

## WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)

3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial General Meeting held at La Trobe University, Beechworth, Australia,

12<sup>th</sup> January 2003

### MINUTES

#### PENDING APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Abbreviations: [PU] – passed unanimously.

The meeting commenced at 15.20 hours and was attended by 48 members, including six Board members.

Philip Corbet took the Chair.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE RECORDERS

It was proposed by Mike Parr, and seconded by David Pryce that Valerie Pritchard and Richard Rowe be appointed as minute recorders [PU].

#### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Peter Allen proposed, and Mike Averill seconded, that the Agenda be approved [PU].

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from: Rob Arnold (Webmaster), Dorothy Gennard (Treasurer), Reinhard Jödicke (Managing Editor), Vicky McMillan, Wolfgang Schneider, Jill Silsby and Hidenori Ubukata (Regional Co-ordinator).

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE SECOND BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes, which had been published on the WDA website in July 2001, as well as in a much abbreviated form in *Agrion* 6(1): 2, were accepted without amendment [PU].

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

#### 5. TRUSTEES' REPORTS

All reports had been made available previously in written form and distributed before the Biennial General Meeting to all those attending the Symposium; however any Trustee who wished to do so was also able to give a two-minute oral presentation in amplification of his/her written report. The Chairman thanked the Board for their tremendous support and friendliness, especially the Secretary and the Treasurer who, he said had been the backbone of the Board. He then introduced members of the Board who were present.

##### 5.1. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Annex A)

Philip Corbet spoke to his report confirming that WDA had acquired a patron, Professor E.O. Wilson (a portrait of whom was shown). The Board had voted unanimously in favour of appointing a Patron and also that, subject to his acceptance, the first Patron be Professor Wilson. Professor Wilson's particular strength as an entomologist is that of a taxon-oriented naturalist, an approach that is particularly appropriate for WDA's mandate. It was proposed by Philip Corbet, and seconded by Dennis Paulson, that the respects and good wishes of those present be sent to Professor Wilson [PU]. There were no comments on the President's report

##### 5.2. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Annex B)

Linda Averill reminded members of the importance of paying subscriptions early, noting that the 2003 subscription was now due and that renewal forms were printed *Agrion* 7(1): 12. There were no comments on the Secretary's report.

### 5.3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Dorothy Gennard) (Annex C) and ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACCOUNTS

Philip Corbet reported that the accounts had been scrutinized by the Board and no changes had been recommended. There were no comments on the Treasurer's report. It was proposed by John Hawking, and seconded by Adolfo Cordero, that the Accounts be accepted **[PU]**.

### 5.4. REPORT OF THE MANAGING EDITOR (Reinhard Jödicke) (Annex D)

Philip Corbet reported that the Managing Editor, in conjunction with the Board, is actively pursuing the possibility of the *International Journal of Odonatology* being listed by ISI in a citation index. This is not an easy task but will be very useful for contributors to the journal if it can be achieved. There were no other comments on the Managing Editor's report

### 5.5. REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER (Rob Arnold) (Annex E)

There were no comments on the report.

### 5.6. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, CONSERVATION AND FUNDS COMMITTEE (Frank Suhling) (Annex F)

There were no comments on the report.

### 5.7. REPORT OF THE LIAISON OFFICER (Viola Clausnitzer) (Annex G)

There were no comments on the report.

### 5.8. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (Gordon Pritchard) (Annex H)

There were no comments on the report.

### 5.9 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR (Hidenori Ubukata) (Annex I)

## 6. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS (Annex J)

### 6.1. Japanese Representative

Yoshitaka Tsubaki spoke to the report in the absence of Kazunori Higashi.

(a). In 2001, Japanese members started a mailing list on the Internet to facilitate discussion groups in Japan. This had proved to be an efficient way to exchange information for Japanese members.

(b). The Japanese Representative had requested that a letter be sent from WDA Trustees to the Japanese Government regarding a proposed highway construction project that would have threatened the viability of dragonfly populations. Such a letter had been sent to the local Governor. As a result the development had been reconsidered.

(c). Dr Tsubaki reported on the changes to the Japanese officers for 2003-2004 (listed in the report).

The Chairman commented that it was heartening to know that Regional activities were so strong in Japan. There were no other comments on the report.

