

WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)
5th Biennial General meeting held at Swakopmond, Namibia
17th April 2007

MINUTES
Pending Approval by the Membership

The meeting commenced at 17.45hrs and was attended by 46 members including 7 Board members. Hidenori Ubukata took the Chair with Gordon Pritchard as Co-Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE RECORDERS

It was proposed by Göran Sahlen and seconded by Jill Silsby that Dorothy Gennard and John Hawking be appointed minute recorders. **[PU]**

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Philip Corbet proposed and Wolfgang Schneider seconded, that the Agenda be approved. **[PU]**

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Rob Arnold, Ola Finke, David Allan Fitch, Reinhard Joedicke, Vicky McMillan and Richard Rowe.

3. MINUTES OF THE FOURTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 29th July 2005

A proposal to accept the minutes, which had been published on the WDA website and in an abbreviated form in Agrion 10(2), was made by Dorothy Gennard and seconded by Philip Corbet. The Minutes were signed by Hidenori Ubukata. **[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. No Board member wished to give a two-minute presentation to amplify their report. Members were given the chance to ask questions.

5.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (Hidenori Ubukata)(Annex A)

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

5.2 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT (Gordon Pritchard)(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 Joedicke)(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 Sahlen)(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 CONSERVATION & FUNDING COMMITTEE
– (CONSERVATION) (Viola Clausnitzer)(Annex G)

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

5.8 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA COMMITTEE
(Richard Rowe)(Annex H)

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

5.9 REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER (Rob Arnold)(Annex I)

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

5.10 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JAPANESE GROUP
(Dr Tsubaki)(Annex J)

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

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ACCOUNTS (Annexes K & L)

In the absence of the Treasurer there were no questions on the accounts. It was proposed by Mike May and seconded by Rob Cannings that the accounts for 2005 & 2006 be accepted. [PU]

7. DISCHARGE OF THE PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hidenori Ubukata handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to the President Elect, Gordon Pritchard. The present Board of Trustees was discharged, except for the President Elect who thereby became president and assumed the Chair.

8. 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 the nomination of the persons listed below, all of whom had expressed their willingness to accept nomination. It was proposed by Jill Silsby and seconded by Mike Parr that the list of nominees be accepted. [PU]

President :	Gordon Pritchard
President Elect:	Wolfgang Schneider (Nominated by Reinhard Joedicke, seconded by Mike May)
Immediate Past President:	Hidenori Ubukata
Secretary:	Linda Averill
Treasurer:	David Allan Fitch
Managing Editor:	Reinhard Joedicke
Webmaster:	Adolfo Cordero (Nominated by Rob Arnold, seconded by Hidenori Ubukata)
Chair C & F (Funding):	Göran Sahlen
Chair C & F (Conservation):	Viola Clausnitzer
Symposium Co-ordinator:	Richard Rowe
Trustee:	Dennis Paulson
Trustee:	Keith Wilson (Nominated by Dennis Paulson, seconded by Gordon Pritchard)

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

9. NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Gordon Pritchard thanked the members of the Association for allowing him to take the position of President. He said that he had spent the last two years 'learning the ropes' and had seen how much the Trustees offer in time and expertise and it had been a pleasure working with them. He thanked all Trustees for continuing their roles, especially Linda who had expressed a desire to retire but had agreed to continue for another 2 years. He noted sadly that we would be losing two valuable members of the Board at this time. Firstly, Mike May who had given 6 years of dedicated service to the Association through the Presidential stream and had made a major contribution to WDA's success with his wise counsel. He also highlighted the work and time given by Rob Arnold who had taken on the role of the Association's Webmaster since the early days and had made an invaluable contribution to WDA. The President wished the retiring Board members a happy 'retirement' and this was seconded by the meeting.

The new Board Members were then welcomed. Wolfgang Schneider is a founding member of the Association and a signatory of the original constitution and brings a lot of experience to the Board through running the German account in recent years. Adolfo Cordero had taken over as Webmaster and the President thanked him for the work he had already undertaken with the seamless transfer of the website from Colgate University

to the University of Vigo server. The constitution allows the Association to have 12 Trustees and Keith Wilson was welcomed to the Board. Keith brings a long standing commitment to the interests of the WDA.

