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Subject: RE: IPA: Confidential
Date-Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2010 11:33 +0200

Dear Mike,

Just to assure you, your nomination received by far the most votes by the selection committee. Interestingly a former Bristol professor (not my nomination) came last out of the five nominees!

I can list a number of key points.

1. All the work is carried out by e mail within the executive group. This is by no means onerous. The only business meeting is once every four years at the IPC. Other formal tasks might be invitations to attend conferences on behalf of the IPA (I received only four of these!) and write letters of support for a wide array of international projects. There is a yearly report to prepare for the IUGS but that should be the job of the Secretary General.
2. The main job of the President is to secure a candidate to hold the next IPC by soliciting bids. I had a about three bids of which PalAss was the most concrete. I've been actively involved in the organization of the meeting (co-chair of the Science Committee, vice-chair of the executive) but you can choose how much or how little involvement you wish.
3. Continue dialogue with the Lethaia Foundation. Again this is a bit political, to make sure we receive our part of the personal subscriptions to Lethaia (about 4000 USD a year).
4. Encourage meetings to ask the IPA for support (we give a start up loan of c. 500 USD) and more importantly use our logo. Many elect only to use our logo as a stamp of approval!
5. Support the development of our infrastructure (the lists of members, societies and museums).
6. Support our PaleoParks initiatives led by Jere Lipps.

I found it was no more than a few e mails a week.

We are though in a slightly difficult position in that our personal membership is tied to subscription to Lethaia and this has dropped from about 300 to almost half that in the four years I've been president. We've tried all sorts of special offers and deals but without success. I think we need a new membership model.

I would end by saying we need a really high-profile figure like your good self to lead the Association at this time. I will remain on the executive as past president for the next four years and of course we can talk more about this in London. I hope you can accept.

Have fun in China. I hoped to join you in Wuhan but am externally examining in Cork of all places!

AND I've just heard from Lord Krebs that the electors would like to meet me in late June. I understand they've spent a bit of time trying attract some big names (not on the list of applicants) but obviously can't pay them enough! Thanks again for your testimonial.

All good wishes,
Dave

David A.T. Harper D.Sc.

① letter to all IPCS delegates.

② Argentina / Brazil —

Washington
Chicago
Toronto

Buenos Aires
Rio de Janeiro

Bahrain

~~Dubai~~ Oman

Tokyo.



International Palaeontological Association

ORDINARY MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1 July 2010, London

1630 9/31

AGENDA

- I. Reading and approval of Minutes of the previous General Assembly (2006, p. 2)
- II. Reports from Officers of the Executive Committee
 - A. Report of the President (p. 3)
 - B. Report of the Secretary-General (p. 5)
 - C. Report of the Treasurer (p. 10)
- III. Report on the PaleoParks Project by Dr. Jere Lipps (p. 11)
- IV. Election of Officers: Report of the Nominating Committee (p. 12)
- V. Invitations for Sites of Future International Paleontological Congresses
- VI. Other business

Membership

1. Do we need mass individual membership?
2. Do we invite affiliates / corporate members — fee?
3. ~~Done~~ How do we increase income?

Money

4. Can we save money?
5. If we had more money what would we do?

Activities

6. website content / ipa web address
7. Imperial standards / series.
8. ^(co) sponsored meetings
9. 4-yearly IPC

Next IPC meeting



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**REPORT OF THE IPA PRESIDENT
CURRENT STATUS AND ACTIVITIES 2010**

It has been a challenging but enjoyable four years serving the IPA as President. The work has been interesting and varied, never dull. I have summarized the main activities of my presidency below but would especially mention three of the most positive aspects of my period in office. First, I have enjoyed developing a stronger mutual relationship between the IPA and the Lethaia Foundation, second a particular highlight has been the firm establishment of the IPA's PaleoParks project under the secure leadership of Jere Lipps and thirdly it has been a great pleasure to work with colleagues in the Palaeontological Association to bring the Third International Palaeontological Congress to the Albertopolis in London. Above all I would like to thank my colleagues on the executive group, Rosalie Maddocks and Bruce Lieberman for their strong support over the last four years.

