

**WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Biennial General meeting held at Xalapa, Mexico**  
**12<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**MINUTES**  
**Pending Approval by the Membership**

The meeting commenced at 16.25hrs and was attended by 29 members including five Board members: Wolfgang Schneider, Adolfo Cordero, Vincent Kalkman, Keith Wilson, and Göran Sahlén. President Gordon Pritchard unable to attend and asked Wolfgang Schneider to officiate. Wolfgang Schneider took the Chair with Gorän Sahlén as Co-Chair.

**APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE RECORDERS**

It was proposed by Chris Beatty and seconded by K.D. Dijkstra that John Abbott and John Hawking be appointed minute recorders. [PU]

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mike May proposed and Mike Parr seconded, that the Agenda be approved. [PU]

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from all Japanese members, from Mike Averill, Jill Silsby, Sarah Jewell, Jennifer Bower, Georg Rüppell, Hidenori Ubukata, and the following Trustees: Linda Averill, David Allan Fitch, Reinhard Jödicke, Dennis Paulsen, Gordon Pritchard, Richard Rowe, and Mamoru Watanabe

**3. MINUTES OF THE FIFTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

A proposal to accept the minutes, which had been published on the WDA website and in an abbreviated form in *Agrion* 12(2), was made by Mike May and seconded by Frank Suhling. The Minutes were signed by Wolfgang Schneider for Gordon Pritchard. [PU]

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. BIENNIAL REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

All reports had been made available in written form and distributed at the Biennial General Meeting to all those attending. Members were given the chance to ask questions.

**5.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Gordon Pritchard)(Annex A)**

There were no questions or comments on the President's report.

**5.2 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT (Wolfgang Schneider)(Annex B)**

There were no questions or comments on the President Elect's report.

**5.3 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Linda Averill)(Annex C)**

There were no questions or comments on the Secretary's report.

#### 5.4 REPORT OF THE TREASURER (David Allan Fitch) (Annex D)

There were no questions or comments on the Treasurer's Report.

#### 5.5 REPORT OF MANAGING EDITOR (Reinhard Jödicke)(Annex E)

There were no questions or comments on the Managing Editor's Report.

#### 5.6 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATION & FUNDING COMMITTEE – (FUNDING) (Göran Sahlén)(Annex F)

There were no questions or comments on the Chairman of C & F (Funding) Committee's Report.

#### 5.7 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE (Richard Rowe)(Annex G)

There were no questions or comments on the Chairman of the International Symposia Committee's report.

#### 5.8 REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER (Adolfo Cordero)(Annex H)

There were no questions or comments on the Webmaster's report.

#### 5.9 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JAPANESE GROUP (Dr Tsubaki)(Annex I)

There were no questions or comments on the Japanese Representative's report

### 6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACCOUNTS (Annexes J & K)

In the absence of the Treasurer there were no questions on the accounts. Wolfgang made clear reimbursements to the Editor of IJO (as indicated on the financial statements) are just that, reimbursements for out-of-pocket expenses. It was proposed by Rosser Garrison and seconded by John Hawking that the accounts for 2007 & 2008 be accepted. [PU]

### 7. DISCHARGE OF THE PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The present Board of Trustees was discharged, except for the President Elect Wolfgang Schneider, who thereby became President and assumed the Chair. Wolfgang explained that there was a change in the Board of Trustees. Two members retired after their names had been proposed: Linda Averill and Viola Clausnitzer. He gave a public statement of thanks to them for all of their hard work as Secretary and Conservation Trustee for WDA.

### 8. CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Natalia von Ellenrieder was asked to be Protemp Secretary. A public thanks was given for her accepting this position. The members at large will be asked to ratify this appointment through *Agrion*. Wolfgang handed over to her the WDA files, including meeting minutes. Vincent Kalkman will take over for Viola Clausnitzer on the Board. Mamoru Watanabe was voted for as Board Member through *Agrion*. He couldn't attend and will be contacted by post. Göran Sahlén was nominated as new President Elect.