The President said that at the end of our first decade we are in a position of considerable strength and now need to look forward to the next decade. One matter of concern to many members is that we have two journals forming the primary literature for odonatology (*JJO* & *ODONATOLOGICA*). This is a concern in part because of the expense of subscribing to two journals but also because it effectively splits the global dragonfly community. He then said that he was delighted to report that a proposal had been made by interested parties, to move towards the merging of *JJO* and *ODONATOLOGICA*. This initiative was first put to the *JJO* editors who received it with pleasure and passed it on to the WDA Board who were also excited by the prospect of a merger of the journals. That is effectively where we are now. The Board has approved a committee centred on the editors of *JJO* with representation from the Board and non-Board members and with the input of KD Dijkstra who has been empowered to speak on behalf of *ODONATOLOGICA*. This committee will consider the implications of a merger. The President pointed out that preliminary discussions were strongly of the opinion that a merged journal would have all of the main editorial features (editorial policy, format, style, content) of *JJO*, but at this point in time no recommendations were on the table. The process must be taken slowly and carefully and must consider both the specific details and the overall picture for the greater good of WDA. Once recommendations have been formulated the matter will be brought back to the Board for further discussion and then opened to the membership at large for further discussion. An assurance was given that at all stages we shall have the interests of WDA at heart. We shall, in time, ask for input from all interested parties but at this stage that would be premature. We don't at this stage know all the details and we need a small group of interested people to take this forward. Assurance was given that Reinhard and the Board are very excited by the prospect to bring greater good for the Association and for all odonatologists on a global scale and we will do our very best to make this a success.

The President said that it was an absolute pleasure to see member number one, Jill Silsby at the meeting as her recent health problems had given all members cause for concern. Jill has been editing *AGRION* from the beginning and that, along with the website, has been an important thread keeping us together. Jill's organisation and hard work on *AGRION* is very much appreciated. However, all good things must come to an end and Jill has decided that it is time to retire from editing *AGRION*. A new Newsletter Editor will be sought.

10. THE 6TH WDA SYMPOSIUM IN 2009

Rodolfo Novelo-Guitierrez gave a short presentation about the 6th WDA Symposium which will be held at and hosted by the Instituto de Ecologia in Xalapa, Mexico. Rodolfo showed a variety of sites for Odonata that enrich this area of Mexico, with lots of streams,

ponds and lagoons in the vicinity of Xalapa. The proposed date will be sometime in July or August 2009. Gordon Pritchard said we will be very well looked after in Mexico by three generations of odonatologists – Rodolfo, Enrique González-Soriano, and Alejandro Córdoba-Aguilar.

11. THE 7TH WDA SYMPOSIUM

An invitation was made by Hidenori Ubukata on behalf of Yoshitaka Tsubaki, the Representative of the Japanese Group of the WDA, that the 7th International Symposium be hosted by the Group and held at Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Natural History in Odawara city, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan in July or so of 2011. A motion to accept the invitation was proposed by Mike May and seconded by Jill Silsby.. Jill Silsby commented that the best symposium she had ever attended had been held in Japan. [PU]

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Philip Corbet proposed on behalf of the membership that extended thanks be offered to Eugene Marais and his colleagues, Frank Suhling, Andreas Martens & Kamilla Koch and the Namibian host organisations for the organisation of the 5th International Symposium which had achieved high standards in all respects. This was seconded by Gordon Pritchard and was followed by a round of applause with a standing ovation. [PU]

12.2 Rob Cannings said that the success of the Association depended on the dedication and effectiveness of the Board of Trustees and that he would like to propose a motion that all those present at Swakopmund would like to record their thanks and admiration to all past and present Trustees of WDA, this was seconded by Vincent Kalkman. [PU]

12.3 Sarah Jewell asked how long the President thought the process might take for further discussion before more details could be given to the membership about the planned journal merger. The President said that he could not predict how long it would take as it was important that the issue was not rushed and that all care is taken. It will be a complicated process and we shall do it as fast as we can; and that we shall start work immediately after the meeting. KD Dijkstra affirmed that the committee will get straight to work and there would definitely be some agreement by the time we go to Mexico. Mike Parr asked the President to confirm that he would welcome initial suggestions or ideas about the process. The President replied that he thought the initial discussions should be kept to those primarily involved - the Editor and other members of the Editorial Board with WDA Board representation and representation from *ODONATOLOGICA*; and that to make the process as efficient as possible it was thought that a small committee would be the best way to go to start with but then of course when we have something concrete to present to the membership we shall certainly welcome any advice. Mike Parr thought if concrete proposals were presented to the membership it might be more difficult to make changes. The President clarified that is not what he meant to happen and

the working group will be open to all proposals at all times, but he thought the process would be more efficient if the initial groundwork was laid by a small group who were aware of all of the details of the process and engaged in discussion with *ODONATOLOGICA*.

