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10) ISSLR Future

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Topic author: rjellison

Subject: 10) ISSLR Future

Posted on: 08 Feb 2009 20:32:53

Message:

We've had extended discussions of the future of ISSLR at two previous board meetings and at the recent GSL conference. I recommend board members review the discussion from last year's board meeting. The general consensus seems to be that we continue as at present and in the absence of any new action, the default position is just that.

Replies:

Reply author: rjellison

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 20:39:52

Message:

I have argued that we do not have the minimum number of active participants to warrant a formal society and our goals might be better met by acting as an active working group within SIL. I'll not reiterate the arguments and reasons here, but I still believe this to be true. As this has been met with little support, it implies that others will increase their contributions to making the society successful.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 08 Feb 2009 20:52:33

Message:

As I have said earlier, your new president is basically a pessimist. It is rare to find someone with the energy and the vision of the late Bill Williams! The different arguments in favor and against continuation with the society as it functions now have been brought forward at the general assembly in Salt Lake City. The decision/recommendation was clear: when indeed the society can have such triennial symposia of the same scientific level and as enjoyable as the Salt Lake City event was, then we surely should continue. It is now the task (and a very difficult task it is!!) of the organizers of the 2011 meeting to prove that we have a viable society. For that, as said, the meeting needs to be sufficiently attractive to have not only lots of South-American participants, but many from other continents as well (and not only those who happen to be members of the Board).

Reply author: NikolayAladin

Replied on: 10 Feb 2009 06:18:25

Message:

I could agree that Bill Williams was a Great man. We must to try to realise his dream to be appart from SIL. Many of us remember Bill, many of us worked with him. I hope that we must try. I shall try to involve more young and not young scientists from the former USSR and former communist block. I remember that Bill always try to give his helpfull hand to the scientists from the poor countries and non-english speaking countries. I hope that we have to try some how to assemble

new team Saline Lakes scientists.

Reply author: btimms

Replied on: 11 Feb 2009 04:04:52

Message:

I agree with Aharon and Nick. Successful triennial conferences are our reason for existence. Certainly GSL was the best yet, though there have been many other memorable ones too.

Reply author: aoren

Replied on: 21 Mar 2009 07:18:50

Message:

To summarize this topic I suggest you all read the President's Message that will be posted soon on the ISSLR web site. Comments are welcome at all times. The Board did not extensively discuss the issue in the 2009 meeting.

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