International Union for the Study
of Social Insects
Report of the Secretary-General

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Currently-recognized Sections

- Andean - Caribbean
- Australasian
- Brazilian
- Central European
- French-speaking
- Italian
- Indian
- Japanese
- North American
- Northwest European
## Current membership

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Total membership: 1093
Our contract with Springer

- We continue to receive 35% of the net profits directly
- Springer also provides 15,000€ to the Editorial office
- We received 350€ for each published review article
- The contract will renew automatically at the end of 2018 for another four years
- New Editor-in-Chief may want to change publisher in the future
Financial Subcommittee

- Current membership:
  - Joan Herbers (North American Section)
  - Mark Brown (Northwest European Section)
  - Heike Feldhaar (Central European Section)
Financial Subcommittee Decisions

- Our top priority is grants to sections to support student travel to meetings
  - Supported attendance of two students from Africa to the Ant course held in Mozambique in 2016
  - Savings since 2014 were distributed across sections and to some individuals from countries without sections
  - US$163,675.84 disbursed this year to support attendance to IUSSI2018
  - IUSSI further paid the IUSSI2018 registration fees for the President, Editor-in-Chief, and Secretary General
Financial Subcommittee Decisions

- Other expenditures
  - Hamilton Award (honorarium plus associated expenses)
  - Award and special Thank You for Johan Billen
  - Best paper award for *Insectes Sociaux* (US$1000; annual)
  - Payments of 100€ to Review Editor and 200€ to author of reviews published in *Insectes Sociaux*
  - Support of International Committee meeting (dinner)
  - Other business expenses
Financial Report

- Details were sent to section executives for distribution prior to IUSSI2018
- Current balance US$51,673.09
Items discussed

- Proposed changes to the constitution
- Election of Office Bearers
  - One nomination for Financial Subcommittee to replace Joan Herbers
  - Editor-in-Chief: three nominations received
Items discussed

- Proposed changes to the Hamilton Award
  - Instigate a second award for a Junior Scientist

- Digitalization of the IUSSI Archive
  - The IUSSI Webmaster will work together with all sections and the IUSSI Archivist to digitize all historical documents and report back at IUSSI2022. The IUSSI will provide financial support.
Items discussed

- Treasurers from all sections to liaise to ensure that no IUSSI member receives grants from more than one section

- A committee comprised of representatives of all sections will draft a Code of Conduct to be approved at the start of IUSSI2022. Prior to IUSSI2022, all sections will discuss the draft at their local meetings. Essential to ensure the final product is accepted by all sections.

- Location of IUSSI2022
Changes to the constitution

- Mostly fixing up the language

- Two ‘major’ changes
  - That the IUSSI will pay the registration for the President, Editor-in-Chief and Secretary-General (instead of the local organizing committee picking up the bill)
  - Formalizing the roles of the Editorial Board
  - Move the existing sections from the Bylaws into an Appendix
Changes to Financial Subcommittee

- Rachelle Adams to replace Joan Herbers
New Editor-in-Chief

- Miriam Richards to take over from Mike Breed
The 2022 Congress

- One bid: from the North American Section
- Meeting to be held in San Diego
- Jennifer Fewell to become the next President of the IUSSI
IUSSI 2022: Join us in San Diego

- Excellent summer weather (24-19°C; zero days of rain)
- Local access to Pacific beaches, Scripps Aquarium, Zoo, Sea World, Balboa Park
- Close to Anzo-Borrego desert, Baja California, Laguna Mountains, Tijuana
Marriott Marquis: located near Gaslamp district; close to beaches

Convention hotel - set up for meetings
Very near waterfront, lots of restaurants
Summer double room rates: $269/night; $159/night students
Other accommodations nearby
Available in July, 2022
The Encyclopedia of Social Insects

- An IUSSI project
- Inspired by the Encyclopedia of Animal Behaviour
- To be published by Springer - initially online only
- Editor: Chris Starr
- Currently 162 entries
- Entries are coming in at a vast rate - aim is to have the project finished by the end of this year
- Will contain wonderful photos by Alex Wild
Advisory panel

Serge Aron, Belgium
Madeleine Beekman, Australia
Michael D. Breed, USA
Robin M. Crewe, South Africa
Anna R. Dornhaus, USA
Raghavendra Gadagkar, India
Robert L. Jeanne, USA
Judith Korb, Germany
Terrence P. McGlynn, USA
Benjamin P. Oldroyd, Australia
Pekka Pamilo, Finland
Christian Peeters, France
Elva J.H. Robinson, England
Gene E. Robinson, USA
Yves Roisin, Belgium
Carlos E. Sarmiento, Colombia
Paul Schmid-Hempel, Switzerland
Justin O. Schmidt, USA
Deborah R. Smith, USA
Simon Tierney, Australia
Amy L. Toth, USA
Kazuki Tsuji, Japan
William T. Wcislo, Panama