### 6.2. UK Representative

Peter Allen spoke to the UK section of the report, confirming that there are 44 WDA members in the UK. There is a strong national society in the UK (the British Dragonfly Society) and it is quite often difficult to separate the activities of the WDA from those of the BDS; however several of the UK

members attending the WDA symposium are among the more active members of the BDS. WDA and BDS members had been involved with a survey carried out during the summer of 2002 in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, looking at the distribution of *Coenagrion pulchellum* in Somerset; results from this survey had been very encouraging.

Philip Corbet thanked Vincent Kalkman and K.D. Dijkstra for organising the WDA Regional Meeting that was held in Leiden in the summer of 2002 and had been very successful, having been attended by about 40 odonatologists from four countries.

A motion was proposed by Göran Sahlén, and seconded by John Hawking, to accept the Trustees' and Officers' Reports *en bloc* [PU].

#### 7. MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. (Annex K)

Mike May spoke to a prospective motion, indicating that as the new President, he would wish to have ready access to the experience and advice of the previous President and that the proposed change would allow the immediate Past President constitutionally to remain as a Board member. As this would require an amendment to the Constitution, a postal ballot of the membership would be needed. However, Mike May wished to have a prior indication of support of the meeting for the change. A motion was proposed by Andrea Worthington, and seconded by David Pryce that the meeting commend the proposed amendment to the WDA Constitution as proposed by Mike May and outlined in Annex K [PU].

Before moving on to the next item, Philip Corbet asked the meeting to remember WDA members who had died since the last Biennial General Meeting. Members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect and affection for the late Ronnie Silsby.

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

Philip Corbet handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to the President-Elect, Mike May, and in doing so expressed his view that WDA was extremely fortunate to have as its new President someone who had contributed so much to odonatology and who was such an outstanding scholar.

The present Board of Trustees was discharged, except for the President-Elect (Mike May) who thereby became President and assumed the Chair.

#### 9. CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations for vacant positions on the Board of Trustees had been called for through *Agrion* prior to the meeting; and this had resulted in nomination of the persons listed below, all of whom had expressed their willingness to accept nomination. It was proposed by Philip Corbet, and seconded by David Pryce, that the list of nominees be accepted [PU].

Newly elected and current board members are:

President: Mike May.

President-Elect: Hidenori Ubukata. Nominated by Dorothy Gennard, and seconded by Kazunori Higashi.

President: David Allen Fitch. Nominated by Philip Corbet, and seconded by Mike May.

Secretary: Linda Averill.

Managing Editor: Reinhard Jödicke.

Webmaster: Rob Arnold.

Liaison Officer: Viola Clausnitzer.

Frank Suhling. Nominated by Philip Corbet, and seconded by Linda Averill.

Chair of International

Symposium

Co-ordinating

Committee: Gordon Pritchard.

Dennis Paulson. Nominated by Mike May, and seconded by Philip Corbet.

The newly appointed Board members took their places beside the Chairman.

#### 10. NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The new President, Mike May, indicated that he was humbled and terrified by the opportunity to serve as President and felt fortunate to have the advice of two past presidents, Mike Parr and Philip Corbet, as well as an able and enthusiastic Board of Trustees. He saw challenges ahead, as well as exciting and interesting opportunities for odonatology, as revealed by the issues discussed at the Symposium and by the presence of a representative, worldwide membership. He finished by thanking the membership for electing him as President.

#### 11. THE 4TH WDA SYMPOSIUM IN 2005

Adolfo Cordero gave an attractive presentation, comprising music, pictures and commentary, of the Pontevedra region of North West Spain, an atypical part of the country, where the Fourth WDA International Symposium will be held in Vigo, probably in July, 2005. Full details of the Symposium will be published in *Agriion* and on the WDA website as they become available.

#### 12. THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WDA SYMPOSIUM

Frank Suhling, on behalf of himself and Andreas Martens, presented a slide show to support their proposal to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> WDA International Symposium in Windhoek, Namibia in April or October 2007. He explained that the invitation to hold the meeting came from his colleague Eugene Marais who is Curator of the National Museum of Namibia in Windhoek, and who will be the official host and organiser of the meeting. Frank's presentation promised an exciting venue and one very different from those of preceding Symposia.

