

14th International Paleolimnology Symposium

IPA Business Meeting

June 21, 2018

John Smol, Chair of the IPA, called the meeting to order at 16:30 pm

1. Springer Student Awards for Best Oral Paper and Best Poster

JS invited Virginia Panizzo (VP) (the IPA Early Career Researcher and organizer of the judging for the IPS 2018 meeting) to announce the winners of the Springer Student Awards. VP thanked the multiple judges for their help in adjudicating these awards. First the highly commended student oral and poster presenters were announced.

Highly commended poster awards

- Alexander Bolland, Institute of Plant Sciences, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Rebecca Doyle, The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada
- Matej Roman Masaryk, University, Brno, Czechia

Highly commended oral paper awards

- Jeremy McCormack, Ruhr University Germany
- Yoav Ben Dor Hebrew, University of Jerusalem
- Maurycy Żarczyński, University of Gdańsk, Poland

Three (IPA, IAL and Quaternary) Springer Poster Award categories were offered at IPS2018 as a result of the joint IPA-IAL meeting:-

IPA **Luis Rodrigo Martinez Abarca**, UNAM, Mexico. Title: *The charcoal analysis in a lacustrine sequence of lake Chalco, basin of Mexico: the record of fire events and volcanic activity.*

IAL **Leticia Martin-Bello**, University of Zaragoza, Spain. Title: *Environmental significance of lacustrine stromatolite lamination using textural and stable-isotope variations (Miocene, central Ebro Basin, Spain).*

Quaternary: **Daniel Vondrak**, Charles University, Prague, Czechia. Title: *Multi-proxy evidence of the abrupt 8.2 ka paleoclimatic event from a small mountain lake in the Czech Republic.*

Two (IPA and IAL) Springer Oral Paper Award Winners were presented. The recipients were IPA **Tsai-Wen Lin**, National Taiwan University, Taipei. Title: *The link between typhoon precipitation and sedimentation processes in an alpine, subtropical lake.*

IAL **Christine Chen**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. Title: *Quantitative Reconstructions of Past Lake Level Changes from Tufas and Paleoshorelines in the Central Andes.*

All student winners were present at the business meeting to accept their awards.

2. Chair's Report

2.1 IPA Executive

The current IPA executive consists of John Smol, Chair – elected, Catherine Dalton, Vice Chair – elected, Virginia Panizzo, Early Career Member – elected, Helen Bennion, Treasurer (*ex officio*), Rick Battarbee, Awards (Keeper of the Dye!) *ex officio*, Mark Brenner, Editor, J. Paleolimnology, *ex officio*, Tom Whitmore, Editor JOPL and Listserv, *ex officio* as well as Fahu Chen, Co-Chair, past IPS Local Committee, *ex officio*, Ji Shen, Co-Chair, past IPS Local

Committee and Malin Kylander, Richard Bindler, Dan Hammarlund the current IPS Local Committee Chair (2018). After the IPA Business meeting, Fahu Chen and Ji Shen retire from committee, and are replaced by Malin Kylander, Richard Bindler, Dan Hammarlund the Chairs of the 2018 meeting and the new chair(s) of the next meeting in 2021 are added.

JS outlined that the IPA executive needs to be replaced. In 2018 the terms of the IPA Chair (John Smol), Vice Chair (Catherine Dalton) and Early Career Member (Ginnie Panizzo) expire as all have served two 3-year terms on the committee. These positions were up for re-election at IPS2018. Two nominations were received prior to the conference. John Smol nominated **Helen Bennion** as Chair and Mark Brenner seconded the nomination. Jonathan Holmes nominated **Virginia Panizzo** as Vice-Chair and Neil Rose seconded the nomination. JS invited additional nominations from the membership at the business meeting. No new nominations/challenges were received. JS asked for a show of hands to endorse their election. Both were elected with a unanimous show of hands. No objections were raised.