Philip Corbet said that he was glad to have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion and that there were three points to keep in mind.

1. There were compelling reasons why the WDA came into being and these haven't gone away. Absolutely compelling reasons why a democratic society had to be born
2. Only a few people present today are aware of those reasons
3. We need good representation on the working group, of people who are aware of those reasons because we don't want history to repeat itself

This was seconded by some members present. KD Dijkstra suggested that the names of the Working Group be made public at this stage. Gordon Pritchard said that the proposed group consists of: Reinhard Joedicke, Frank Suhling, Gordon Pritchard, Hansruedi Wildermuth, Dennis Paulson, Wolfgang Schneider, KD Dijkstra and Werner Piper.

Jill Silsby expressed the opinion that we had to be very careful of who is involved in the production of a merged journal. In response Gordon said that he believes that the Committee is aware of all of the potential problems and he hoped that Jill and others could trust the Board to do the right thing and that the Board would not do anything that would potentially hurt any individual in WDA or the Association as a whole. Wolfgang said that we have a Constitution to work to and that the Board and its Committees can be relied upon to rigorously adhere to it. Gordon said that he knows how seriously many individuals feel about the events of the past but he thinks that it is important that we move on and by continuing to harbour grievances from the past we do ourselves more harm than good; that as Wolfgang said, we are ordered by our Constitution to behave in a democratic way; and that we have now reached a point where we must move forward, think about the greater good and consider global odonatology. He gave a reminder that our prime goal is to advance public education and awareness by the promotion of the study and conservation of dragonflies, and their natural habitats in all parts of the world, and that one of the eight powers of the Board is the power to promote collaborative research between odonatologists throughout the world. In his opinion, these are the things we must concentrate on. Philip Corbet referred to a note signed by himself, Mike Parr and Mike May which was inserted into *AGRION* which referred to the need to respect each other and not to generate conflict and these points are just as valuable as those in the Constitution; and that we must behave as generous kind human beings. The President said that within WDA this has always happened. Philip clarified that he meant that we must not let these conflicts happen again. The President assured him that they would not, but with respect, he believed that if Philip continued to bring up these past conflicts he was going against the principles that he had laid out, and it would do the organisation more harm than good. Philip reiterated that, also with respect, he did not

accept that he was going against these principles. At this point, there being no further contributions, the President drew the discussion to a close.

13. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT WDA BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Xalapa, Mexico at a date and time in 2009 to be confirmed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Mike May, seconded by Rosser Garrison. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.06hrs. **[PU]**

Chairman:

Date:

Annex A

Report of the President and Chairman of Board of Trustees

General policy:

In Agrion 10(1) I wrote that the challenges for WDA in the coming few years were: (1) to realize the listing of our Journal (IJO) in Current Contents; (2) to increase membership in order to make activities at international/national/regional levels more active; and (3) to make an effort to conserve dragonfly species and habitats. Here I report the activity of the Board during two years of my presidency in this order.

(1) Effort for IJO to be listed by Current Contents

i) Advertisement of IJO through Internet: IJO homepage:

In early December 2005, I agreed with a proposal by the Editor that WDA has an IJO homepage linked to the WDA homepage in order to raise the profile of IJO. In October 2006 I welcomed together with the Board a proposal by the Editor to establish the IJO homepage. In February the Board authorized the IJO homepage constructed by Frank Suhling with the cooperation by the Managing Editor as one of the official websites of WDA.

ii) Holding fast to the editorial policy of IJO:

In September 2005 the Board was informed of the following affair:

An author of the October issue of IJO that was under final proof reading notified the Editor that he will withdraw his paper unless his request for changes to the illustrations and alleged changes made by the Editor to the text was complied with. The Editor and the journal designer did their best in editing and laying out. After a long negotiation with the author the Editor refused the withdrawal in defence of punctual publication of the journal without huge extra cost. I judged and mentioned to the Board that the right to adjust style to achieve a certain standard of uniformity is in the Editor's hands based on the 'Instructions to Authors' published on the web by WDA homepage. I endorsed the policy of the negotiation being undertaken by the Editor and his final decision to refuse the withdrawal and publish that number of IJO. I also judged that the Editor consult a lawyer at the expense of WDA in case a lawsuit should develop. After discussion in the Board I send an official letter in late October to all the Editorial Board members and a cc. to the aforementioned author in order to give a brief synopsis of the case from the perspective of the WDA Board of Trustees. This letter was drafted by the President-Elect and signed by me. The WDA's lawyer also wrote to the author's lawyer, but received no response for six months at which point the case died.

