

# 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

Section	Membership
Andean-Caribbean	168
Australasian	44
Brazilian	56
Central European	122
French-speaking	118
Italian	58
Indian	81
Japanese	108
North-American	218
Northwest Europe	120

**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

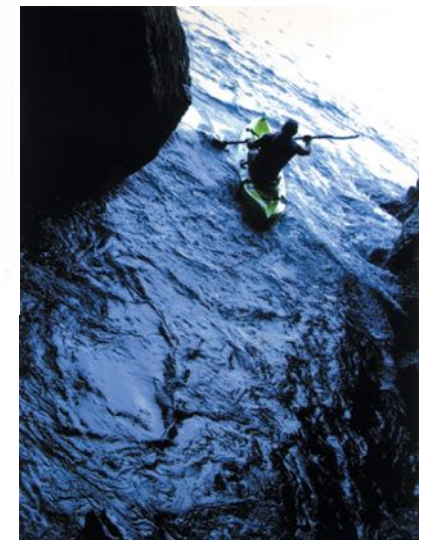
# IUSSI 2022:

## 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



The new tour guide feature in Google Earth 7





# 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

# Encyclopedia of Social Insects



Christopher K. Starr, *editor*

A project of the International Union  
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 Springer Reference

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