President:

Wolfgang Schneider

President Elect:	Göran Sahlén (proposed by: Gordon Pritchard, seconded by: Frank Suhling and Mike May)
Immediate Past President:	Gordon Pritchard
Secretary:	Natalia von Ellenrieder (proposed by: Reinhard Jödicke, seconded by: Gordon Pritchard and Wolfgang Schneider)
Treasurer:	David Allan Fitch
Managing Editor:	Reinhard Jödicke
Webmaster:	Adolfo Cordero
Chair C & F (Funding):	Göran Sahlén
Chair C & F (Conservation):	Vincent Kalkman (proposed by: Wolfgang Schneider, seconded by: Gordon Pritchard and Viola Clausnitzer)
Symposium Co-ordinator:	Richard Rowe
Agrion Editor:	Keith Wilson
Trustee:	Dennis Paulson
Trustee:	Mamoru Watanabe (proposed by: Hidenori Ubukata, seconded by: Dennis Paulson and Wolfgang Schneider)

The newly appointed Board members present took their places on the stage.

#### 9. NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Wolfgang welcomed new members and indicated that there has been a steady growth in membership and publications since WDA's conception ten years ago.

During the second decade, there will be an effort to promote public education and awareness as well as international collaborations and networking.

This year and Italian Society will be formed. Next year, the first European meeting in Portugal will take place. There are active groups in France, Germany in the UK.

Wolfgang suggested that Central and South American organizations be created and that the WDA should solicit young, non-member with sponsored memberships.

It was explained that though *Odonatologica* and the *International Journal of Odonatology* will not combine into a single organ, there will be a single international meeting from now on. The first meeting will be in 2011 and will be called the *International Congress of Odonatology*. Despite the name change, the WDA will still have its Biennial General Meeting at this congress.

#### 10. THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN 2011

A PowerPoint presentation with accompany vocal commentary was presented on the next symposium to be held at the Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Natural History, in Odawara, Japan. K.D. Dijkstra asked a question about the naming of the congress, and it was suggested to ask the Japanese symposium organizers to drop the symposium number from their advertising.

#### 11. THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN 2013

An invitation was made by Frank Suhling on behalf of Florian Weihrauch, that the International Symposium be held Freising, Germany, in 2013. A PowerPoint presentation

on Freising and Germany was shown. A motion to accept the invitation was proposed by John Hawking and seconded by K.D. Dijkstra. [PU except for single a single abstention by Joachim Hoffman.]

#### 12. THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN 2015

A proposal was made by Catalina Amaya Perilla that the International Symposium in 2015 be held at Bogotá, Colombia, with tentative dates of June 7-12. A presentation on Colombia was shown.

#### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Catalina Amaya Perilla announced that there was a plan for the first Latin American Congress of Odonatology to be held in Colombia in 2010.

Rodolfo Novelo Gutiérrez on behalf of the Mexican organizing committee thanked WDA for support organising the symposium.

#### 14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT WDA BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Odawara, Japan, at a date and time in 2011 to be confirmed. Motion proposed by John Abbott, seconded by John Hawking.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by John Abbott, seconded by Andreas Martens. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 17.10hrs. [PU]

Chairman: Wolfgang Schneider

Date: 12 June 2009

## Annex A

### **Report of the President and Chairman of Board of Trustees**

This has been a very busy period with several significant developments. Full details on most items will appear in the Reports of other Board Members, so I will only briefly report on some of these here.

**Merger.** We started the period with the exciting prospect of a merger between the two international odonatological journals – ODONATOLOGICA and the IJO. A committee, including FSIO representation, was set up and we had a spirited discussion at the Swakopmund BGM. I visited the Editors of ODONATOLOGICA in Holland in September 2007 to get their view of the merger. Thereafter, discussions were transacted by e-mail between the Committee and the President of FSIO, and it soon became apparent that the two organizations had different visions of the future of international odontology. Finally, FSIO decided to continue publishing ODONATOLOGICA themselves. I am personally disappointed that the merger did not succeed; we in WDA worked very hard to bring it about and we are still dedicated to finding a common ground for the advancement of our science for all odonatologists. However, one positive development is that FSIO has decided not to organize any more biennial international symposia, but to cooperate with us. As recognition of this, our future symposia, starting with the 2011 meeting in Japan will simply be named by the year: e.g. The 2011 International Congress of Odontology. We shall continue to structure the Congresses as we have always done, including the Board and General Business Meetings as required by our Constitution.

