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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF S.I.O.

Dear members of S.I.O.,

at the Business Meeting during the XIII. International Symposium of Odonatology 1995 in Essen I promised to present a preliminary draft of a new or amended Constitution for S.I.O. in the June 1996 issue of SELYSIA, in order to receive comments and suggestions from the membership in good time. It was planned to publish in the December 1996 issue of SELYSIA a final version on which a decision could be made at the 1997 Symposium in Maribor. For several reasons (including personal ones) this time schedule could not be kept.

However, the main obstacles to meeting the dead-lines are the continuing quarrels and disputes among Council members about the so-called Option 1 and its validity. The personal attacks by one person on Officers of the Society (mainly on M. Schorr and H. Lohmann) who, with the approval of the Business Meeting and Council, had tried successfully to improve after Essen the situation of S.I.O. absorbed much of our working power. Incorrect information, disseminated by this person, created an atmosphere of denunciation and distrust that finally culminated in the resignation of Martin Schorr as Secretary-General on 13 July 1996. Members of S.I.O. must keep in mind that this is the fourth Secretary-General in succession to resign for the very same reasons! The collaboration with Martin Schorr was active, productive and most pleasant. I also decided at first to resign as Chairman of the Working Group. Several Council Members (even some who did not share all of my views) convinced me to continue. Most recently the President and myself are under attack simply because we no longer share some of the views of the Editor of Odonatologica whose main

aim is obviously to neutralize (to "remove" in his inhuman and brutal vocabulary) so-called "enemies" and so to control decisions at the crucial Maribor Symposium.

With the clear demand of the Essen Business Meeting in mind, and to safeguard the future of the Society, and despite the continuing turmoil, S.I.O. members assembled late in 1995 in Darmstadt, early in 1996 in Zerf and twice in 1997 in Rheinfelden. Between meetings they communicated by telephone and letter. As the Society is at present without a secure financial basis, exorbitant private telephone bills, mailing costs, travel expenses etc. cannot be reimbursed and so have to be regarded as donations to S.I.O.

With considerable delay we now present the draft of a new Constitution and Bylaws which aim at clarifying some points at issue and setting the Society on a radically new structural basis. Proposals that reached the Working Group after 4 February 1997 are not included in this draft. They will be considered and published in SELYSIA 25(1) together with suggestions that reach the Working Group before 5 April 1997. Other proposed changes to the Constitution (excluding Bylaws) have to be with the Working Group before 30 June 1997 to be considered for discussion at Maribor.

Dear member, in the interest of the Society, I urge you to read the draft carefully and I invite you to comment on the new Constitution and Bylaws. A good Constitution is very important, but it can only set the frame for a functioning S.I.O. - active participation of members in all affairs of the Society being much more relevant. I would like to draw your attention to the following main objectives as outlined in the minutes of the Essen Business Meeting:

1. As a result of Option 1, all sections of the old Constitution and By-Laws dealing with ODONATOLOGICA and fees and finances had to be totally rewritten

(Articles VII, VIII, XII, and XVI of the draft Constitution; Articles 1, 5, and 11 of the Bylaws).

2. The Constitution and the Bylaws were to be tightened up to become more concise. In the light of the present crisis which is caused by misinterpreting and disrespecting the old Constitution and the tasks and duties of the legal Officers of the Society, we had to incorporate new provisions to try to prevent this happening again.
3. The number of Council Members was to be reduced and the Bylaws were to ensure clear allocation of responsibilities. The present Council consists of 27 members (cf. Selysia 23(2), p. 20)! We have reduced the former Council to an Executive Committee with only five members, and we hope that this will ensure collaboration and effective decision-making (Article VIII of the Constitution, Bylaws Article 1), without giving up important functions, such as those of the National Representatives.
4. Many members asked for democratizing the Society, e.g. for democratic elements in the decision-making processes. The new Constitution provides members with more rights, e.g. new modes of voting will guarantee the enfranchisement of all members. When decisions are based on a full ballot, we can expect them to be supported by all members of S.I.O.
5. We have included several initiatives in the Bylaws which could be established if funds and other resources become available, e.g. the Research and Protection Fund (Article 6), the Youth Incentive Award (Article 7), and the International Network of Odonatological Information (Article 8). These initiatives are meant to make S.I.O. more attractive to members who pay a membership fee, but do not wish to subscribe for scientific journals.

Finally I must thank all friends and colleagues for their contributions, namely Martin Lindeboom, Andreas Martens, Michael May, Jürgen Ott, Werner Piper, Eberhard Schmidt, Asmus Schröter, and Thomas Stalling. My special thanks go to Philip Corbet, Heinrich Lohmann, Martin Schorr, and Jill Silsby for their outstanding contributions and support in difficult times. Heinrich Lohmann who needs and deserves our full support as Treasurer, produced the first draft of the new Constitution and Bylaws on which all other drafts are based.

Please send your comments to me.

I look forward to your response.

With thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Wolfgang Schneider

Chairman of the Working Group for the Reorganization of S.I.O.

Darmstadt, 8 February 1997 (address p. 29)

Members of the Working Group

Dr. Martin Lindeboom (withdrawn 25 January 1997)

Heinrich Lohmann

Dr. Wolfgang Schneider (Chairman)

Martin Schorr (withdrawn 13 July 1996)

Asmus Schröter

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CONSTITUTION

Draft of the Working Group for the Reorganization of S.I.O.

Article I

Name and seat

Section 1. The organization known as SOCIETAS INTERNATIONALIS ODONATOLOGICA (S.I.O.), founded on October 23, 1971 in Ghent/Belgium, shall be legally incorporated under German laws in the Register of Associations at the District Court of Lörrach (Germany).

Section 2. Seat of the Society shall be at the Treasurer's address.

Section 3. Fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 4. The official language of the Society shall be English.

Section 5. The emblem of the Society shall be as reproduced in the heading on this document.

Article II

Objectives

Section 1. S.I.O. shall be active internationally, serving odonatology and both amateur and professional odonatologists, and shall be without political, religious or philosophical allegiance. Its principle aims shall be:

- a) to promote and encourage the study and conservation of dragonflies and their habitats;
- b) to encourage and facilitate understanding, cooperation and friendship among odonatologists throughout the world and promote collaborative research;
- c) to promote the dissemination of odonatological knowledge by means of symposia, publications and other means of communication.

