

## 15<sup>th</sup> International Paleolimnology Symposium

### IPA Business Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Helen Bennion (HB), Chair of the IPA, called the meeting to order at 18.00 pm

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

HB invited Fernanda Charqueño Celis (FC) (the IPA Early Career Researcher and organizer of the judging for the IPS 2022 meeting) to announce the winners of the Springer Student Awards. FC 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 were:

- Lopera L. et al. Human occupation and climate as agents of ecological change on a high altitude lake in the Sierra Nevada, California
- Amezcua, M. et al. Paleolimnological evaluation of the recent evolution of two lakes in Lagunas de Montebello National Park, Chiapas, Mexico
- Briones, D. et al. Vegetation and climate evolution in Central Isla Grande de Chiloé (42°S) during the last glacial maximum and the last glacial termination.

Highly commended oral paper awards were:

- Hoppenbrock et al. Evaluation of Lake Sediment Thickness from Water-Borne Electrical Resistivity Tomography Data
- Zwier, M. et al. Palynological evidence of Holocene climate variability and Southern Hemisphere Westerly Wind dynamics in the sub-Antarctic

Two (IPA and IAL) Springer Poster Winners were presented. The recipients were:

IPA **Ingrid Costamagna** Title: *Identifying the influence of environmental drivers throughout the 20th - 21st centuries in the paleolimnological record of a Pampean lake (Argentina).*

IAL **N Losano**. Title: *Event stratigraphy along Las Piedritas watershed, northern Patagonian Andes, Argentina*

Two (IPA and IAL) Springer Oral Paper Award Winners were presented. The recipients were:

IPA **Camperio G.** Title: *Molecular traces of human arrival in Remote Oceania.*

IAL **Paula A. Vignoni**. Title: *Geochemistry of a high-altitude hypersaline Andean lake and associated carbonate deposits (Laguna del Peinado, Southern Puna Plateau, NW Argentina)*

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

#### Item 2. Chair's Report

##### IPA Executive

The current IPA executive consists of:

Helen Bennion, Chair – elected,

Virginia Panizzo, Vice Chair – elected,

Fernanda Charqueño Celis, Early Career Member – elected,

Suzanne McGowan, Treasurer (*ex officio*),

Rick Battarbee, Awards (Keeper of the Dye!) *ex officio*,

Tom Whitmore, Editor JOPL and Listserv, *ex officio*

Mark Brenner, Editor JOPL, *ex officio*

As there were no nominations put forward for the elected positions, there was a show of hands to confirm that the floor was happy for HB, VP and FC to stand for a second term. Other members of the committee include:

Margarita Caballero, Co-editor in Chief of the Journal of Paleolimnology  
Guangjie Chen, Co-editor in Chief of the Journal of Paleolimnology  
Steffen Mischke, Co-editor in Chief of the Journal of Paleolimnology  
Richard Bindler – 2018 last symposium organiser  
Dan Hammarlund - 2018 last symposium organiser  
Malin Kylander - 2018 last symposium organiser  
Julieta Massaferrero – 2022 current symposium organiser

After the IPA Business meeting, Malin Kylander, Richard Bindler and Dan Hammarlund retire from the committee, and are replaced by Chairs of the 2025 meeting, Jean-Philippe Jenny and Fabien Arnaud. Mark Brenner also retires from the committee as he retires from his role as JOPL Editor. Whilst Tom Whitmore also retires as JOPL Editor, he remains on the committee in his role as manager of the paleolim-listserver.

### **Item 3.**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held as a joint IPA and IAL meeting. The chair proposed that there were no other objections to this but that it would be open to people to otherwise contact the committee if this were to be challenged. It was also proposed that, in order to allow time for planning, it will be held in 2025, with no objection to this.

### **Item 4.**

The proposition of the next meeting:

The first proposition was Lake Geneva, Haute Savoie, France, by Fabien Arnaud (CNRS - Université Savoie Mont Blanc) & Jean-Philippe Jenny (Thonon-les-Bains). This will be in the vicinity of the Alps, Lake Geneva. Near the town of Evian, Haute-Savoie, France. At Le Palais Lumiere.

