

**Report on the CIM General Assembly held on  
Friday 25, July 2014 Olomouc, Czech Republic**

Members of the CIM are formally invited to contribute to the General Assembly at Olomouc (Czech Republic) on Friday July 25, 2014 during the 16th International Congress of Myriapodology, in accordance with the agenda below.

To be valid, the General Assembly must comprise a minimum of 20 active members in good standing. Those unable to join the General Assembly can be formally represented by an active member should they provide a written statement confirming this representation.

Were present or represented :

Nesrine Akkari (Austria), Darina Bachvarova (Bulgaria), Lucio Bonato (Italy), Julián Bueno-Villegas (Mexico), Amazonas Chagas-Júnior (Brazil), Hsueh-Wen Chang (Taiwan), Chao-Chun Chen (Taiwan), László Dányi (Hungary), Jean-François David (France), Peter Decker (Germany), Jean-Marie Demange (France, represented by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy), Iurii Diachkov (Russia), Per Djursvoll (Norway), Petr Dolejs (Czech Republic), Greg Edgecombe (UK), Henrik Enghoff (Denmark), Aleksandr Evsiukov (Russia), Jean-Jacques Geoffroy (France), Sergei Illitch Golovatch (Russia), Joe Hannibal (USA), Cuong Huynh (Australia), Barbara Jäschke (Germany), Grzegorz Antoni Kania (Poland), Richard Desmond Kime (France, represented by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy), Markus Koch (Germany), Pavel Kocourek (Czech Republic), Mzia Kokhia (Georgia), Ana Komericki (Croatia), Zoltán Korsós (Hungary), Ivan Kos (Slovenia), Christian Kronmüller (Germany), Michalina Kszuk-Jendrysik (Poland), John Gordon Elkan Lewis (UK), Norman Lindner (Germany), Natdanai Likhitrakarn (Thailand), Oliver Macek (Austria), Jean-Paul Mauriès (France, represented by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy), Bjarne Meidell (Norway), Robert Mesibov (Australia, represented by Megan Short), Helena Valentinovna Mikhaljova (Russia), Andrej Mock (Slovakia), Carsten Müller (Germany), Pavel Nefediev (Russia), Julia Nefedieva (Russia), Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin (France, represented by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy), Jan Philip Oeyen (Germany), Somsak Panha (Thailand), Piyatida Pimvichai (Thailand), Hans Reip (Germany), Jörg Rosenberg (Germany), Hilke Ruhberg (Germany), Megan Short (Australia), Stylianos Simaiakis (Greece), Bruce A. Snyder (USA), Andy Sombke (Germany), Pavel Stoev (Bulgaria), Vladimir Sustr (Czech Republic), Nikolaus U. Szucsich (Austria), Karel Tajovsky (Czech Republic), Ivan H. Tuf (Czech Republic), Eivind Andreas Baste Undheim (Australia), Boyan Vagalinski (Bulgaria), Varpu Vahtera (Finland), Karin Voigtländer (Germany), Warut Siriwut (Thailand), Thomas Wesener (Germany), Nattarin Wongthamwanich (Thailand), Jolanta Wytwer (Poland), Willi Xylander (Germany), Roghaieh Zarei (Iran), Irina Zenkova (Russia).

In accordance with the rules of the CIM Society, the number of members contributing to the General Assembly is large enough to make it valid.

The assembly is opened by the President Greg Edgecombe according to the proposed agenda.

**1- Opening / Words and moral report by the President Greg Edgecombe**

The President's moral report is presented by Greg Edgecombe, CIM President 2011-2014.

## Opening words – CIM General Assembly

### Gregory D. Edgecombe, President of the CIM

Thank you for attending this Assembly and, in doing so, for your participation in the life of the CIM. As you've read in Bulletin 47, which you hopefully received a few weeks ago, a lot of changes are happening in the life of our Centre. Much of our discussion this afternoon involves some proposals for how best to deal with these changes.