Article III Non-profit status

Section 1. The S.I.O. is a non-profit association, being organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes. It shall pursue exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the paragraph "tax-deductible purposes" of the German Tax Order (Article 51 ff AO).

Section 2. Resources of the Society shall be used only for statutory purposes. The members shall receive no shares, and, in their capacity as members, no grants from resources of the Society. They shall receive on notice of resignation or at dissolution of the Society no compensation for their membership.

Section 3. The statute purpose shall be particularly realized through the implementation of scientific events and research projects as well as through the award of research assignments and the award of projects in the area of species and biotope conservation.

Section 4. No person may be favoured through expenditures, which are foreign to the purpose of the Society, or through disproportionately high compensations.

Section 5. The Society offices shall be honorary.

Article IV Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Student Members, Supporting Members, and Affiliated Members. All fees shall be determined by the General Meeting upon advice from the Treasurer.

- a) Ordinary Members shall be individuals who are interested in Odonata and who support the objectives of the Society.
- b) Student Members shall be pupils, students and other trainees at recognized institutions. Each Student member shall pay to the Society reduced annual dues.
- c) Supporting Members shall be individuals who support the objectives of the Society. They shall pay to the Society increased annual dues.
- d) Any association that is willing to support the objectives of S.I.O. and to pay an annual subscription, as determined by the General Meeting, may become an Affiliated Member. Individual members of such associations shall not be eligible to assume the offices of the Society, they may not vote and they shall not receive the Society publications. An Affiliated Member may send a delegate to the General Meeting and will receive a copy of the Society newsletter.

Section 2. Membership shall be applied for in writing to the Secretary. In case the Secretary considers an applicant unsuitable, a final decision shall be reached by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. Affiliated members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee with simple majority; they need approval by the General Meeting. Applicants who are not of age require the signature of one of their parents or legal guardians.

Article V Rights and responsibilities of members

Section 1. Members shall have the right to participate in all events of the Society and to use its services.

Section 2. Each member shall have the right to vote, shall be authorized to make written applications before and verbal or written motions during General Meetings, and, if at least eighteen years old, shall be eligible to hold office (except for Affiliated Members).

Section 3. Each Affiliated Member shall be represented by one delegate with one vote.

Section 4. Each paid-up member shall receive a copy of the Society newsletter and shall be entitled to receive other Society publications at least at a reduced rate.

Section 5. Each member shall pay an annual membership fee, to be paid one year in advance by January 1st. The rate shall be determined by the General Meeting.

Article VI Governing Bodies

Section 1. Governing bodies of the Society shall be:
the General Meeting and
the Executive Committee.

Acknowledgement:

The production of this and the following issue of SELYSIA was supported by a financial gift of DEM 2.000.- of the INTERNATIONAL DRAGONFLY FUND e.V. (IDF) that has become a provisionally appointed affiliate of S.I.O. The objectives of IDF are enclosed in a separate prospect. One of the measures of this newly established odonatological society is to promote activities of S.I.O., provided they serve a charitable purpose. So please sign the application formular to become a member!

Article VII The General Meeting (G.M.)

Section 1. The Society shall hold regular biennial General Meetings.

Section 2. The General Meeting shall be the supreme instance in all questions of the Society. It shall be empowered to take over all affairs of the Executive Committee. During the period the G.M. is in session, it shall be the arbiter in all matters pertaining to the Society.

Section 3. Members will receive notification, via the Society newsletter, of the forthcoming G.M. Notification will be sent out no later than three months before the Meeting, together with the agenda, listing motions that are to be voted upon.

Section 4. Under special circumstances the Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Committee is obliged to convene such a meeting, if this is demanded by at least 20% of the members under specification of the reasons and of the agenda.

Section 5. The duly assembled G.M. shall be quorum independent of the number of members in attendance. Decisions are made on the basis of applications, motions or amendments by the simple majority vote of those attending members eligible to vote. Each member has one vote. A member who is also the delegate of an Affiliated Member has two votes. In the event of a tie the respective application or motion shall be rejected.

Section 6. The General Meeting shall be responsible for:

- a) the appointment of the Nominating Committee,
- b) the relief of the current Officers of the Society,
- c) the election of two Auditors,
- d) the appointment of Special Topic Groups,
- e) the appointment of Standing Committees,
- f) the approval of Affiliated Members,
- g) the establishment of S.I.O. Priority Projects as defined in the Bylaws, and
- h) the fixing of membership fees.

Section 7. In case a re-elected current Officer is not relieved by the G.M., the nomination of a new candidate is mandatory.

Section 8. The General Meeting may delegate the appointment of a certain Special Topic Group or a certain Standing Committee (except Nominating Committee) to the Executive Committee.

Article VIII The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following Officers:

- the President,
- the President-Elect,
- the Secretary,
- the Managing Editor and
- the Treasurer.

Section 2. Nominations for the Officers of the Society shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The President-Elect shall serve for two years and then, automatically, assume the office of President for a further period of two years. The retiring President shall not be immediately eligible for re-election as President-Elect. The Secretary, Treasurer and Managing Editor shall each serve for two years and shall be eligible for immediate re-election. The Officers, whose offices end upon completion of their term of office, shall remain in the office until new Officers are duly appointed. An Officer shall not hold more than one office.

Section 3. The Society shall be represented legally and out of court (within the meaning of § 26 German Civil Code) by the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, any of whom shall be authorized to represent the Society.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may hold meetings which shall be convened by the Secretary. All Officers must participate in any significant decision unless the President decides that any Officer cannot be reached. Then all the rest must participate. These meetings shall be open to all S.I.O. members, unless the integrity of a person may be touched. Apart from meetings, decisions may be made by mail ballot under specification of a deadline. Decisions shall be communicated to the membership via the next issue of the Society's newsletter.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration of financial and all other affairs of the Society, decisions being reached by simple majority vote, except for those matters that require endorsement by the General Meeting. When necessary, the President shall have a casting vote.

Section 6. Should any Officer be unable to take up or complete his/her term of office, the Executive is empowered to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term.

Section 7. At the expiration of his/her term of office, each Officer shall deliver to his/her successor all books, papers, funds and vouchers belonging to the Society.