iii) Merger

In March 2007 the Board agreed with the President-Elect's proposal that we get a working group started to discuss the merger of the two international journals of odonatology. This followed from a proposal made by K.D. Dijkstra following a meeting with the Editor of Odonatologica.

iv) Acknowledging letter to the Editorial Board Members:

In November 2006 I sent, upon advice by the Managing Editor, a letter to all the Editorial Board Members to express my cordial thanks for their three years dedication to IJO as editors.

v) Approval of new Editorial Board

In January 2007 I approved the new Editorial Board recommended by the Managing Editor.

(2) Effort for increased membership**i) Policy**

In September 2005, I showed the Board members an estimation of the potential joiners to our Association based on rough statistics of the numbers of the members of WDA, national odonatological societies and national population of a few countries with larger odonatist populations. And then I mentioned that we must maintain and further enhance the attractiveness of our Association and make advertisement as often as possible.

ii) Commission of deputy Webmaster

The Webmaster, Rob Arnold, was to leave Colgate University, the server of which had been hosting the WDA homepage, in December 2006. The Board asked Adolfo Cordero if he could act as a deputy Webmaster of WDA until the next WDA BGM at Namibia and if the University of Vigo could host the WDA website while he is the (deputy) Webmaster. He kindly agreed.

iii) Sustaining membership

Sustaining membership was added to the categories of the WDA membership during the 10th Board Meeting. In December 2005 the Board agreed with a proposal by Goran Sahlen that we should send an explanation of 'Sustaining membership' to all the membership to increase this category of members. The explanation was drafted by the Treasurer and then sent out.

iv) Support for the Organizers of Symposia:

In June 2006 I sent a letter to Eugene Marais and Frank Suhling, the Organizers of the 2007 Symposium, in order to show their official appointments as co-chairs and co-organizers of the 5th WDA International Symposium of Odonatology (incorporated in the 2007 International Congress of Odonatology). The letter was drafted by the Symposium Coordinator and signed by me.

(3) Effort for conserving dragonflies and their habitats**i) Receipt of an IUCN grant and transferring it to the Natural History Museum in Leiden**

In October 2006 the executive subcommittee of the Board agreed with a proposal by the Chairperson of the CFC subcommittee that the WDA receive in the first hand a grant for a Species Red List Index (SRLI) from IUCN and then transfer it to the Natural History Museum in Leiden.

(4) Other business**i) 2007-2009 Board Nominations**

The President-Elect and I formed a small committee to consider submissions from the Board for nominations for the next Board's Trustees. Our recommendations were accepted by the Board and were published on the Webpage on 2 December 2006 with a deadline for further nominations of 28 December 2007.

ii) 2007 subscription fees

In December 2006 the Board set the 2007 subscription fees for the membership and also in February 2007 set the fees for institutions, libraries, etc. The reason for increasing the fees was disclosed to all the members.

iii) Number of copies of IJO to be printed:

In early January 2007 the Board agreed with the number of copies of IJO to be printed that was proposed by the Editor in an effort to reduce the expenditures of IJO.

iv) Sponsored membership:

The board screened at the end of every fiscal year's end the applicants for the sponsored membership.

v) WDA travel grants for Congress:

In January 2007 the Board screened the applicants for the WDA travel grants for the Namibia Symposium.

vi) Excellence Award

In January 2007 the Board screened the applicants for the Award of Excellence.

vii) Book prizes

In February 2007 the Board a proposal by Goran Sahlen that we will donate a prize to a few young attendees of the Namibia symposium whose presentations are excellent.

Hidenori Ubukata

Annex B

Report of the President Elect

This has been a period of learning for me with a little advice and facilitating thrown in. It has been a very pleasurable experience being part of the excellent and hard-working Board of Trustees. I have enjoyed working with all of the Board's activities which are very well organized, with individual Board members leading different aspects of the Association's business. In particular, working with the Board's Nominations has shown me what a very fine collection of individuals we have in the Association. Most exciting, of course, is the recent Merger Initiative which we have already started to discuss and will make our top priority immediately when the new Board is in place. The WDA is clearly in very fine shape and looks set to increase in strength even further.

