



## WDA Biennial Report 2013 - 2015

### Report from the President

It is my pleasure and my turn to step down as president of WDA and hand over the torch to the able hands of Ola Fincke, my successor. I am also delighted to report that the last two years have witnessed the strengthening of our association and any apprehensions I might have had about running an international association before I succeeded Göran Sahlen were quickly dispelled by the friendly and forthcoming advices and help from more experienced board members. I would like to take a moment to list some of the activities that the board had to deal with during the past two years:

- 1) A new WDA website were created and managed by Rhainer Guillermo and Chris Hassall. We would like to thank Adolfo Cordero for all his past efforts at managing the previous WDA website from Vigo University.
- 2) Melissa Sanchez-Herrera and Will Kuhn started the WDA Facebook Page on 3 November 2013 that is gaining in popularity. Please consult the report by the Facebook webmaster for details.
- 3) The contract that binds us with T & F which publishes IJO was renewed.
- 4) Due to internal management of T & F and, to a lesser extent, the new WDA website, some members were much frustrated when renewing their subscription or when accessing IJO. We urged T & F and obtained from them to take steps to remedy the handling of these two processes and compensate members. More details from our secretary's report.
- 5) We replied to a petition initiated by Milen Marinov advocating a merger between WDA and IJO. This open reply has been posted on WDA's website.
- 6) We provided a grant to Dejan Kulijer for a project on dragonflies of the Dinaric Alps of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 7) We undertook a search of a site for ICO 2019. The choice has settled for one in North America. Richard Rowe would provide more details.
- 8) We elected a president-elect, Nancy van der Poorten, and new members of the board. The list would be provided by WDA secretary, Jessica Ware.
- 9) We are most grateful to Mike May who realized a sterling job at editing IJO. Mike has stepped down as editor and will be replaced by John Abbott.
- 10) IJO has been making steady progress and its impact factor in 2015 is **0.69**. This will probably have a snowball effect on submissions of high caliber papers in the near future. The other odonatological journal, Odonatologica, has an impact factor of **0.28**.
- 11) Keith Wilson and Graham Reels have accepted to carry out as editors of our newsletter Agrion. We are most grateful for their time and tremendous efforts at informing and disseminating odonatological news across WDA membership. More details are provided by Keith's report.

- 12) We are in the process of securing a financial audit for the last two years. The financial audit for the years before 2013 would need more time as paper documents have to be sorted and digitized. This task needs to be carried in the near future.
- 13) We welcome in the new board members, along with ones that have agreed to serve another term. They are:

President: Ola Fincke

President Elect: Nancy van der Poorten

Immediate Past President: Boudjéma Samraoui

Secretary: Jessica Ware

Treasurer: Manpreet Kohli

Managing Editor: John Abbott

Webmaster: Rhainer Guillermo

Symposium Co-ordinator: Richard Rowe

Editor Agrion Newsletter: Keith Wilson

Trustee: Mamoru Watanabe

Trustee: Peter Brown

Trustee: Goran Sahlén

Finally, I have no doubt that our predecessors would be delighted to witness the gradual but significant molt of WDA which has recently passed from a “silverback” stadium into a “damselfly” stadium. I would like to thank all members for their support and various contributions and I wish Ola and the new board plenty of success. I also wish you all a wonderful and instructive ICO 2015 in Argentina and hope to see you all in Algeria in 2017.

*Boudjéma Samraoui*

### **Report from the President Elect**

I am honored to accept the reins of WDA from Boudjéma Samraoui, who along with the other board members, has so kindly nudged me into learning the inside workings of this organization. It's been a steep learning curve as I'm not preadapted for an administrative role. I only hope that I can fill at least some of the shoes of those who have preceded me. I'm indebted to the 'silverbacks' who have provided me their wisdom and insights, and I've been impressed with the friendly manner in which so many younger board members so graciously offer their time 'behind the scenes'. The past two years have flown by. Indeed, it seems like yesterday that I attended my first international meeting of odonatologists in Chur, Switzerland, followed by the meeting in Paris. These were a turning point for me as a graduate student. For the first time, my audience showed far more appreciation and interest in my work than my graduate committee ever did. I had finally found a family of like-minded friends who seemed to understand my obsessions.