Article IX The Nominating Committee

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the immediate Past-President (or if he/she is unable to serve, the next most recent Past-President) and at least two other members-at-large, who serve for two years and are eligible for re-election. The Committee will be chaired by the Past-President, who is ex officio and not elected by the G.M. The other members will be appointed during the G.M. The Committee shall decide by simple majority vote (present or by mail ballot). No member of the Nominating Committee shall be an Officer of the Society. When necessary, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee will seek nominations for election or re-election and will ascertain that the proposed nominees agree to accept office if elected. In case of vacancies the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two candidates. Elections will be by postal vote. The Nominating Committee will produce a list of nominations and, at the same time, invite further nominations. This will be circulated to members, with the issue of the Society newsletter preceding the edition which will contain the voting form. Nominations must be received by the Secretary within six weeks of the mailing date. Each nomination shall be supported by the signatures of five members and include the written consent of the nominee. Should more than one person be nominated for any office, their names shall be arranged alphabetically on a voting form. This will be included in the newsletter despatched to members at least six months prior to the forthcoming G.M., and completed voting forms should be returned to the Secretary within one calendar month. Candidates who receive the majority of votes for each office, shall be declared elected by the President during the G.M. Write-ins on ballots are not permitted.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall also act as the Arbitration Board of the Society. Any member shall have the right to appeal to the Arbitration Board in the event of any dispute. The Board shall reach a verdict after carefully weighing all known aspects of the dispute. The award shall be binding upon the Society and all its members.

Article X Verification

Section 1. Proceedings of the Executive Committee Meetings and of the G.M. shall be recorded by one or two Minute Recorders and signed as true Records by the Chairperson, Secretary and Recorders.

Article XI The Bylaws

Section 1. Other matters affecting the conduct of the Society shall be determined by the Bylaws.

Article XII Publications

Section 1. The publications of the Society shall include a newsletter, a Proceedings, and a journal.

- a) The newsletter shall be called SELYSIA. It shall be an informal publication, distributed semi-annually or at other times as considered appropriate.
- b) The Proceedings shall be called ADVANCES IN ODONATOLOGY. It shall be released on a biennial or annual basis.
- c) The journal shall be called ODONATOLOGICA and be published two or four times a year. It will contain original papers covering research in all fields of odontology. The distribution and price of this journal will be determined by the Executive Committee. It will be conducted by the Managing Editor and by any other editors that the Executive Committee may appoint. The journal may be produced by a publisher.

Section 2. There shall be an Editorial Board, the members of which shall be appointed by the Managing Editor subject to approval by the Executive Committee for a term of four calendar years.

Section 3. The Society may in furtherance of its stated objectives, publish such journals, monographs, handbooks, or other publications as the Executive Committee may determine, within the aims of the Society.

Section 4. Back numbers of all S.I.O. publications shall be considered the property of the Society.

Article XIII Termination of membership

Section 1. The membership shall cease by means of written termination. This must be presented to the Secretary at least two months before the end of a calendar year. In addition membership terminates upon death of a member.

Section 2. A member may be excluded by a unanimous conclusion of the Executive Committee if the member damages the reputation of the Society, counteracts its aims or does not carry out his/her duties. The person affected may appeal against exclusion at the G.M., and a decision shall be reached through a simple majority vote.

Section 3. Members one year in arrears in the payment of dues shall be removed from the membership list by the Treasurer. Such members may be reinstated upon payment of sums owed plus the current dues.

Article XIV Amending the Constitution

Section 1. A change to the Constitution may be proposed, in writing, by any member of the Society. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary six months prior to the next G.M. The proposal shall be circulated, with a statement from the Executive Committee, at least three months prior to the meeting. Changes approved by the G.M. shall be published in the following issue of SELYSIA.

Section 2. The Constitution or any part thereof may be amended or repealed by a two thirds majority of members attending the G.M.

Article XV Dissolution

Section 1. To dissolve the Society, the agreement of 75% of members attending a duly convened General Meeting shall be necessary.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of the Society or discontinuation of privileged tax concessions, the remaining assets will be exclusively distributed to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF, German Section) with seat in Frankfurt (on the Main). The WWF shall use these assets exclusively and directly for charitable purposes. Should this body cease to exist, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred, after consent of the appropriate tax office, to such other charitable institutions having objects similar to those of S.I.O. as the Executive may determine and, if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purpose.

Article XVI Provisional regulations

In compliance with the outgoing Constitution as approved on 21 September 1973 at Karlsruhe, the following sections are included unless or until they are amended or repealed by the G.M.:

Section 1. According to Art. VI of the outgoing Constitution, ODONATOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS shall remain the

property of the Society unless or until the G.M. comes to another decision by a two-thirds majority of members attending the meeting. (N.B. The journal NOTULAE ODONATOLOGICAE was not mentioned in the old Constitution but it shall be treated in the same manner).

Section 2. According to Art. VII of the outgoing Constitution, the assets of the Society, as compiled by the then Treasurer at the Business Meeting on 24 August 1995 in Essen, shall remain the property of the Society unless or until the G.M. reaches another decision by a two-thirds majority of members attending.

Section 3. Honorary Members, elected under Art. II(b) of the outgoing Constitution, shall, if they wish, be entitled to keep that status and its privileges for life.

Section 4. The procedure concerning nominations for elected posts, as regulated in Art. 2 (c) of the outgoing By-Laws, shall be valid for the first Executive Committee to be elected in 1997.

Section 5. For the rest, the outgoing Constitution of Karlsruhe is repealed.

Maribor (Slovenia), 17 July 1997

Signatures of S.I.O. members:

BYLAWS

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Article 1

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

- (1) The Executive Committee shall regulate all affairs of the Society between successive General Meetings, insofar as the G. M. is not responsible per statute, and insofar as the G.M. has not taken over individual matters. During the period a G.M. is in session, it exercises total control of the Society.
- (2) In the interval between two G.Ms the Executive shall execute and administer all affairs of the Society. It shall be responsible for authorizing any expenditures by the Treasurer other than regular payments; shall be empowered to fill any vacancy on the Executive.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for nominating the Society's representative on the Odonata Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission of the I.U.C.N., and, in consultation with the Director, the Policy Board of the I.O.R.I.
- (4) The President shall discharge the usual duties of a presiding Officer at the meetings of the Society and the

Executive Committee. He/she shall be member ex officio of all other committees, except the Nominating Committee. He/she may appoint also delegates to other learned societies, congresses, and conventions. The President shall chair General Meetings during his/her term of office or appoint a chairman ad hoc.

(5) The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President during any period when the President is unable to fulfil the duties of that office. In the event that both the President and President-Elect are absent at a meeting, the President may appoint another member of the Executive Committee to serve as presiding Officer.

