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FROM THE EDITOR

FIMCO a Success

Over 100 persons attended the Fourth International Meiofauna Conference at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, 27 July through 1 August 1980. The Association is grateful to Bruce Coull and his associates for all they did to make this meeting a great success.

Report on the Business Meeting

The business meeting of the Association was held on 31 July. An interim financial report was presented on behalf of the Treasurer, Lee Pollock and resulted in the recommendation of a dues increase from the current \$3 per year to \$4 per year for regular membership. At the same time, the membership in attendance recognized the need for other changes in the Constitution, including the establishment of two new membership classes as discussed in the last issue of PSAMMONALIA. Sustaining Membership at twice the annual dues rate are proposed for the purpose of providing any additional operating costs not covered by regular dues during a given year and especially to provide additional funds for the Swedmark Fund.

The Swedmark Fund Committee recommended that this fund be used to finance a social gathering of members at the beginning of each international conference of the Association.

These and other recommendations were incorporated into the revised Constitution which is included in this issue of the newsletter for membership approval by ballot.

Several changes in the Constitution are of minor significance, i.e: the change of the word "Chairman" to "Chairperson." Article 6 is amended to include past chairpersons as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee in order to preserve continuity of policy. Articles 8a and 8b are amended to avoid the implication that PSAMMONALIA is a "publication." Article 10 defines the duties of the Board of Correspondents. Article 11 provides an earlier deadline for the receipt of nominations since the mailing time for the newsletter may be as long as eight or nine weeks.

Bylaw 1 is changed to reflect the recommendations of the Treasurer and the Swedmark Fund Committee; Bylaw 5 defines the purpose of the latter committee. Bylaw 4 establishes a time-frame for conferences and makes it possible to take any necessary actions at such conferences by the membership in attendance.

PSAMMONALIA by Air Mail?

Unfortunately, PSAMMONALIA must be sent by third class mail unless additional postage funds are provided by individual members. Some members have noted that two months or more may lapse between the time the newsletter is mailed and received. Assuming Bylaw 1 is approved, members may receive their copy of the newsletter by air mail upon the payment of \$4 per year (\$1 per issue) special handling cost in addition to the annual dues cost.

FROM THE MEMBERS

An Appeal for Literature and Cooperation

"I am a lecturer in Shandong College of Oceanography in Qingdao, People's Republic of China. My interests lie in the systematics and ecology of marine benthos and this includes active participation in the field study courses on board research ships, mainly in the Yellow Sea.

Recently I have been attempting to stimulate studies on the marine meiobenthos. In the sphere of taxonomy this presents considerable problems, since almost nothing is known about the meiofauna of Chinese waters. This, together with an almost total lack of literature on major meiofaunal taxa in general, has proved a major and extremely frustrating obstacle to my efforts, particularly in dominant groups such as nematodes.

At present, I am spending a two year period in the United Kingdom where I am based in the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen by arrangement with Dr. A. McIntyre. During this period I will be studying methodology in marine benthic ecology, with an accent on meiofaunal groups, particularly nematodes.

Hopefully, on returning to China I will be able to instigate studies on a range of meiofaunal groups. To do this it will be essential to build up the literature base in the relevant areas.

May I request that those publishing work on the systematics and ecology of relevant meiofaunal groups bear my problem in mind. All reprints, etc. will be most gratefully received. Hopefully, we may look forward to a period of cooperation with workers outside of China. Certainly all offers of help and cooperation will be most welcome." -- Zhang Zhinan, Shandong College of Oceanography.

An Illustrated Guide to Marine Nematodes

A. C. Tarjan's spiral-bound, 8½ x 11 inch introductory manual is designed for students. The classification goes down to subfamily level; pictures of selected genera representatives are included. The work costs \$6 US postage paid and can be obtained by ordering from Publications Distribution Center, Building 664, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Gainesville, FL 32611 USA.

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEIOBENTHOLOGISTS

(Proposed revisions are underlined; present wording to be replaced appears in parentheses. Constitution last appeared in PSAMMONALIA No. 43, March, 1979). Prepared for consideration of the membership at FIMCO, August, 1980. Changes included were discussed and approved by the members attending the business meeting at FIMCO, Columbia, South Carolina, August 7, 1980.

Article 1. Name.

The name of the Association shall be the International Association of Meibenthologists.

Article 2. Purpose.

The objective of the Association shall be the general advancement and promotion of research in the study of meibenthos in all its branches.

Article 3. Capital and Income.

The capital and income of the Association shall be devoted solely to the furtherance of its objective as stated in Article 2 and no portion thereof shall be paid to any officer or member of the Association except in respect of the repayment of any out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred, or reasonable and proper remuneration in return for services rendered to the Association.

Article 4. Dissolution.

In the event of the Association being dissolved for any reason, the surplus funds remaining after payment of debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among members, but shall be paid or transferred to some other institution or institutions, approved by the council, having objectives similar to those of the Association. Any outstanding liabilities of the Association at dissolution shall be shared equally among the membership.

Article 5. Dues.

Annual dues will be charged to cover expenses of the Association and will be the subject of a by-law.

Article 6. Officers and Elections.