The fact that 84 myriapodologists found time this summer to come to this charming city and devote five days to discussion about our animals is proof that there is still a place for the CIM in our scientific lives. The Centre had 157 members at the time of our last census (in Bulletin 47) and 17 new members will be proposed this afternoon from attendees at this Congress. Thus, a majority of CIM members are here with us in Olomouc. Over the past five days we have heard presentations and discussed posters that demonstrate the breadth of myriadological research. We have seen that myriapodologists are at the coalface of new approaches to tackling questions in evolutionary biology, all the while respecting and building on our traditional strengths.

The level of participation in this Congress sends a clear, positive sign for our future. We have scheduled a discussion about the venue for the 17th ICM for later in this Assembly. Our colleagues in Thailand will offer to host us in 2017, and we will invite discussion about possible venues for the 18th ICM and even beyond. Fortunately, we have received expressions of interest from several countries that span the globe and reflect the diversity of countries that are now active participants in the life of the CIM.

Shortly, our General-Secretary, Jean-Jacques Geoffroy, will report on changes to the CIM Executive, which will lead us to discuss a succession plan for the roles of General-Secretary and Treasurer. Again, we are delighted to be able to report that two members have stepped forward and indicated their willingness to work for the CIM in these important roles.

Our Council had a large turnover in 2011 and most of the Councillors appointed for 2011-2014 are able to stand for reappointment for the next three years. The nine Councillors from the past Council have all agreed to continue in this role and a new nominee for Council will also accept the role if that is met with approval in the Assembly.

Bulletin 47 was our last ever hard-copy bulletin. Hopefully you've had a chance to road-test the new CIM website at [www.myriapology.org](http://www.myriapology.org). We see the website being the natural host to an electronic version of the Bulletin, serving the role of keeping us informed about CIM activities and promoting and informing about myriapod science more broadly. We need thank Willi Xylander for kindly facilitating us being hosted by the Senckenberg Museum in Görlitz, and to Karin Voigtländer and Peter Decker for their hard work in the content and design of the site. We will propose that the role of Webmaster be formally recognised, and will inform you of a most qualified CIM member who has agreed to help us with this job. Bruce Snyder will tell us about developments from the web committee.

We all appreciate that the CIM would not have thrived for the past 46 years without the support we have received from our colleagues at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris). Jean-Jacques Geoffroy and Monique Nguyen Duy-Jacquemin have served the CIM

most admirably as General-Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, over many years. As Jean-Jacques will explain in a moment he and Monique will assist a new executive through a transition period over the coming year. Those attending the conference dinner this night should use the occasion to toast Jean-Jacques for the immense effort he has made to keep the CIM rolling.

One more team must of course be thanked for their contribution to the CIM. Our colleagues in Olomouc have provided us with a superbly organised meeting. When a conference runs so smoothly that it looks effortless it is in fact because somebody planned carefully and was working hard behind the scenes. Karel and Ivan and the team who kept us fed, caffeinated and Powerpointed all week have delivered the stimulating and friendly Congress that we anticipated.

The general assembly formally vote on this report

Against = 0

Abstention = 0

The President's moral report is unanimously adopted.

The report will be sent to members by the General-Secretary. It would be of great interest to have the report on the General Assembly published in the future CIM Newsletter or website.

## 2- Introduction and activity report by the General Secretary J.-J. Geoffroy

The Secretary Jean-Jacques Geoffroy introduces the General Assembly by reviewing the present situation and important decisions we have to consider or take.

This does not need any formal vote. The Secretary comments on the present and future of the CIM.

One main point is to think about the succession and the future of the Secretary position after Jean-Jacques Geoffroy. There being a candidate to serve as Secretary in the near future, the proposal is the following: we name and appoint Stylianos Simaiakis as General-Secretary while Jean-Jacques Geoffroy becomes Associate-Secretary until the end of 2015, in order to have a transition period. Stylianos Simaiakis confirms he is a candidate to the General-Secretary position.