Hence, my first and foremost goal for WDA is to provide a nurturing atmosphere for young scientists. The most successful societies are those that provide a welcoming atmosphere and concrete venues that benefit young researchers. We need to reach out to attract more members from Central and South America, China and SE Asia, and Africa, so that our organization increasingly reflects the world wide dragonfly community. I'd also like to continue the momentum gained during the past two years to modernize our internal workings, making them more efficient and transparent to the membership. Given our healthy budget, I think we could afford to support more conservation research. As we go forward from La Plata, Argentina, the first international conference of odonatologists in South America, and appropriately, also the home of Papa Francesca who has spoken out strongly for protecting all of creation, I hope that we can use our collective passion for odonates to draw public attention to the beauty and fragility of the natural world.

During the next two years, I look forward to working with the WDA board and membership to improve our outreach, maintain the high quality of the publications of *IJO* and *Agrion*, and insure that our association remains fiscally sound.

*Ola Fincke*

### **Report from the Secretary**

Over the last two years, membership has switched to being exclusively handled by Taylor and Francis (T&F). Access to the WDA website was provided by the webmaster, but the two events (becoming a member and getting access to the website) are not yet linked, so the secretary was responsible for trying to coordinate these two events. I sent a survey to the membership to evaluate the complaints people may have had with the membership process. We had complaints from the membership about four main things: getting charged twice on their credit card statement, not being charged on their credit card statement, not receiving a renewal notice from T&F, receiving too many renewal notices from T&F. To address these concerns, I had several email exchanges and a Skype meeting with Ailsa Marks and Clare Dean, which proved very helpful and seems to have reduced membership concern considerably. Membership has stayed relatively stable, after some confusion, as mentioned, regarding the T&F procedures. In addition to membership news, there is news about research grants and a student survey to report. (1) We received three applications for Research grants, and two were funded. (2) We helped a student who was doing a survey about membership usage of Odonata Central and other online image databases, and methods of species identification by emailing the membership a link to the survey.

*Jessica L. Ware*

## **Report of the Managing Editor**

Since the last report, in 2013, part of Vol. 16 (350 pp. in all), Vol. 17 (258 pp.) and Vol. 18 (~375 pp., including issue 4, not yet printed) of the International Journal of Odonatology were published. After a dip in Thompson-Reuters' impact factor to 0.426 in 2012, this important metric has climbed back to 0.686, which is quite respectable for a specialty journal. Given the relatively small audience and narrow focus of papers, I think it is inevitable that this will fluctuate considerably, but we should continue to strive to move it upward as time goes on.

The Editorial Board, including Content Editors, has remained unchanged since I became Editor, and I want to thank them all for their help and dedication. The relationship with Taylor & Francis has continued reasonably smoothly from my perspective, although there continue to be instances in which WDA members were unable to access IJO at the Taylor & Francis website for varying lengths of time. These problems have, however, noticeably abated over time. There has been some turnover of personnel at the Taylor & Francis end. Since my last report, Jolene Butt has replaced Will Lazenby as Production Editor, again with no difficulties during the change over, while in November 2015 Ailsa Marks announced that she would be taking another position within Taylor & Francis; she will be replaced, at least to the immediate future, by Clare Dean. So far, these transitions have passed remarkably smoothly.

Publication has continued to suffer from late appearance of the print edition, although this is ameliorated to a considerable degree by early online publication. The reasons for late issues are spread throughout the editorial process, but a particular problem often has been the difficulty of finding knowledgeable, willing, and prompt reviewers. No one would argue that time is not precious to most of our members, or to other potential reviewers, but I will take the opportunity to make a plea for timely completion of reviews.

The ScholarOne system, adopted by Taylor & Francis for online manuscript submission and review has been in operation since early 2013. It has certainly made my job as Editor easier in many ways, because it automatically keeps track of the progress of manuscripts and any actions or correspondence concerning them. Nevertheless, although many members have used the system without difficulty, a significant number have found it unsatisfactory because it has been confusing, or unreasonable in the way that computers certainly often are, or seems to place an impersonal intermediary between editors or reviewers and authors. I am honestly not sure how to overcome these problems, nor do I think ScholarOne or some equivalent system is going to go away as long as IJO is produced by a professional publisher. I hope that a spirit of cooperation among publisher, editors, reviewers and authors will continue to prevail so that all parties can find a comfortable means of functioning within this system.

