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#### Message of the S.I.O.-President

During the past S.I.O. Business Meeting held on July 14, 1997 in Maribor / Slovenia, the proposed new Constitution was rejected by a majority of voters. Since this result was foreseeable and since it would have been a great pity if the organisation would have broken down, we decided to find new organisational modalities. Therefore S.I.O. was reorganised and set up as a modern international foundation and registered accordingly.

The failure of the Business Meeting in Maribor was foreshadowed, when some members of the former Council announced a mail ballot although this was clearly illegal under the then valid Constitution and even against the civil law of the referring country. We urged them to cancel the mail ballot, but they insisted on carrying out the ballot in June, even though many letters with protests against the ballot had reached them from all over the world. At this point, we had to initiate the registration of the foundation, since otherwise it would have been too late, and our S.I.O. would have been destroyed.

The establishment of the foundation was announced by me at the end of the Business Meeting when the organisational framework of former society had definitively been broken down. Now the work of our long-standing society will be continued by a modern foundation management; thus S.I.O. is able to survive. The time of unnecessary quarrels is over and peaceful odonatological work will prevail again.

The Charter of the Foundation is based on the same objectives as outlined in the old S.I.O. Constitution of 1981. The scope of activities remain likewise the same.

The S.I.O. is now managed by a Management Board which currently includes the following four persons:

- President: Kiyoshi Inoue, Japan
- Secretary: Reinhard Jödicke, Germany
- Treasurer: Marianne Kiauta, the Netherlands

#### S.I.O. continues the publication of ODONATOLOGICA

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#### Message of the S.I.O.-Secretary

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This issue of SELYSIA is an extraordinary and very small one, simply to inform you about the recent events.

All those who are concerned about the fate of S.I.O. can fully trust in the benefit of the new organisational modality: ODONATOLOGICA and all the other S.I.O. periodicals and services will be handled by a modern foundation management in future. The management board is a team of dedicated odonatologists who will fulfil their tasks within a legal framework, with a lot of commitment and in a friendly atmosphere. Finally all those dreadful quarrels belong to the past and meaningful odonatological work can prosper again in S.I.O.

Please note that legally a foundation can have no membership. Therefore all former members and all subscribers of ODONATOLOGICA will in future have to be regarded as "Associates of S.I.O."

We of course encouraged the National and Regional Offices to continue their activities as heretofore. Most of them spontaneously agreed with the principles of the foundation. At present, the setup of several additional National and Regional Offices is under discussion.

· Member: Bastiaan Kiauta, the Netherlands

Member B. Kiauta serves as the Editor. The tasks in the Board are interchangeable. With the increase of activities, more members can be invited to the Board. Günter Bechly is Webmaster of S.I.O.

All publications of the S.I.O. will be continued almost as heretofore. The members of the former society S.I.O. will continue enjoying the same privileges and discounts as associates of the foundation S.I.O. The same applies to new personal subscribers of ODONATOLOGICA.

Among various advantages of the new status as a foundation, the following items are particularly important:

· The foundation S.I.O. is now a legal organisation, entitled to all legal transactions.

· It is registered as a charity organisation, and therefore entitled to accept donations, and may generate income, with special taxation facilities. Likewise the donators to the foundation can be exempt of tax, subject to respective national legislation.

· The foundation is a non-profit organisation, therefore the generated income is exclusively invested in dragonfly research and support of odonatology and odonatologists.

**S.I.O. is not "defunct", it solely reorganised itself and will continue all the tasks of the previous society - hoping to expand them in the future. All dragonfly friends are heartily welcome to S.I.O.**

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### S.I.O. goes Online with new Website

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Shortly after the establishment of the foundation S.I.O. a new website has been set up which hopefully will be of benefit for all odonatologists that have access to the World Wide Web.