A second main point is the succession and the future of the Treasurer position after Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin. Hans Reip being a candidate to serve as Treasurer in the near future, the proposal could be the following: we name and appoint Hans Reip as General-Treasurer while Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin becomes Associate-Treasurer until the end of 2015, in order to have a transition period. This point will be discussed and decided as point 4 of the General Assembly.

During an open discussion, it is also proposed to change the usual frequency between two successive ICMs and CIM General Assemblies, from a three-year period to a two-year period.

## 3 - Renewal of the Council

This is one of the main points of the meeting.

### The present Council 2011-2014 comprises 10 members

Julian Bueno-Villegas (Mexico)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Greg Edgecombe (UK) P	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Robert Mesibov (Australia) VP	elected2005	reelected2008	reelected2011	NONreelligible 2014
Megan Short (Australia)	elected2008	reelected2011	reelligible2014	NONreelligible 2017
Stylianos Simaiakis (Greece)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Bruce A. Snyder (USA)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Pavel Stoev (Bulgaria)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Ivan H. Tuf (Czech Republic)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
Karin Voigtländer (Germany)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020

Thomas Wesener (Germany)	elected2011	reelligible2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2020
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**ARTICLE II - OFFICERS (edition 2007 of the CIM Constitution and By-Laws)**

Section 1: 5 to 10 Council Members shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by members in good standing in a ballot at the General Assembly.

Section 2: The President serve for three years, or until his successor is elected, and can be re-elected twice; his three-years duty period shall begin with the closure of one International Congress of Myriapodology and cease with the closure of the next International Congress. The President may serve an extra period if necessary.

Section 3: The Council Members shall each serve for three years. Their duties shall begin with the closure of one International Congress of Myriapodology and cease with the closure of the next International Congress. Council Members can be re-elected for one or two times.

Every present or represented members are invited to vote on a list of candidates

The candidates are presently 10:

Nesrine Akkari (Austria)  
Julian Bueno-Villegas (Mexico)  
Greg Edgecombe (UK) P  
Megan Short (Australia)  
Stylianios Simaiakis (Greece)  
Bruce A. Snyder (USA)  
Pavel Stoev (Bulgaria)  
Ivan H. Tuf (Czech Republic)  
Karin Voigtländer (Germany)  
Thomas Wesener (Germany)

The General Assembly votes immediately on this list. The ten candidates are unanimously elected as CIM Concillors 2014-2017

In accordance with the decision to move to a two year periodicity between two successive ICMs and meetings, the time-table for renewal of the Council becomes as below.

Nesrine Akkari (Austria)	elected2014	reelligible2017	reelligible2019	reelligible2021
Julian Bueno-Villegas (Mexico)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Greg Edgecombe (UK) P	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Megan Short (Australia)	elected2008	reelected2011	reelected2014	NONreelligible 2017
Stylianios Simaiakis (Greece)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Bruce A. Snyder (USA)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Pavel Stoev (Bulgaria)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Ivan H. Tuf (Czech Republic)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Karin Voigtländer (Germany)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019
Thomas Wesener (Germany)	elected2011	reelected2014	reelligible2017	NONreelligible 2019

**4 - Financial Report by the Treasurer and amount of the annual subscription**

The financial balance 2013 has been prepared by the Treasurer Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin and was published in the CIM Bulletin 47 sent to members. It has been sent to everyone as an attachment in electronic or postal mails. It was also exhibited on the CIM board during the congress.

During the General Assembly, the financial balance is presented by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy. The general assembly votes on this report.

Against = 0

Abstention = 0

The financial report is unanimously adopted.

Regarding the succession and the future of the Treasurer position after Monique Nguyen Duy – Jacquemin, Hans Reip is named as a candidate to serve as Treasurer in the near future.