The quality of submissions has generally remained high, although I believe more could be done and, partly as a result of discussion at the ICO of 2013 in Freising, DE, I have begun preliminary efforts to solicit review papers on topics of potentially wide interest and to consider means of perhaps funding more frequent special issues and or use of additional color figures in IJO. The number of submissions has been somewhat irregular, and this has contributed to the late appearance of some issues and also has influenced, to some degree, how selective I have been in acceptance of manuscripts.

I have continued to try to maintain and increase interest of workers resident in biodiverse but poorly studied regions to undertake studies of Odonata and to publish their findings in IJO. In this I think we've had some success, notably in South America, and since 2011 have had authors from Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China (many), Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, India, Morocco, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, and Venezuela, in addition to the more traditional strongholds of Japan, North America, and Western Europe. It is vital, both for odonatology and Odonata, to keep up these efforts.

Finally, since I'll be turning over the Editorship to John Abbott within the next few weeks, I want to say that, although the experience had its ups and downs, the great pleasures and real value that I'll take from this is the opportunity I've had to come to know, or to know better, the dedicated, knowledgeable, insightful people who make up our community, as well as to learn a lot about Odonata that I probably would never done without being forced to read all those proofs.

*Michael L. May*

### **Report from the Newsletter editors**

Keith Wilson and Graham Reels continued to serve as *Agrion's* editors during the period 2013 to 2015. The January 2014 issue received very few contributions from members and in response Graham and I sought and received Board approval to appoint Regional Representatives to help gather in and disseminate regional news. This move has been moderately successful. Ten regions were established and *Agrion* now has eight appointed Regional Representatives reporting from all regions except North America and Middle East. The last three issues have received a good number of articles.

Most articles fell into three main categories: faunistic articles, conference and regional meeting reports, and odonate book reviews or news of new books. *Agrion* also received two very interesting articles, involving modern imaging techniques. The first article titled: '*Nematode parasitization of macromiids in northern U.S. lakes*' by

Ken Tennesen, William Smith, Marla Garrison and Denny Johnson, used the 'stacked image technique' to provide perfectly focused images of *Macromia* larvae. This is the first time this relatively new technique has been mentioned in *Agrion* and I'm sure will become widely used in the future, even in the field. The second interesting imaging article was received from Germany from Jana Willkommen and Stanislav Gorb, involving the use of non-destructive micro-computed tomography to image caudal appendages and the secondary copulatory apparatus of selected damselflies.

*Agrion* also received a very fine contribution from Matti Hämäläinen, titled: '*The first collectors of Somatochlora sahlbergi – a story of an arduous expedition to Siberia in 1876*', which provided a well-researched and excellent read on the discovery of the northern hemisphere's most northerly occurring dragonfly. There were also good regional news round-ups provided by Bert Orr and Rory Dow Regional Representatives for Australia and Southeast Asia respectively. Hopefully *Agrion* will continue to be used as a vehicle for disseminating odonate news from around the globe and I'm sure this will be achieved with the help of the newly appointed Regional Representatives.

*Keith DP Wilson*

### **Report from the Treasurer**

WDA was in sound financial conditions for the period of Jan 2013-Dec 2014. For both the fiscal years WDA received steady income from memberships, subscriptions and royalties (collected through Taylor and Francis). WDA also received one major donation through American funds for charities and gave out two awards. Please find more details in "Summary of Annual Income and Expense 2013-2014" tables attached with this report.

WDA should receive steady income from memberships, subscriptions and royalties, unless the membership numbers change. Besides the projected incomes for year 2015 and 2016, WDA also has substantial funds which can be used shall the board members decide to so.