Three nominations were received for the IPA Early Career Researcher position. **Heather Moorhouse** was proposed by Virginia Panizzo and seconded by Phil Barker. Virginia briefly outlined Heathers career in landscape-scale paleolimnology, PhD completion in 2017 and now working with Phil Barker on oxygen and carbon isotopes. Ginnie had also known Heather for 6 years as a motivated, committed and diligent researcher. **Jennifer Korosi** was proposed by Joshua Kurek and seconded by Roberto Quinlan. Joshua outlined how Jennifer's work blends the lines of an interdisciplinary field 'squared' and how she was a recipient of Canada's most prestigious post-doctoral award. **Alex Bolland** was proposed by Paul Zander and seconded by Stefan Engels. Paul described Alex's work in Bern as enthusiastic, in touch with needs of ECRs, experienced with management, a rugby coach and highly motivated to be involved in ECR networks.

A secret ballot was conducted. Moorhouse was elected but the Chair noted all three candidates scored very highly and a tiny margin of difference was recorded in votes for the three candidates. The Chair thanked the three candidates for agreeing to stand and serve IPA.

Therefore the IPA Executive Committee for the next three years is composed of:

- Helen Bennion, Chair
- Virginia Panizzo, Vice Chair
- Heather Moorhouse, Early Career Member
- To be decided, Treasurer (*ex officio*) (Helen Bennion approached Suzanne McGowan after the meeting and Suzanne has agreed to act as Treasurer)
- Rick Battarbee, Awards (Keeper of the Die!) *ex officio*
- Mark Brenner, Editor, J. Paleolimnology (JOPL), *ex officio*
- Tom Whitmore, Editor JOPL and Listserv, *ex officio*
- Malin Kylander, co-organiser IPS 2018
- Richard Bindler, co-organiser IPS 2018
- Dan Hammarlund, co-organiser IPS 2018
- Chair(s) of the next meeting in 2021

JS thanked the executive committee for their dedicated work, especially the retiring members of the committee.

2.2 Venue for the 2021 International Paleolimnology Symposium

JS outlined that Dr. Julieta Massafferro from Laboratorio de Biodiversidad, San Carlos de

Bariloche, Argentina has offered to host IPS 2021. Julieta delivered a short presentation and video at the conference opening ceremony. It is proposed that the symposium will be held in Bariloche, a town of some 100K people surrounded by the Andes Mountains, bordering Nahuel Huapi glacial lake and National Park in the Patagonia region. No new venue suggestions were received during the conference or at the annual business meeting. The 2021 Bariloche venue was enthusiastically endorsed by a unanimous show of hands from the membership.

2.3 Should IPS 2021 be a joint meeting with IAL?

The IPA Executive is in agreement that we should hold a joint meeting again in 2021. The membership was invited to discuss/voice concerns. No comments were received. The membership subsequently gave approval to pursue a joint 2021 IPA and IAL Meeting by a unanimous show of hands.

2.4 Renaming IPA Award

A proposal to rename the IPA Lifetime Achievement Award as the 'IPA Rick Battarbee Lifetime Achievement Award' was received from John Smol and seconded by Helen Bennion. The Executive Committee of IPA endorsed this proposal and the membership agreed by a unanimous show of hands

2.5 Other Issues

No issues were raised by the membership.

3. Treasures Report

The financial report was presented by Helen Bennion who informed members that in the lead up to IPS Stockholm there was a balance of £24,953.44 in the IPA account. This is made up of income generated at IPS2012 and IPS2015 following payment of Lifetime achievement award expenses and web hosting costs. The Stockholm local organizing committee generously offered to contribute to bursaries to students attending IPS2018, so after payment of 2018 award expenses there will potentially be a balance of ~£20 K. Suggestions as to how money might be spent are welcomed by the executive committee.

4. Communications

The IPA proposes to upgrade the IPA Web Page and the executive are looking for a volunteer to help with this task. Volunteers were invited to contact Helen or Virginia at the end of the Business meeting or via email.