(6) The Secretary shall keep the records and files of the Society. He/she shall produce the minutes of Society and Executive Committee meetings and be responsible for the appointment of minute recorders; shall attend to all general correspondence; prepare and distribute ballots; shall perform services delegated to him/her by the Executive; be responsible for notifying members of meetings, deadlines, and all other such items as and when required.

(7) The Managing Editor shall assume editorial responsibility for the publication and quality of Society publications. He/she shall be responsible for selecting and delegating the duties of any subject editors.

(8) The Treasurer shall receive all monies for the Society and shall deposit them in the name of the Society in such banking institutions as the Executive shall direct. He/she shall pay therefrom, by draft or cheque all bills and obligations of the Society; shall have custody of all funds of the Society and shall make routine disbursements as required. Unusual disbursements and/or investments shall be made only with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. He/she shall keep an account of receipts and disbursements; shall present a statement of the receipts and expenditures and funds for the past two years at the G. M.; shall be responsible for the calls for dues, and maintain the record of names and addresses of members.

(9) The Officers otherwise shall regulate their allocation of tasks among themselves. The Executive Committee shall replace an Officer by vote of no-confidence in the event of failure or inability to serve. The decision would require a simple majority vote from the rest of the Executive. The President shall be replaced by the President-Elect who will then serve an extra term.

(10) The newly elected Officers shall take office immediately after the business session of the biennial G.M. and hold office until the end of the next one.

(11) Each Officer shall be authorized to represent the Society outwardly.

(12) The Executive Committee shall set up the S.I.O. SECRETARIAT, to be headed by the Secretary. It should act as the central administration office of the Society.

(13) The Executive Committee shall set up the S.I.O. FINANCE & NETWORK OFFICE, to be headed by the Treasurer. It should act as the finance office of the Society as well as the central coordination office of all S.I.O. network activities.

(14) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to found, and, if necessary, register an S.I.O. PUBLISHING HOUSE which should serve primarily for editing scientific journals and books, and which shall be headed by the Managing Editor.

(15) Bonafide expenses of Officers of S.I.O. shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Article 2 Regional Offices

(1) In countries/regions where circumstances make it appropriate the G.M. may appoint a Regional Representative.

(2) The primary responsibility of the Regional Representative shall be to operate a Regional Office, to assure timely communication of Society business to S.I.O. members in the respective country/region, and generally to assist communication among odonatologists and promotion of knowledge of Odonata there.

(3) The Regional Representative may establish a Regional Section of S.I.O. to be registered/incorporated as a non-profit/charitable society under the laws of the respective nation, and, if ever possible, to be accorded tax-exempt status. The Regional Section shall consist of the whole S.I.O. membership of the respective region.

(4) The membership of each Regional Section shall be empowered to elect the Regional Representative in place of the G.M., and, if stipulated by national laws, may elect a regional Executive Committee and formulate regional statutes. The statutes shall be in general accordance with the Constitution of the Society.

(5) Regional Representatives shall have hearing right at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

(6) The structure and operation of Regional Offices otherwise shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Article 3 Affiliated Associations

(1) According to Art. IV, Sect. 5 of the Constitution, Odonatological Societies and other Odonatological Associations may become affiliated to S.I.O.

(2) The Association should be encouraged to produce a circular, newsletter or other serial publication. After

affiliation the association shall be empowered to include the S.I.O. emblem in its heading.

- (3) The Affiliated Association should keep its members informed of S.I.O. activities.
- (4) Members of Affiliated Associations are not members of S.I.O. The association as a whole is corporate member of S.I.O., being represented by one delegate (cf. Art. V, Sect. 3 of the Constitution).
- (5) All members of S.I.O. will be encouraged to join any Affiliated Association formed in their country.

Article 4

International Symposium of Odonatology

- (1) The Society shall arrange a biennial INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF ODONATOLOGY. Each Symposium shall be coordinated by the Secretary, and managed by a regional organizer, and an organizing staff.
- (2) The Symposium may not conflict in timing with the International Congress of Entomology.
- (3) The venue of the following Symposium shall have been arranged by the Secretary with the agreement of the Executive and finally scheduled at the G.M.
- (4) The regular G.M. shall be held in conjunction with the INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF ODONATOLOGY. The G.M. shall be convened and properly advertised in SELYSIA by the Secretary.

Article 5

Publications

- (1) The Society shall publish a newsletter SELYSIA. The newsletter shall be devoted primarily to notices by members, lists of new members, announcements of nominations, committee appointments, forthcoming meetings, and other similar matters of interest to members.
- (2) The newsletter shall appear at least twice a year and shall be sent gratis to all members. It shall contain among other matters all decisions and important activities of the G.M., the Executive Committee, the Regional Offices and Regional Sections, the Special Topic Groups, and the Standing Committees.
- (3) The newsletter shall be edited, managed and distributed by the Secretary or by an editor appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (4) Other publications may be produced at regular intervals or from time to time, under the direction of the Managing Editor and with approval by the Executive Committee. In all cases, the print run and price of

publications shall be determined by financial considerations.

- (5) The publications of the Society shall be under the charge of an Editorial Board. The Editorial Board shall consist of the Managing Editor, subject editors as appointed, plus two other members-at-large of the Society, to be appointed for a term of three years, all of whom may be reappointed. The Editorial Board shall determine the broad publication policies of the Society. The Managing Editor shall be chairperson ex officio of the Editorial Board.
- (6) Non-members may receive the newsletter at a price to be determined by the Treasurer. The prices of all other publications are to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (7) The Executive Committee may appoint a Librarian who shall be in charge of the library of the Society, and of all books, periodicals, reprints, and historical material received by the Society. He/she will report to the Executive Committee. The Librarian will make the rules governing use of the library subject to approval by the Executive.

Article 6

S.I.O. Research and Protection Fund (RPF)

- (1) The principle aims of S.I.O. are the promotion of dragonfly research and dragonfly conservation using all available media.
- (2) To future its aims the Society shall establish the S.I.O. RESEARCH AND PROTECTION FUND (RPF) as a means of providing grants towards the funding of suitable projects.
- (3) Grants will be allocated on the basis of GUIDELINES FOR THE PROMOTION OF PROJECTS which are set down in the Appendix of the Bylaws.
- (4) Funds to support the RPF will be raised from a portion of membership fees, from donations and from monies obtained from business and charitable activities. Members shall be expected to assist by promoting the Society and soliciting donations. The Executive shall ensure that monies are acquired from business activities.
- (5) Projects shall be limited to cover:
 - a) Research activities in theoretical and applied fields, provided they are of outstanding importance for odonatology;
 - b) Measures concerning biotope and species conservation, provided they are of supraregional significance for the conservation of dragonflies.