**Archivist.** A good deal of the Board's time was spent considering submissions from our first Archivist, Philip Corbet. A satisfactory solution was finally found with the publication in AGRION 12(1) of an article by Philip outlining the history of WDA. However, no progress has been made in establishing a proper Archive for the Association's documents. A plea for someone to take on this role (also in AGRION 12(1)) elicited no response whatsoever.

**IJO.** Our journal received ISI approval in late 2008 and is now listed on Thomson's Web of Science as well as Current Contents, Zoological Record, etc. This long-awaited recognition has come as a result of properly complying with Thomson's requirement for timely delivery of the journal to their office, but is of course due primarily to the passion and perseverance of our editor Reinhard Jödicke. Our current initiative for IJO is to decide how we move forward into the realm of electronic publishing and we have received a first report from a committee chaired by Frank Suhling, which will be a priority item for discussion in the next Board.

**AGRION.** Keith Wilson and Graham Reels took over as Editors of our newsletter with issue 12(1) and they have continued and extended the fine tradition established by our founding Editor, Jill Silsby. Particular thanks are due to Keith and Graham for putting together the tribute to Philip Corbet that appeared as a Special Edition of AGRION shortly after Philip's death. AGRION is now published only in electronic form and is no longer password protected, making it available to any interested person with access to the Web, WDA member or not.

Membership. The Board has been concerned about the fact that our membership numbers have been fairly static. Making AGRION freely available will hopefully serve as advertising for the Association and attract new members. I sent out a letter of invitation to almost 100 potential members in March of this year and this letter was also published on our Home Page. A version of the letter, modified by Dennis Paulson for non-professional odonatologists, was sent to members of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas. We recognize that the cost of membership is, for different reasons, a problem for both professional and non-professional odonatologists and we shall continue to search for innovative means to increase our membership.

Board of Trustees. We had an unusual situation in that two Board Members decided it was time to retire after their names had appeared in the Board's list of nominations in AGRION 12(2). We believe that we have solved this problem constitutionally and we shall be pleased to welcome three new members to the next Board.

Finally, I must thank all of the members of the current Board who have given me tremendous support over the last two years. Special thanks go to the retiring members: To Hidenori Ubukata, our Immediate Past President, who has been on the Board since the Colgate meeting in 1999; to Viola Clausnitzer whose work in the Conservation portfolio has been outstanding; and above all to Linda Averill who has carried the heavy load of Secretary for eight years. I look forward to working with the continuing members of the Board and the three new members over the next two years. I am confident that under the able leadership of Wolfgang Schneider we shall make great strides forward in our constitutional aims "to advance public education and awareness by the promotion of the study and conservation of dragonflies (Odonata) and their natural habitats in all parts of the world."

**Gordon Pritchard**

Annex B

### **Report of the President Elect**

Being a founding member of WDA and after having served two terms on the Board of the association (1997-1999, 1999-2001) in various functions, I joined the present Board as President Elect in Namibia, 2007. Under the presidency of Gordon Pritchard the Board had a number of important topics on its agenda of which the "Merger" of the two journals and the future of IJO in general soon became our top priorities. One meeting addressing these subjects was held in September 2007 in Germany with the editorial team of IJO and three Board members being present, Gordon, Reinhard Joedicke, and myself.

Besides the daily business, the Board had to deal with constitutional issues, e.g. the composition of the next Board of Trustees (see President's Report) and the present situation and future of WDA as a registered charity in England and Wales. Thanks to the hospitality of Valerie and Gordon Pritchard I spent in May 2009 one busy and pleasant week at their home in Calgary, discussing WDA matters in preparation for the Mexico meeting. I hope that the new Board will work as hard and effective as the outgoing one has done!

## Wolfgang Schneider

### Annex C

#### Report of the Secretary

At the time of writing (May 2009) we have 274 members across 40 countries of the world. So far this year we have 14 new members, and 10 cancellations. Always at this time of year there are a few members who are slow to pay their dues and 2009 is no exception with currently 24 non payers.