5. Paleolimnology Listserver

JS highlighted the Paleolimnology List managed by Dr. Tom Whitmore, and called the Paleolimnology Forum. This is the main IPA vehicle for communicating information to the membership. JS encouraged attendees to sign up. To subscribe to the Paleolim listservice, please contact Tom Whitmore at whitmore@usfsp.edu.

6. Journal of Paleolimnology (JOPL) Report

Mark Brenner (MB) (and Tom Whitmore) are editors-in-chief of JOPL, Melanie Whitmore is managing editor. The journal has 14 associated editors: Helen Bennion, Guangjie Chen, Jaime Humberto Escobar, Ana Carolina Ruiz Fernandez, Irene Gregory-Eaves, Binhe Gu, Oliver Heiri, Andrea Lami, Melanie Leng, Steffen Mischke, Neal Michelutti, Euan D. Reavie, Jesse Vermaire and Cheng Zhao.

The total number of paper submissions was 92 in 2015, 125 in 2016 and 102 in 2017 with an acceptance rate of 60%, 66% and 65% respectively. MB invited suggestions from the

membership on what can be done to increase papers submitted to the journal. Top reviewers in 2017 were Zhaodong Feng, Sheri Fritz, Jinglu Wu and Bernd Wunnemann. Top reviewers receive certificates at the end of the year from Springer. Special issues are particularly popular and MB invited suggestions from the membership for more special issues. The Journal works to a turn-around time of 2 months for online publication. New developments are happening in publishing in terms of bundling journals for Open Access publication. The most article downloads in the past year were for ancient DNA papers and Roger Flower's personal perspective on four decades of paleolimnology research. JOPLs impact factor in 2016 was 2.056, and the journal ranks no. 4 in Limnology journals, no. 81 in Geosciences and no. 103 in the Environmental Sciences.

7. Developments in Paleoenvironmental Research (DPER Book Series) Update

JS is the Editor for the DPER Book Series. This IPA linked book series publishes edited volumes and monographs on paleoenvironmental topics. Recent books have included: Applications of paleoenvironmental techniques in estuarine studies, Micro-XRF studies of sediment cores and Environmental Contaminants. JS invited the membership to contact him if they wish to edit or author a DPER volume.

8. Comments from new IPA Chair Helen Bennion

Helen thanked everyone for their vote and recognised that it was a hard act to follow John and indeed Rick.

Thanks were given to John, Catherine, and Ginnie for their 6 years of excellent service on the executive committee.

Only skills needed are to be organised so John says!

The need for a new website helper was repeated.

A brief meet after the business meeting was requested.

Thanks were given to Malin, Dan and Rich for an excellent meeting.

9. Closing Remarks

JS congratulated the Stockholm organizing committee for a very successful conference, which culminated in 389 registered participants, which included 160 student registrations. Three conference field excursions were facilitated by the local organizers to the Geochronological Museum and Fiskartorget, The Archipelago and Vaxholm, which were attended by the majority of the conference delegates. New initiatives at the IPS2018 in Stockholm included an R workshop and a PAGES-IPA early career networking event. Gavin Simpson ran a 3-day R workshop covering data import, plotting data, GLMs and GAMs for 30 participants immediately prior to the conference. The Early Career Networking session was organized by Virginia Panizzo and the PAGES early career network Alicja Bonk, Yoshi Maezumi and Xavier Benito. Thirty participants attended short talks from ECR award winners Jenny Korosi and Jean-Philippe Jenny on their career pathways and from Mark Brenner who gave a talk on publishing in peer-reviewed journals from an editor's perspective.

JS thanked the conference organizers again for an excellent conference. The membership endorsed these thanks with enthusiastic applause.

JS also thanked the delegates for attending IPS 2018 and the Executive Committee for their contributions.

The meeting adjourned at ~5:30 PM. Minutes recorded by Catherine Dalton (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)