*Manpreet Kaur Kohli*

Tables Attached:

1. Summary of Annual Income and Expense, 2013
2. Summary of Annual Income and Expense, 2014
3. Proposed Budgets for 2015 and 2016

### **Report from Facebook webmaster**

Melissa Sanchez-Herrera and Will Kuhn started the WDA Facebook Page on 3 November 2013 and have posted 29 posts over the past 2 years. Since then, it has accumulated 897 Likes from fans that are 39% women, 59% men, fall most into the 25-34 age class (9% of women, 17% men); however, fans range from the 13-17 to the 65+ age classes. Ten countries account for the top 67% of the total fanbase: USA (29% of likes), Indonesia (11%), UK (5%), Colombia (4%), Netherlands (4%), Italy (3%), Germany (3%), Spain (3%), Canada (3%), and Sweden (3%). Argentina is number 18 with 1% of the fanbase. Bogotá (Colombia, 18 likes), New York (USA, 16), and 3 cities in Indonesia—Surabaya (15), Bekasi (15), and Semarang (15)—comprise the top 5 (9%) fanbase cities. At the meeting, we would like to discuss the direction that we would like to take our Facebook presence in the next 2 years and what WDA members would like to get out of it. Should it be geared towards odonatologists, enthusiasts, and/or the general public? Is the goal to attract WDA membership? To raise public awareness and interest in odonates? As a communications forum for WDA members? As a list-serve for photo sharing and odonate sightings?

*Melissa Sanchez-Herrera and Will Kuhn*

### **Report of the International Congress Coordinator.**

The ICO2013 was held in Freising, Germany and was well attended by European members, but with global participation. At the completion of the Congress Florian Weihrauch joined the committee, replacing Frank Suhling (representing the organisers of the 2007 Namibia Symposium/Congress of WDA).

ICO2015 is being held in La Plata, Argentina from 15 to 20<sup>th</sup> November, organised by Javier Muzon. It is intended that this location will enable many South American students of the Odonata to attend. At the completion of the Congress Javier will join the committee, replacing Enrique Gonzales Soriano (representing the Xalapa, 2009 team).

ICO2017 is scheduled for Annaba, Algeria from 3 through 6 July 2017. Boudjéma Samraoui is the organiser. The organiser and committee will monitor the international situation (as always!).

For ICO2019 we have had several invitations from interesting locations. Given the large number of North American odonatologists we need to revisit that continent (last symposium held there being Colgate 1999). We are establishing if it will be possible to meet in some sort of association with the DSA as this may encourage increased awareness of world Odonata science among members of DSA.

*Richard Rowe*

### **Report from the Japanese Group of WDA**

Together with several other colleagues, the core members of our group devoted in preparing and running the 2012 International Congress of Odonatology held at Odawara, Japan. I have been serving as Representative of the group since fiscal year 2013 and shall serve for the coming two fiscal years (2015-2016), having been elected by the majority of the group. After 2012 event, we have done nothing special as the group but have been busy in research, social education, conservation of dragonflies as odonatologists.

*Haruki Karube*

**WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION**  
**Summary of income and expenses, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013**

	<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>---- UK -----</b>	<b>--- US Account ---</b>		<b>-- German Account --</b>	
	<b>POUNDS</b>	<b>POUNDS</b>	<b>POUNDS</b>	<b>DOLLARS</b>	<b>POUND S</b>	<b>EUROS</b>
<b>INCOME</b>						
Membership & Subscriptions & Royalties*	4,972.86	4,849.84	0.00	0.00	123.02	147.00
Affiliated Societies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Back issue and reprint sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Donations - General	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Sustaining	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,097.86</b>	<b>4,974.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>123.02</b>	<b>147.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Bank charges	67.27	0.00	21.98	36.00	45.28	54.11
Publications - IJO - editor reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
						2,529.1
Publications - other (IDS OAS, Agrion)	2,116.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,116.65	5
Grants (CFC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symposium costs - Odawara 2012**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symposium costs - Freising Congress 2013**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WDA Awards	<u>845.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	845.68	<u>1,385.00</u> **	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
						2,583.2
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>3,029.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>867.66</b>	<b>1,421.00</b>	<b>2,161.93</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>2,068.27</b>	<b>4,974.84</b>	<b>-867.66</b>	<b>-1,421.00</b>	<b>2,038.91</b>	<b>2,436.2</b>
<b>(If major donation omitted)</b>	<b>1,943.27</b>					<b>6</b>
	<b>35,417.5</b>					<b>3,090.5</b>
BALANCE FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	<b>1</b>	<b>17,311.00</b>	<b>15,520.05</b>	<b>25,417.71</b>	<b>2,586.46</b>	<b>2</b>
						Note: will not match prior year subtotals due to currency shifts
NEW BALANCE *	<b>37,485.7</b>	<b>22,285.84</b>	<b>14,652.39</b>	<b>23,996.71</b>	<b>547.55</b>	<b>654.26</b>
	<b>8</b>					
Less funds held for European symposium*	<u>6,663.30</u>					
	<b>30,822.4</b>					
<b>NET BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR WDA</b>	<b>8</b>					

Note 1: \* WDA accounts hold 7,980 EU as escrow FBO European Symposium

Note 2: ?? Not sure if this is still true

Note 3: \*\* This amount is a total of 1350 + 35 dollars. \$1350 was given to Sonia Ferrerira as grant (= 1000 Euro). \$ 35 is the fee charge by the Bank for this

transfer.