- (6) A Standing Committee, to be named the Fund Committee shall be appointed to operate the Fund, in cooperation with the Treasurer. The Fund Committee shall consist of a chairperson and three members. At least one member of the Odonata Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission of the I.U.C.N shall be a Committee member.
- (7) The objectives otherwise shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Article 7

S.I.O. Youth Incentive Award (YIA)

- (1) The Society shall establish a scheme to encourage and reward young people studying Odonata. The scheme shall bear the name S.I.O. YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARD (YIA). The range of awards shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (2) THE S.I.O. YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARD shall be based on an annual award programme, established primarily to support young enthusiasts, graduate students and young professionals with awards each for significant basic research in Odonata and innovative presentation of findings.
- (3) The Fund Committee shall operate the YIA, in cooperation with the Treasurer. Two judges appointed by the Fund Committee shall be responsible for the identification of suitable contestants and the annual awards. They shall announce annual calls for applicants.

Article 8

The International Network of Odonatological Information (INOI)

- (1) The Society aims at promoting the diffusion of scientific knowledge concerning Odonata by means of publications and other means of communication. For realization of this purpose the Society shall establish THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF ODONATOLOGICAL INFORMATION (INOI).
- (2) Main purpose of INOI shall be to set up an S.I.O. homepage, including major information about the Society and links to other Odonata homepages, and to establish an Odonata Database (ODAT), containing among others:
 - the Odonata World Checklist and other information on dragonfly systematics;
 - the Odonata World Bibliography;

- electronic publications, e.g. newsletters, journals, abstracts of papers, outstanding publications, etc.;

- (3) The aim of INOI is to become the center of major information about S.I.O. and about Odonata on a computerized basis. Each professional and amateur member should be able to communicate with INOI on different levels: on the one hand providing ODAT with information, on the other hand getting information from the database. Information shall be available mainly via electronic media (internet, e-mail, CD-ROM, diskette), but also via printing media.
- (4) The S.I.O. Finance & Network Office shall be defined as INOI coordination center. The Office may appoint webmasters and assistants for setting up internet and other network activities, if necessary.
- (5) The objectives otherwise shall be settled by the Executive Committee.

Article 9

Sponsored-member Programme

- (1) Salaries in some places are not only very low, they are sometimes not paid at all. The Society shall establish a programme which should provide dues for fellow members, where funds are limited or western currencies are difficult or impossible to obtain. This programme shall bear the name SPONSORED-MEMBER PROGRAMME.
- (2) Sponsored membership may be available to individuals who find it difficult to join or to remain in the Society because of currency or other restrictions. Their membership shall be supported by the Society, largely through payments made on their behalf by S.I.O. members. They can do this either by paying for a named individual or by donating a sum to be used at the Society's discretion.
- (3) The objectives otherwise shall be settled by the Executive Committee.

Article 10

International Odonata Research Institute (I.O.R.I.)

- (1) The Society shall maintain the INTERNATIONAL ODONATA RESEARCH INSTITUTE (I.O.R.I.), which would house the collections and library of the Society.
- (2) The I.O.R.I. is an integral institution of S.I.O. and as such is subject to S.I.O. regulations. Although financially autonomous, it may receive financial support from S.I.O.
- (3) Further details are set down in separate regulations.

Article 11 Finances

- (1) All funds collected by the Society must be spent for the benefit of the Society and its activities. A detailed account of all revenues and expenses shall be prepared by the Treasurer on a biennial basis, approved by a regularly convened General Meeting. This account shall be audited by two members elected at the G.M. The Auditors should reside within a reasonable distance of the Treasurer, and, if possible (i.e., if willing members meeting the residence requirement are available), should have professional financial experience. They will hold office during the entire period between two consecutive G.Ms of the Society.
- (2) Loans will be accepted by the Society only with unanimous prior approval of the Executive Committee. Any loan shall require precise specification of its terms, incl. rate of interest and the date at which repayment will be expected.
- (3) Apart from donations received for specific projects within the framework of RPF, all other donations will be accepted by the Treasurer only if given unconditionally. If a gift is accompanied by conditions, it can be accepted only by approval of the Executive.
- (4) The Society shall not make any financial gift or bonus to any of its members.
- (5) The annual dues to the Society shall be recommended by the Treasurer and subject to approval by the G.M. In case of non-payment of dues by March 1st of the year for which they apply, publications may be withheld until payment is made; publications may not be withheld from members in good standing for any other reason. Dues may be waived or reduced upon request at the discretion of the Executive.

Article 12 Life membership

Life membership may be available to members who choose to make a one-off lump sum payment at a rate to be set by the G.M.

Article 13 Enactment of & Amendments to the Bylaws

- (1) The Bylaws and their appendices, as they are presented here, were unanimously adopted at the Business Meeting on 17 July 1997 in Maribor (Slovenia), whereupon they become effective.

- (2) The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by
 - a) a majority vote of the members attending the G.M. or
 - b) in a postal canvass of the membership by the Secretary, provided there is a three month notice of the proposed change.

All validated changes shall be published in SELYSIA.

- (3) Any member may propose in writing a new Bylaw to the Executive Committee. Such a proposed Bylaw shall be submitted with a statement of the Executive to the members.
- (4) The outgoing S.I.O. By-Laws are hereby repealed.

Appendix

GUIDELINES FOR THE PROMOTION OF PROJECTS

1. General principles

- (1) Three types of project fall within the aegis of Bylaw Article 6's S.I.O. Research & Protection Fund (RPF):
 - a) General projects are those that can be accomplished on the initiative of persons or groups of persons, and which deserve to be promoted.
 - b) Donated projects originate through a sponsor who makes a donation with a specific project in mind. The sum donated which should not be less than the equivalent of DEM 500, shall be treated as a separate fund that can be augmented by further donations but which can be used for no other purpose than that specified with the agreement of the donor or in the event of the project being satisfactorily accomplished.
 - c) S.I.O. Priority projects are projects of outstanding importance which require endorsement by the G.M. For such projects a special fund shall be raised.
- (2) It is assumed that applicants for the funding of projects will apply to other sources, such as research societies and nature conservation bodies, before applying to S.I.O.