Gordon Pritchard

Annex C

Report of the Secretary

The following table shows a breakdown of our membership during 2006/2007. At the time of writing (February 2007) we have 266 members across 41 countries of the world.

2005 - 277 Members (including 19 sponsored memberships)		
New Members in 2005	Cancellations in 2005	Non Payers at end of year
26	7	14
2006 – 263 Members (including 19 sponsored memberships)		
New Members in 2006	Cancellations in 2004	Non Payers at end of year
14	7	17

During 2006 we brought in an additional membership category – Sustaining Membership- which included a voluntary donation to the Society. This was well taken up during its first year with 43 members supporting us in this way and raising a significant amount for the Society's funds.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our members who have given a significant amount of time to WDA . Firstly Jill Silsby who continues to edit our newsletter, Agrion. Wolfgang Schneider, Vicky McMillan & Shigeto Dobata, who, over the past two years have been responsible for processing our membership payments in Europe, USA and Japan respectively. Vicky and Shigeto have both now retired from these long standing roles and have been replaced by David Fitch and Taku Kadoya. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Göran Sahlen and Vicky McMillan who have both been very generous in continuing to support our mailings of Agrion and the Odonatological Abstracts over the past two years.

Linda Averill

Annex D

Report of the Treasurer

The Worldwide Dragonfly Association is fortunate to have accumulated modest reserves over the years prior to my becoming Treasurer, because under my slipshod and inept guidance, we are spending more than we take in. But we have done so on purpose.

Funds on hand at the end of 2006 are still almost equal to a year's expenses. This allows us to take some risks, and aggressively budget for our preferred activities. A minor deficit in any one year is acceptable if it encourages growth of the WDA. When the Board has seen fit to increase dues, member response has been supportive.

Dues for 2006 were adjusted slightly according to currency changes, but for 2007 a major change was voted. The Board increased all dues about 20%, to cover increased costs of publishing the greatly improved IJO. This increase came too late to affect institutional subscribers, who had already been billed, but their rates will increase for 2008. Dues paid in Dollars and Yen were further increased to match the stronger Pound and Euro.

At the Vigo meeting in 2005, the Board acted favourably on several financial proposals, with the results detailed below in the intervening two years.

A. ENCOURAGING DONATIONS. WDA has been registered with the "American Fund for Charities" (AFC) so that larger donations by US citizens qualify for tax-favourable status in the USA. The cost to the WDA was \$150 for the year, which was paid by an anonymous donor. The same donor made a donation which netted WDA \$5,375 late in 2006, after expenses charged by the AFC. Expense were higher, and delivery slower, than expected, so I will continue to look for another means of allowing us to accept tax-qualified donations in the US

B. GRANT FUNDING and ESTABLISHING A REGULAR BUDGET PROCESS. At Vigo we adopted a budget for 2005 and 2006, which included designated amounts for CFC and Awards. This allowed us to recognize when publication expenses exceeded planned amounts, and the Board voted a 20% increase in regular membership dues late in 2006. Preparations for the 2007 Symposium and WDA Award have revealed a need to consider in more detail what WDA can do to assist participation by award recipients, and how to budget for this.

C. VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS; "SUSTAINING MEMBERS". At Vigo the Board created a new category of "Sustaining Members," who would express their support by contributing an additional amount of about 50% over the regular dues and subscription fees (e.g. 54 GBP instead of 36).

Response was good in 2006. Forty three (43) members paid as Sustaining Members, giving us 760 additional GBP (1,102 EU or \$1,322 USD) in 2006, or about 7% of our total regular income for the year.

Vicki McMillan retired as the official Regional Representative and unofficial Assistant Treasurer for North America at the end of 2006. Our dollar account at Oneida Bank has been closed, and a new one opened at Citizens Bank, in Lexington, Massachusetts. Vicki did much more work than you can imagine, and did it well. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Vicky for all her hard work on behalf of WDA over her time as the Regional Representative for the USA.