Gordon Pritchard thanked Adolfo and Frank for their presentations and indicated that another invitation to host a forthcoming Symposium, probably in 2007, in Minnesota had been received. However he thought that the opportunity to visit Africa should be taken. Gordon Pritchard proposed, and John Hawking seconded, that the invitation from the National Museum of Namibia to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> WDA Symposium in Windhoek, Namibia, be accepted **[PU]**. The proposal was heartily endorsed by Mike Parr who had made many visits to the country

#### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike May addressed the issue of global dragonfly assessment that had been discussed during the Symposium presentation led by Michael Samways. He asked Dennis Paulson to speak to a motion supporting the initiative. Dennis Paulson said that it had been obvious that a great majority of the Symposium attendees had thought it was a good idea to move on the two proposals that Michael Samways had brought forward, namely that:

- attempts be made to advance dragonfly conservation by producing a Red List of species and an action plan relating to conservation of those species; and

- an order-wide assessment of odonate distribution and a database to encompass species be initiated.

Dennis Paulson proposed, and Philip Corbet seconded that WDA strongly support, in principle, the proposal to initiate a Global Dragonfly Assessment, under the auspices of IUCN and WDA, to be initiated as soon as possible.

After a query from the floor, Dennis clarified that the motion is to support the proposal relating to the Global Dragonfly Assessment which in this case refers to a world-wide database being set up country by country, as recommended by Michael Samways.

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

Vigo, Spain in 2005, on a date to be confirmed

15. A motion was proposed by David Pryce and promptly seconded by several members, that John Hawking be thanked for the organisation of the 4<sup>th</sup> WDA Symposium. Philip Corbet proposed an amendment, accepted by acclamation, that thanks be extended also to Robyn Sharman and Kathie Le Busque **[PU]**.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 16.35 hours.

Chairman:

Date:

**Annex A****Report from Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

The interval since the last BGM in Gällivare, Sweden in July 2001 has featured high activity on several fronts, each member of the Board having assumed responsibility for a sector of WDA activity which will be the subject of a separate report to this meeting. Here I report only on matters in which I personally have taken the lead.

**Patron.** WDA now has a Patron who is Professor Edward O. Wilson FRS, one of the world's most distinguished and influential biologists. Professor Wilson was invited to serve by unanimous decision of the Board. We are pleased and honoured by his gracious acceptance, which was facilitated by the fact that WDA is dedicated to the study of a particular taxon, an approach that Professor Wilson overtly espouses and of which he is himself a notable exemplar.

**Code of Practice.** Being aware of the main reasons why associations experience difficulty, and being committed to a harmonious future for WDA, the past President, the President-elect and I embodied some guidelines for conduct which were published as a code of practice under the title "Prospects for WDA" in *Agrion* 6(2): 13. We hope that this code will be useful, as an aide-mémoire, to us and to all members, in the years ahead.

**Code for collecting.** Responding to a resolution passed at the last BGM, a Code of Practice for Collecting has been prepared. The version published in *Agrion* 6(2): 22-23 has been approved unanimously by the Board, after being scrutinized by certain members of WDA in conformity with the resolution recorded under item 19 of the minutes of the BGM 2001. I hope that all members will see this as a positive action in today's climate where individuals trying to obtain voucher specimens for research purposes may be called upon to justify their actions. David Fitch gave valued advice during the drafting of this document.

**Conservation and Fund Committee.** One of the most important activities of WDA, in its capacity as a Registered Charity, is to evaluate and support projects in research and conservation. The first Board member to assume responsibility for this sector was unable to make progress due to overwhelming competing commitments. Finally, in August 2002, he felt obliged to resign, whereupon this responsibility was assumed by Frank Suhling, to whom the Board is very grateful. Under Frank's chairmanship, grants are again being awarded.

**Board of Trustees.** Your Board of Trustees has operated as a dedicated, industrious and effective team of which I have been proud to be a member. All present members of the Board have given valuable service and thereby earned the gratitude of the Association, but I wish to mention four members in particular who have performed functions of central importance. They are: our Secretary, Linda Averill, our Treasurer, Dorothy Gennard, our Webmaster, Rob Arnold, ably assisted by Kevin Arnold, and the Editor of our journal, Reinhard Joedicke. The smooth running of the Association owes much to their efforts.

**Farewell.** As I complete my term of office, I wish Mike May, my good friend, a distinguished odonatologist, and your next President, success and enjoyment during his term of office.

