

Business meeting

May, 30, 2008, June, London

IAWS Business Meeting, 30 May 2008, London/UK

The meeting was called to order at 17.00 h by President Xavier Deglise. Fellows Deglise (President), Beall (Vice President), Barnett (Past-President), Rosen (Treasurer), Schmitt (Secretary), Baas, Bao, Robert Evans, Franich, Gravitis, Gray, Jeronimidis, Joseleau, Miller, Molnár, Niemz, Petty, Ruel, Salmén, Schultze-Dewitz, Uzielli, and Wimmer were present.

President Deglise opened the meeting at Burlington House, home of the Linnean Society of London, the world's oldest active organisation devoted exclusively to natural history in the broadest sense. He welcomed the Fellows and thanked them for attending the 2008 IAWA/IAWS Plenary Meeting, which was held in honour of the work of our Past-President Professor John Barnett. Xavier Deglise congratulated Fellow Lennart Salmén for election as next Vice-President and wished Fellow Frank Beall all the best for his coming presidency.

Regarding the election of new Board Members, the President announced that Fellows Kamke, Nakatsubo, Saranpää and Singh were elected (brief biographical sketches of the newly elected Board Members are published in this Bulletin) for replacing Fellows H.M. Chang, Higuchi, Petty and Wallis. He thanked Alan Petty for his work for the Academy as Board Member and Interim Board Chair during the past years. Also Katia Ruel was elected as new Board Chair for the coming three years. President Deglise expressed the intention to increase the involvement of the Board in the work of our Academy.

Finally, President Deglise reported on the planning of the 2009 IAWS Meeting in Russia. Our Russian colleagues have now fixed the date and developed a tentative programme for the meeting (details of the programme are given in this Bulletin), which will be held from 15-20 June in Saint Petersburg (15-17 June) and in Moscow (18-20 June).

The meeting was adjourned at 17.45 h.

Uwe Schmitt/Hamburg