David Allan Fitch

Annex E

Report of the Managing Editor

Volumes 8 and 9 of the International Journal of Odonatology were published in 2005 and 2006 respectively. Volume 8 had 352 pages and Volume 9 had 254 pages, both much larger than previous years' regular volumes. This year, our journal enters its tenth volume. These issues have been characterized by a high level of science, punctual publication, consistency of format and style, clear perception of figures and tables, and a highly attractive and consistent layout with colour plates. The English language has been used exclusively.

In 2006 I appointed three Assistant Editors: Gordon Pritchard, Frank Suhling and Hansruedi Wildermuth. They are involved in all important decisions and will be able to replace my work at once, should I be unable to continue. In early 2007 we set up a webpage for IJO (<<http://ijo.tu-bs.de/home.html>>) mastered by Frank Suhling. This will be continuously updated and improved.

Although IJO is in good condition, there is still room for improvement. The most important tasks facing us are:

- The impact factor of IJO must correspond to its quality. Unfortunately, we are still not listed by ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) for Current Contents. With the above-mentioned features of IJO all ISI criteria are fulfilled with the exception of a high enough 'Citation Index'. The number of IJO citations is growing with time, so we should achieve the necessary level of citations within a few years.
- In order to achieve an increased ranking, we must convince authors to make IJO the first address for excellent odonological manuscripts. At present many of the best papers on Odonata are published in high-ranking, non-odonological journals. With this increase in quality, the number of subscribers should increase as well.
- The mailing of IJO needs some re-organization. My apologies to all persons who did not receive all copies on time.

Finally I have to thank all persons who worked to make the journal what it is today: Bernd Kunz, who is responsible for the setting, printing and mailing; my Assistants, the Editorial Board and invited Referees, who all invested a lot of time to provide excellent reviews; Ole Müller who is the supervisor (and improver) of scientific drawings; Sarah Yeates, Philip Corbet, Peter Mill, Dennis Paulson, Gordon Pritchard and Bert Orr for improvements of the language; Heinrich Fliedner who gives philological advice; and last but not least all authors and subscribers.

Reinhard Jödicke

Annex F

Report of the Chairman Conservation & Funding Committee (Funding)

Due to dated information on the WDA home page no applications for funding were received until late 2006. This warrants better updating routines, but as chairman the responsibility is mostly my own. Hence I will take the blame for that mistake. Suggestions of new text for the home page and for the WDA award will be brought to Swakopmund for discussion with the rest of the board.

Three recent applications for the funding of projects are now awaiting decision. I have deemed it better to wait until after the Biennial Meeting in Swakopmund to process these applications. The reasons are a) that the WDA have funded peoples attendance at the symposium (see below) and hence the treasury is now rather low, and b) new directions on how to manage the fund and the award may be emerging at the symposium.

Travel grants: During late autumn 2006 a number of requests for travel grants for attending the 2007 congress arrived after advertising on the congress home page. After discussion James Odanga of Nairobi, Kenya was granted flight tickets, congress fee and accommodation in Swakopmund. It is a very good achievement of the WDA to be able to sponsor all costs for a worthy person to attend the symposia of the society, and particularly good to sponsor a participant from a 3rd world country. I hope this will be repeated many times in the future.

Due to rather high costs for the flight, no other travel subsidies could be granted for this symposium.

WDA award: The committee received three nominations for the WDA award, and after voting, Rosser Garrison of Sacramento, CA, USA was chosen to receive the 2007 award in Swakopmund. Here the question of whether or not to link a travel grant to the award was raised among the WDA board of trustees, and awaiting a decision by a board meeting in Swakopmund we decided this year to fund Mr. Garrison's flight and congress fee. The ideal solution would of course be to include a free attendance in the award itself, but this will have to be discussed at the next board meeting as it would include much higher costs than the association has hitherto allocated to the award.

Göran Sahlen

Annex G

Report of the Chairman Conservation and Funding Committee (Conservation)

No specific work concerning my task as contact person for conservation grants arose. Proposals are sent to Goran Sahlen (he is the link for both the conservation and the funding grants), with whom I correspond on behalf of the proposals.

The Odonata Specialist Group (OSG) of IUCN was very busy during the last years. The African Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment Programme is still going on, with eastern, southern and western Africa completed, northern Africa together with the Mediterranean just started and north-eastern and central Africa about to start.

The Red List Index project is coordinated by Vincent Kalkman and myself and also keeps a number of WDA members more than busy currently. Prior to the symposium in Swakopmund there will be a meeting of the OSG and anybody interested to evaluate the – hopefully – largely finished assessments. Luckily we managed to secure funding for some scientists to attend the symposium in Namibia, who could otherwise never have afforded it.