<b>2007 - 283 Members (including 17 sponsored memberships)</b>		
New Members in 2005	Cancellations in 2005	Non Payers at end of year
19	8	26
<b>2008 – 288 Members (including 17 sponsored memberships)</b>		
New Members in 2006	Cancellations in 2004	Non Payers at end of year
8	4	22

During 2009 a small group under the Chairmanship of Dennis Paulson has been looking at the allocation of Sponsored Memberships and a decision was made based on the criteria set out by the association that Sponsored Membership should be offered to 12 odonatologists:

Natalie Matushkina, Ukraine  
Dr Andras Ambrus, Hungary  
Francy K Kakkassery, India  
Dr Zhoun Wen-Bao, China  
Dr Anatoly Haritonov, Russia  
Dr Oleg Kosterin, Russia  
Dr Elena Malikova, Russia  
Elena Dyatlova, Ukraine  
Dr Lyudmila Khrokalo, Ukraine  
James Odanga, Kenya  
Reagan Villanueva, Phillipines  
Do Manh Cuong, Vietnam

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Fitch, Wolfgang Schneider and Taku Kadoya who have been responsible for processing our membership payments in the USA, Europe and Japan respectively. I am retiring from the Board at the 2009 BGM and would like to thank the current President, past Presidents and all the Board members I have served with over the past 8 years for their support. I would also like to thank you all, our members, for the friendship and patience you have shown to me. I am not a scientist but I

know that whatever strange query or request landed in my email inbox I would always find someone out there within our membership to help me out.

**Linda Averill**

## Annex D

### **Report of the Treasurer**

#### TREASURER'S REPORT 2007-2008

##### Overview

WDA's receipts come from membership dues, journal subscriptions by individuals and institutions such as libraries, sale of back issues and reprints, and donations. Our expenses are the printing and distribution of our publications, symposium costs and stipends for travel of promising odonatologists, and grants for research through CFC. Faced with major increases in publication costs in 2007, and desiring to sponsor growth of the field, WDA's Board voted a dues increase of about 20% for 2007. The Board also approved a plan to help the organization grow by spending more than its current income would cover. We were able to risk this because we had built up a reserve equal to almost a full year's expenses.

For 2008 and 2009 smaller increases were made to dues in some, but not all of the currencies we work in, to offset changes in exchange rates. From December 2006 through 2008 we also received three donations totalling \$14,560 (about 8,000 GBP) from a single source. Our Editor-in-Chief has worked hard to keep printing and mailing costs close to budgeted amounts while increasing the size, scope, and quality of the IJO. The growth strategy appears to be working.

##### 2007 – 2008 Income and Expense Reports

The first two tables attached to this report summarize the Association's income and expenses during 2007 and 2008. Activity in our three accounts has been converted into pounds.

##### Budget for 2009 and 2010

The third table shows the budgets adopted by the Board for years 2004 through 2008, compares them to our actual income and expenses, and proposes a Budget for 2009 and 2010. On the income side, the Budget assumes steady paying membership and subscriptions.

While the proposed budget keeps the same 8,000 GBP for IJO publication costs, it recognizes postage as a separate line item. Previous printers handled mailing as part of the IJO invoice through 2006. Beginning in 2007, when we began using Druckerie Koch as our printer, our Editor took on the work of mailing out each issue. This allows us to show IJO postage as a separate line item. In 2007 the Board also authorized a very modest monthly reimbursement of 12 EU to the Editor to help with his costs of equipment, telephone, and web.



The modest amount for Grants (CFC), the WDA Award, and 2009 symposium costs should be reviewed, and perhaps increased, early in 2010 after we can see what income we get in 2009.

Again, these allocations result in projected annual deficits which I believe are within WDA's ability. The Board will need to review income and expenses later in 2009 to see if dues and subscription fees remain adequate.

#### Recommendations for 2009-2010

I apologize to the Officers and Board for not having completed this report earlier. I suggest during the next two years we hold a series of discussions of financial questions, perhaps every six months, or perhaps with a subcommittee of Board members, to keep our awareness of finances active between symposia - and so that I do not procrastinate for two full years again!

