation of bid for the 2007 IEC: Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) Richard Brown (voting)

Richard Brown produced a convincing presentation about the beauty and social possibility of letting Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia host the meeting in 2007. Benefits were easy air connection from major airports, diversity of food in nearby locations, many lecture halls, good facilities for posters, low crime rate, and a lecture hall that can accommodate up to 1600 people. Low price dorm rooms will be available at the University and in the town hotels from the entire price range can be found. The suggested dates for the meeting would be 6-13 August 2007, and will try to avoid overlap with Animal Behaviour Society (ABS) if possible.

The theme for the meeting will be Nova Scotia wildlife, neuroscience, and they will also try to get more marine contributors involved. The local committee will hire a firm to run the web site and housing. The registration fee will be around \$600 Canadian for full paying delegates and \$300 Canadian for students.

Council voted unanimously for the meeting to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 2007.

15. Future meeting sites: Rennes, France in 2009 (Stephanie Barbu)

There is a bid for the 2009 meeting from Rennes in France. The location is near Paris (2 hours by train), they will have good facilities for posters and a lecture hall that can accommodate 2000 people. The date would be near the end of August, e.g. 20-27, 2008. No decision was made at this point.

16. New business

No new business was announced.

Gunilla Rosenqvist, Recording Secretary

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