Philip Corbet

## Annex B

### Secretary's Report

Since taking over as Secretary in July 2001 I have spent time getting to know the workings of the WDA, working closely with the President and the Board on day to day matters. I have also been busy responding to enquiries from members and non members alike. Member's enquiries are, as you might expect, about their subscriptions, changes of address etc. However it is the enquiries from members of the public which are fascinating. Most of the enquiries I have dealt with so far have arrived by email so the enquirers must have found me via the website. This year I have had a bumper crop of people, mainly from the USA, wanting to know where they can purchase dragonfly eggs to rid their ponds of mosquitoes! There are also the poets who write gushingly about their first encounter with dragonflies which I am sure we can all empathise with. It makes for an interesting electronic mail bag, if time consuming.

Within my report I would like to acknowledge the work done for the WDA by members who are no longer members of the Board but still play a significant part in the running of the society. Firstly Jill Silsby who edits our newsletter *Agrion*, Jill works extremely hard in getting our newsletter out twice a year and she would be please to hear from any member who wants to contribute to it. Also members who help the society by assisting us with essential admin and also save the Society money by providing mailing services: Wolfgang Schneider and his colleague Mrs Boormann, Goren Sahlen, and Vicky McMillan. Also my thanks to the rest of the Board for their support in my first 18 months as Secretary of the WDA.

Linda Averill

## Annex C

### Treasurer's Report

We have 271 members including 3 organisations who are Associate members on the books, however, fewer members than this number paid subscriptions. The experience is that some members may pay their subscriptions after two or three years without doing so. This makes balancing the books for WDA difficult as we have obligations in relation to the newsletter and IJO publication costs based on membership numbers. We need to keep a good reserve to ensure we can pay for the journal. **(Members could assist by setting up a standing order with their bank to ensure prompt payment on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is not possible at this level of membership to provide Direct Debit facilities)**

Our newsletter, *Agrion*, costs the Association approximately £250 to produce and post. This is not the complete amount since Goran Salen and Wolfgang Schneider very kindly pay postage for copies of *Agrion* that they send to members in various countries. We may not have this support extended to us in perpetuity and so WDA needs to be in a sound financial position in order to undertake our objectives of grant awarding and education. Because the majority of members have access to the World Wide Web despatch of the newsletter to members using technology, would save us a great deal of money. For some members this is not possible and hard copies have to be produced. Where this is only a few, and the style of the newsletter allows it to be produced on a word-processor, it should be possible to print copies and post them on, thereby saving a considerable sum in relation to the current cost of newsletter production.

We manage to achieve solvency, given the great kindness of members who add additional donations to their annual subscriptions or who donate the fees from their lectures given to public organisations.

We thank them as this has given us funding of at least an extra £150 this year. We also owe a debt of gratitude to those members of the IJO editorial board who donate the cost of their journal subscription to WDA since this allows us to support our sponsored members. A particular mention should also be made of the kindness of John Truman and Jill Silsby in donating the royalties for the CD-Rom for Dragonflies of the World. This year CSIRO provided us with £99.13 as a result.

A further method of saving is achieved because the UK tax laws permit subscriptions and donations to reclaim tax provided the donor is a UK taxpayer. An additional section has been added to the membership renewal form so that WDA can reclaim a greater proportion of tax. Regional officers are encouraged to explore whether their own countries have a similar route to claiming money given to charities to the benefit of that organisation.

Overall, given that some savings could be made in the ways outlined above, there would appear that there is no need to increase the subscription rates. The Japanese subscription has had, with mutual agreement from the Japanese regional group (as indicated in their report, Appendix C) to be increased locally to take account of the exchange rate.

I am unable to stand for re-election as Treasurer because of increased demands at work. However I have enjoyed contributing to the work of WDA and wish the symposium and WDA well for the future.

Dorothy Gennard

## Annex D.

### Managing Editor's Report

In the period after Gällivare three issues were published, containing 18 papers written by 28 authors. Additionally, seven further papers were contributed, but five of them had to be rejected and two were withdrawn in favour of an improved and updated revision to be submitted at a later date. The manuscript flow is good enough to guarantee a continuous publication of the *International Journal of Odonatology* in future.

I hope all of you are now familiar with the official name of our journal: *the International Journal of Odonatology* (in short: *IJO*). We consequently removed the nickname 'Pantala' from the cover, but it is normal that in talks we still often refer to 'Pantala'. Your reaction to the new photograph on the *IJO* front cover was broadly positive. The photograph will be replaced by a new one with each volume and offers of good and interesting photographs are welcome. Please note the details about our photographic competition given in *Agrion* Vol.6, No.2 July 2002.