Note 4: ## Donations totaling pound 125 were made on Sep 16th and Nov 20th of 2013.

GENERAL NOTES: Currency conversions based on rates 12/31/13 USD/GBP 0.6106; EUR/GBP 0.8369  
Italicized figures are actual currency; other figures are converted and subject to exchange fluctuations

Treasurer's Year End 2014 Report  
30th oct 2015

**WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION**  
**Summary of income and expenses, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014**

	<b>YTD TOTAL POUNDS</b>	<b>---- UK ----- POUNDS</b>	<b>--- US Account --- POUNDS</b>	<b>--- DOLLARS</b>	<b>-- German Account -- POUNDS</b>	<b>EUROS</b>
<b>INCOME</b>						
Membership & Subscriptions & Royalties*	4,950.32	4,950.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliated Societies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Back issue and reprint sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - General	4,228.42	0.00	4,228.42	6,610.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Sustaining	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other income	<u>1,571.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,571.06</u>	<u>1,995.00</u> **
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,749.80</b>	<b>4,950.32</b>	<b>4,228.42</b>	<b>6,610.00</b>	<b>1,571.06</b>	<b>1,995.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Bank charges	92.98	0.00	35.18	55.00	57.79	73.39
Publications - IJO - editor reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publications - other (IDS OAS, Agrion)	1,520.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,520.62	1,930.94
Grants (CFC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symposium costs - Odawara 2012**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Symposium costs - Freising Congress 2013**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WDA Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other expenses	<u>1,857.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,857.40</u>	<u>2,903.55</u> **	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>3,470.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,892.58</b>	<b>2,958.55</b>	<b>1,578.41</b>	<b>2,004.33</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>7,278.81</b>	<b>4,950.32</b>	<b>2,335.83</b>	<b>3,651.45</b>	<b>-7.81</b>	<b>-9.33</b>
<b>(If major donation omitted)</b>	<b>3,050.39</b>					
BALANCE FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	<b>38,184.09</b>	<b>22,285.84</b>	<b>15,350.70</b>	<b>23,996.71</b>	<b>547.55</b>	<b>654.26</b>
	Note: will not match prior year subtotals due to currency shifts					
NEW BALANCE *	<b>45,462.43</b>	<b>27,236.16</b>	<b>17,686.53</b>	<b>27,648.16</b>	<b>539.74</b>	<b>644.93</b>
Less funds held for European symposium*	<u>6,663.30</u> ??					
<b>NET BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR WDA</b>	<b>38,799.13</b>					

Note 1: \* WDA accounts hold 7,980 EU as escrow FBO European Symposium

Note 2: ?? Not sure if this is still true

Note 3: \*\* Wire transfer to Wolfgang Schenider from the US account

GENERAL NOTES: Currency conversions based on rates 12/31/14 USD/GBP 0.6397; EUR/GBP 0.7875  
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11th Nov 2015

**WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION**  
**Proposed Budgets for 2013 and 2014**

<b>All figures GBP</b>	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership & Subscriptions & Royalties	4,973	4,950	5,000	5,000
Back issue sales	0	0	0	0
Donations - General	125	4,228	0	0
Donations - Sustaining	0	0	0	0
Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,098</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Income excluding extraordinary donations</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>6,521</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Bank charges	67	93	100	100
Postage	0	0	50	50
Publications - other (IDS OAS, Agrion)	2,117	1,521	1,700	1,700
Publications - other (OA)	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	1,500	1,500
Symposium costs	0	0	1,000	1,000
Travel costs	0	0	0	0
WDA Award	846	0	500	500
Other expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>1,857</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>4,850</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>7,279</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Net excluding extraordinary donations</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>3,050</b>		