Accordingly, the proposal could be the following: we name and appoint Hans Reip as General-Treasurer while Monique Nguyen becomes Associate-Treasurer until the end of 2015, in order to have a transition period. Hans Reip introduces himself and his candidacy is

registered by the Council. During the transition period, the content of the cash and the savings account will be transferred to the current account, in order to facilitate the opening and transfer of the remaining funds to a new bank account.

An open discussion considers the Subscription for members in the future, according to previous discussions and proposals. It was proposed to cancel the subscription but the point is on the table.

It is proposed by the Treasurer to maintain the annual membership fees as 30 Euros per year. The proposal is partly accepted but amended.

The amount of the CIM subscription for 2015 and beyond is 30 Euros for professional members being in active positions and 10 Euros for students.

The possibility to pay the subscription via a Paypal account will be explored.

## **5 - Recent active members and new candidates for membership**

Presentation by the Secretary and agreement by the General Assembly.

We have in 2014 seventeen new candidates to CIM Membership:

Dragan Z. Antic (Serbia) [Supported by S. E. Makarov]  
Darina Bachvarova (Bulgaria) [Supported by P. Stoev]  
Aleksandr Evsiukov (Russia) [Supported by S. I. Golovatch]  
Ana Komericki (Croatia) [Supported by P. Stoev]  
Christian Kronmüller (Germany) [Supported by G. D. Edgecombe]  
Michalina Kszuk-Jendrysik (Poland) [Supported by J. Wytwer]  
Oliver Macek (Austria) [Supported by T. Wesener]  
Paul Marek (USA) [Supported by W. A. Shear]  
Jan Philip Oeyen (Norway/Germany) [Supported by T. Wesener]  
Somsak Panha (Thailand) [Supported by H. Enghoff]  
Gary Phillips (USA) [Supported by R. M. Shelley]  
Warut Siriwut (Thailand) [Supported by C. Huynh]  
Nikolaus Szucsick (Austria) [T. Wesener]  
Eivind Undheim (Australia) [Supported by Carsten Müller]  
Boyan Vagalinski (Bulgaria) [Supported by P. Stoev]  
Varpu Vahtera (Finland) [Supported by G. D. Edgecombe]  
Roghaieh Zarei (Iran) [Supported by L. Bonato]

The new candidates are presented and adopted by the general assembly as active CIM members.

## **6 - Future Secretariat, Treasurer, Newsletter, Website and Bibliographic Center**

The President and the Secretary give information about these points and an open discussion is followed by formal decisions concerning:

- a new Secretary: Stylianos Simaiakis is definitively proposed as a candidate to the General-Secretary position 2014-2017 while Jean-Jacques Geoffroy becomes Associate-Secretary 2014-2015.

- a new Treasurer: Hans Reip is definitively proposed as a candidate to the General-Treasurer position 2014-2017 while Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin becomes Associate-Treasurer 2014-2015.

- the editor of the electronic newsletter, in replacement of the CIM Bulletin. The General-Secretary will be the Editor of the CIM-Newsletter, to be sent to members and posted on the CIM-Website, in collaboration with the webmaster.

- the manager of the website and coordinator of the documentation and bibliographic center: Peter Decker is proposed as a candidate to the CIM-Webmaster position. He is presented by

Greg Edgecombe and strongly supported by the General Assembly and the Web Committee. Bruce Snyder presents the new website and the new tools for communication. A section will be devoted to published papers. The CIM-Newsletter will be posted in the News-Section of the Website. Contacts for website: Peter Decker and Bruce Snyder.

All candidacies above will be formally examined and confirmed by the new council.

### **The CIM-Archives**

Three categories of archives are preserved in the MNHN at Paris and Brunoy:

- Administrative and historical documents such as formal constitutions, letters to and from myriapodologists, items from congresses or meetings, questionnaires and bulletins;
- Financial documents related to bank accounts and financial reports;
- The stock of former CIM Bulletins.