2. Granting regulations

- (1) The award of a grant requires the approval of the Fund Committee in each individual case.

- (2) Applicants for grants may approach the Fund Committee who will advise them of the necessary procedures.
- (3) Grants shall be considered upon receipt of five copies of a written application giving full and comprehensive details of what is proposed.
- (4) Grants are awarded with the provision that they may be withdrawn at any point at the discretion of the Fund Committee.
- (5) They may be used only for the purpose described in the application. A change of the intended purpose is permissible only with consent of the Fund Committee and should consent not be given, the grant shall be repaid.
- (6) The Fund Committee is authorized to check the expenditure of grants. The recipient may be required to submit receipts and to disclose any relevant information regarding progress.
- (7) On conclusion of the project, a summary is to be submitted for publication in SELYSIA.
- (8) In a long-term project, interim reports may be demanded at the discretion of the Executive.
- (9) A full report on the results of a promoted project should be primarily published in an appropriate S.I.O. publication.
- (10) Members of the Fund Committee shall not benefit financially from RPF grants.

3. Promotion

- (1) Projects will be examined by the Fund Committee who may call upon experts to judge whether a project is worthy of promotion.
- (2) The measures needed to promote each project shall be determined by the individual circumstances.
- (3) Approved "Donated projects" and "S.I.O. Priority projects" will be advertised in SELYSIA.
- (4) The Fund Committee shall determine the measures needed to be taken to promote a project, judging each project on its own individual merits.

INTERNATIONAL ODONATA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(I.O.R.I.)

**Application of the Working Group for the
Reorganization of S.I.O. to be decided by
the biennial Business Meeting in Maribor,
1997**

- (1) The I.O.R.I. is, for the time being, located within the Florida State Collection of Arthropodes (F.S.C.A.) in Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.
- (2) The I.O.R.I. will harbour the S.I.O.'s Odonata collection, library and archives (in cooperation with the S.I.O. librarian), and will ultimately also encompass the primary concentration of the S.I.O.'s research, administration and publishing activities.
 - a) The Collection will provide for the continuing maintenance of all specimens and serves as a repository for voucher specimens submitted to the S.I.O. Managing Editor by the authors of papers published therein.
 - b) It is intended that the Library shall be a complete collection of the World Odonatological literature, and continually updated through acquisition of current titles.
 - c) The Archives will provide for continuing storage of, and easy access to, unpublished material concerning odonatology and odonatologists, including materials recorded on non-print media (e.g. photographs, video and audio tapes, and computerized records).
 - d) A computerized Data Retrieval System will be developed in coordination with INOI and under the direction of the S.I.O. Finance & Network Office, with the aim of covering the world odonate literature and fauna.
 - e) It is intended that laboratory and research facilities shall be adequate for the requirements of the scientific staff and guest research workers.
 - f) The basic publication of the I.O.R.I. is its "Annual Report". Other incidental and serial publications may be produced when required. The coordination of the publication programme with that of the general S.I.O. publication programme shall be subject of agreement between S.I.O. and the I.O.R.I. Director.
 - g) Coordination of research and planning in odonatology, on an international scale, is among the principal objectives of I.O.R.I.
 - h) The identification and photocopying services will operate in accordance with internal regulations and pertinent copyright restrictions.

- (3) General supervision of the I.O.R.I. lies with the S.I.O. Executive Committee. They, together with any Members of the scientific staff, shall be Members of S.I.O. The Director and General Manager may hire other personnel at their discretion.
- a) The Director serves as chairperson of the Policy Board. Among his/her tasks are all executive duties, the coordination of activities, fund raising and formal representation in relation to scientific, administrative and other institutions.
- b) The General Manager shall be a qualified odonatologist, preferably with a doctorate, and shall serve as Secretary to the Policy Board (with full voting privileges). He/she will be responsible to the Director for the day-to-day business and administration of I.O.R.I.
- c) The Policy Board shall consist of distinguished representatives of various odonatological disciplines; its membership shall have an international character. Its task is general policy formulation.
- (4) The ultimate goals of the I.O.R.I. are:
- a) to obtain for its collection specimens of all known species of Odonata, subject, however, to any legal restrictions on collection or possession of certain species that may apply in the country where the collection resides.
- b) to obtain for its library all published information on Odonata;
- c) to be housed in its own building which will include research laboratories, a collection room, library, offices and storage rooms;
- d) to provide living quarters for several visiting odonatologists;
- e) to host regular meetings, workshops and seminars on odonatology;
- f) to participate in M.Sc. and Ph.D. research programs of local universities.
- (5) Benefits of the association with the F.S.C.A. include free and complete access to F.S.C.A. collections and the opportunity to liaise with F.S.C.A. staff and research workers.
- (6) Further details of the arrangement between S.I.O. and F.S.C.A., including details of the disposal of the Institute's assets in the event of its dissolution, are contained within the documents "Memorandum of Understanding Between the International Odonatological Society and the Florida State Collection of Arthropods on the Mutual Benefits of Cooperation in the International Odonata Research Institute, 1985" and "Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding, 1986".

- (7) Statutes and bylaws of I.O.R.I. shall be proposed by the Director and shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

According to Article IX of the current Constitution, proposed amendments to the Constitution had to be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General six months before the Business Meeting that will take place in Maribor on 17 July 1997. The only amendment that reached the Secretary-General within the agreed time limit was the draft of a new Constitution, submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group for the reorganization of S.I.O., Dr. Wolfgang Schneider on 12 January 1997. This amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority of members attending at the next Business Meeting before going into force. Any further amendments to the current constitution that may be submitted will be invalid because of failure to meet the deadline. Any changes or alternatives proposed to the Working Group's draft must arrive at the Secretary-General or at the Chairman of the Working Group by 10 April 1997 at the latest, to be disseminated via the April issue of *Selysia*. Major changes that may be proposed by any member must arrive at the Secretary-General or at the Chairman of the Working Group by 30 June 1997 at the latest, to be distributed among the members of the Business Meeting via table submission. In order to tighten up discussion, during the constitutional debate only minor changes such as linguistic or stylistic improvements may be proposed by motion. The Working Group may adopt any of the incoming proposals or may change the draft at its own discretion.