The second proposition was put forward by Nicolas Waldmann (University of Haifa) for Israel on the shores of the Dead Sea. Possible dates will need to be October 2024 or February 2025 as the summer is too hot. Nico states that there could be some additional sources of funding that could assist with the budget for the conference. Excursions include a cruise on the sea of galilee.

The secret ballot was collected and counted while the meeting took place. It was a close competition and **France** was announced as the location for the next meeting, in 2025. The chair thanked both parties for their well-researched offers to host the next meeting,

### **Item 5.**

The proposition for the IPA and IAL to merge. HB put the proposition to the floor for any comment. One comment stated that we should join for disciplinary reasons, to increase the mixing of biological and geological science discussion, where it would benefit the group from an academic purpose. Natalie Dubois also stood to state that there is strong overlap between the societies and that it would make us stronger as a combined group. HB stated that whilst there are benefits for the meetings to be held together that ultimately the groups do have independent constitutions, committees and Journals/Prizes and there may, therefore, be strong reason to keep them as separate associations. This item will go to the committee for discussion.

### **Item 6. ECR activities**

The chair thanked the ECR team for all the activities that have taken place since the last meeting with Heather Moorhouse stepping down, and FC taking charge. We have an active twitter account and held an ECR online symposium in April 2022 that was a great success and was facilitated by the ECR group of this committee. A big thank you to the group as well as support from the PAGES ECR group.

Furthermore, the ECR activities pre-conference (IAL IPA 2022) including the virtual courses, were a great success and the post conference workshops also.

### **Item 7. Treasurer's report**

SM outlined how the funds are used and the breakdown of the money raised by the past two and current meetings. These funds dictate what activities can be take place and how many awards can be supported at the 2025 meeting. Funds are used to support ECR events and travel for the prize winners and expenses for the website. The accounts from this (15<sup>th</sup>) meeting remain unknown and this will soon be shared.

### **Item 8. Communication**

The IPA website was revamped with the help of Jack Lacey (IAL) and it has been online for 4 years. Content is updated by VP. It is used as one of the main forms of communication but we also have Twitter and Instagram accounts which can be used. The listserver is managed by Tom Whitmore and is the main vehicle for transferring information to the IPA members. HB reminded people to take a look at it and register for it to stay abreast of all the current information. TW stays on the committee under this role.

### **Item 9. JOPL**

Mark Brenner (MB) gave an update on the home journal of IPA, JOPL. The top submission countries were shared, which are China and the USA. Mark and Tom have recently retired as chief editors of JOPL and the Chair thanked them for their long and dedicated service. JOPL now has a new group of editors and these were briefly introduced. These are:

Margarita Caballero, UNAM  
Steffen Mischke, University of Iceland  
Guanjie Chen, Yunnan Normal University

The new editors in chief will reconstitute the board for JOPL so MB asked that ECRs should contact the current board members if they are interested to be on the board for the journal. Springer are very conscious that there is a fair and equal gender balance.

### **Item 10. The DPER series**

John Smol (JS) introduced the DPER book series. JS is the series editor. We now have 20 volumes. Volume 6 of the methods volume is also in production. If anyone would like to edit or write a book then they should contact JS.

### **Item 11. Journal special issues**

Julieta and the committee have proposed two special issues from the symposium in the Depositional Record and JOPL – stay tuned for more information on how you can submit.

### **Close:**

HB took time to thank the executive committee of IPA and in particular the retiring members of the exec board. We will now recruit members from the Savoie team to join the board. Thanks, were given to the local organising team. We had almost 300 participants and c. 100 young scientists. It has been a standout opportunity for the conference, that there have been so many young and ECR members at the meeting. The meeting was closed with a final thank you to the local organising committee. The membership endorsed these thanks with enthusiastic applause.