These documents can be stored and preserved in the MNHN in the near future. They will be sorted and important ones will be preserved for the future and CIM Memory. Their definitive storage will be questioned in the future.

Part of the former oldest CIM Bulletins will be sent to Thomas Wesener for scanning. The CIM Bulletin n°1 will be sent to Karin Voigtländer.

### **7 - 17th International Congress of Myriapodology, 2017**

Proposal for the 17th ICM in 2017 is formally discussed.

We received one formal proposal from Thailand.

Professor Somsak Panha from Bangkok is in attendance at the Olomouc meeting and reiterates his group's interest in hosting the 17ICM in Thailand in 2017. He is invited to present the project for Thailand. He shows a Powerpoint presentation on what they can offer us as a venue to Krabi in July 2017.

The General Assembly votes and decides to accept the proposal.

### **8 — Further International Congresses of Myriapodology**

Proposals and comments for 2020 and 2023 (or 2019, 2021, 2023).

It has been decided to change the frequency of International Congresses and CIM Meetings, moving from a three year period to a two year period. However, we will stick with 3 years until 2017 and the 17th ICM in Thailand, then move to a 2 year frequency (2019-2021-2023,...).

Ideas for the future are emerging for Taiwan (Prof Hsueh-WenChang), USA (Dr Bruce Snyder), Hungary (Dr Zoltán Korsós), Mexico (Dr Julián Bueno-Villegas), Brazil (Dr Amazonas Chagas-Júnior).

Zoltan Korsós gives a formal proposal for Hungary in 2019, for a venue in Budapest or a smaller city in August, under the auspices of the Hungarian Natural History Museum.

Julián Bueno-Villegas gives a proposal for the venue of the 19th ICM in Mexico in 2021 or 2023.

### **9 — Miscellaneous questions**

**Proposal from Edward Silvestri** (USA) for a donation to CIM. The General Assembly is informed and the next CIM-Council will respond to the question. Bruce Snyder is proposed to manage the point in the USA.

#### **Proceedings of the Congress Volume(s)**

There are two opportunities for publication

- a special issue of Zookeys in open access with a page fee. Mainly for lectures.
- a special issue of Acta Societas Zoologicae Bohemicae without any page fee. Mainly for posters.

There will be an evaluation of the manuscripts by the reviewing committee.

It is also asked how to make public the former proceedings of former congresses and how to manage the online publications of proceedings.

### **Honorary members**

The present list of honorary members is:

Jean-Marie Demange (France), Wolfram Dunger (Germany), Kazimeria Gromysz-Kalkowska (Poland), Richard Desmond Kime (France), Otto Kraus (Germany), John G.E. Lewis (UK), Jean-Paul Mauriès (France), Alessandro Minelli (Italy), Stefan Negrea (Romania), Maija Peitsalmi (Finland), Ulf Scheller (Sweden),  
Late Gordon Blower (UK),  
Late Casimir A. W. Jeekel (The Netherlands),  
Late Richard L. Hoffman (USA).

It is reminded the three minimum conditions needed to be named an honorary member of the CIM : 1- To be alive ; 2- to be completely retired from a teaching, research or curatorial position ; 3- to have given valuable contribution to the CIM Society and/or myriapodology during the active period.

It is proposed to name honorary members of the CIM: Sergei Illitch Golovatch (Russia), Bjarne Meidell (Norway), Robert Mesibov (Australia), Monique Nguyen Duy - Jacquemin (France), Jörg Rosenberg (Germany), Hilke Ruhberg (Germany). The proposal will be presented during the farewell dinner.

### **10- Closure of the general assembly**

The general assembly ends and the President asks members of the new Council to meet immediately.

**Jean-Jacques Geoffroy, CIM General-Secretary**

This report is the last one to be written and published by Jean-Jacques Geoffroy as General-Secretary. Further reports on CIM-General Assembly will be written and published by the new General-Secretary Stylianos Simaiakis.