The red listing is still going on.

The global dragonfly assessment is still lingering around, BUT with all the assessments going on about half of the known dragonflies will be entered in IUCN's species information system (SIS) and parallel the work on point locality databases is just started. Thus, even without big funding we assume that the dragonflies will be assessed in the next years on the global level.

Viola Clausnitzer

Annex H

Report of the International Symposia Committee

The Committee consists of the Organizers of the WDA's three immediately previous Symposia –Göran & Anna Sahlén, John Hawking, and Adolfo Cordero – plus Jill Silsby and Richard Rowe (Chairman). Vicky McMillan was co-opted to maintain a broad geographical balance. Under the rotation scheme Göran & Anna Sahlén step down after the 2007 conference to be replaced by Eugene Marais and Frank Suhling.

The Committee's activities have been primarily concerned with two items: maintaining an overview of the organization of the 5th Symposium at Swakopmund in Namibia, and discussions with Enrique González, Rodolfo Novelo and Alex Cordoba on the 6th Symposium to be held in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. The former has been capably-handled in the face of unanticipated events and, at the time of writing, it appears that the 5th Symposium will be a big success. The second has resulted in a warm invitation and a presentation will be made at the Swakopmund Symposium. The 2011 Symposium scheduled for Asia/Australasia is currently proving a small problem. The original plan was to hold the meeting in Sabah at the Danum Valley Research Centre. With the number of people now attending our Symposia, and the possibility of a significant increase by 2011, this became infeasible. We are presently investigating alternative venues. It may be possible to make an announcement at the symposium, but the people concerned have undertaken this task at very short notice.

From 1999 to 2011 the Association should have held Symposia in temperate and tropical North America, Arctic and southern Europe, in east Asia, and twice in the southern hemisphere, in Africa and Australia. A Worldwide Association.

Finally, the Committee has issued Letters of Invitation to the Swakopmund Symposium and made recommendations to the Board on subsidies for on-site costs in Swakopmund for students and odontologists from countries where financial support is not readily available.

Richard Rowe

Annex I

Report of the Webmaster

As in previous reports, I'll begin by showing 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. This paragraph states:

9. INTERNATIONAL NETWORK of ODONATOLOGICAL INFORMATION (I.N.O.I.)

- a) WDA aims at promoting the diffusion of odonatological knowledge by all methods of communication. For this reason INOI shall be established, with the aim of becoming the centre of information about WDA and about Odonata on a computerised basis.
- b) INOI shall set up a WDA homepage that will include major information about the Association and links to other Odonata homepages;
- c) it shall also establish an Odonata Database (ODAT) containing, such items as an odonatological World Checklist and World Bibliography; electronic publications such as journals, newsletters, booklets, etc
- d) Other objectives shall be set by the Board of Trustees

By-Law 9 a) has been met by the establishment of INOI; by stating on the web page that the home pages are under the auspices of INOI; and by the web site containing a link to a page that lists the content of Paragraph 9 of the By-Laws and explain what INOI stands for.

By-Law 9 b) has been met by the existence of the WDA home page and by the links it contains to other Odonata homepages, specifically the following:

Congress and 1st International Symposium Home Page (Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, July 1999)

2nd International Symposium Home Page (Gällivare, Sweden, July 2001)

3rd International Symposium Home Page (Beechworth, Australia, January 2003)

4th International Symposium Home Page (University of Vigo, Pontevedra, Spain, July 2005)

Pages giving reports of meetings, minutes of meetings, and publications of interest to odonatologists

By-Law 9 c) has been met by the establishment of an Odonata database (ODAT), and the provision of links on the WDA home pages to the following web pages:

