

International Union for the Study of Social Insects
Report of Secretary-General Joan M. Herbers
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Annual Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

My report is attached, and will appear in the next issue of our journal. Recall that we will not assess capitation fees in 2011.

Publication of *Insectes Sociaux*

We have signed our new contract with Springer-Basel. In addition to greatly enhanced service from our publisher, the new contract includes the following financial provisions:

- Profit-sharing plan that should generate €30,000 - €50,000 every year to the Union
- A one-time signing bonus to the Union of €3500
- Payments of €350 Euro for each review article; the Editorial Board is working out details of how this amount should be shared across the author(s), Review Editor, and Union

Help needed – please search your archives

We are still trying to locate paperwork related to the Union being registered in France as a non-profit organization. This is crucial to maintain our financial and legal status moving forward. Please look through your archived records and forward any documents related to this registration that occurred in 1992.

Financial priorities for the Union

The Financial Subcommittee of the International Committee includes Mike Breed (North American Section), Heike Feldhaar (Central European Section) and Koos Boomsma (Northeast European Section). The Subcommittee met via Skype in November to discuss ways to use our new income from Springer-Basel. The Subcommittee identified the following priorities:

- Annual allocation for student support in Sections, with amounts based upon historical membership data
- Best article in *Insectes Sociaux*: Editorial Board will develop criteria and make the decision. Award amount will be €1000, and the first award will be given in 2012 for papers published in 2011
- Student travel to the IUSSI Congress
- Student poster prizes at the Congress
- Early Career Award to be given at the Congress.

Updates Needed from Sections

- 1) Please send me any changes in officers to your sections pronto. The next newsletter will include the 2011 roster of section officers.
- 2) Membership lists are due to me by March 1, 2011. Please note the provision for annual support to sections based upon these lists!

Please send any suggestions, comments, or gripes to herbers.4@osu.edu

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2010 Annual Report

This report covers the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. This was a watershed year for the Union, with the following major events

- A highly successful Congress in Copenhagen
- Adoption of a new Constitution
- Successful negotiation of a new Contract with our Publisher that will generate significant financial resources for the Union
- ReElection of Officers Johan Billen (Editor-in-Chief), Joan Herbers (Secretary-General), David Nash (Webmaster), and Chris Starr (Archivist).
- Election of Ben Oldroyd as President

Memberships

I have received no communication whatsoever from sections in Brazil, China, India, Africa, Russia, or Poland. A new section is being developed for the Eastern Mediterranean and Balkans.

In 2010, I received information from sections as follows:

Section	Regular Members	Student members	Total	Change from 2007
Australian	28	11	39	+11
Bolivarian*	25	0	25	0
Central European	55	57	112	+58
French	62	25	87	+25
Italian	25	37	62	+1
Japanese	26	3	29	-10
North American	137	81	218	+79
North-west Europe	55	64	119	+27
Total	413	278	691	+191

*Membership data for the Bolivarian section have not been updated since 2009.

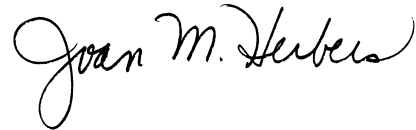
Robust growth in membership is a good sign, and typifies a year that includes a Congress.

Financial Statement

The Union's 2010 data below show the Union is in excellent financial health.

Beginning Balance on 1 January 2009	\$15,742.50
Income	
Capitation and late Fees	\$6365.00
Interest.....	\$7.28
Expenditures	
Bank Fees.....	(\$126.00)
Taxes	(\$1.98)
Expenses for Congress	(2,303.19)
(Hamilton Award, International Committee Business)	
Balance on 31 December 2010.....	\$19,683.61
Accounts Receivable	€3,500.00
Accounts Payable	\$50.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary-General