Although indexes for the *IJO* contents and authors have been presented on the WDA website, a 'Cumulative Author Index' has been separately printed for the first time, covering all issues up to Volume 5. In future, an annual leaflet with the contents of the current volume will be sent with the second issue. I am convinced that this is a necessary feature of a high-standard journal. Please note, that an updated version of our 'Instructions to Authors' has been prepared and has been available since November 2001. The instructions can be ordered via e-mail from the Editorial Office or downloaded from our homepage.

I am deeply indebted to the scientific support given by my Editorial Board. Each of these experts has written reviews on manuscripts - this means that our Editorial Board is not only a collection of 'big names' in odonatology, but primarily an active and highly efficient team. Besides the board members several external experts have provided most valuable reviews or comments on manuscripts: Natalia von Ellenrieder, Ola Fincke, Rosser Garrison, Holger Hunger, Oleg Kosterin, Klaus Guido Leipelt, Günther Peters, Klaus Reinhardt, Klaus Sternberg, Hansruedi Wildermuth. External reviews are

requested if an authority on a special subject is needed. I am also grateful to all American and English native speakers who helped with linguistic checks. My constant advisor in philological matters is Heinrich Fliedner, an authority on Latin and Greek. Thanks to them all.

Reinhard Joedicke

## Annex E.

### *Webmaster's Report*

As in my report for the 2001 Symposium, I would like to remind members how the content of the WDA website meets the requirements as set out in Paragraph 9 of the By-Laws of the Worldwide Dragonfly Society. You will find this information including details of the links included on the website in Appendix B.

#### **Password-protected sites for *Agrion* and *Odonatological Abstracts***

I have created password-protected sites for the full versions of these publications. To date in 2001, 31 WDA members have requested and been given the username and password for access to these sites. Neither *Agrion* nor *Odonatological Abstracts* are now routinely sent out to members, although members who do not have an internet connection (or who prefer) can still request printed versions of these publications. This change has already saved WDA a large amount of money previously devoted to postage! All paid-up members of WDA should automatically receive the username and password from their regional representative on payment or renewal of their subscription each year; members should email the Webmaster (rarnold@mail.colgate.edu) if they don't receive this information. The username and/or password will be changed in early January, 2003.

#### **Usage of the website and future developments**

At the time of writing this report (December 5, 2002), there have been 55,899 visits to the WDA website, which is a very encouraging number in approximately 5 years of operation! I'm also encouraged by the emails I receive from people who visit the site and who have comments or questions about dragonflies they've seen: I greatly enjoy replying to these emails or forwarding them to those more knowledgeable than I for a response.

#### **Change in design of website**

During 2002, I, with invaluable help from the Assistant Webmaster, Kevin Arnold, undertook a major overhaul and redesign of the website by adding a narrow panel at the left-hand side of every page of the site to contain the navigation menu from which all pages can be accessed. This has, I believe, greatly streamlined the site and made it much easier to find information and to move from page to page without having to return to the home page each time. I also use this panel to highlight recent updates to the site. I hope that members approve of these changes: as always, I welcome comments and suggestions for changes or for new content.

Robert M. Arnold

**Annex F****Chairman of the Conservation and Grant Committee's Report**

In February 2002 Philip Corbet asked me to take on the position of the chairman of the WDA's Conservation and Grant Committee (CFC). I agreed and was co-opted by the board in April 2002. My first duties have been to set up guidelines for applying for WDA grants, to develop a procedure for the evaluation of guidelines and to install the CFC. Due to my own fieldwork in Namibia these jobs were done with some delay in August 2002.

My intention was to keep the number of committee members small to make communication within the CFC as easy as possible. The CFC consists of seven members including the chairperson, who was elected by the Board of Trustees of WDA, and the Treasurer of WDA. The remaining five members were nominated by the chairperson after discussion with the Board. Among these five members there are representatives of the *World Conservation Union (IUCN)* and *International Dragonfly Fund (IDF)* and scientists well known in the field of odonatology. All committee members are members of WDA. The CFC as it stands now reflects the international status of WDA by having members from Africa, America, Australia and Europe. The members of the CFC are: Ola Fincke (University of Oklahoma, USA); Dorothy Gennard (University of Lincoln, UK); John Hawking (Cooperative Research Center for Freshwater Ecology, Australia); Michael Samways (University of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa); Martin Schorr (FOEA Trier, Germany; IDF); Frank Suhling (University of Braunschweig, Germany); and Jan Van Tol (Naturalis Leiden, The Netherlands; IUCN).