Beginner's Guide to Dragonflies
 Do Dragonflies Bite?
 Use of Odonate Larvae for Biocontrol of Insect Pests, by Philip Corbet
 Dragonflies in Folklore and Art, by Jill Lucas and Jill Silsby
 Dragonfly Project (formerly the National Dragonfly BioMuseum), Cambridgeshire, UK
 International Odonata Research Institute (IORI)
 DSA Guide to Collecting
 Worldwide checklist of dragonfly and damselfly species, compiled by Martin Schorr, Martin Lindeboom, and Dennis Paulson
 List of World Odonatists
 Matthias Hartung's Odonata-Homepage
 National Dragonfly Museum
 New World Odonata List, revised edition (5 Aug 98) compiled by Rosser Garrison
 Ode News: Blair Nikula's newsletter about dragonflies and damselflies in southern New England.
 Odonatological Bibliography, compiled by Günter Bechly
 Odonatological Information Network, maintained by Bill Mauffrey
 Odonatological Links from the Ode News Web site, compiled by Jackie Sones
Of the waterbug who became a dragonfly: a story told to children in South Africa
 Phylogeny of fossil and extant odonates, compiled by Günter Bechly
 Roy Beckemeyer's Odonate Site

Links to other organizations and individuals

Currently, we list:

Asia Dragonfly
 Australian Dragonfly Society.
 Belgium Dragonfly Working Group
 British Dragonfly Society
 California Dragonflies and Damselflies
 Digital Atlas of Idaho
 Digital Dragonfly Project
 Dragonflies and Damselflies of Europe
 Dragonflies and Damselflies of West Virginia
 Dragonflies of Asia

Dragonflies of British Columbia
Dragonflies of Finland
Dragonfly Biodiversity
Dragonfly Ireland
Dragonfly Society of the Americas (DSA)
Dutch Dragonfly Association (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Libellenstudie, NVL)
European Odonata
Günter Bechly's Odonatology website
Indian Odonata
International Dragonfly Fund (IDF)
List of Italian Odonata
Michigan Odonata Survey from the University of Michigan
Missouri Odonata Occurrences
Nordisk Odonatologisk Forum
Odonata collection of the Siberian Zoological Museum
Odonata photographs (Oleg Kosterin)
Odonata Links on the World Wide Web
Odonata of Russia by Daniel Osipov
Odonata of Texas
Odonata of the Eastern Mediterranean
Ohio Odonata Survey
PHAON
Società Entomologica Italiana
Société Française d'Odonatologie
Society of German-language Odonatologists

Please send other relevant links to the Webmaster (adolfo.cordero@uvigo.es)

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

I have created password-protected sites for the full versions of these publications. Neither *Agrion* nor *Odonatological Abstracts* are now routinely sent out in printed copy 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 contact their regional representative or email the Webmaster

(adolfo.cordero@uvigo.es) if they don't receive this information. The username and/or password is changed in February each year.

Usage of the website and future developments

At this point, I usually report the current number of "hits" the site has received, but I note that the counter is not working, so I can't do this. I have always been 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. In this latter regard, I thank Vicky McMillan, Dennis Paulson, and Philip Corbet for responding to inquiries I pass on to them.

Only minor updates have been made to the website since the major overhaul in 2001-02. It seems to me that the site is due for another overhaul, as befits a vigorous association, and I'm confident that the new Webmaster, Adolfo Cordero, will bring much needed changes to it. As I did, I'm sure he'll welcome input and suggestions from members regarding a possible "new look" (or expressions of satisfaction with the present look).

Robert M. Arnold

Annex J

Report from the National Representative of Japan

The fifth WDA local meeting was held at Toyama, as a satellite meeting of the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Odonatology, on October 2, 2005. Eight members and three non-members attended the meeting and discussed about the management of the Japanese group. Drs. Tsubaki, Karube and Ubukata gave oral reports of symposium held at Pontevedra.

The sixth WDA local meeting was held at Kushiro as a satellite meeting of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Odonatology on July 16, 2006. Five members attended the meeting and discussed several matters including the possibility of having the 2011 WDA symposium in Japan.

Japanese Group of WDA executed an election for the next Japanese National Representative in December 2006. Dr Yoshitaka Tsubaki (Kyoto University) was nominated and was confided in with no objection by ballot for the 2007-2008 National Representative of Japan.

Home page of WDA Japan was updated on January 15 2007.

We have published 'WDA-dayori', Number 12 (February 5, 2007), a newsletter for the Japanese group. Major contents of this number are announcements from WDA Board, the policy statements of the Japanese Office of WDA for the coming year, and information about the symposium at Namibia.

Finally, I would like to introduce the new Japanese officials who are responsible from 2007 to 2009:

Representative: Dr Yositaka Tsubaki

Vice Representative: Dr Haruki Karube

Vice Representative: Mr Ryo Futahashi

Secretary General: Mr Hidetaka Natsume

Treasurer: Mr Taku Kadoya

Yoshitaka Tsubaki