

**International Union for the Study of Social Insects**  
**Report of Secretary-General Joan M. Herbers**  
**Volume 5, issue 2**  
April 1, 2011

**Our colleagues in Japan**

We continue to follow the devastating news from Japan with great concern for our colleagues. Our support is with you!

**Updates Needed from Sections**

In the January newsletter I asked for the following information 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!

To date, three sections have provided this information. Updates please!

**Bolivarian Section News**

The Section will convene in St. Augustine, Trinidad from 1-4 August 2011. Registration deadline is May 1, and the website should go live any day.

**Money matters**

We have received the signing bonus from Springer-Baseel for our new contract! We also expect to receive the first installment of the profit-sharing from 2010 subscription within the next few months.

Thereafter, the Financial Subcommittee will make decisions about annual allocations to sections.

**Legal status**

The IUSSI was registered as a scientific organization under the laws of France in 1989. Unfortunately, no records of that registration from 20+ years ago survive. Establishing a bank account in France, which I have been working toward for six months, now appears infeasible. Accordingly, I am now pursuing the registration of the IUSSI as an international charitable organization under the laws of the United States. This change has been approved by the Executive Committee and the Financial Subcommittee.

*Please send any suggestions, comments, or gripes to [herbers.4@osu.edu](mailto:herbers.4@osu.edu)*

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

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>+191</b>

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

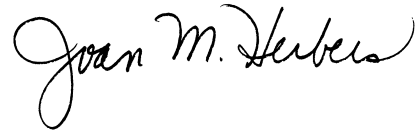
Robust growth in membership is a good sign, and typifies a year that includes a Congress.

## 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