The guidelines for applying for WDA grants are published on the WDA webpage ([http://powell.colgate.edu/wda/Conservation\\_committee.asp](http://powell.colgate.edu/wda/Conservation_committee.asp)). Applicants are requested to submit their proposals and relevant personal information via email by using forms, which can be downloaded from the WDA webpage. Since the guidelines have been available I have received six letters of interest from researchers from Benin, Bulgaria, Mexico, Ukraine, USA, Vietnam, who were interested in the WDA grants. My normal procedure is to ask for some rough details on the projects and to inform the persons about the amount of money available for grants. By doing this the CFC avoids receiving proposals which do not fulfil the criteria of eligibility for grants or expect more financial support than WDA is able to give. Up until now (November 2002) we have received two proposals one of which has been accepted. That will be the fifth project funded by WDA since 1998.

Frank Suhling

<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Institution/Country</b>	<b>Project</b>
1998	Gabrielle Archard and Sally Coates	University of Bristol, U.K.	Contribution towards field work in British Columbia
2000	Jens Kipping	Hochschule Anhalt, Germany	Towards expedition to the Okavango Delta
2000	Diane Srivasta and Michael Meinychuk	University of British Columbia, Canada	Importance of rainforest canopies for <i>Mecistogaster modesta</i> larvae
2001	Klaas-Douwe B. Dijkstra	The Netherlands	Towards field work in Malawi
2002	Milen Marinov	Bulgaria	Larvae of the new European dragonfly <i>Somatochlora borisi</i>

**Annex G****Liaison Officer's Report**

During the last two years I spent at least half of my time abroad, mainly in East Africa. Thanks to the steady increase of internet cafes, which pop up like mushrooms in most of the East African cities, I could participate in the administrative affairs of the board without or, with only, a short delay. In East Africa I have been trying to distribute odonatological knowledge and the presence of WDA through talks and public posters at different levels (conservation organisations, scientific and local communities). Some of these posters will be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> WDA Symposium at Beechworth. This has not resulted in any new members as yet, but in a number of local hobby odonatologists (new species for that region) and in the inclusion of dragonflies into several conservation orientated projects, including a forthcoming IUCN project on African wetlands. An advertisement campaign for WDA at German Universities and Museums is planned for 2003.

Viola Clausnitzer

**Annex H****Report from the International Symposia Committee.**

The Committee consists of the Organizers of the WDA's first three Symposia – Vicky McMillan, Göran & Anna Sahlén, and John Hawking, plus Jill Silsby and Gordon Pritchard (Chairman). Dan Johnson resigned from the Committee in 2002. The Committee's activities have been primarily concerned with two items: overseeing the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium in Beechworth, and discussions with Manu Thomas Mathai on the possibility of holding the 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium in Madras, India. The former has gone smoothly and, at the time of writing, it appears that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium will be a big success. However, discussions with Manu Thomas were proceeding so slowly that the Board recommended that they be terminated in September 2002. Fortunately, we had two other invitations to meet in 2007, one from Kurt & Betsey Mead to meet at Wolf Ridge in Minnesota, U.S.A., and one from Frank Suhling & Andreas Martens to meet in Windhoek, Namibia. Given that Wolf Ridge is not far from the site of the 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium and odonatologists have never met in Africa, the Committee is currently favouring the Namibia invitation for 2007, and Frank & Andreas will make a presentation in Beechworth. The Beechworth BGM will also hear again from Adolfo Cordero, the Organizer of the 4<sup>th</sup> (2005) Symposium. Finally, the Committee has issued Letters of Invitation to the Beechworth Symposium and made recommendations to the Board on subsidies for on-site costs in Beechworth for students and odonatologists from countries where western currency is not readily available.