As for proposed changes to the By-Laws, no deadline for submission has been fixed in the statutes. The Chairman of the Working Group for the reorganization of S.I.O., Dr. Wolfgang Schneider, submitted the draft of a new Bylaws to the Secretary-General on 12 January 1997. In order to involve the whole membership and to tighten up discussion, and in accordance with the Working Group, the Secretary-General proposes the second alternative laid down in Article 13 of the current By-Laws to be chosen, according to which any change in the By-Laws requires a two-thirds majority in a referendum of all voting members (i.e. Ordinary, Honorary and Sustaining Members). A quorum has been defined as 10% of the membership eligible to vote, namely Ordinary, Honorary and Sustaining Members.

Any proposed change in the current By-Laws as well as in the Working Group's draft must arrive at the Secretary-General's address by 5 April 1997 at the latest, to be disseminated to the membership in a referendum via the April issue of *Selysia*.

Written applications shall be sent to: The Chairman of the Working Group for Reorganization of S.I.O., Dr. Wolfgang Schneider, Hessisches Landesmuseum, Zoologische Abteilung, Friedensplatz 1, D-64283 Darmstadt, Germany; or to: The Secretary-General (caretaker) Heinrich Lohmann (address below).

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

According to Article 2(c) of the current By-Laws, "the Council may produce a list of nominations for elected posts of the forthcoming Council. These will normally be made available at least five months before the biennial Plenary Business Meeting". Meanwhile the deadline has expired for any nomination by the Council, because up to 15 February 1997 no nomination was made, and the next Business Meeting will be on 17 July 1997.

According to the By-Laws, the Secretary-General shall request the membership for any further nominations of the elected posts of the Council. These nominations must be received by the Secretary-General within eight weeks of the mailing date; therefore the deadline of any receipt shall be fixed as 15 April 1997. Each nomination must be supported in writing by two voting members and include the written consent of the nominee. Voting slips will be circulated promptly after the closing date to all members via the next SELYSIA. To be valid all votes must be received by the Secretary-General within six weeks of the mailing date. The results of the election will be announced at the Plenary Business Meeting in Maribor (Slovenia) and the membership duly informed. The new Council will take office immediately following the Plenary Business Meeting.

Nominees for the following posts may be recommended corresponding to Article 2(b) of the current By-Laws (named "current"), as well as to Art. VIII Sect. 1 of the proposed Constitution of the Working Group for the reorganization of S.I.O. (named "draft"):

- President-Elect (current & draft)
- Secretary-General (current) & Secretary (draft)
- Second Secretary (current)
- Treasurer (draft)
- Managing Editor (draft)
- Four Ordinary Members (current)

The current President-Elect, Mr Kyoshi Inoue, will become the future President (current & draft).

Nominations must be sent to: Heinrich Lohmann, Secretary-General (caretaker), address below.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY-GENERAL

On 13 July, 1996 Mr Martin Schorr declared his resignation as Secretary-General. In a letter to the Executive Committee and to some members of the Council, dated

12 November 1996 the President of S.I.O., Prof. J. G. Pilon, decided that the current Treasurer Mr Heinrich Lohmann should take charge of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General following Mr Schorr's resignation, for reasons of efficiency. The Second Secretary, Dr Sid Dunkle, agreed. Mr Lohmann declares that he will only be the caretaker of Secretary-General.

Address of the Treasurer & new Secretary-General (caretaker): Heinrich Lohmann, Basler Str. 11, D-79618 Rheinfelden, Germany. Fax: +49 7623 20699. e-mail: Heinrich.Lohmann@t-online.de

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behavior and Ecology of Dragonflies by Philip S. Corbet

The forthcoming book has now been accepted for publication by Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York. Publication is scheduled for autumn 1998.

Philip wishes to take this opportunity to thank most warmly the many odonatologists who have made available to him photographs and unpublished information for inclusion in the book. He is well aware of the time and expense involved in volunteering, and providing, such material and he regrets that he is unable (as he would wish) to recompense the donors for their generosity, beyond acknowledgements and thanks.

One of the strengths of the book will be that it includes a large amount of material that is unpublished and never likely to be published, but which nevertheless is of great biological interest. This is consistent with the author's attempt to make the coverage of the subject as comprehensive as possible. This decision was reached because, once the extensive literature review had been undertaken (during a period of some 30 years), it seemed wasteful not to make the results generally available, especially to workers who might lack the time or access to libraries that would allow them to conduct similar reviews independently. Now that the results of the reviews have been included in the book, it is hoped that, whatever its imperfections, it will serve as a contemporary base on which future research can be built in the fields it covers.

An inevitable consequence of this approach is that the book will be large and therefore expensive. Cornell University Press, the publisher, is a non-profitmaking academic publisher, and is making every attempt to keep the price as low as possible. The author himself has already made massive financial contributions to the production of the book, mainly by forgoing paid employment and using his personal savings in order to spend the last eight years or so preparing the manuscript. As a result, his personal financial situation is critical and he is now having to devote much time and energy to seeking paid employment. This situation explains fully why the author cannot afford to recompense his generous colleagues with complimentary copies of the book or in other ways. Only a

few copies are provided to the author by the publisher, and most or all of these will have to be given to institutions that have assisted the author just to make the book possible.

The Odonata of Canada and Alaska
by Edmund M. Walker & Philip S. Corbet
(Reprint)

The Toronto Entomologists' Association announces that it is preparing to reprint the 3-volume set "The Odonata of Canada & Alaska" by Walker & Corbet and is interested in gauging the interest of potential buyers before reprinting. This is not a photocopy but a true reprinting - the interior pages are the same quality as the original book, on acid-free paper; the cover is a deluxe-quality hardcover but is not the same as the original. The cost will be in the range of \$220 Can. (\$165 U.S.) for the 3-volume set. If you have an interest in purchasing these books, please reply to T.E.A. c/o Alan Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ontario Canada L4G 2K1, (905) 727-6993; or e-mail to nmg.vanderpoorten@sympatico.ca

**ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE LIST OF
S.I.O. MEMBERS**

Change of address

Prof. Dr. Philip S. Corbet, Crean Mill, Crean, St Buryan, Penzance, Cornwall TR 19 6HA, United Kingdom.
e-mail: pscorbet@creanmill.u-net.com (operational from April 1997).