You will discover that this new S.I.O.-website (URL: <http://members.aol.com/fsio/sio.htm>) does not only contain a lot of society informations, but the following useful odonatological resources: there are the complete lists of contents of ODONATOLOGICA (vol. 25/1 - preview vol. 27/1), of NOTULAE ODONATOLOGICAE (complete index 1978-1992, plus preview), and of all published issues of SIO RAPID COMMUNICATIONS (incl. Supplements), of ADVANCES IN ODONATOLOGY, of FRASERIA, and of INDIAN ODONATOLOGY and MALANGPO.

Furthermore, you will find the complete content (full-text!) of PETALURA and you will also find the full-text of SELYSIA (online-edition). There is also a large odonatological bibliography (1.300 references!), a synoptic time table of earth history with special reference to fossil odonates, and a glossary of Phylogenetic Systematics. The website offers a "surfboard" with selected and annotated links to the most attractive odonatological websites world-wide, thus not just the usual list of links that are often hardly worth the visit. Finally, there is a directory of the S.I.O. Associates with over 500 addresses of odonatologists world-wide. Further services (e.g. OA-online with the titles of OA, but not the abstracts) are projected.

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### Why ODONATOLOGICA will stay the best bargain for Odonatologists

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Perhaps you have received recent informations of the newly founded Worldwide Dragonfly Association (WDA) concerning their projected odonatological journal PANTALA, edited by Dr. H. Dumont. In the referring informations the following is maintained:

*"The WDA is prepared to enter a market competition with ODONATOLOGICA, on two grounds: cost and quality. We intend to do better than ODONATOLOGICA in both. A page of PANTALA will carry 15 % more words than a page of ODONATOLOGICA. The subscription price, for 200 pp of pure science (no expensive abstracts with added abstractor's notes), will be 25 pounds. On a*

*per page basis, that is less than half the cost of ODONATOLOGICA.»*  
(end of citation)

While the claim to produce a journal of better quality than ODONATOLOGICA still has to be proven, you can already easily check the claim that PANTALA shall be cheaper than ODONATOLOGICA. You might be surprised to find out that this is simply not true.

Please consider the following facts:

PANTALA shall have 200 pages per annum, which shall have 15% more information than the pages of ODONATOLOGICA. Consequently the comparable number of pages is 230 pages per annum and volume. The subscription price for PANTALA shall be 25,- £ which equals 83,- NLG at the current exchange rate (3,32). This results in a comparable page price of 0,36 NLG.

Now please compare this with last years subscription to ODONATOLOGICA, which includes 4 issues, plus 2 issues of NOTULAE ODONATOLOGICAE, with totally 458 pages. The standard individual subscription price in the Western World is 160,- NLG (many members in low economy countries receive the journal for a reduced rate or even free!). Consequently, the page price is only 0,349 NLG.

Result: ODONATOLOGICA is even slightly cheaper than PANTALA shall be!!! And it includes the Odonatological Abstracts that are much appreciated by most subscribers and that do not cost any penny more than the rest of ODONATOLOGICA.

Please also note that the number of pages in the previous years and in this year are even higher. Furthermore, please consider that the subscription to ODONATOLOGICA (incl. OA) not only includes NOTULAE ODONATOLOGICAE, but also the Newsletter SELYSIA and the association to S.I.O. (no extra membership fee!).

On the other hand, the subscription to PANTALA does not include anything else. The membership in WDA shall cost extra 20,- £ for ordinary members, with the sole benefit of a Newsletter and your name enrolled on the membership list. Do you really want to pay an extra membership fee of 20,- £ for nothing but a Newsletter???

It was not our objective to argue against WDA but rather to correct several untrue informations by WDA. You may as well draw your own conclusions from the circumstance that the S.I.O. website does not contain any attacks on WDA but instead a lot of useful informations, while the other way round you will find a lot of desinformation and polemic propaganda against S.I.O.

We definitely consider the split of the odonatological community as unnecessary, incomprehensible, and very counterproductive.

However, we hope that you will continue to enjoy the benefits of your association to S.I.O. which we still regard as the largest world-wide association of odonatologists existing, with an unrivalled variety of services and a journal subscription that does not have to fear any comparison with other journals. We also hope very much for your support in our efforts to maintain and improve the services of S.I.O. and ODONATOLOGICA in the future.

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