Reports from the Secretary-General and Treasurer summarize most aspects of the current status and many activities of the Association during the last fruitful four years. The financial income of the Association depends mainly on revenue from Corporate Members and from individual subscribers to *Lethaia*. We again would emphasize the value our symbiotic relationship with *Lethaia* and hope that membership through this route will flourish despite the current downward trend in numbers. In this context current ties with the Lethaia Foundation have been strengthened together with the relationship of the IPA with the Palaeontological Association and Paleontological Society. We now have extended the categories of individual membership by including categories of ordinary and student membership, where members can pay dues directly to the IPA. Various offers of reduced membership fees were introduced for members of other societies including the Palaeontological Association and closer editorial ties were established between *Lethaia* and *Palaeontology* within the Wiley-Blackwell stable. We again encourage all palaeontologists who are gaining benefit from IPC 2010 and from other IPA activities, including our directories and support for meetings, to ensure that they are individual members or belong to a society that is a Corporate Member.

The IPA is the official affiliate for palaeontology to the International Union of Biological Sciences and the International Union of Geological Sciences. As a member organization, IPA sent a Delegate (Dr. Lucy E. Edwards) to the IUBS General Assembly in Washington, D. C., in May 2007. The IUGS Executive Committee Meeting was held January 16-20, 2007, in Nara, Japan. Dr. Hiroshi Kitazato (IPA Councillor-At-Large) attended as an observer on behalf of IPA and the Palaeontological Society of Japan.

On 15 August 2006 Dr. W.A.P. Wimbledon, ProGEO Secretary (ProGEO, European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage, affiliated to IUGS) invited IPA to join a consortium of national and international, scientific and geoconservation



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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL July 1, 2010

OBJECTIVES

The International Palaeontological Association (IPA) aims to promote and coordinate international cooperation in palaeontology and to encourage the integration and synthesis of all palaeontological knowledge. A detailed mission statement is published on the IPA web site at <http://ipa.geo.ku.edu>.

CONSTITUTION

The revised Constitution of IPA was approved by the IPA General Assembly meeting of June 20, 2006, in Beijing. It is published on the IPA web site at <http://ipa.geo.ku.edu>.

AFFILIATIONS

The IPA is affiliated with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and with the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS). Other formal affiliations include Associate Partner status for the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), Affiliate status with the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN), *Lethaia* (a formal publication outlet and authorized by IPA to collect dues of subscribing members of IPA), and *Geoheritage* (liaison with Editorial Board). The IPA receives no funding from any of these organizations.

BUSINESS MEETING

The IPA General Assembly is held every four years at the International Palaeontological Congress.

OFFICERS 2006-2010

The officers of IPA for the term June 2006 through June 2010 are:

President: David A. T. Harper (Denmark)
Vice-President Stefan Bengtson (Sweden),
Vice-President: Luis Buatois (Canada),
Vice-President: Greg Edgecombe (United Kingdom),
Vice-President: Hou Xianguang (China),
Vice-President: Bettina Reichenbacher (Germany),
Vice-President: Jean Vannier (France).
Secretary-General: Rosalie F. Maddocks (U.S.A.)
Treasurer: Bruce S. Lieberman (U.S.A.)
Councillor-At-Large: Hiroshi Kitazato (Japan)
Councillor-At-Large: Tat'yana Koren (Russia)
Past-President: Richard J. Aldridge (U.K.)



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SHORT REPORT ON THE PALEOPARKS PROJECT

The PalaeoParks programme has been developing a pace with meetings at the IGCs in Florence (2004) and Oslo (2008) together with the 2nd IPC in Beijing and the 3rd in London. Fossil sites across the world are endangered by development, construction, collecting, and vandalism, even though many outstanding examples have been protected in World Heritage Sites, national parks, monuments and reserves, state and provincial parks, and local government and non-profit organizations, as well as by some private individuals. Ten examples of PaleoParks are described in: Lipps, Jere H., and Granier, Bruno (eds.). 2009. PaleoParks: the Preservation and Conservation of Fossil Sites Worldwide. Carnets du Geologie E-book
<http://paleopolis.rediris.es/cg/CG2009_BOOK_03/>.