The elective officers shall be a Chairperson (man), a Treasurer and up to four additional members comprising the Executive Committee. The Chairperson (man) and Treasurer shall be elected every two years and the former shall then automatically become a member of the Executive Committee during the two years following his/her tenure as Chairperson (man). Previous Chairpersons of the Association shall thereafter continue on as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The remaining Executive Committee members shall be elected every four years and shall hold office for four years. The expiration date of the terms of office of these Executive Committee members shall be arranged so that only two members of the Committee will be elected in any biennium.

All newly elected Officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the next calendar year following their election.

Article 7. Council.

The Council shall consist of the Executive Committee and the Board of Correspondents.

Article 8a. Chairperson (man).

The Chairperson (man) shall act as Editor of the newsletter and in this capacity shall be responsible for the production (publication) of the newsletter of the Association.

Article 8b. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Association and shall present an annual statement of the accounts at the end of each calendar year, to be included (published) in the first issue of the newsletter of the Association of the succeeding year.

Article 9. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the business affairs of the Association. It shall assist the Chairperson (man) in the production of the newsletter of the Association and it shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson (man).

Article 10. Board of Correspondents.

The Board of Correspondents shall consist of up to twelve members of the Association, and shall be appointed by the Chairperson (man) with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Board of Correspondents shall assist the Chairperson and other members of the Executive Committee in gathering literature and news items for the newsletter of the Association and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson. The Board of Correspondents shall retire automatically with the retiring Chairperson (man).

Article 11. Nominations.

Nominations for any office may be made in writing by any two members of the Association not later than July (August) 1st in an election year. The Council must certify that each candidate is willing to stand for office and serve if elected. The Council shall give due consideration to equitable representation of the geographical distribution of the membership of the Association. Additional nominations for officers may be made by the Council.

Article 12. Elections.

Should elections of Officers be necessary, these will be held by mail ballot. The Chairperson (man), in his/her capacity as Editor, shall mail ballots to each member in an issue of the newsletter before October 1st in an election year. A brief biographical sketch of each candidate shall accompany the ballots. The Chairperson (man) shall count and record the votes received by November 1st. The candidate or candidates

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receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to office. The Chairperson (man) shall notify the candidates for office of the vote by mail. In the event that a vote results in a tie, the members of the Council shall vote by mail to resolve the tie. Should a tie still result the Chairperson (man) shall have the casting vote.

Article 13. Finance.

The expenses of the Association shall be paid from the funds of the Association within the limits in the budget of the Association. The Chairperson (man) shall authorize all payments.

Article 14. Bylaws.

Bylaws to augment this Constitution may specify details and less fundamental provisions, but shall not alter the intended meaning of this Constitution, or circumvent its provisions.

Additional Bylaws may be proposed in writing by any two members in good standing and shall be adopted if a majority of the members are in its favour as shown by a mail ballot.

Bylaws may be amended upon recommendation by the Council, by a majority vote of members of the Association in good standing in a mail ballot.

Article 15. Amendments.

This Constitution can be amended only by a two-thirds majority of those members in good standing voting in a mail ballot. Amendments may be proposed by any member in writing to the Chairperson (man) who shall submit such proposal to the Council for consideration and vote. Any amendment that five members of the Council deem worthy of consideration shall be submitted to the members of the Association for vote.

Article 16. Enabling Article.

This Constitution and its accompanying bylaws shall be adopted in full force and effect from January 1st 1971.

BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Bylaw 1. Annual Dues.

Annual dues of four (three) US dollars - equivalent for Regular Members, twice the annual dues rate for Sustaining Members, of five times the annual dues rate for Patron Members, shall be payable in advance before January 1st to the Association. Payment of annual dues shall be made preferably in International Money Orders or otherwise in the currency under which the treasury is operating at a given time. Current dues plus one additional year's dues may be paid at one time. Income exceeding the annual dues rate per member for a given year shall be placed in the Swedmark Fund. The Chairperson may send PSAMMONALIA via air mail to any member who requests this service and who pays the additional postal expenses.

Bylaw 2. Membership Rights.

No membership rights shall be continued longer than six months from the date notifying arrears.

Bylaw 3. Newsletter.

The Newsletter of the Association shall be called "PSAMMONALIA". Its purpose shall be to promote the objectives of the Association as defined in Article 2.

Bylaw 4. Conferences.

Conferences of the Association shall be held triennially, if practicable. The purpose of such conferences shall be to promote the objectives of the Association as defined in Article 2. Business of the Association may be conducted at such conferences, including nomination and election of officers, adoption of bylaws and amendment of the Constitution or its bylaws, in accordance with the articles of the Constitution, but with a vote of the members in good standing substituting for a mail ballot.

Bylaw 5. Swedmark Fund.

The Swedmark Fund originated from contributions in memory of Bertil Swedmark. Additional monies shall be deposited by the Treasurer from special membership categories, provided all necessary expenses for the Association have been met. Use of the Fund shall be at the discretion of the Executive Council, with appropriate notification through PSAMMONALIA to the membership. A primary use of the Fund shall be the financing of a get-together at the beginning of each international conference of the Association.

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