**David Allan Fitch**

## Annex E

### **Report of the Managing Editor**

The most satisfying news in the last period undoubtedly was the approval by ISI Thompson. ISI evaluated three issues, 10(2), 11(1) and 11(2), and then decided that IJO would belong to the 'master journals'. This, in fact, will raise the journal's impact factor and make it even more interesting to all authors with good manuscripts.

The only disappointing news is the failure of our intention to bring the situation with two existing international odonotological journals to an end. A summary of why the merger of IJO and ODONATOLOGICA failed is included in the President's Report.

IJO continues to be a very high quality journal with excellent print quality, a unique cover photograph, colour plates and thoroughly edited papers. Volumes 10 and 11 of IJO contained eight colour plates each and 272 and 276 pages, respectively. Volume 12(1) had 156 pages. The forthcoming 12(2) will be a very special issue devoted to the late Philip S. Corbet. Nineteen papers have been submitted to the PSC Memorial Issue, promising a very interesting and oversized issue.

The IJO webpage, mastered by Frank Suhling, is also very attractive. Its contents include author guidelines, information on subscriptions, back issues and forthcoming issues, all of which are regularly updated.

Frank Suhling also chaired a WDA committee to produce ideas on how IJO could benefit from e-publishing. One idea from the committee is an online-only supplement to IJO, which is open to all high-level faunistic papers. I already have some submitted manuscripts, which would be suitable for a faunistic supplement and, if this idea receives approval from the Board, such an online series could begin this year.

I have to thank many persons who are involved in the production of the journal: the authors and referees, the assistant editors and, especially, Bernd Kunz who is responsible for the setting and layout.

**Reinhard Jödicke**

Annex F

**Report of the Chairman Conservation & Funding Committee (Funding)**

In the time between the symposium in Swakopmund, Namibia and Xalapa, Mexico the CFC has been only moderately active. First, the amount of funds available have never been large but during this period priorities have been somewhat shifted. Hence, in 2008 no grant was awarded, originally due to a simple mistake: the suggestion of a grantee never reached the board for decision. This however, made it possible to make something extraordinary of the present year and symposium (below).

Another interesting fact is that no nomination for the WDA award reached the CFC this year. In a mail ballot the Board unanimously agreed to transfer the sum of the award into travel grants for student attendants to the Xalapa symposium. A total of eight applicants for a travel grant sent their details to the CFC and in order to select suitable grantees a number of odonatologists were approached asking for any input they had concerning the works of the applicants. In the end a decision was made to give two travel grants to students of Odonata from Latin America. Thus, Adrian Trapero Quintana from Cuba and Melissa Sanchez Herrera from Colombia received grants. They will hopefully both be present in Xalapa where WDA will pay for registration fee and budget housing in addition to their air tickets. For a period of some weeks I hoped to suggest a third grantee, but this issue was never formally responded to by a unanimous board and in the end, time ran out. All in all US \$2000 has been invested in these travel grants and to that I thank the generous members of the WDA from my heart.

As at the previous symposium the CFC will pay for a dragonfly book which will be given to “the best presentation by a student” in Xalapa.

The CFC has not only the symposia and travel grants to handle; the main issue should be research and conservation grants. During the past few years these have more and more merged and hence I suggest treating all incoming applications as research grants, thus allowing fewer people to be involved in the committee. This has become more and more urgent since Viola Clausnitzer - who has for many years done the administrative evaluation of the conservation applications had to resign from the Committee early in 2009.

So what about grants? After evaluating this year’s applications (as always with great help from several odonatologists worldwide - thank you!) and realizing the process is some two months overdue I will suggest to a grant of 1,000 euro to be awarded to Rory Dow for funding the project “Odonata of the Upper Baram area and of Gunung Kalulong, Sarawak, Malaysian Borneo”.

With this I conclude the report of the CFC. I want to thank everyone being involved in the process the past two years.