Gordon Pritchard

**Annex I****Regional Co-ordinator's Report**

At the Biennial General Meeting of WDA at Gällivare in 2001, three Representatives/Groups were ratified unanimously, namely: UK, Japan and USA. Each Representative has worked appropriately since then, resulting in the smoother collection of subscriptions, and in an easier exchange of information between the Board of Trustees and each national membership, as well as the acquisition of new members. It is noteworthy that the Japanese Representative, Dr. Kazunori Higashi, in September 2002, developed a workable system which was composed of two Vice Representatives, a Secretary General and a Treasurer. In conformity with my intention to encourage the establishment of a few more national Representatives/Groups, I sent an official message to all the attendants of the third WDA

European Regional Meeting, that was held in Leiden, The Netherlands, during 1-3 June 2002. So far I haven't receive any response to this message, but I hope the WDA members of the countries/regions who have more than ten members each will consider and discuss the feasibility of establishing National/Regional Representatives/Groups for their countries

Hidenori Ubakata

## Annex J

### Report from the Japanese Representative

The Japanese Group of WDA now has 41 members. Although we have not held a regional meeting in Japan for two years, more than ten members attended the General Meetings of the Japanese Society for Odonatology which were held in November 2001 and 2002, in which I made brief reports about WDA's activities to the members of JSO.

About two years ago, we started a mailing list on the Internet for discussion between the Japanese members of WDA, and had a good result in exchanging phonological data of *Pantala flavescens* all over Japan.

Two issues of the newsletter of the Japanese group, *WDA-dayori*, were edited by Dr Ubukata (then Secretary General) and published in December 2001 and 2002.

In May 2002, an odonatologist living in Yamaguchi prefecture asked the Japanese Office of WDA to negotiate getting a document together to ask the Governor of the prefecture to reconsider a plan for a bayside motorway, which would destroy a habitat of red data species, *Mortonagron hirosei* and *Libellula angelica*. We then asked the President of the WDA to write an appeal to the Governor which he did. The construction of the motorway is now suspended and under reconsideration.

Finally, I would like to introduce the new Japanese officials who are responsible from 2003 to 2004:

Representative: Dr Kazunori Higashi;

Vice Representative: Dr Yoshitaka Tsubaki

Vice Representative: Dr Haruki Karube;

Secretary General: Mr Takashi Aoki

Treasurer: Mr Shigeto Dobata.

The subscription fee for the year 2003 in Japanese Yen will change as follows:

Individual with Journal: £30 = 6600 Japanese Yen

Individual without Journal: £13 = 2700 Japanese Yen

Student with Journal: £22 = 4800 Japanese Yen

Student without Journal: £5 = 1100 Japanese Yen

Family with Journal: £40 = 8800 Japanese Yen

Family without Journal: £23 = 5000 Japanese Yen

Subscription and registration of Japanese members will be controlled by

Mr Dobata from the beginning of 2003, and new Secretary General, Mr Aoki, will be in charge of communicating information between the Secretary of WDA, and all the members who live in Japan.

Dr Kazunori Higashi

## Annex K

### Motion (proposed by Mike May, seconded by Linda Averill)

**proposing a change to the constitution to allow the immediate past president to remain as a Board member. Clauses F & G of the Constitution and By-Law 3 are affected and in the following text passages that constitute proposed amendments are underlined:**

**F. HONORARY OFFICERS** Via a secret postal ballot the members shall elect from among themselves a president-elect, a secretary/treasurer (or a secretary and a treasurer), who shall hold office from the conclusion of the next biennial meeting. The previously elected president-elect shall wherever possible take over as president but in the event of the president-elect being unable to take up the office of president, then there shall be a postal ballot to elect a president. The outgoing president shall wherever possible serve as immediate past president until the next subsequent biennial meeting but in the event of the president being unable to assume the office of immediate past president the latter office shall be vacant.

### G. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1) The Board shall consist of not less than seven members nor more than twelve members being:

(a) the four/five honorary officers specified in the previous clause.

(b) not fewer than three and not more than seven members elected via a secret postal ballot at least four weeks prior to the following biennial meeting who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

### 3. BOARD of TRUSTEES

(a) (i) According to Clauses F and G of the Constitution, the Association shall be administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board shall consist of a Chairman (the President of the WDA), a Vice Chairman (President-elect of the WDA), a Secretary/Treasurer (or Secretary & Treasurer), a Managing Editor of the WDA Journal, and the Immediate Past President plus at least two and not more than six ordinary members.

(b) **Elections to the Board (i)** All Trustees, except for the President-elect and President, shall resign at the BGM following the one at which they took office but, apart from the President, they shall be eligible for re-election. The President-elect shall automatically take over as President. In the event of this being impossible, the President shall be replaced by the newly elected President-elect who shall then serve an extra term and the Board may appoint a President-elect to take his or her place or, alternatively, leave the post unfilled until nominations are next called for. The outgoing President shall serve as Immediate Past President until the BGM following the end of his/her term as President.