A second e-volume of "PaleoParks--the Preservation and Conservation of Fossil Sites Worldwide" is currently in the planning stages now. We are hoping to cover examples from other fossil groups not usually considered too important from a protection viewpoint — invertebrate, microfossil, and microbial sites. Of course, we would be interested in papers on vertebrate and paleobotanical sites as well. For more information, please contact Jere Lipps at jlipps@berkeley.edu.

INTERNATIONAL PALAEONTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF JUNE 15, 2010

CORPORATE MEMBERS 2010 (as of June 2010):

Canada, British Columbia Paleontological Alliance
France, APF (Association Paléontologique Française)
France, Staff of Carnets de Géologie - Notebooks on Geology
India, Palaeontological Society of India (Delegate: Prof. M. P. Singh)
IRGO International Research Group on Ostracoda
Japan, Palaeontological Society of Japan (Delegate: Dr. Kazuyoshi Endo)
New Zealand, The Royal Society of New Zealand
Switzerland, Société Paléontologique Suisse
United States of America, The Paleontological Society
United States of America, Botanical Society of America, Paleobotanical Section

DELEGATES OF CORPORATE MEMBERS:

Endo, Dr. Kazuyoshi (Delegate for The Paleontological Society of Japan)
Singh, Prof. M. P. (Delegate for The Paleontological Society of India)

INDIVIDUAL (ORDINARY) MEMBERS

Benton, Michael J. Maddocks, Rosalie F.
Harper, David A.T. Waisfeld, Beatriz

LETHAIA SUBSCRIBERS 2010 (as of April 2010)

Ahlberg, Per	Chamberlain, John A	Holland, C H
Aldridge, Richard J	Charpentier, Ronald R	Hollingsworth, J Stewart
Allison, Stuart	Cuneo, Mef N R	Igo, Hisayoshi
Alvarez, Fernando	Custodi, Paolo	Jablonski, David
Anderson, Laurie	Damborenea, Susana Ester	Jago, Jim B
Angiolini, Lucia (pending)	Domenech, Rosa	Johnson, Markes E
Anstey, Robert L	Domino, Grant A	Kauffman, Erle G
Arnold, Richard Davis	Droser, Mary L	Kelly, Simon R A
August Ilg	Dutro J Thomas,	Kennedy, William J
Ausich, William I	Erickson, J Mark	Kerp, Hans
Bade, Brian	Erwin, Douglas H	Keun, Choi Duck
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Bajraktarevic, Zlatan	Etter, Walter	Knox, Larry
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Barrick, James E	Finney, Stanley C	Legrand
Bengtson, Peter	Foster, Merrill	Lieberman, Bruce
Bergstrom, Jan	Frey, P D Eberhard	Lindemann, Richard H
Boettcher, Ronald	Froeder, Christoph Hartkopf	Louella R
Bonem, Rena M	Fursich, Frank T	Luksevics, Ervins
Borel, Gilles	Geys, Joris F	Maeda, Haruyoshi
Bottjer, David	Gibson, Michael A	Malinky, John
Boucot, Arthur J	Gray, Lee M	Mapes, Gene
Brandt, Danita	Grigo, Michael	Martinez, Ricardo
Brauckmann, Carsten	Gutierrez, Rodolfo Gozalo	Mawson, Ruth
Bromley, Richard	Hickman, Carole S	McCollum, Linda B
Bruton, David	Hiller, Norton	McCrea, Richard
Cadee, G C	Hirano, Hiromichi	McGhee, George R
Campbell, Lyle D	Hoedemakers, Kristiaan	McIntosh, George C
Carter, Burt	Hoefling, Richard	Meyer, David