**Göran Sahlén**

## Annex G

### **Report of the International Symposia Committee**

The Committee consists of the Organizers of the WDA's three immediately previous Symposia –John Hawking, Adolfo Cordero, and Eugene Marais and Frank Suhling – plus the President ex officio and Richard Rowe (Chairman). Under the rotation scheme John Hawking steps down after the 2009 conference to be replaced by Enrique González, Rodolfo Novelo and Alex Córdoba.

The Committee's activities have been primarily concerned with two items: maintaining an overview of the organization of the 6th Symposium at Xalapa in Mexico, and discussions on the 7th (2011) Symposium to be held in Odawara, Japan. The 2011 committee chaired by Yoshitaka Tsubaki have things well in hand.

As members will be aware the eruption of an H1N1 influenza virus ('swine-flu') in late April has made things very difficult for our organizers. In Australia public health authorities reacted extraordinarily strongly, and roll-back is very slow. My own University, in a reflex move within administration, has banned travel to Mexico (I was unable to attend because of teaching duties). Elsewhere the Japanese Government has instituted a seven day isolation period for anyone entering the country after potential 'swine-flu' contact and Japanese Universities have implemented a ten day stand-down period for staff returning from areas with 'swine-flu'.

In consequence the Japanese group will by and large be unable to attend, creating last minute difficulties for the organizers and preventing Dr Ubukata from attending and preventing Dr Tsubaki from presenting in person the invitation to Odawara.

There were minor hold-ups in deciding the location for the 2013 Symposium. Florian Weihrach has kindly invited us to meet at Weihenstephan near Munich. Frank Suhling will be assisting him in the organization. There has not been time to prepare a formal presentation, but a very successful GdO meeting was held there some years ago.

We plan from the 2011 symposium to rebadge the title, using the (western) calendar year rather than a sequence number. This decision was made by the Board of Trustees in consequence of FSIO abandoning their conference series, to provide a 'neutral' and unambiguous title for what will in future be the international gathering of Odonatologists.

**Richard Rowe**

## Annex H

### **Report of the Webmaster**

The WDA website moved to the new server at the University of Vigo after the congress in Spain in 2005. Since that moment it became clear to me that the update of a website for someone who was not involved in the original design is certainly a painful experience. Therefore I decided to completely rebuild the site. Finally in April 2009 the new website was launched, including most of the contents available in the previous site,

and some new information. Our site currently includes a Main page, a page dedicated to the Society, another to WDA Publications, a fourth to information for members, where new books can be highlighted, and a Links page.

I plan to add a new section to be named “Dragonfly of the Month” where a special page would be dedicated each month to a new species. The idea is that people involved in research with a particular species send a short description of the species, 1-2 pictures (small resolution) to include in the page, and a summary of the research done, and why the species was selected. A link to one or more papers could be included in the page. Over the years this section would increase and eventually include many of the most striking, beautiful or rare odonates. But this of course depends on the membership to send their contributions. These pages would be signed by the respective author(s) and would be an essential part of our website.

The old website pages can still be accessed at <http://ecoevo.uvigo.es/wda-old/>, for some time, until we decide that all relevant material is on the new web.

**Adolfo Cordero**

Annex I

### **Report from the National Representative of Japan**

The 7th WDA local meeting was held at Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo, as a satellite meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Odonatology, on November 17-18, 2007. We established consensus to hold the 2011 WDA International Congress at Odawara, Japan. The organizing committee will be served by Y. Tsubaki, H. Ubukata, H. Natsume, T. Aoki, N. Osawa, H. Karube, R. Futahashi, T. Kadoya, T. Yamanaka.

The 8th WDA local meeting and organizing committee meeting for 2011 WDA Congress was held at Lake Biwa Museum, Shiga as a satellite meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Odonatology on November 15-16, 2008. The organizing committee decided that 2011 WDA Congress will be held at Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Natural History, Odawara, Kanagawa Pref., on 19-24 July 2011.

Japanese Group of WDA executed an election for the next Japanese National Representative in December 2008. Dr Yoshitaka Tsubaki (Kyoto University) was nominated and was confided in with no objection by ballot for the 2009-2010 National Representative of Japan. All other Japanese officials will also carry on their roles during the same periods.

**Yoshitaka Tsubaki**