Cancellation of membership

Dr. Martin Lindeboom, Wolfstr. 6, D-72119 Ammerbuch, Germany

Deceased

Dr. Peter L. Miller, 68, Blenheim Drive, Oxford, OX2 8DQ, United Kingdom

**XIV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF
ODONATOLOGY**

Maribor, Slovenia, July 12-23, 1997

The second announcement has been disseminated together with the forms booklet to all members who are interested in participating at the Symposium. The following provisional programme has been announced by the organizers:

July 13: Welcome gathering of participants and registration. - Field Trip to the Pohorje Mountains. - IUCN

Odonata Specialist Group Meeting. - S.I.O. Council Meeting.

July 14: Opening Ceremony. - Paper Sessions. - Registration.

July 15: Paper Sessions. - Poster Session. - Symposium Dinner.

July 16: Mid-symposium Field Trip.

July 17: Paper Sessions. - S.I.O. Business Meeting (with probable after dinner extension).

July 18: Paper Sessions. - Closing Ceremony.

July 19-23: Post-symposium Tour.

[Note of the Secretary-General (caretaker): A Council meeting of the newly elected Council is missing in the announcement. The chairman of the Working Group for the Reorganization of S.I.O. informed me that the Business Meeting should not take place parallel to paper sessions, because fundamental points that might be relevant to the future of the Society will be discussed, and therefore all members present at the Symposium should participate. It is proposed that a poster session shall take place parallel to the Business Meeting, instead of paper sessions.]

Deadlines

March 1, 1997: Submission of forms booklet and abstracts.

April 5, 1997: Receipt of written applications to Constitution and Bylaws (draft) at the address of the Secretary-General (caretaker), to be disseminated via Selysia 25(1).

April 15, 1997: Receipt of nominations to the Council or the Executive Committee at the address of the Secretary-General (caretaker).

May 1, 1997: Notification of acceptance of presentations.

June 1, 1997: Final programme.

June 30, 1997: Receipt of written applications to the Constitution (draft) at the address of the Secretary-General (caretaker), to be disseminated via table submission at the Business Meeting.

The registration fee is payable at the Symposium Office (located in the Hotel). Registration fees for undergraduate students and participants from the Third world countries will be reduced or waived.

Papers and posters

As always, all topics of Odonata research in the world are acceptable. All submitted presentations will be refereed by the Scientific Board of the Symposium.

[Note of the Secretary-General (caretaker): No Scientific Board Members are officially known to the S.I.O. Council.]

Abstracts of papers and posters presented at the Symposium will be published in the Symposium Abstracts Book. Publication of full papers is subject to results of current negotiations within S.I.O. [c.f. Article XII of the Working Group's draft of the Constitution, whereupon the ADVANCES OF ODONATOLOGY shall remain the Proceedings of the Society].

Posters must be available to the Organizers on the evening of July 13th.

Address of the Organizing Secretary: Mr Mladen Kotarac, Antoliciceva 1, SI-2204 Miklavz na Dravskem polju, Slovenia. Tel./Fax: +368-(0)62-691-855. E-mail: mladen.kotarac@guest.arnes.si

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DELAYED DISTRIBUTION OF SELYSIA 24(1)

For financial reasons, in order to save mailing costs, the August 1996 issue of Selysia has to be distributed together with the present issue. Prof. Kiauta took away the assets of S.I.O. when he set the so-called Option 1 in force in a letter to the Council dated 1 March 1995, with the following content: "As from today, 1 March 1995, the journals and their production supporting means and funds are removed from the formal responsibility of S.I.O. ... S.I.O. does not possess any periodicals other than those produced by the National Offices at their discretion, and does not possess any funds. It is up to the Council whether or not S.I.O. needs any funds for its management. If they want to introduce their own fees, these will come on the top of the dues to be paid for the subscription to my journals. Such additional fees will not be collected by me". In the cited letter Prof. Kiauta broke his promise circulated to the whole membership on 1 December 1994, when he presented a "brief summary of the main issues indicated in the returned questionnaires". Although all voting members voted for 'the original option' (option 1), 80,9% [sic!!] stated if ever possible, they would prefer the journals would continue to be produced by S.I.O. Conclusively Prof. Kiauta promised: "Irrespective of the operation mode Council would decide upon [sic!!], and supported by your votes, as expressed in the questionnaire, I would like to herewith assure that Odonatologica, with Od. Abstracts and Notulae will continue to appear as heretofore, without interruption and in the same scope and frequency, produced by myself and provided the manuscript file will continue to remain adequate as it was during all the past years, and the fees/subscriptions will be paid in time and in one of the modes indicated in Mrs Marianne Kiauta's bills".

At the Council Meeting on 25 August 1995 in Essen Prof. Kiauta donated 4.000 Dutch Guilders at his own discretion for the period of two years and without signing any contract with the Society. This donation is even not in agreement with his promise, to "give annually for the Council's disposal a certain lump-sum, based on the number of membership subscriptions paid in western currencies, and which is to be used by Council for financing of some other S.I.O. activities. Subject to a contract, S.I.O. retains some 'benefit' in the journals, i.e. a small income" (request of B. Kiauta dated from 1 June 1994 and thus part of option 1). Prof. Kiauta did not keep his promise.

Consequently S.I.O. now is nearly bankrupt and would not be able to finance the next issue of Selysia; but thanks to a donation by the International Dragonfly Fund of DEM 2.000.- all issues are secured.

Heinrich Lohmann, Treasurer

AUDITORS OF S.I.O.

According to Article VII(3) of the current Constitution the accounts of the Society are to be audited by two members of the Society, approved by a regularly convened Business Meeting. The election of auditors was overlooked at the Essen Business Meeting. Therefore the previous Secretary-General organized on demand of the Treasurer a postal vote by the Council, nominating Mr René Hoess and Mr Wolfgang Röske. Five Council Members out of 27 cast their vote, either by mail ballot or by telephone. They all approved both nominees. The following Auditors of S.I.O. are therefore elected provisionally by the Council:

René Hoess, Normannenstr. 35, CH-3018 Bern, Switzerland.

Wolfgang Röske, Herrenstr. 63, D-79232 March-Hugstetten, Germany.

The Auditors reside within a reasonable distance of the Treasurer.

SELYSIA

A NEWSLETTER OF ODONATOLOGY

Edited by Jill Silsby, 1, Haydn Avenue, Purley, Surrey CR8 4AG, United Kingdom and the Working Group for the reorganization of S.I.O., c/o Dr. Wolfgang Schneider, Hessisches Landesmuseum, Zoologie, Friedensplatz 1, D-64283 Darmstadt, Germany.

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