



IUBS 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

IUBS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A new international and interdisciplinary Executive Committee was elected for the triennium 2012-2015: Nils Chr. Stenseth, (President, Norway), Yury Dgebuadze (Vice-President, Russia), Zhibin Zhang (Vice-President, China Beijing), Hiroyuki Takeda (Secretary General, Japan), Santiago Merino (Treasurer, Spain), Regine Jahn (Germany), Peter Kevan (ICPBR¹), Laszlo Lenard (Hungary), David Patterson (OPTIMA²), Lily Rodriguez (WCH³), L.S. Shashidhara (India) and Jen-Leih Wu (China Taipei).

In his speech, the new President, Professor Nils Chr. Stenseth, announced that the IUBS will contribute to the development of a **Unified Biology**, by promoting: 1) biological research covering all sub-disciplines, 2) communication of insight derived from biological research to a broad audience, 3) training of young people all over the world.



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The 31st General Assembly of IUBS was held in Suzhou, China. Around 400 participants attended the General Assembly and the Scientific Sessions. Among them were 19 representatives of IUBS National Members and 15 representatives of IUBS Scientific Members.

NEW IUBS MEMBERS

IUBS is pleased to welcome three new IUBS Members: Uruguay was accepted as a new National Member of IUBS, Mongolia was accepted as an Associate Member of IUBS and the International Committee on Bionomenclature (ICB) as a Scientific Member of IUBS.

IUBS SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

On the first day, 4 speakers gave plenary lectures. As many as 15 Scientific Sessions were organized on: Bio-Industry, Nanobiology, Gasotransmitters in Biology, Mutualism and Bio-Security, Biological Consequences of Global Change (BCGC) and integrated Climate Change (iCCB), Paleontology and Evolution, Biocomputation, Wildlife Diseases, Systems and Synthetic Biology of Industrial Microorganisms, BioEthics, IUBS BioEd 2012, Genomics & Evolution, Protected Areas (PA) and Conservation, Biodiversity and Conservation Biology and Access & Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated with Traditional Knowledge.

167 speakers gave scientific presentations during the General Assembly and 57 of them were sponsored by IUBS.

IUBS AWARDS

Marvalee Wake received the first IUBS Award in recognition of her dedicated and meritorious contribution to the Union and to biological sciences.

Young Scientists were invited by IUBS to attend the General Assembly and 7 of them received a Young Scientist Award from IUBS.

IUBS FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION

Reports on finances, management and scientific programmes were presented, discussed and submitted to the votes of IUBS Members. Ad hoc Committees were appointed to work on IUBS matters (statutes, programmes, finances,...). New statutes and by-laws were approved.

IUBS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

The General Assembly is the venue to discuss the new programmes that will be implemented by IUBS over the next triennium. After a review by the Scientific Committee, the following scientific programmes were unanimously approved: the Biocode Initiative, the Commission on Biology Education, integrated Climate Change, Biological Consequences of Global Change, Disaster & Biodiversity and managed pollinators to Coffee Protection and Production. In addition, it was decided to support the 16th International Congress of Photobiology (Argentina, 2014) and the International Conference of Ethnobiology (Bhutan, 2014) (for more information visit IUBS website: www.iubs.org).



¹ International Commission on Plant and Bee Relationships

² Organisation for Phyto Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area

³ World Congress of Herpetology